FlameThrower™ Serrano Coleus

Solenostemon scutellarioides 'UF15-6-28'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Group/Class: FlameThrower Series

Description:

From full sun to shade, this upright mounded and compact variety puts on a colorful display all season long; deep red foliage with bright yellow edging adds interest and color to garden beds, borders or containers; low maintenance and easy to grow

Ornamental Features

FlameThrower Serrano Coleus' attractive serrated pointy leaves remain dark red in color with distinctive yellow edges throughout the year on a plant with a mounded habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

FlameThrower Serrano Coleus is an herbaceous evergreen perennial 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 Serrano Coleus is recommended for the following landscape applications;



FlameThrower Serrano Coleus foliage
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



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Planting & Growing

FlameThrower Serrano Coleus will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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 Serrano Coleus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.