## SpinTop™ Red Starburst Blanket Flower



Easy to grow wildflower!
The common name of Gaillardia refers to the resemblance to brightly patterned Native American blankets - hence Blanket Flower. Extremely drought and heat tolerant, once established. From the early summer on, very showy banded flowers "blanket" this plant. The ends of the petals have a torn, ruffled appearance. Butterflies are drawn to it.





## Gaillardia aristata 'SpinTop Red Starburst' PPAF

- <u>Use:</u> Large blossoms feature glorious yellow petal tips a stunning red lower petal creating a two toned daisy masterpiece. Blooming from late spring through summer, it is fantastic for attracting butterflies and is very drought tolerant once established. This superb performer looks equally delightful when grouped in the garden or when putting some kick into a mixed container on a deck or patio.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: 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: Reaches 12-14 in. tall, 12 to 14 in. wide.
- Hardiness: Zone 3-9; Perennial
- <u>Foliage</u>: Semi-evergreen. The flowers top mounds of roughly textured gray-green leaves
- Flower: the plant blankets itself non-stop in bold, daisy-esque yellow flowers with a large red eye. Borne in clusters atop hairy stems, the nectar-rich flowers are a pollinator favorite, attracting tons of bees and butterflies. And birds, especially goldfinches, adore the seed heads. The flowers make nice cuts for fresh and dried arrangements.