

## Strawberry Punch Tickseed



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*Coreopsis 'Strawberry Punch'*

Height: 15 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Large Flowered Tickseed, Threadleaf Coreopsis

#### Description:

Compact plant with cheery, daisy-like hot-pink flowers and a central gold disk; tolerant of pests and drier soils; thriving in sandy and rocky soils; coreopsis needs good drainage

#### Ornamental Features

Strawberry Punch Tickseed is smothered in stunning hot pink daisy flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its ferny leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Strawberry Punch Tickseed is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Strawberry Punch Tickseed is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

#### Planting & Growing

Strawberry Punch Tickseed will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.



*Strawberry Punch Tickseed flowers*  
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This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Strawberry Punch Tickseed is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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.