## **Stonegate Gardens**

### Aloha Kona Dark Red Calibrachoa

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# Aloha Kona Dark Red Calibrachoa Calibrachoa 'Aloha Kona Dark Red'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Million Bells, Mini Petunia

Group/Class: Aloha Kona Series

#### **Description:**

An outstanding early flowering, mounded series presenting small green foliage and masses of large, boldly colored blooms; slight trailing tendency, makes for a wonderful addition to sunny patio containers and hanging baskets



Aloha Kona Dark Red Calibrachoa flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Aloha Kona Dark Red Calibrachoa is blanketed in stunning dark red trumpet-shaped flowers with yellow throats at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its small pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Aloha Kona Dark Red Calibrachoa is a dense herbaceous annual with a mounded form. 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. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aloha Kona Dark Red Calibrachoa is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Aloha Kona Dark Red Calibrachoa will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 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 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Aloha Kona Dark Red Calibrachoa 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 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.