



# PLANT OF THE MONTH:

## COSMOS

*-Cosmos sulphureus-*

Those who possess a brown thumb, rejoice! Cosmos flowers can grow in your garden with very little care. In fact, these flowers prefer a bit of neglect. As an added bonus, cosmos plants provide height without ever flopping over, no supports required. Discover what these tough, pest-free annuals can bring to your landscape. Butterflies and goldfinches will enjoy your cosmos too!

**Type:** Flower

**Planting:** Direct seeding after last frost

**Maintenance:** withhold fertilizer, water sparingly; cut in half when seed pods outnumber flowers to rejuvenate plant

**Bloom period:** Early summer until frost

**Light:** Full sun

**Size:** 12 in. to 5 ft. depending on variety

**Hardiness:** annual in all zones

