ColorBlast Plumberry Portulaca

Portulaca 'ColorBlast Plumberry'



ColorBlast Plumberry Portulaca flowers
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Height: 6 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Moss Rose, Purslane

Group/Class: ColorBlast Series

Description:

This beautiful drought tolerant and heat seeking variety features single or double blooms in vibrant colors; spreading habit lends itself perfectly to hanging baskets, patio containers, borders and beds; a low maintenance and fast grower; pollinator plant

Ornamental Features

ColorBlast Plumberry Portulaca features showy pink cup-shaped flowers with cherry red centers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its small succulent oval leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

ColorBlast Plumberry Portulaca is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

ColorBlast Plumberry Portulaca is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

ColorBlast Plumberry Portulaca will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 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 low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 1 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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.

ColorBlast Plumberry Portulaca 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 spreading 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.