



2010 Promising Plant

Calendula officinalis

'Solis Sponsa'

Promising Qualities

- ◆ Can be grown in containers
- ◆ Attracts beneficial insects
- ◆ Bold Color
- ◆ Dye plant
- ◆ Edible flower

FAMILY

Asteraceae

GENUS

Calendula

SPECIFIC EPITHET

officinalis

CULTIVAR

'Solis Sponsa'

COMMON NAME

pot marigold, marigold-

FLOWER COLOR

orange

BLOOM TIME

summer to fall

PLANT TYPE

annual, perennial

USE

landscape, medicinal, dyeing

HEIGHT/WIDTH

12-24"/

LIGHT

full sun

SOIL

sandy to rich garden loam

WATER

average

HABIT

upright

Calendula officinalis, sometimes called 'Solis Sponsa', is sure to attract all types of beneficial insects to your garden, especially the ones that eat aphids. 'Solis Sponsa' has tall, hairy, light green stems and large vibrant orange blooms. Deadhead the plants regularly to prolong the blooming season. Also, occasional removal of the side branches will encourage taller growth and larger blooms. Harvest these stems for floral arrangements. When the blooms are fully open, harvest petals. Plant in a well-drained soil that is kept slightly moist. "A yellow-orange dye can be obtained from the petals of the plant. *Calendula* is often referred to as "poor man's saffron."

Where can I find this plant?

- ◆ Horizon Herbs - www.horizonherbs.com

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'SOLIS SPONSA' CULTIVAR****

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