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Picta Red Star



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Rhodohypoxis baurii 'Picta'

Plant Height: 3 inches

Flower Height: 5 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Spacing: 5 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Star Flower, Rosy Posy

Description:

Pink buds open to bright white flowers with pink petal edges and stripes on the back; best with light shade in hot areas; should be kept dry when dormant in winter

Ornamental Features

Picta Red Star has masses of beautiful white star-shaped flowers with hot pink eyes rising above the foliage from mid spring to early summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Picta Red Star is a dense herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging 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, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Picta Red Star is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Picta Red Star in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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Planting & Growing

Picta Red Star will grow to be only 3 inches tall at maturity extending to 5 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 5 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to 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. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Picta Red Star is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.