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Burning Embers Celosia

Celosia plumosa 'Burning Embers'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 9 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Cockscomb

Description:

A heat and drought tolerant selection with an exceptional branching habit; presenting large plumes of bright, showy red plumes over bronze foliage; long lasting color throughout the season; a superb choice for planters, beds and borders

Ornamental Features

Burning Embers Celosia features showy plumes of red flowers rising above the foliage from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves emerge green in spring, turning burgundy in color with hints of coppery-bronze throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Burning Embers Celosia is a dense herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Burning Embers Celosia flowers
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Burning Embers Celosia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Burning Embers Celosia in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Burning Embers Celosia will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 9 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.

Burning Embers Celosia 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 larger 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.