

Join the Bee Cause – Plant Echinacea

(Echinacea purpurea)



Echinacea, commonly called Coneflowers, provide a blast of colour (and with recent new varieties a dazzling array of white, purple, pink, orange and yellow flowers) from mid-summer until the fall. Daisy-like often with a large cone-like brown centre, they are hardy and attract butterflies, hummingbirds and bees. The seeds also provide a source of food for small birds, like finches.

The traditional purple coneflower (Echinacea purpurea), the perennial native species, is an adored garden plant that is very easy to grow and reseeds itself! The newer varieties vary in height, flowering time and of course colour and with names like; Tiki Torch, Sunrise, Tomato Soup, White Swan, Pink Poodle, Hot Papaya provide bold statements in your perennial border.



These sun lovers are heat and drought tolerant perennials and can be grown in sun or partial shade. Canadian seed companies offer several varieties and there are over 30 nursery stock varieties available for Canada (of all different and delicious colours and flower shape).

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Growing Echinacea

Echinaceas are very easy to grow from seeds and can be started inside or planted directly outdoors.

Established perennial plants will often have a family of seedlings around them that you can transplant. Potted plants should be planted in sunny location with a transplant fertilizer and if needed, provide them with additional organic material depending on your soil type. New plantings should be watered to establish them but established plants will take care of themselves.

