

## TANSY

Tanacetum vulgare (tan-ah-SAY-tum vul-GAR-ay)

PERENNIAL I ASTERACEAE FAMILY

ZONES: 3-8

EXPOSURE: FULL SUN I PART SHADE

MATURE HEIGHT: TO 5 FT I SPREAD 18"

BLOOM: YELLOW I SUMMER













Tansy, or Bitter Buttons, grows and spreads by rhizomes and seeds and looks like a fern with yellow blooms that appear in the summer. While Tansy does have historical medicinal uses, it was mainly used to repel something from the body due to the toxic chemical thujone found in this plant.

- The leaves and flowers contain thujone, a compound which may cause skin irritation if consumed may be toxic to humans, horses, and cows.
- Use the growing and the dried plant as a strewing herb to repel flies, ants, and fleas.
- Flowers used as a soft cool lemony yellow dye; and adding iron will shift the color to bronze or earthy green.

<u>Caution</u>: absolutely do not use if pregnant and do not take internally.



