



Shasta daisy clumps

Planting Tips:

Divide Shasta daisies in early spring or late summer. These daisies should be planted 1 to 2 feet apart, depending on variety.

Flower heads produce hundreds of small, brown seeds.

Habitat:

These daisies like full sun and well-drained soil but will tolerate light shade in hot climates.

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The VEC promotes the sport of freshwater fishing in Mississippi, and encourages the conservation and stewardship of aquatic resources. The facility offers guided and self-guided tours along with a myriad of programs and workshops for the public.



Shasta daisy bloom

MISSISSIPPI NATIVE: SHASTA DAISY

*(Leucanthemum superbum
'Alaska')*

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Leaves

Description/Season:

Shasta daisies are herbaceous, perennial plants with large flowers. Flowers display white petals and round, yellow centers. Leaves are long, glossy, and dark green.

Daisy plants begin to emerge in late spring and early summer. Blooming occurs between July and September.

Size:

Shasta daisies grow 2 to 3 feet tall in clumps that reach 2 feet in width.

No Other Name:

The Shasta daisy is often confused with the commonly seen ox-eye daisy

(Leucanthemum vulgare).

*These are **not the same** species of daisy.*



Shasta daisy



Ox-eye daisy

Interesting Facts:

Shasta daisies require little maintenance and attract butterflies. Although popular in rock gardens, they are frequently used in floral arrangements.

The Shasta daisy is sometimes confused with the ox-eye daisy. The ox-eye daisy has smaller flowers and is usually 10 – 12 inches in height. This weedy plant is found in fields and along banks.



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