

To qualify as a Supreme Variety Zinnia, the flower must meet certain standards: greater than 24 inches tall, with single, double, or pompon petal types 3-6 inches in diameter, with extraordinary color. Disease resistance is a factor that we consider, but anyone has grown Zinnias knows this is more a factor of climate than anything else. I've seen the State Fair, California Giant, whites, and Whirligig varieties not be as disease resistant in mid-Michigan. For this, we use Immunox by Spectracide and organic products if the season is non-threatening, whereas in Alabama, Virginia, the Carolinas, and similar humid climates, growers will recommend a potent and expensive product called Bayleton.

MINI MIX- Zen on a Stem™

Contains the following smaller varieties z.angustifolia, z.peruviana, z.tenuifolia, and sanvitalia procumbens:

Thumbelina, Lilliput, Lollipop, Chipmunk mix, Peter Pan, Persian Carpet or Mexican Zins, Crystal White Angustifolia or spreading zins, Profusion series or Pinwheel mix (very disease resistant), Small World mix, Dasher and other hybrid dwarf Zins, Classic White.

To qualify as a VDZ Mini Zin, the plants must grow from 4-24 inches tall, have single, double, or pompon petal types with diameters 1-3 inches in size, with extraordinary color. The shorter varieties are much more prone to rust than the taller ones, as they are nearer the ground and the dampness. But the taller ones are more prone to powdery mildew, its spores blown about by the winds.

Lilacs, roses, and other plants are also susceptible and may increase the problem if you grow them with Zinnias.

We have also noticed that rows planted north to south don't fare as well in terms of resisting diseases as those running from west to east, in line with the west winds coming across the plains. There seems to be a relationship, though I am not quite sure what the scientific basis is for it! I just know next year all our rows will be west to east!

“In wildness is the preservation of the world.”

—Henry David Thoreau

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