

Bristly cone-flower

Rudbeckia hirta Also known as: **Black-eyed susan**

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This description is for *Bristly cone-flower* (*Rudbeckia hirta*):

Butterflies cannot flutter-by this beautiful flowering plant

If you want a bright and colourful addition to your garden, *Rudbeckia hirta* or Black-eyed Susan won't disappoint. It's native to the USA and is a member of the Asteraceae family. It will grow up to a metre in height. The leaves are long, up to 18cm and mainly grow around the base of the plant. They are covered in thick rough hairs. It has sturdy stems at the top of which are bright yellow daisy-shaped flowers with a black button centre. The flower heads are about 10cm wide. It's named after Olaus Rudbeck, a Swedish professor of botany. It's the state flower of Maryland and will bring butterflies to your garden. It also makes a good, long lasting cut flower.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Flowers & bulbs Wild flowers
Height [m] 0.5 - 1	Hardiness zone Z3-7	Grown for Attractive Flowers

Plant	Environment	Usage
Spread [m] 0.35 - 0.65	Heat zone H7-1	Creative category Kid Approved Fast growing For Beginners Colours Tough survivors
Dominant flower colour Yellow	Winter temperatures [°C] -40 - -12	Garden type Woodland Cottage garden Coastal City Wildlife gardens Meadows Prairies
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 0 - 90	Garden spaces Flower beds Cut flowers Borders
Flowering seasons Early summer Mid summer Late summer Early autumn	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 Partial shade	
Propagation methods seed	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Growth habit Upright		