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Black-eyed Susan Vine 'African Sunset'

Thunbergia alata 'African Sunset'

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This description is for species *Black-eyed Susan Vine (Thunbergia alata)*:

When looking to cover that boring exterior wall with some inviting foliage, it is impossible to go wrong with *Thunbergia alata*. Better known as the Black-eyed Susan Vine, its flower is similar in appearance to another of the same common name - the *Rudbeckia* genus - but it can climb walls, trellises and other surfaces. Its thick mid-green foliage comprises a multitude of glossy, furrowed heart-shaped leaves, but its flowers are the real eye-catcher. Emerging in summer, the flowers are bright orange with a distinctive black eye in the centre. The Black-eyed Susan Vine thrives in well-drained soil, and full sun, and its long thin vines can be easily trained.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Flowers & bulbs Perennials
Height [m] 1 - 1.5	Hardiness zone Z11-15	Grown for Attractive Flowers
Spread [m] 0.6	Heat zone H12-10	Creative category Fast growing For Beginners

Plant	Environment	Usage
Dominant flower colour White	Winter temperatures [°C] 4 - 0	Garden type Cottage garden Containers
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 150 - 210	Garden spaces Walls, trellises and pergolas Borders
Flowering seasons Early summer Mid summer Late summer	Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in summer Green	Soil type Clay chalky loams	Time to reach full size 1 to 2 years
Foliage in Autumn Green	Sun requirements Full sun	
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings Greenwood cuttings seed layering	Exposure Sheltered	
Growth habit Climbing Twining		