Lucky Lantern® Red Abutilon

Abutilon 'NUABRED'



Lucky Lantern Red Abutilon flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Chinese Bellflower, Indian Mallow, Parlor Maple

Description:

This indoor or outdoor dwarf variety produces brilliant red, bell shaped flowers; lantern-like buds open to pendulous cup-shaped blooms that keep coming and coming; a perfect container plant; attracts hummingbirds



Lucky Lantern Red Abutilon in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Lucky Lantern Red Abutilon features bold nodding red bell-shaped flowers along the branches from early spring to late fall. It has attractive green evergreen foliage. The lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Lucky Lantern Red Abutilon is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lucky Lantern Red Abutilon is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Lucky Lantern Red Abutilon will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Lucky Lantern Red Abutilon makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.