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Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Coral Candy'



Coral CandyColeus foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A stunning mounded and compact selection providing interest and color to garden beds, borders and mixed containers; features thin, serrated leaves with coral-pink centers blending into green edges; low maintenance and shade tolerant

Ornamental Features

Coral CandyColeus' attractive large serrated pointy leaves remain coral-pink in color with distinctive green edges throughout the year on a plant with a mounded habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Coral CandyColeus is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

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.

Coral CandyColeus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Coral CandyColeus will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 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 does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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.

Coral CandyColeus 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.