

Dietes bicolor



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Genus: Dietes
Family: Iridaceae
Order: Asparagales
Class: Liliopsida
Phylum: Angiospermae

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Not toxic to humans or animals.

Invasiveness: It can become invasive in certain areas, particularly where conditions are favorable for its growth.

Plant Type: Perennial herbaceous plant.

Lifespan: Long lifespan, typically living for several years.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: Typically grows to around 2-3 feet (60-90 cm) tall.

Spread: Can spread to about 2-3 feet (60-90 cm) wide.

Leaf Color: Dark green, strap-like leaves.

Bloom Time: Flowers throughout the warmer months, particularly in late spring and summer.

Flower Size: Each flower is around 2-3 inches (5-8 cm) in diameter.

Flower Color: The flowers are white with yellow and purple markings.



Distribution:

Origin: Native to South Africa.

Habitat: Grows in well-drained soil and full sun to partial shade.

Care:

Difficulty: Easy .

Toughness: Hardy and tolerant of various conditions once established.

Maintenance: Low.

Watering: Water regularly, especially during dry spells, but avoid overwatering.

Pruning: Remove dead or damaged foliage and spent flowers as needed.

Propagation: Propagate by division or by seeds.

Repotting: Divide overcrowded clumps every few years to maintain plant health.

Conditions:

Temperature: Hardy in USDA zones 8-11.

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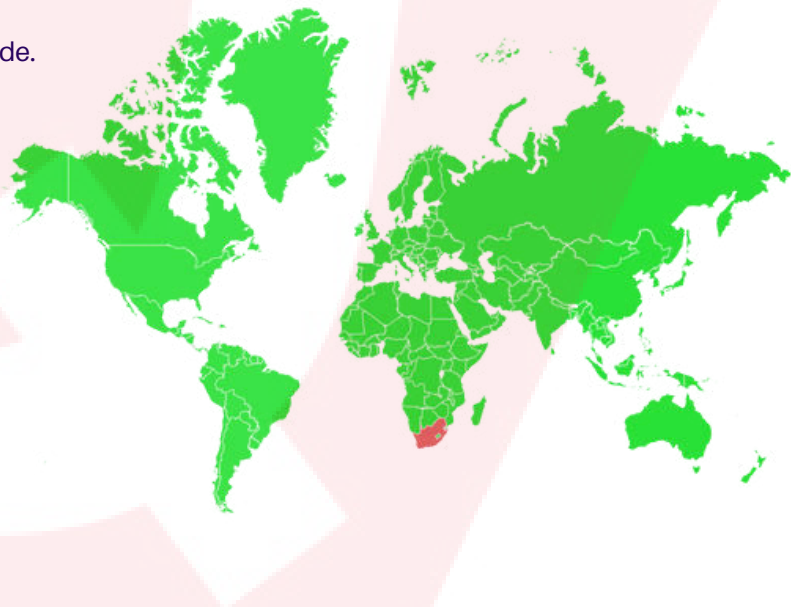
Sun Requirements: Full sun to partial shade.

Soil Type: Well-drained soil with organic matter.

Use: Ornamental landscaping, planted in borders, rock gardens, water-wise gardens, and along ponds or pathways due to its drought tolerance and attractive blooms.

Location: Thrives in full sun to partial shade, prefers well-drained soil.

Pests and Diseases: Generally pest and disease resistant, but may occasionally be affected by aphids or snails.



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