

Red Vein Flowering Maple



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Abutilon striatum

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Red Vein Indian Mallow, *Abutilon pictum*

Description:

A spectacular evergreen shrub presenting vibrant, bell shaped orange flowers with bright red veins, from spring until fall; shiny, maple-like dark green leaves on a strongly upright habit creates the ideal addition to containers and gardens

Ornamental Features

Red Vein Flowering Maple features bold orange bell-shaped flowers with cherry red veins along the branches from mid spring to late fall. Its lobed palmate leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Red Vein Flowering Maple is a multi-stemmed 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Red Vein Flowering Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Red Vein Flowering Maple flowers
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Planting & Growing

Red Vein Flowering Maple will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this 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 full sun to partial shade. You may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Red Vein Flowering Maple is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.