

GAILLARDIA 'Summer's Kiss'

Origin: Maryland, USA.

Species: *Gaillardia grandiflora*

Protection Status: US Plant Patent #15,293; COPF Open

Characteristics:

'**Summer's Kiss**' is a chance seedling that was discovered by the inventor in 1997 in a large crop of seed grown 'Goblin' that were on a propagation bench in the inventor's greenhouse. The distinguishing characteristic of '**Summer's Kiss**' is the flower color. '**Summer's Kiss**' exhibits a low-growing, upright habit and large daisy-like flowers that open pink-orange in color and age to melon. The flower color has been characterized, by some, to be peach, apricot and sunset. The blooming period occurs from mid summer into fall. '**Summer's Kiss**' is wonderful as an ornamental landscape plant or container plant. Compared to Gaillardia 'Oranges and Lemons', '**Summer's Kiss**' is shorter growing and more compact.

Hardiness: USDA Zone 5

Bloom: Blooming occurs from mid summer into fall.

Foliage: Medium-green foliage.

Habit: Low-growing upright habit. 18-24" (46-62 cm) tall by 12-18" (31-46 cm) in width, at maturity.

Propagation: Softwood cuttings. *License required for propagation.*

Culture: Grow in full sun with moderate water and good drainage. Vernalization is not required for bloom.

