Maui Sunset Ixora

Ixora 'Maui Sunset'



Maui Sunset Ixora flowers
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

This variety is a dependable year-round bloomer for warm southern climates; pale yellow blooms with a hint of peach are held in large ball shaped clusters; excellent for containers or along walkways

Ornamental Features

Maui Sunset Ixora features showy lightly-scented buttery yellow ball-shaped flowers with peach overtones at the ends of the branches from late winter to late fall. Its attractive glossy oval leaves emerge light green in spring, turning forest green in color the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Maui Sunset Ixora is a multi-stemmed annual with a more or less rounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant 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 bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Maui Sunset Ixora is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Maui Sunset Ixora will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this slow-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Maui Sunset Ixora is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.