



## Summer Breeze Orange Poppy

*Papaver 'Summer Breeze Orange'*

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 15 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Group/Class: Summer Breeze Series

### Description:

This fast growing, sterile variety produces volumes of beautiful orange blooms with yellow centers; a charming addition to the garden, borders or containers that will not self-seed

### Ornamental Features

Summer Breeze Orange Poppy features bold orange round flowers with yellow centers at the ends of the stems from early spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tomentose ferny leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

Summer Breeze Orange Poppy is an open herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Summer Breeze Orange Poppy is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Summer Breeze Orange Poppy flowers*

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*Summer Breeze Orange Poppy in bloom*

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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Summer Breeze Orange Poppy will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 15 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

Summer Breeze Orange Poppy 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 larger 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.