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Fire Tail Fleeceflower

Persicaria amplexicaulis 'Fire Tail'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Knotweed, Snakeweed, Polygonum

Description:

An easy to grow, long blooming perennial that produces loads of narrow, crimson spiked flowers for many weeks beginning in early summer; an interesting groundcover that displays color all season long



Fire Tail Fleeceflower in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Fire Tail Fleeceflower has masses of beautiful spikes of crimson flowers rising above the foliage from early summer to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.



Fire Tail Fleeceflower flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Fire Tail Fleeceflower is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Fire Tail Fleeceflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- *Mass Planting*
- *General Garden Use*
- *Groundcover*
- *Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens*
- *Bog Gardens*

Planting & Growing

Fire Tail Fleeceflower will grow to be about 32 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 30 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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 is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.



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