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Spigelia marilandica 'Apple Slice'



Apple Slice Indian Pink flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 22 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

A beautiful, floriferous selection producing bright red tubular flowers; avoid transplanting once established; excellent for border fronts, bright shade areas, and containers; deadhead to promote re-blooming in summer; excellent cut flower quality

Ornamental Features

Apple Slice Indian Pink features dainty cherry red tubular flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in colour throughout the season. The burgundy stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Apple Slice Indian Pink is a dense herbaceous perennial with a more or less rounded form. 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 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 bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Apple Slice Indian Pink is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Apple Slice Indian Pink will grow to be about 18 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 20 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Apple Slice Indian Pink is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.