Betterbuzz Red Hyssop

Agastache aurantiaca 'Betterbuzz Red'



Betterbuzz Red Hyssop flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Group/Class: Betterbuzz Series

Description:

Fragrant spikes of scarlet-red blooms rise above green, finely cut foliage on this vigorous, drought tolerant variety; attracts pollinators to garden beds, borders and containers; great cut-flower quality; low maintenance and easy to grow

Ornamental Features

Betterbuzz Red Hyssop features airy spikes of lightly-scented scarlet tubular flowers rising above the foliage from mid summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.



Betterbuzz Red Hyssop in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Betterbuzz Red Hyssop is an open herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading 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, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and 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.

Betterbuzz Red Hyssop is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Herb Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Betterbuzz Red Hyssop will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 6 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 does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. 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.

Betterbuzz Red Hyssop is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.