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Magic Chocolate Ranunculus



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Ranunculus 'Magic Chocolate'

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A beautiful and unique compact selection providing color and texture to containers and borders; tidy, easy to grow plants feature interesting orange double blooms with hints of copper and chocolate brown; shade tolerant

Ornamental Features

Magic Chocolate Ranunculus has masses of beautiful orange round flowers with coppery-bronze overtones and a brown flare at the ends of the stems from early to mid spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its serrated lobed leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Magic Chocolate Ranunculus is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies 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.

Magic Chocolate Ranunculus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Magic Chocolate Ranunculus flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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Planting & Growing

Magic Chocolate Ranunculus will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 inches. 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Magic Chocolate Ranunculus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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.