

Lunar Red Moon Blanket Flower



Gaillardia x grandiflora 'Lunar Red' Moon

- **Use:** Daisy-type flowers with soft orangey red rays and golden centers on sturdy, compact plants. Works well in combination planters and border fronts. Attractive to butterflies. Drought tolerant once established. Heat tolerant and actually prefer poorer soils. Their name comes from the fact they blanketed the North American prairies with their blooms.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full– part sun. It tolerates a very wide range of climates, including hot/humid, hot/dry and cool/moist (in well-drained soil). Not the best choice for heavy clay soil that will stay wet through the winter.
- **Growth:** Flower stalks to only 10-12 in. tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen. The flowers top mounds of roughly textured gray-green leaves
- **Flower:** Produces daisy like red flowers. Large, flat, richly-hued flowers with toothy-tipped petals from spring to fall. Flowers appear from about mid June and continue blooming restlessly until October, sometimes even November if early autumn is sunny and warm. Removing faded flowers will encourage constant blooming.



This will be a top performer throughout the summer. In regional trials from south to north, and from May to early September, it demonstrated excellent heat tolerance, and most importantly for gaillardia, no evidence of splitting and an abundance of terminal flowers.

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