

Ox Eye Daisy 'Burning Hearts' (*Heliopsis helianthoides* var. *scabra*)

3-4' x 12-18", bushy sturdy upright clumps. 'Burning Hearts' was introduced in 2016 by Jelitto Seeds.

The species is a CT native, found in meadows, fields, thickets, open woods, dry woods, on wooded slopes, by stream banks, in floodplains.

Great quantities of large bi-colored daisies, with bright vivid yellow-golden petals around fiery scarlet centers bleeding into adjacent petals. July to October. Flowers reliably even in the first year.

Usually doesn't require staking.

Noted for its lengthy summer to early fall bloom. Removing spent flowers extends flowering season.

Handsome glossy rough-textured deep red-purple leaves and stems.

Lower leaves tend to be toothed, with upper leaves less so.

Sun, tolerates some light shade.

Average, dry to medium, well-drained soil.

Tolerates clay, poor soil, and some drought once established.

Reliable, carefree, long-lived.

Uniquely colored and floriferous, with a long blooming season. Use mid- border to back of the perennial border. Excellent cut flower.

Attracts at least 8 types of bees, including honeybees, bumblebees, digger bees.

Nectar and pollen attract butterflies and moths.

Seed source for birds.

Deer and rabbit resistant.

Take a look at North Creek Nurseries' video of 'Burning Heart' on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthCreekNurseries/videos/meet-heliopsis-burning-hearts/10156236677450306/>

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