

**Botanical Name:** *Baileya multiradiata*

**Common Name:** Desert Marigold (Desert Bailey, Showy Desert Marigold, Paper Daisy)



**Family:** Asteraceae

**Native Distribution:** SE California to SW Arizona, Utah, W Texas, and northern Mexico along sandy plains and roadsides

**Plant Size:** 8-12" tall, 12" wide, perennial

**Flowers:** Brilliant yellow, 1-2" wide on long stem

**Foliage:** Evergreen, grayish-green, woolly-lobed leaves

**Site Preferences:** Full sun, well-drained, no organic mulch

**Landscape Uses:** Mix with other perennials, good to use around cactus, agaves, and succulents to soften the look, use with rocks for naturalistic landscapes.

**Other Stuff:**

- Known as the "workhorse of the desert" because it will grow under the most extreme conditions, including the summer heat of Phoenix.
- Tolerates poor and compacted soils.
- Rots easily with too much water.
- Blooms all year.
- A short-lived perennial in native environments, but can grow as an annual most anywhere else.
- Can go to 5000 ft.
- Generally won't tolerate below freezing temperatures.
- Best to start from seed in the fall, not good for transplanting.