

To Be Insert As An Additional Taxa Under *Chrysanthemum x morifolium* In *Landscape Plants For Texas And Environs, Third Edition*:

***Osteospermum* L.**

African Daisy

- C Also known simply as *Osteospermum*; this species has been planted for many year in European gardens, but has only recently gained popularity in American gardens; the cultivars popular in our region are somewhat smaller 80to 120tall and less floppy growers than *A. stoechadifolia* and *D. sinuata*; the flowers are daisy-like and available in a range of ray flower colors including white, yellow, salmon, peach, pink, and mauve; the disk flowers are often bluish in color.
- C *Osteospermum* are definitely transition season annuals in our region, quickly declining with summer's onset; even in cooler climates, they are noted for a sag in bloom in hot summers; despite this limitation, *Osteospermum* make very attractive cool or transition season annuals; plant in a sunny location with a moderate to well drained soil; deadheading promotes return bloom.

References: Bennett and Forsyth, 1998; Clausen, 1995; Hogue, 1999; Marston, 1993; Still, 1996; Sutton, 2001.

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