Roller Coaster Red Racer Impatiens

Impatiens 'Roller Coaster Red Racer'



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Height: 16 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Busy Lizzie, Busy Lizzy

Group/Class: Roller Coaster Series

Description:

A wonderful series that features stunning ruffled double blooms on compact mounded plants, from late spring until fall; strong, well branched variety; excellent for adding pops of color to shaded containers, borders and hanging baskets

Ornamental Features

Roller Coaster Red Racer Impatiens is blanketed in stunning double red round flowers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its glossy pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Roller Coaster Red Racer Impatiens is a dense herbaceous annual with a mounded 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Roller Coaster Red Racer Impatiens is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Roller Coaster Red Racer Impatiens will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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 or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Roller Coaster Red Racer Impatiens is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.