

Gazania series



Montezuma

Sahara



Sunset Jane

The genus *Gazania* is native to South Africa, a country that has similar climate and soils to Australia. Unfortunately, the vast majority of *Gazania* sold in Australia are grown from seed and many of these have become a weed pest. Although our range is small, we can boast that all three varieties are proven non-invasive varieties.

It took Mal Morgan and The University of Sydney Plant Breeding Institute to develop these sterile varieties. Montezuma, Sahara and Sunset Jane are all cutting-grown varieties that can't set seed. They perform really well in the landscape, needing precious little water to survive. Importantly, they produce truly beautiful, fully developed flowers with anemone centres. Montezuma's showy flowers are set against dark green foliage, whilst the yellow and orange flowers of Sahara and Sunset Jane contrast against grey-green foliage. They each have a long flowering period, covering autumn to spring generally.

These plants tolerate a wide range of climates and suit coastal conditions. They are all clumping varieties (not trailing) and grow into a naturally branched, compact plant that grow to roughly 30cm in height, with a similar spread.

These Gazanias are recommended by the Nursery & Garden Industry of NSW&ACT as an alternative to potentially invasive seed-grown forms.

See page 29 of the document <http://www.growmeinstead.com.au/public/GMI-brochure-New-South-Wales.pdf> for more information.

Planting

Able to handle many soil types and look best when planted in multiples. Select a sunny position and space at about 40cm intervals, slightly more for Sahara.

Watering

These drought tolerant plants rarely need supplementary watering above that of natural rainfall. Of course, all plants need water, so it's a good idea to water the plants as they are budding up, plus, in the heat of mid-summer.

Fertiliser

Feed them with a small amount of a general purpose controlled release fertiliser in spring and autumn.

Pruning

Occasionally remove spent flower heads if desired and that about all you need to worry about. Summer is a good time to do this.

Pests and Diseases

Gazania has no major pest or disease issues.



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