JOLLY LANE GREENHOUSE

Terra Nova® Scarlet Ibis Coleus

Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Scarlet Ibis'



Terra Nova Scarlet Ibis Coleus foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Terra Nova Collection

Description:

Extraordinary small, narrow, fingered red leaves that are edged green to gold; has a nice, upright, tight habit great for container planting, or the front of beds or borders

Ornamental Features

Terra Nova Scarlet Ibis Coleus' attractive deeply cut narrow leaves remain scarlet in color with distinctive lime green edges and tinges of plum purple throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.



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Landscape Attributes

Terra Nova Scarlet Ibis Coleus is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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. The flowers of this plant may actually detract from its ornamental features, so they can be removed as they appear. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Terra Nova Scarlet Ibis Coleus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Terra Nova Scarlet Ibis Coleus will grow to be about 12 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. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. 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.

Terra Nova Scarlet Ibis Coleus 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 canvas of foliage 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.