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Black-eyed Susan Vine 'Caribbean Dawn'

Thunbergia alata 'Caribbean Dawn'

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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] 1.5 - 2	Hardiness zone Z11-15	Grown for Attractive Flowers
Spread [m] 0.6	Heat zone H12-10	Creative category Fast growing For Beginners

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Dominant flower colour Orange	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 Less than one year
Foliage in Autumn Green	Sun requirements Full sun	
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings Greenwood cuttings seed layering	Exposure Sheltered	
Growth habit Climbing Twining		