## **Stonegate Gardens**

### Poorinda Royal Mantle Grevillea

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Poorinda Royal Mantle Grevillea Grevillea 'Poorinda Royal Mantle'

Height: 6 inches Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 8b

#### **Description:**

A prostrate, dense groundcover variety with a spreading habit; attractive toothed leaves with coppery-red new growth; red spidery flower clusters emerge winter to late spring, then sporadically after that; great for banks, or large landscape areas



Poorinda Royal Mantle Grevillea flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Ornamental Features**

Poorinda Royal Mantle Grevillea features showy clusters of red spider-like flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the branches from mid winter to late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The serrated narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

#### Landscape Attributes

Poorinda Royal Mantle Grevillea is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies 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.

Poorinda Royal Mantle Grevillea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

#### **Planting & Growing**

Poorinda Royal Mantle Grevillea will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Poorinda Royal Mantle Grevillea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.