



“Hummingbird” Zinnias

Growing Guide

Basic Info

- **Bloom time:** Summer
- **Sun:** Full Sun
- **Soil:** Almost any soil type

- Zinnias are one of the easiest annuals to grow, grow quickly, and bloom heavily.
- Zinnias have bright, solitary, daisy-like flowerheads on a single, erect stem.
- Your “Hummingbird” zinnias are actually **Giant California Zinnias**.

Planting

- Zinnias are grown from seed; they grow very quickly in the right conditions. Zinnias do not like to be transplanted.
- Full sun is essential with a minimum daylight temperature of 60 degrees F.
- Zinnias are adaptable but prefer fertile, humus-rich, well drained soil at pH preference 5.5 - 7.5.
- If soil is amended with compost, the flowers will grow more quickly.
- Sow seeds 1/4-inch deep.
- Space plants 4 to 24 inches apart depending on variety. (Many common varieties are 6 inches within the row and 2 feet in between rows.) See back of seed package.
- Germination occurs at 74 to 80 degrees F in 5 to 6 days.
- Sow in succession for a longer flowering display.

Care

- “Deadhead” (remove old flowers) to prolong flowering.
- Maintain moderate soil moisture and fertilize lightly.
- Zinnias will die with the first frost.

Pests

- Bacterial and fungal spots, powdery mildew, bacterial wilt. Minimize wetting of foliage to avoid disease.
- Caterpillars, mealybugs, and spider mites also cause problems. Avoid spraying and tolerate some leaf damage unless the situation is uncontrolled.

Harvest/Storage

- Zinnias generally take 60 to 70 days from seed to flower, but it depends on conditions.

If you have any questions about growing your Zinnias, use our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mbymom>