**Introduction**

Gazania is a perennial grown as an annual that grows well in rock gardens or in other hot, dry areas (Fig. 1). It forms a very low, ground-hugging ground cover, producing bright yellow, orange, or red, daisy-like flowers. Flowers close at night and on very cloudy days. Plants grow 6 to 12-inches tall with blueish foliage. Do not plant in the partial shade. Full day sun is required for healthy plants.

![Figure 1. 'Bronze Red' gazania.](image)

**General Information**

**Scientific name:** *Gazania x ‘Bronze Red’

**Pronunciation:** gay-ZAY-nee-uh

**Common name(s):** ‘Bronze Red’ gazania

**Family:** Compositae

**Plant type:** ground cover; perennial; herbaceous

**USDA hardiness zones:** 8B through 11 (Fig. 2)

**Planting month for zone 8:** Apr; May

**Planting month for zone 9:** Mar; Apr; May; Sep; Oct

**Planting month for zone 10 and 11:** Feb; Mar; Apr; May; Nov; Dec

**Origin:** not native to North America

**Uses:** ground cover; edging

**Availability:** somewhat available, may have to go out of the region to find the plant

![Figure 2. Shaded area represents potential planting range.](image)

**Description**

**Height:** .5 to 1 feet

**Spread:** 1 to 2 feet

**Plant habit:** round

**Plant density:** moderate

**Growth rate:** moderate

**Texture:** medium

**Foliage**

**Leaf arrangement:** most emerge from the soil, usually without a stem

**Leaf type:** simple
Leaf margin: lobed
Leaf shape: linear
Leaf venation: none, or difficult to see
Leaf type and persistence: deciduous
Leaf blade length: 4 to 8 inches
Leaf color: green
Fall color: not applicable
Fall characteristic: not applicable

**Flower**
Flower color: orange; yellow; red
Flower characteristic: year-round flowering

**Fruit**
Fruit shape: unknown
Fruit length: unknown
Fruit cover: unknown
Fruit color: unknown
Fruit characteristic: inconspicuous and not showy

**Trunk and Branches**
Trunk/bark/branches: not applicable
Current year stem/twig color: green
Current year stem/twig thickness: thin

**Culture**
Light requirement: plant grows in full sun
Soil tolerances: clay; sand; acidic; alkaline; loam
Drought tolerance: high
Soil salt tolerances: unknown
Plant spacing: 12 to 18 inches

**Other**
Roots: not applicable
Winter interest: no special winter interest
Outstanding plant: plant has outstanding ornamental features and could be planted more
Invasive potential: not known to be invasive
Pest resistance: long-term health usually not affected by pests

**Use and Management**
It is a good plant for erosion control in dry areas. It should be planted 12 to 18-inches apart to form a solid ground cover several months after planting. Good soil gives best growth but the plant tolerates poor, sandy soil. Gazania requires less water than most annuals or perennials. Full sun is preferred, and the flowers do not open fully on wet or cloudy days. Extended wet weather or poorly drained soil can promote disease, which can kill portions of the plant. Removing the old blossoms may increase the number of blooms produced.

**Pests and Diseases**
No pests or diseases are of major concern but can be susceptible to root rot on wet or poorly drained soils.