# Black Forest Cake Coral Bells

***Heuchera 'Black Forest Cake'***

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Coralbells, Alumroot

**Description:**

This variety features mounds of dark, smooth, chocolatey foliage, topped with dazzling cherry red flowers in late spring; amazing contrast to other plants; great versatility; keep soil moist in heat of summer; perfect for containers or beds

**Ornamental Features**

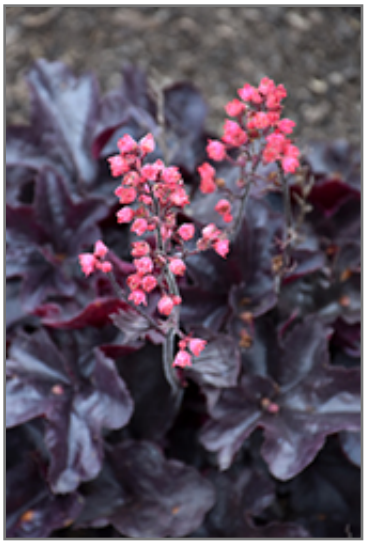
Black Forest Cake Coral Bells has masses of beautiful spikes of cherry red bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its attractive crinkled lobed leaves emerge burgundy in spring, turning dark brown in color with showy black variegation and tinges of gray the rest of the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Black Forest Cake Coral Bells is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Black Forest Cake Coral Bells is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Black Forest Cake Coral Bells flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Black Forest Cake Coral Bells foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Black Forest Cake Coral Bells will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.



*Black Forest Cake Coral Bells in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

This plant does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in full shade. Keep it 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Black Forest Cake Coral Bells is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger 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.