



Mari-mum (*Tagetes erecta* cultivars)



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Mari-mum is the concept of using large-flowered hybrid marigolds in place of chrysanthemums in the landscape. These plants have blooms with similar floral appearance to chrysanthemums providing a punch of color just when the fading garden needs it. The flowers last 2–3 times longer than chrysanthemums, are inexpensive and don't require the constant pinching and pruning. Transplant these fall annuals in containers or in landscape beds to provide outstanding color until late in the season.

Exposure: Full sun

Mature size: Varies by cultivar

Plant type: Annual

Planting time: Plant in beds in late summer to early fall to greatly reduced spider mite pressure

Soil type: Moist, well-drained soil. Incorporate organic matter and fertilizer as needed. Use a quality potting soil when growing mari-mums in containers.

Suggested uses: Mixed borders, mass bed displays, and containers.



Photo: Dr. Mike Arnold, Texas A&M AgriLife Research

Adapted for Bexar County from: [Texas Superstar® Plants - Mari-mum](#)

And for more information: [Mari-mums: chrysanthemum color lasting two or three times longer](#) by Robert Burns in Texas AgriLife Today