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Description This is a cold weather plant that needs a period of winter dormancy, and generally will not grow well south of USDA Zone 7. It is generally intolerant of the high summer heat and humidity in the deep South. Mulch in winter until well established.

Common name: Shirley poppy, Khas-Khas, Papaver rhoeas

Color: Orange-red

Bloom time: June to July

Height: 1.00 to 1.50 feet

Difficulty level: easy to grow

Planting & Care

Plants prefer a near-neutral pH range of 5.5–7.0. A pH of 6.5 is just about right for most home gardens (slightly acidic to neutral). An accurate soil test will tell you where your pH currently stands. Acidic (sour) soil is counteracted by applying finely ground limestone, and alkaline (sweet) soil is treated with ground sulfur.

Sunlight: Full Sun

Soil: well-drained soil

Water: Medium

Temperature: 60-70F

Fertilizer: Apply any organic fertilizer

Care:

- The vining varieties require a support structure as some can get 15 feet tall.
- All plants prefer sun to light shade sites with well-draining and moderately fertile soil.
- Install the plant in the ground at the same level it was growing in the nursery pot.
- Most plants are grafted onto the common rootstock because of its superior hardiness.

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Care:

- Plants do not thrive in Zones 9 to 10 without a period of refrigeration; they need a cold, dormant period.
- Select a site with soil that drains well.
- How can you tell? After a good rain, find a spot that is the first to dry out.
- Water trapped beneath the scales may rot the bulb, so a well-drained site is essential.
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Special Feature:

Best in single clumps or small groups in borders. Gypsophila and Boltonia have foliage that expands as the summer progresses and may be effectively interplanted with oriental poppies in order to fill the void left when the poppies go dormant.

Use

Medicinal use:

- A syrup can be prepared from the scarlet flower petals, it is used in soups, gruels etc[4, 183].
- A red dye from the petals is used as a food flavouring, especially in wine[183].
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- The flowers of corn poppy have a long history of medicinal usage, especially for ailments in the elderly and children[244, 254].

Note:

for medicinal use

Reference:

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/> <http://www.flowersofindia.net/>