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Stopwatch Scarlet Portulaca

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Portulaca grandiflora 'Stopwatch Scarlet'



Stopwatch Scarlet Portulaca flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Moss Rose, Purslane

Group/Class: Stopwatch Series

Description:

A beautiful compact mounded selection featuring gorgeous scarlet red blooms; a well branched and uniform flowering variety; perfect for hanging baskets, patio containers, borders and garden beds; heat and drought tolerant; low maintenance

Ornamental Features

Stopwatch Scarlet Portulaca features showy double scarlet frilly flowers with gold anthers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its tiny succulent needle-like leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Stopwatch Scarlet Portulaca is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies 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.

Stopwatch Scarlet Portulaca is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Stopwatch Scarlet Portulaca will grow to be only 5 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. 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 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. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.

Stopwatch Scarlet Portulaca 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 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.