

Plant Name: Indian Blanket

Scientific name: *Gaillardia pulchella* Foug.

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Description: Indian blanket is the state wildflower of Oklahoma. It is an annual, native to the central region of the United States. Indian blanket is a bunch type flowering species known for its excellent drought hardiness. It is typically found growing along roadsides and in prairies, preferring sandy soil. Indian blanket is characteristically very drought tolerant and grows well in marginally fertile soils. The dense colonies of bright red and yellow pinwheel shaped flowers make a stunning display when at the peak of flowering. Indian blanket is a prolific re-seeder if allowed to reach maturity.

Use:

Landscape: attractive in mass plantings as well as in species mixes

Wildlife: insect attractant and cover for game birds

Erosion control: when combined with grasses, forbs, and legumes Prairie Restoration

Taxonomic Classification:

Indian Blanket

Kingdom	Plantae
Subkingdom	Tracheobionta
Superdivision	Spermatophyta
Division	Magnoliophyta
Class	Magnoliopsida
Subclass	Asteridae
Order	Asterales
Family	Asteraceae
Genus	<i>Gaillardia</i>
Species	<i>pulchella</i> Foug.



Plant Characteristics:

Height:	12 -24 inches
Growth habit:	bunch type having hairy stems with multiple branching
Bloom color:	1 to 2 inches across, pinwheel of orange to reddish yellow
Bloom period:	late spring, early summer
Sun requirement:	full sun to light shade
Leaf foliage color:	green
Seeds per pound:	154,000
Minimum soil temperature for germination:	70 to 75 degrees F
Soil pH range:	6.0 to 7.5
Planting Rate:	4 oz/1000 sq ft or 10 lbs/acre
Planting Depth:	1/8 inch
Planting season:	Fall