



**Watermelon Wine Peony**  
*Paeonia 'Watermelon Wine'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 26 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Itoh Peony

Group/Class: Itoh Hybrids

**Description:**

Large semi-double blooms held on strong stems above luxurious foliage; watermelon red blooms are flushed with hot pink; an excellent landscape plant

**Ornamental Features**

Watermelon Wine Peony features bold lightly-scented scarlet flowers with hot pink overtones and gold eyes at the ends of the stems in late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its deeply cut compound leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Watermelon Wine Peony is an herbaceous perennial with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies 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;

- Disease

Watermelon Wine Peony is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



*Watermelon Wine Peony flowers*  
 Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

**Planting & Growing**

Watermelon Wine Peony will grow to be about 32 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 26 inches apart. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.