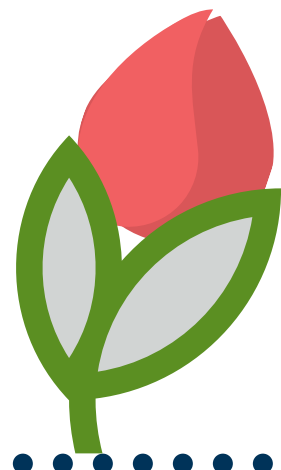


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Did you know?

Chrysanthemums, also referred to as “mums,” repel insects such as mosquitoes. The oil is extracted from the flowers to be used in some insect repellents.

Overview

- Chrysanthemums are photoperiodism plants, which means they are day-length sensitive.
- There are thousands of varieties in various color options and flower formations.
- Blooms consist of tiny flowers called florets and can range in a variety of sizes.
- Mums are perennials even though most people treat them as annuals. If planted as perennials make sure they are in full sun.
- They are classified based on their shape and petal arrangement.

Production

They rank among the top three crops in floriculture, next to roses and carnations.

Chrysanthemums bloom from September to November.

Mums prefer soil that is well-drained and high in organic matter.

Chrysanthemum

Kingdom: *Plantae*

Family: *Asteraceae*

Genus: *Chrysanthemum* L.

Common Name: Mum

History

- They originated in China over 3,000 years ago.
- It was believed that they had medical properties as an herb.
- They were used for ancient paintings and poems.
- They are a big symbolic flower in Japan, and they celebrate National Chrysanthemum Day each year.

Sources: hhf.com, bhg.com, site.extension.uga.edu

Chrysanthemum Anatomy

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