



**Prairie Sunset False Sunflower**  
*Heliopsis helianthoides 'Prairie Sunset'*

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 30 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Oxeye Daisy, Perennial Sunflower

**Ornamental Features**

Prairie Sunset False Sunflower has masses of beautiful gold daisy flowers with brick red centers at the ends of the stems from early summer to late fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive serrated oval leaves remain forest green in color with distinctive deep purple veins throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant. The deep purple stems can be quite attractive.

**Landscape Attributes**

Prairie Sunset False Sunflower 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Prairie Sunset False Sunflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



*Prairie Sunset False Sunflower flowers*  
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*Prairie Sunset False Sunflower in bloom*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Prairie Sunset False Sunflower will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 30 inches apart. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species. 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.