

Leucanthemum × *superbum* 'Becky'



Plant of Merit

Common Name: shasta daisy

Type: Herbaceous perennial

Family: Asteraceae

Zone: 5 to 9

Height: 3.00 to 4.00 feet

Spread: 2.00 to 3.00 feet

Bloom Time: July to September

Bloom Description: White rays with yellow center disks

Sun: Full sun

Water: Dry to medium

Maintenance: Low

Flower: Showy, Good Cut

Attracts: Butterflies

Tolerate: Rabbit, Deer, Drought, Dry Soil

Culture Easily grown in average, dry to medium, well-drained soils in full sun. Good soil drainage is essential. Wet soils in winter can be fatal. Tolerates some light shade, particularly in hot summer climates or when plants are being grown in dryish soils. Remove spent flower heads to promote additional bloom. Divide clumps as needed (every 2-3 years) to maintain vigor. Plants are somewhat short-lived. Consider cutting stems back to basal leaves after flowering to preserve plant energies and perhaps prolong plant life.

Noteworthy Characteristics *Leucanthemum* × *superbum*, commonly called Shasta daisy, is a hybrid developed by Luther Burbank (1849-1926) in the 1890s near snow covered Mt. Shasta in northern California. This hybrid typically grows to 2-3' tall with a spread to 18" wide.

'Becky' is larger than most other Shasta cultivars, growing 3-4' tall on rigid stems which do not require staking. Features 3-4" diameter flower heads with the classic white rays and yellow center disks and coarsely-toothed, lance-shaped, medium green leaves. Stems do not require staking. Long bloom period of July through September. Excellent and long-lasting fresh cut flower.

Problems: They generally have some susceptibility to verticillium wilt, leaf spots and stem rots.

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