Radiation Bush Lantana

Lantana camara 'Radiation'



Radiation Bush Lantana flowers
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

An excellent selection producing bright red-orange blooms with yellow centers; heat and drought tolerant; can be shaped as a low hedge or accent shrub; blooms continuously in frost free locations

Ornamental Features

Radiation Bush Lantana features showy cymes of red flowers with orange overtones and yellow centers at the ends of the branches from early summer to mid fall. It has green evergreen foliage. The textured pointy leaves remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Radiation Bush Lantana is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Radiation Bush Lantana is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Radiation Bush Lantana will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, 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.

Radiation Bush Lantana makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.