Falling Star™ Red Star Flower

Pentas lanceolata 'Falling Star Red'



Falling Star Red Star Flower flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 26 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Egyptian Star Flower, Star Cluster, Starflower

Group/Class: Falling Star Series

Description:

This dense, trailing selection produces large red flower clusters from late spring throughout summer; excellent performance in hanging baskets, patio containers and garden beds; thrives hot and humid conditions

Ornamental Features

Falling Star Red Star Flower features showy corymbs of red star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall. Its large textured pointy leaves remain forest green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Falling Star Red Star Flower is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Falling Star Red Star Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Falling Star Red Star Flower will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 26 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Falling Star Red Star Flower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.