

Coralbush

Jatropha multifida

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10

Other Names: Coral Plant

Description:

A dense evergreen shrub or small tree with age, presenting stunning clusters of coral red flowers that bloom most of the year; palmate dark green foliage is finely divided; a great houseplant when placed in a bright area by a window

Features & Attributes

Coralbush features showy cymes of coral-pink star-shaped flowers with gold anthers at the ends of the branches from early winter to late fall. Its attractive deeply cut round palmate leaves remain dark green in color with pointy creamy white spines throughout the year.

This is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other indoor plants with less refined foliage. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.



Coralbush flowers
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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Coralbush can be expected to grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine. Be warned that parts of this plant are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so special care should be exercised if growing it around children and pets.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --