

Floral accents for todays outdoor living areas



# 'ECHO' DAYLILY COLLECTION - HEMEROCALLIS

# **INFO NOTE**

## Key Benefits

The 'Echo' series of dwarf daylilies are registered cultivars selected by Aussie Winners for their large flowers on compact plants and for their ability to re-bloom after the main spring flowering in spring. Hemerocallis are among the toughest and easiest plants to grow, heat tolerant and able to handle seasonal drought and week-long rain. Once established plants need little supplementary watering, are fast clumping and will reward you with their attractive flowers in a myriad of colours. Each flower lasts only one day but is followed in succession by new ones, day by day, for several weeks.

# Origin

Hemerocallis originate from China and Japan and other parts of Asia, but have been extensively hybridised by breeders around the world. Despite there being tens of thousands of named varieties and a dizzying array of choices, daylilies have often only been available through specialty growers and mail order suppliers. The 'Echo' series will make a good array of coloured day lilies more widely available. Four varieties are available in 2006 with more to come.

### Uses

Whether mass planted in one colour or interspersed in a mix of colours or combined with perennials, shrubs or clumps of grasses, daylilies are fabulous plants for home gardens or commercial landscape planting. With their compact form and outstanding ability to re-bloom on and off through spring and summer, the 'Echo' series will also make good pot subjects. When in bloom they can be moved into prominent positions to give splashes of colour. Cultivars in the 'Echo' series have compact, iris-like foliage that is evergreen in most locations and will look attractive year round. Buds and flowers are edible and can be added to salads, used as garnish or in some Chinese recipes.

### Care

Daylilies do best in full sun, but will perform in filtered sun. Once established daylilies need very little care. Prepare the garden bed well, working in plenty of animal manure or compost. After planting, water well and mulch the bed to conserve moisture and to control weed growth. Most cultivars will benefit from being lifted and divided every three or four years. Occasional fertilising after a bloom flush is beneficial.



#### **Marcia Faye**

Large (10-15cm) mid pink flowers with white ribs and a yellow eye held well above the foliage. Early bloomer and strong repeater through spring and early summer. Semi evergreen.



### **Grape Ripple**

Large (13 cm) purple-pink flowers with a lime yellow throat and a white central stripe on short stems (around 24cm). Fragrant and evergreen.



### **Aztec Gold**

Golden yellow single flowers (9cm) from early to mid season on 40-45cm stems. May go dormant in colder climates.



### Red Rum

Medium sized (10cm) rusty red flowers with yellow ribs and gold throat. Mid season repeat flowering over a long bloom period. Vigorous, fast clumping, with attractive foliage that is semi-evergreen in cooler climates.

Aussie Winners® Hemerocallis 'Echo' Collection will be available from good garden centres. Look for them in the distinctive silver coloured pots printed with the AW logo. For additional information and stockists contact Aussie Winners on (07) 3206 7676.

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