

Gazania



Gazania is a genus of flowering plants in the family Asteraceae, native to Southern Africa.

They produce large, daisy-like composite flowerheads in brilliant shades of yellow and orange, over a long period in summer. They are often planted as drought-tolerant groundcover. The solitary inflorescence, of about 6 cm of diameter, on a 8-10 cm long peduncle, is the typical flower head of the *Compositae*, formed by a crowd of sessile flowers spirally inserted on a roundish base, the receptacle, surrounded by a campanulate involucre formed by a double series of bracts, the outer ones being about 1 cm long, the inner ones, thin and pointed, being 1,5 cm long.

Gazania species are grown for the brilliant colour of their flowerheads which appear in the late spring and are often in bloom throughout the summer into autumn.

It may be utilized in full sun (the flowers do not open in the shade), as ground cover, for edges and flower beds, in association with other gazanias, and in rocky gardens, where, often, it will auto-disseminate. It adapts to whatever sort of ground, provided perfectly draining, and may bear long periods of drought and low temperatures, as low as -10 °C, in dry climates; it may be cultivated as annual thanks to its growing speed and the precocity of blooming.

It is suitable also for pot cultivation on particularly draining and aerated substrata; the watering must be moderate in summer, almost stopped in winter, avoiding stagnations which may be lethal.

Numerous cultivars have been selected for variety of colour and habit. In temperate regions, they are usually grown as half-hardy annuals.

Category: Flowering shrubs

Families: Asteraceae

Genus: *Gazania*

Species: spp

Geographical Area of Origin: South Africa / Oceania

Climatic Zones: Temperate Central Italy, South Italy Highlands USDA 9 a

Habit: Herbaceous perennial



Leaves: Evergreen



Colore Foglie: Verde 

Flowering Period: Marzo / Aprile / Maggio / Giugno / Luglio / Agosto / Settembre / Ottobre

Flower: Pseudanthium

Colore Fiori: Giallo  Rosso  Arancione  Bianco  Rosa  Viola 

Favorite soil: Neutral / Middle-Dough / Medium soil

Water needs: Medium

Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun

Form: Grown as shrub / bush

Colore Frutti: Marrone 