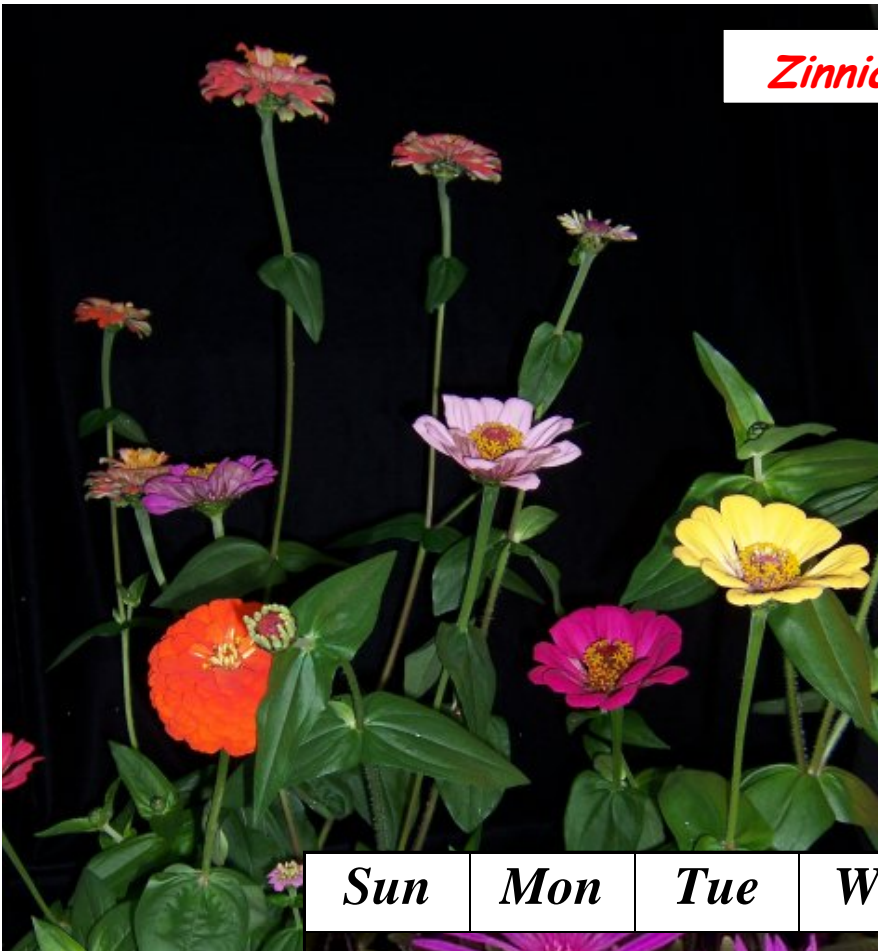


Zinnia elegans - Zinnia hybrids

Zinnia elegans hybrids are fast growing annuals whose original species are native to Mexico. Zinnias today have a myriad of colors & flower forms with heights ranging from 8 inches (20 cm) to 3 feet (~1 m) tall. All forms have a common leaf shape of ovate, lanceolate, or oblong. In the greenhouse, we use zinnias for our "Plant Care and Cultivation" classes and for IPM (Integrated Pest Management) experiments for Ecology class. Their ease in cultivation gives student fast flowering from seed.

In the greenhouse, plants will bloom all year long. *Zinnia elegans* hybrids need full sun to light shade with a rich well-drained soil mix. In the greenhouse, we use a soil mix of 2 pts peat moss to 1 pt loam to 1 pt sand or perlite. Zinnias are fairly drought tolerant--less so in containers. *Zinnia elegans* hybrids are best propagated from seed. Seed germinates in 7-14 d after sowing.



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