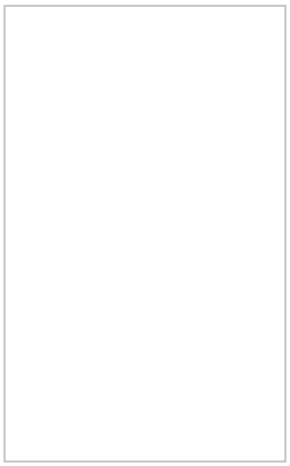
Gazania



*Gazania*aï ï is aï genusï ofï flowering plantsï in theï familyï Asteraceae,ï nativeï toï Southern Africa.
They produce large, daisy-likeï composite flowerheadsï in brilliant shades of yellow and orange, over a long period in summer.ï They are often planted as drought-tolerantï groundcover.ï The solitary inflorescence, of about 6 cm of diameter, on a 8-10 cm long peduncle, is the typical flower head of theï*Compositae*,ï formed by a crowd of sessile flowers spirally inserted on a roundish base, the receptacle, surrounded by a campanulate involucre formed by a double series of bracts, the outer ones being about 1 cm long, the inner ones, thin and pointed, being 1,5 cm long.
*Gazania*aï species are grown for the brilliant colour of their flowerheads which appear in the late spring and are often in bloom throughout the summer into autumn.ï
It may be utilized in full sun (the flowers do not open in the shade), as ground cover, for edges and flower beds, in association with other gazanias, and in rocky gardens, where, often, it will auto-disseminate. It adapts to whatever sort of ground, provided perfectly draining, and may bear long periods of drought and low temperatures, as low as -10 ï C, in dry climates; it may be cultivated as annual thanks to its growing speed and the precocity of blooming.
It is suitable also for pot cultivation on particularly draining and aerated substrata; the watering must be moderate in summer, almost stopped in winter, avoiding stagnations which may be lethal.
Numerousï cultivarsï have been selected for variety of colour and habit. Inï temperateï regions, they are usually grown as half-hardyï annuals.

Category: Flowering shrubs
Families: Asteraceae
Genus: Gazania
Species: spp
Geographical Area of Origin: South Africa / Oceania
Climatic Zones: Temperate Central Italy, South Italy Highlands USDA 9 a
Habit: Herbaceous perennial
Leaves: Evergreen

Colore Foglie: Verde
Flowering Period: Marzo / Aprile / Maggio / Giugno / Luglio / Agosto / Settembre / Ottobre
Flower: Pseudanthium
Colore Fiori: Giallo ï Rosso ï Arancione ï Bianco ï Rosa ï Viola
Favorite soil: Neutral / Middle-Dough / Medium soil
Water needs: Medium
Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun
Form: Grown as shrub / bush
Colore Frutti: Marrone