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PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

Size

1 - 6' high, 1 - 3' wide

Sun/Shade

Full Sun

Water

Medium

Maintenance

Medium to High

Life Span

Perennial, Zones 7-10

Description

Dahlia is a genus of bushy, tuberous, herbaceous perennials that come in a very large variety of shapes, sizes and colors ranging from red, pink, and orange to yellow and white. Blue is the only missing color in this family of blooms. It produces blooms July through September. Dahlias grow from tuberous roots that should be lifted and stored each winter after the first frost. Even in zones 7 to 10, gardeners store the tuberous roots indoors which actually enhances their performance the following year. Dahlia should be planted outside 1-2 weeks before the last frost date but areas with strong winds should be avoided. Dahlias produce the best blooms in full sun but some light shade is preferred in hotter climates. Taller varieties need staking for support. Dahlias attract butterflies but are susceptible to various insects and diseases and are considered high maintenance.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)



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