Red Hot Embers™ Coral Berry

Ardisia crenata 'sPG-3-001'



Red Hot Embers Coral Berry
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Christmas Berry, Spice Berry, Coralberry

Description:

A unique selection with pink new foliage that matures to deep red-green; frothy upright panicles of pink flowers in early summer; stunning clusters of bright red berries persist into winter; invasive in warm climates; needs full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Red Hot Embers Coral Berry features dainty clusters of pink bell-shaped flowers with white edges at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has attractive burgundy-variegated dark green foliage with hints of plum purple which emerges hot pink in spring. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It features an abundance of magnificent red berries from mid fall to early spring.

Landscape Attributes

Red Hot Embers Coral Berry is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.



Red Hot Embers Coral Berry fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive

Red Hot Embers Coral Berry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Red Hot Embers Coral Berry will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Red Hot Embers Coral Berry makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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.