

Apricot Delight Jacob's Ladder



Apricot Delight Jacob's Ladder *Polemonium carneum 'Apricot Delight'*

Height: 20 inches
Spread: 16 inches
Spacing: 12 inches
Sunlight: ☉ ●
Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

This lovely variety features unique, pink-apricot blossoms on tall stems, above a ferny mound of green compound foliage from late spring to early summer ; looks great in borders and easily mixes with other plants; tends to profusely self-seed

Ornamental Features

Apricot Delight Jacob's Ladder has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant peach star-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones and gold anthers rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive buttery yellow flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive small ferny compound leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Apricot Delight Jacob's Ladder is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Apricot Delight Jacob's Ladder is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Apricot Delight Jacob's Ladder flowers
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Planting & Growing

Apricot Delight Jacob's Ladder will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Apricot Delight Jacob's Ladder is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.