

# Black-eyed Susan Vine 'Lemon Star'

*Thunbergia alata* 'Lemon Star'

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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
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Flowers & bulbs Perennials
<b>Height [m]</b> 2 - 3	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z11-15	<b>Grown for</b> Attractive Flowers
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.6	<b>Heat zone</b> H12-10	<b>Creative category</b> Fast growing For Beginners

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