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Engelmannia pinnatifida

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Common name

Engelmann's daisy, Cutleaf daisy

Range

Found in open, calcareous soils throughout Texas. Most common in north-central Texas and the Edwards Plateau. *Engelmannia* is somewhat unusual in that it is a monotypic genus, meaning it contains one species.

Life cycle

Perennial

Bloom period

Late March - May

Soil preference

Open, calcareous soil

Exposure

Sun to partial sun

Propagation

A fall seeding is recommended. Be sure seeds are in good contact with the soil by lightly raking the soil into loose topsoil. *Engelmannia* has a long taproot and is best transplanted in winter during its rosette stage.

Seeding rate

Plant 8 lb. of seed per acre, or 4 oz. per 100 square feet.

Maintenance

Supplemental watering may be required if winter and spring are unusually dry. Watering often extends the flowering period. After flowering ceases, allow seeds to completely mature before mowing for reseeding or collecting seed to plant in a new location.



Miscellaneous

The most diagnostic feature of this hardy native is the shape of the basal leaves. Their color margins are deeply lobed, almost to the midrib. The pattern is termed pinnately lobed, therefore the "pinnatifida" and "cutleaf" become part of the scientific and common names.