Bright Sparks™ Scarlet Celosia

Celosia plumosa 'Bright Sparks Scarlet'

Height: 13 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Cockscomb

Group/Class: Bright Sparks Series

Description:

A heat tolerant series with exceptional branching habit; compact and upright, presenting large plumes of bright, bold color; repeat blooming with great resistance to color fade; a superb choice for planters, beds, borders and dried arrangements

Ornamental Features

Bright Sparks Scarlet Celosia features showy plumes of scarlet flowers rising above the foliage from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Bright Sparks Scarlet Celosia is a dense herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Bright Sparks Scarlet Celosia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Bright Sparks Scarlet Celosia flowers
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Bright Sparks Scarlet Celosia will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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 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.

Bright Sparks Scarlet Celosia 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 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.