

Brazilian Red Hots Alternanthera

Alternanthera dentata 'Brazilian Red Hots'



Brazilian Red Hots Alternanthera foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10

Other Names: Joseph's Coat, Parrot Leaf

Description:

This spectacular ground cover plant is perfect for basing indoor containers, tolerates partial shade, but most vivid color is produced in full sun

Features & Attributes

Brazilian Red Hots Alternanthera features showy balls of white flowers rising above the foliage in early fall. Its attractive pointy leaves emerge olive green, turning fuchsia in color with distinctive hot pink edges throughout the year.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a spreading, ground-hugging habit of growth. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Brazilian Red Hots Alternanthera can be expected to grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --

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