

# **GARDENING BY THE MOON**

### **UpTick Coreopsis – A Perennial All-Star**

## Submitted by

## Dr. Robert E. Moon

## February, 2019

If you are looking for a new perennial to use in your landscape, UpTick Coreopsis is a perennial all-star. This plant flowers from early spring, throughout the hot summer and even in to late fall. I have always loved and used coreopsis in my landscape, but this new variety is my favorite. It can be planted as plants or seeds and it comes in several colors – yellow/bronze, gold/bronze and cream:



UpTick has larger flowers and a compact, mounded growth habit. Plants grow 12 to 14 inches wide and 12 to 14 inches in height and should be planted 14 to 16 inches apart. Plant in a sunny located with well-drained soils. Fertilize once a month and only water when soil is dry. They thrive in the Texas summer heat but do not like standing in water. Bees and butterflies like these plants almost as much as I do. UpTick requires little maintenance and have few insect and disease problems.

These plants sound too good to be true but plant trials have awarded this plant "Top Performer, "Best New Nursery Stock Plant", "Greenhouse Grower Medal of Excellence", to list just a few. This plant is a perennial in our hardiness zone and can survive temperatures down to -25 degrees. With all of these awards and the extended growing season, I recommend planting this outstanding performer in your yard!