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HoneyCluster Red Star Flower



HoneyCluster™ Red Star Flower

Pentas lanceolata 'Honey Cluster Red'

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Star Cluster, Starflower

Group/Class: HoneyCluster™ Series



HoneyCluster Red Star Flower flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

An outstanding series presenting vibrant and bold colored flowers, rising above lush foliage; heat tolerant with extraordinary flower power; a superb choice for containers, hanging baskets and landscapes; an easy to grow and low maintenance selection

Ornamental Features

HoneyCluster Red Star Flower features showy clusters of red star-shaped flowers with white eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its large textured pointy leaves remain forest green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

HoneyCluster Red Star Flower is a dense herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

HoneyCluster Red Star Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

HoneyCluster Red Star Flower will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

HoneyCluster Red Star Flower 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 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.