# Dahlietta® Marissa Dahlia

***Dahlia 'Dahlietta Marissa'***



*Dahlietta Marissa Dahlia flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Group/Class: Dahlietta Series

**Description:**

A small, charming variety that will produce masses of bright scarlet flowers with cream centers and yellow eyes, from early summer until mid-fall; wonderful for smaller garden areas, along borders or in containers

**Ornamental Features**

Dahlietta Marissa Dahlia features showy double scarlet daisy flowers with yellow eyes and creamy white centers at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its serrated pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Dahlietta Marissa Dahlia is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dahlietta Marissa Dahlia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Dahlietta Marissa Dahlia will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Dahlietta Marissa Dahlia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.