

# Taka Tuka® Yellow Bicolor Bidens ferulifolia 'Taka Tuka Yellow Bicolor'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)
Other Names: Beggarticks

# **Description:**

This stunning selection showcases beautiful white and yellow blooms; a well branched variety that is ideal for large containers and hanging baskets; attracts pollinators; long blooming season



Taka Tuka Yellow Bicolor flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Taka Tuka Yellow Bicolor has masses of beautiful white daisy flowers with yellow overtones and gold eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its tiny ferny leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Taka Tuka Yellow Bicolor is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Taka Tuka Yellow Bicolor is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



## **Planting & Growing**

Taka Tuka Yellow Bicolor will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Taka Tuka Yellow Bicolor is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.