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Botanical Name

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Common Name

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Family

Asteraceae

Origin

A selection from controlled crosses made by Dr. Jim Ault of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Hardiness

U.S.D.A. Zones 4-9

Bloom Season

This selection starts blooming in northern Illinois (USDA Zone 5a) in mid-June with a heavy flush in early to mid-July, then a continuation of at least a few flower heads well into September.

General Description and Habit

Orange Meadowbrite is the first orange coneflower ever in cultivation. This plant is truly novel with its brightly colored, deep orange ray florets, dark maroon cone and intensely sweet fragrance. It is a vigorous plant with lance-shaped, semi-glossy, deep green foliage, reaching a height of 2½' to 3'.

Size

2½' to 3' high x 2½' to 3' wide in two years

Growth Rate

Medium

Ornamental Characteristics

A breakthrough in ornamental plant breeding! Vibrant, perfectly formed tangerine-orange blooms float above deep grass-green foliage. A sweet orange-spiced tea fragrance surrounds each plant. This is a vigorous, free-blooming cultivar with incredible drought tolerance. A welcome addition to any garden.

Culture

Prefers well-drained but moist soils and full sun.

Pest and Disease Problems

None known

Landscape Value

Mixed borders, perennial borders and foundation plantings for home gardens as well as commercial landscape use.

Propagation

Division, vegetative and root cuttings, tissue culture

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