

Botanical name:
Genus: Tagetes
Species: spp.

Common Name(s): Marigold

Latin Family Name: Asteraceae
English Family Name: Aster

The plant

Origin: *country or region:* Tagetes plants are native to the Americas

Growth habit: Tagetes is a genus of annual or perennial, mostly herbaceous plants in the sunflower family Asteraceae

Marigold is one of the most important flowering annuals cultivated in India

Flower description: Showy, fragrant. Blooms naturally occur in golden, orange, yellow, and white colors, often with maroon highlights

Blooming period/availability: The marigold tend to be planted as annuals, the plant is hardy, annual

Leaf/Foliage Description: Fragrant

Usage

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Adds a touch of colour and festivity

Good for garden borders

Good as a container pot

Easily available and easy to grow

WEAKNESS:

Tagetes patula (French marigold): The most common type found in local nurseries. They are compact annuals

Tagetes erecta (African marigold): These are the tallest variety of marigolds. Dense double and pompon-like.

Tagetes tenuifolia (Signet marigold): Flowerheads are single, edible and often used as a bright topper for salads, pasta and vegetables.

* Not on EMC list, Local botanical



Care & Handling

Longevity: If the perpetration is good the bloom will last for many months

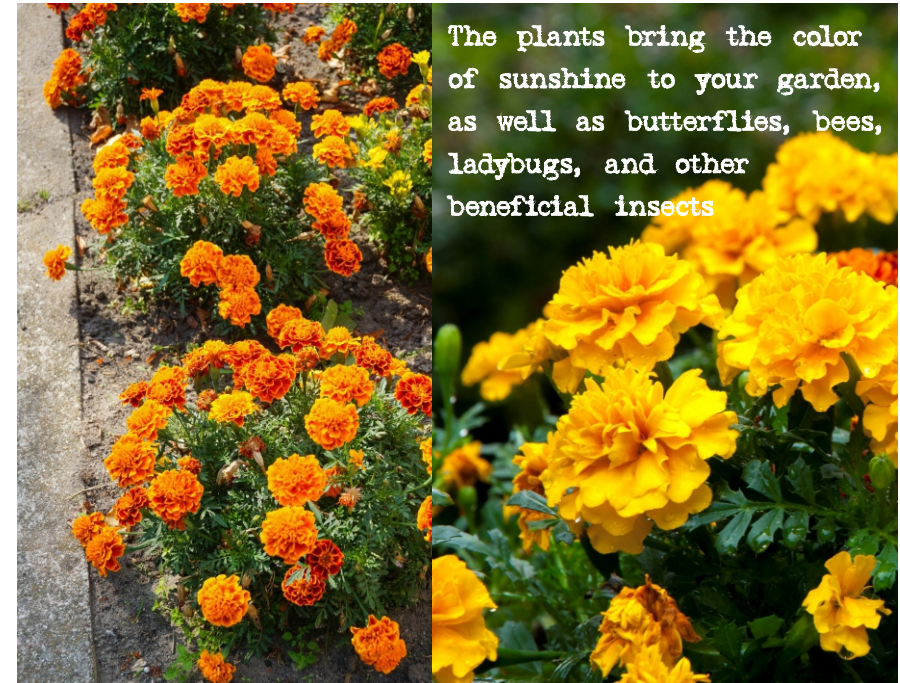
Water requirements: Regular water in hot weather like India.

Light: Full sun to semi shade

Plants are much more compact and bloom much more in full sunlight

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Needs a well fertilized soil

Special care/remarks: Marigolds are a great companion in your vegetable garden and can help protect your veggies from predators and pests



The plants bring the color of sunshine to your garden, as well as butterflies, bees, ladybugs, and other beneficial insects