



Himalayan Gloxinia

Incarvillea arguta

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Description:

A multitude of beautiful pink trumpet flowers rise above ferny foliage to make this a showy plant for gardens or containers; use a winter mulch in exposed areas to help overwinter the fleshy taproot; requires good drainage

Ornamental Features

Himalayan Gloxinia features showy pink trumpet-shaped flowers with yellow throats rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive serrated ferny leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Himalayan Gloxinia is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Himalayan Gloxinia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Himalayan Gloxinia flowers
 Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Himalayan Gloxinia will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Himalayan Gloxinia 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.