

Brazilian Bachelor's Button

Centratherum punctatum

The Brazilian Bachelor's Button is easily grown in moist, fertile, well-drained soils in full sun but tolerates some part shade. It must be grown as an annual in the Florida panhandle. It will die off at the first frost but has a tendency to reseed itself. It goes by many other common names including larkdaisy, Brazilian button flower, pineapple thistle, porcupine flower and Manaus beauty. It is also listed as a naturalized weed in Florida where it generally inhabits disturbed areas.

Type: tender perennial

USDA hardiness zones: 10 through 12

Uses: groundcover; mass plantings; edging; rock garden; container

Origin: not native to North America

Height: 12 to 18 inches **Spread:** 2 to 4 feet

Plant spacing: 2 to 3 feet

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: sand; loam; clay; mildly acidic to neutral

Drought tolerance: good

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: No pests or diseases are of major concern

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