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FlameThrower Chili Pepper Coleus

Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Chili Pepper'



FlameThrower Chili Pepper Coleus foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: FlameThrower Series



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Description:

Bold colors in a compact plant make this striking variety ideal for small pots and mixed containers; great garden performance in sun or shade

Ornamental Features

FlameThrower Chili Pepper Coleus' attractive serrated pointy leaves remain lime green in color with showy dark red variegation throughout the year on a plant with a mounded habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

FlameThrower Chili Pepper Coleus is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. The flowers of this plant may actually detract from its ornamental features, so they can be removed as they appear. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

FlameThrower Chili Pepper Coleus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

FlameThrower Chili Pepper Coleus will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. However, you may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

FlameThrower Chili Pepper Coleus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.