Introduction

The cheerful, bright yellow flowers of African Bush Daisy are produced in great number throughout the year (Fig. 1). The loose, rounded form makes a colorful tall ground cover, small shrub, or works well in mixed flower borders. The finely-divided leaves have a lacy, fern-like appearance.

General Information

**Scientific name:** *Gamolepis chrysanthemoides*

**Pronunciation:** gam-oh-LEP-iss

kriss-san-th ee-MOH-deez

**Common name(s):** African Bush-Daisy, Daisy-Bush

**Family:** Compositae

**Plant type:** perennial; shrub; herbaceous

**USDA hardiness zones:** 8B through 11 (Fig. 2)

**Planting month for zone 8:** year round

**Planting month for zone 9:** year round

**Planting month for zone 10 and 11:** year round

**Origin:** not native to North America

**Uses:** mass planting; specimen; border; container or aboveground planter; foundation; attracts butterflies

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**Availability:** somewhat available, may have to go out of the region to find the plant

**Leaf type and persistence:** evergreen

**Description**

- **Height:** 2 to 4 feet
- **Spread:** 3 to 4 feet
- **Plant habit:** round
- **Plant density:** dense
- **Growth rate:** moderate
- **Texture:** fine

**Foliage**
- **Leaf arrangement:** alternate
- **Leaf type:** simple
- **Leaf margin:** lobed
- **Leaf shape:** ovate
- **Leaf venation:** pinnate

**Leaf blade length:** 2 to 4 inches
**Leaf color:** green
**Fall color:** no fall color change
**Fall characteristic:** not showy

**Flower**
- **Flower color:** yellow
**Flower characteristic:** year-round flowering

**Fruit**
- **Fruit shape:** unknown
- **Fruit length:** less than .5 inch
- **Fruit cover:** dry or hard
- **Fruit color:** unknown
**Fruit characteristic:** inconspicuous and not showy

Figure 2. Shaded area represents potential planting range.
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Use and Management

An excellent plant for dry conditions, African Bush Daisy requires full sun and occasional clipping to encourage dense growth. For this reason, another similar plant, *Euryops pectinatus*, is beginning to replace African Bush Daisy because it is more compact and flowers more. Bush Daisy reseeds itself readily. Plant on 18 to 24-inch centers to form a mass planting. They are often frozen to the ground in USDA hardiness zone 8b but resprout from the base in the spring.

Propagation is by seed.

Pest and Diseases

Nematodes are the biggest concern.

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Figure 3. Foliage of African Bush-Daisy

Trunk and Branches

Trunk/bark/branch: not particularly showy; typically multitrunked or clumping stems

Current year stem/twig color: green

Current year stem/twig thickness: medium

Culture

Light requirement: plant grows in full sun

Soil tolerances: clay; sand; acidic; slightly alkaline; loam

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: poor

Plant spacing: 24 to 36 inches

Other

Roots: usually not a problem

Winter interest: plant has winter interest due to unusual form, nice persistent fruits, showy winter trunk, or winter flowers

Outstanding plant: not particularly outstanding

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: long-term health usually not affected by pests