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## Bellisima™ Red English Daisy

***Bellis perennis 'Bellissima Red'***



*Bellisima Red English Daisy flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Lawn Daisy

**Description:**

Large fully double red pompoms; this is a biennial but is sometimes marketed as an annual; prefers cooler summers and cool, moist soil; water regularly, but don't overwater

**Ornamental Features**

Bellisima Red English Daisy features delicate red button flowers with yellow eyes and white centers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its glossy oval leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Bellisima Red English Daisy is a dense herbaceous biennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading
- Self-Seeding

Bellisima Red English Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Bellisima Red English Daisy will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and tends to be biennial, meaning that it puts on vegetative growth the first year, flowers the second, and then dies. However, this species tends to self-seed and will thereby endure for years in the garden if allowed.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Bellisima Red English Daisy is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.