# Tempo™ Orange Avens

***Geum 'Tempo Orange'***



*Tempo Orange Avens flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 9 inches

Flower Height: 15 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Chilean Avens

Group/Class: Tempo Series

**Description:**

A beautiful easy to grow and long blooming series featuring tall stems of single to double flowers in creams, peaches and oranges; long blooming season, from early spring to mid summer; a lovely addition to perennial borders and beds

**Ornamental Features**

Tempo Orange Avens has masses of beautiful semi-double orange frilly flowers with peach overtones and gold eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tomentose lobed leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Tempo Orange Avens is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tempo Orange Avens is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Tempo Orange Avens will grow to be about 9 inches tall at maturity extending to 15 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Tempo Orange Avens is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.