

Interesting facts (Some facts about the marigold flower plant)

1. Did you know that the marigold plant is beneficial to other crops?

One of the characteristics of the **marigold flower** is that it is beneficial to **edible crops**. It is beneficial for crops like tomatoes and potatoes. When they are planted with tomato and potato crops simultaneously, it helps to repel **nematodes** from such crops. Marigold flowers generate poisonous chemical substances (alpha-terthienyl) from their roots that repel nematodes, thus preserving plants when planted along with such crops as tomatoes and potatoes.

2. Did you know that marigold flowers are edible?

Marigold flowers are enriched with **carotenoids**. They are utilized in raw form, dried form, or infusion form for the preparation of different kinds of beverages. They are utilized in foodstuffs and drinks to impart a golden yellow color.

3. Do you know about the size and shape of marigold flowers?

Marigold plants show variation in size and shape from species to species. Their dimensions can vary, with plant species ranging from 6 to 48 inches in height and 6-36 in width. They can be seen in various colors, such as orange, red, maroon, yellow, gold, copper, brass, and white, while some flowers appear as combinations of colors. The diameter of flowers varies from 3 to 6 cm. They appear round, spherical, polyp-like, or daisy-shaped. It has strong, piquant fragrance.

4. Did you know the name of the country of origin of the marigold?

Mexico, **Central America**, and **South America** are native countries for marigolds, but as they are easy to develop and need low maintenance, they are cultivated all over the world in suitable climatic conditions.

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