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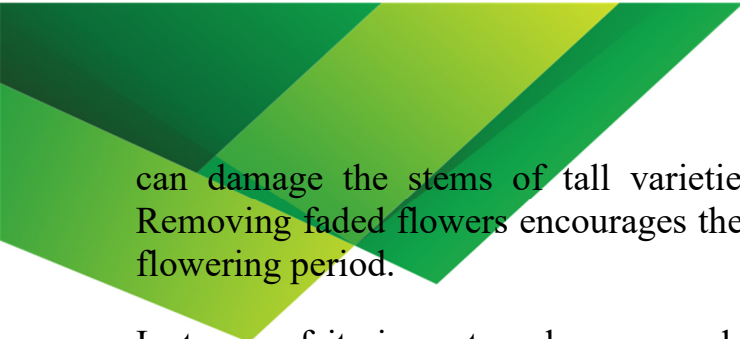
Dahlia (Dahlia)

Dahlia, commonly known among people as “georgin,” is one of the most decorative garden plants distinguished by its large, layered, and highly colorful flowers. Its blooms can come in various forms, including pompon, spiky, cactus-shaped, or fully double-petaled varieties. The color diversity is very rich — including red, pink, white, yellow, orange, purple, and even bi-colored varieties. The leaves are green, large, and slightly serrated at the edges. The plant generally grows in an upright, bushy form, and some varieties can reach quite tall heights.



The homeland of this plant is mainly Mexico and Central America. It was cultivated by indigenous peoples in ancient times and later introduced to Europe, where it gained great popularity in ornamental gardening. Today, it is grown in almost all countries of the world as a garden and park plant. In Azerbaijan as well, it is one of the most commonly used ornamental flowers during the summer and autumn seasons.

Dahlia is a sun-loving plant that grows best in open, well-lit areas, producing more abundant flowers under such conditions. The soil should be fertile, loose, and well-drained. It requires regular watering; especially during the flowering period, a lack of moisture can slow its development. Since strong winds



can damage the stems of tall varieties, staking may sometimes be necessary. Removing faded flowers encourages the formation of new blooms and extends the flowering period.

In terms of its impact on humans and ecology, georgin is mainly valued for its decorative and aesthetic importance. Its colorful and large flowers give gardens a rich and vibrant appearance. By attracting bees, butterflies, and other pollinators, it has a positive effect on biodiversity. Since it is widely used in urban and park landscaping, it creates a pleasant and relaxing atmosphere for people. Its long flowering period gives it a special place in landscape design.

Its main uses are in gardening and floristry. It is used in flower beds, group plantings, and decorative compositions. As a cut flower, it is very popular for bouquets and event decorations because its large and attractive blooms can remain fresh for a long time. Thanks to its various heights and colors, it is widely used both in home gardens and professional landscape projects.

Interestingly, Dahlia is considered the national flower of Mexico. There are thousands of hybrids and varieties worldwide, and new color and form variations are developed every year. In some varieties, the flowers can grow as large as a human head. Due to its multi-layered petals and unique forms, it is regarded as one of the most impressive ornamental garden flowers in the world.

