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## Sunny Susy® Rose Sensation Black-Eyed Susan

***Thunbergia alata 'Sunny Susy Rose Sensation'***

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Group/Class: Sunny Susy Series



*Sunny Susy Rose Sensation Black-Eyed Susan flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Description:**

This variety features exotic looking flowers, showcasing beautiful rose and pink colored blooms with a deep black eye; great for training up trellises and fences or hanging from baskets; long blooming; deadhead to encourage new growth

**Ornamental Features**

Sunny Susy Rose Sensation Black-Eyed Susan features bold rose star-shaped flowers with pink overtones and black eyes along the stems from early summer to mid fall. Its serrated oval leaves remain green in color throughout the season.



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**Landscape Attributes**

Sunny Susy Rose Sensation Black-Eyed Susan is an herbaceous perennial vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Sunny Susy Rose Sensation Black-Eyed Susan is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

**Planting & Growing**

Sunny Susy Rose Sensation Black-Eyed Susan will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it should either be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Sunny Susy Rose Sensation Black-Eyed Susan is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.