



## Rio Dark Red Mandevilla

*Mandevilla 'Rio Dark Red'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Dipladenia

Group/Class: Rio Series

### Ornamental Features

Rio Dark Red Mandevilla features bold dark red tubular flowers with yellow throats along the branches from late spring to mid fall. Its glossy pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.



*Rio Dark Red Mandevilla flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### Landscape Attributes

Rio Dark Red Mandevilla is a multi-stemmed annual 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 can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Rio Dark Red Mandevilla is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Container Planting

### Planting & Growing

Rio Dark Red Mandevilla will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this 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.

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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. 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, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. 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.

Rio Dark Red Mandevilla is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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