

# AgBud



A series of horticulture insights

*Did you know?*

The Black-eyed Susan is the state flower of Maryland since 1918.

## Overview

- The Black-eyed Susan gets its name from its black center, or “eye.”
- Stems and leaves are covered with hairs and can grow up to 3 feet tall.
- They can be an annual, biennial or short-lived perennial plant.
- Their blooms can be shades of yellow, red or orange.
- When cut, Black-eyed Susans can live in a vase for six to 10 days.

# Black-eyed Susan

**Kingdom:** *Plantae*

**Family:** *Asteraceae*

**Genus:** *Rudbeckia; L.*

## History

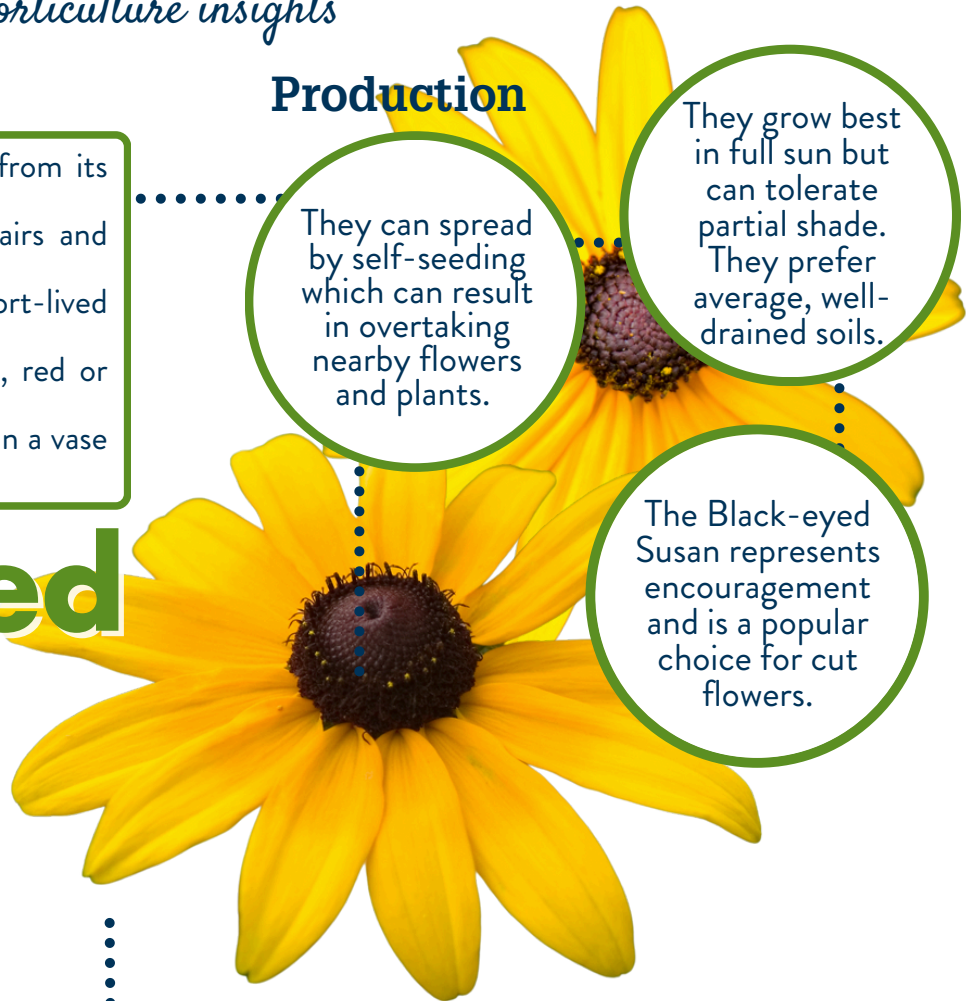
- Black-eyed Susan are native to the United States.
- The Native Americans used the plant to wash sores and swellings, as a poultice for snake bites and for treating worms and colds in children.
- Linnaeus gave them the Latin name *Rudbeckia hirta* after his mentor Olaf Rudbeck and *hirta* meaning rough, hairy.

## Production

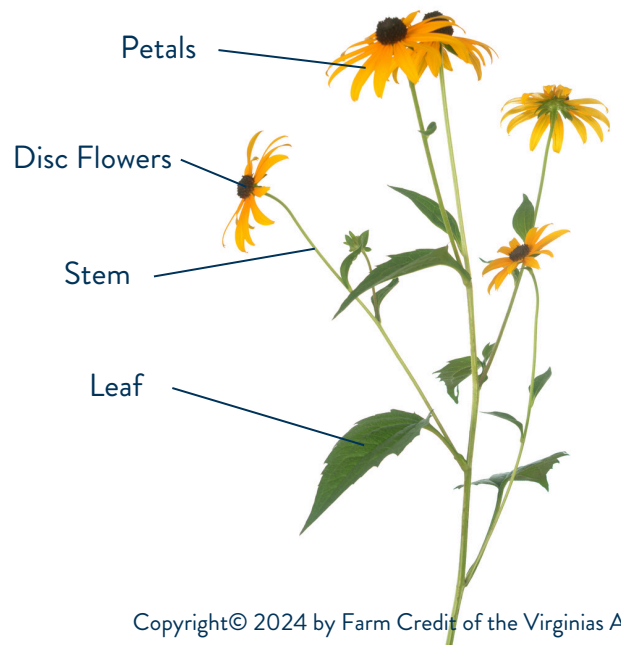
They can spread by self-seeding which can result in overtaking nearby flowers and plants.

They grow best in full sun but can tolerate partial shade. They prefer average, well-drained soils.

The Black-eyed Susan represents encouragement and is a popular choice for cut flowers.



## Black-eyed Susan Anatomy



[https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=RUHI2](https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=RUHI2)

<https://www.almanac.com/plant/black-eyed-susans>

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<https://plantpath.osu.edu/sites/plantpath/files/imce/images/NativePlants/BlackEyedSusan.pdf>