

Russelia (Red) - Plant



Sometimes known as the coral plant or firecracker plant, this is a subshrub with wiry stems smothered in dainty, bright tubular flowers.

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Description

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Winter hardy to USDA Zones 9-11. In St. Louis, grow in pots or hanging baskets which should be overwintered indoors. Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soils in full sun. Tolerates a wide range of soil moisture.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Russelia (Red),firecracker plant	Red	January, February, March, April, September, October, November, December	1.00 to 4.00 feet	easy to grow

Planting and care

Prepare a potting mixture using equal parts sand, perlite and peat. Fill a pot until there is only 1 inch between the rim of the pot and the surface of the soil.

Identify a healthy branch with a growing tip that has at least two leaves near the tip of the branch. Sever the branch 6 inches below the tip and remove any leaves other than the two closest to the tip of the branch.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun	well-drained soil	water moderately	20 C and above	Fertilize early in the plants growing cycle - spring for summer plants, fall for winter plants

Caring for Russelia

- Dig holes or beds wide, not deep
- Lightly amend heavy clay or sandy soils with organic matter
- Gently remove plants from containers, keeping the root ball intact
- Loosen potting soil and roots around bottom and edges of root ball
- Plant level with surrounding soil, spreading roots outward
- Fill around roots with lightly amended native soil
- Water to settle soil around roots
- Cover the area with leaf or bark mulch 1 - 3 inches thick but not piled up onto the plants stem and water deeply

Typical uses of Russelia

Special features: In the St. Louis area, these plants grow well in hanging baskets, containers or sunk to the rim in garden areas. Containers may be set in the ground to cascade over walls or sunk in damp soils at the edge of ponds or water gardens.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

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