

Glebionis carinata (P.K.A. Schousboe) N.N. Tzvelev

Painted Daisy

(*Chrysanthemum carinatum*, *Chrysanthemum tricolor*, *Ismelia carinata*)

- Sometimes known as Tricolor Chrysanthemum or Tricolor Daisy, *G. carinata* is an old-fashioned herbaceous annual native to Morocco; Painted Daisy functions as a cool (South Texas and Gulf Coast) to transition (Central Texas northward) season annual in our region, but is often grown as a summer annual in cooler climates.
- The flattened compound composite flowers have dark reddish brown to nearly black disk flowers with usually a single rowed rim of showy ray flowers on the perimeter; the name Painted Daisy comes from the multi-colored flowers which typically have two, three or more concentric rings of colors manifested as bands on the ray flowers; colors include various shades of whites, pinks, reds, rusts, yellows, oranges, browns and purples; flowers are 1½" to 2½" (3") in diameter and are borne just above the ferny pinnatifid fine textured green foliage; leaves have an almost succulent feel; habits tend to be erect, 1' to 2' (3') tall, and plants benefit from pinching when young to develop a denser branched foliage.
- Painted Daisy can be grown directly from seed or transplanted from containers; fall planting works well in warmer regions, while late winter to early spring planting is best where frost is severe; full sun to occasional shade are suitable exposures and plants will grow in most well drained garden soils as long as adequate moisture levels are maintained; drought stress hastens decline in hot weather, while plants can develop root rots in wet soils; Painted Daisy will grow in soils with a range of fertility levels.
- Due to the upright growth habit, it is best to plant Painted Daisy fairly densely and use in masses rather than as individual specimens; the colorful flowers provide an old-fashioned carnival riot of color to seasonal landscapes and should be considered form frequently as a cool season annual in the warmer parts of our region; flowers are long lasting in cut arrangements and could be a great off-season addition to the cut flower or cottage garden; the specific epithet means having a keel.

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