



**Brazilian Joy Weed**  
*Alternanthera brasiliana*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Calico Plant, Parrot Leaf

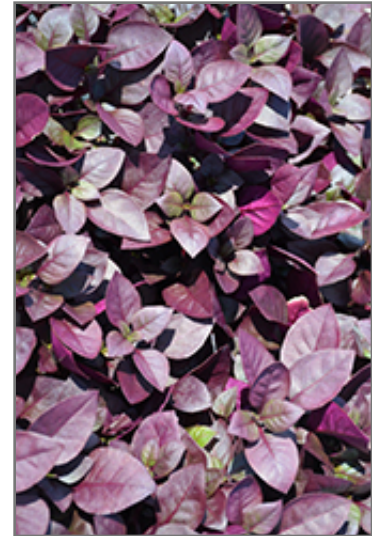
**Description:**

This showy, heat loving ground cover plant is perfect as a landscape edging plant, and is great for indoor containers in bright areas

**Features & Attributes**

Brazilian Joy Weed features airy spikes of creamy white ball-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from mid to early winter. Its attractive pointy leaves emerge light green, turning burgundy in color with curious hot pink undersides and tinges of purple throughout the year.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.



*Brazilian Joy Weed foliage*  
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### Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Brazilian Joy Weed can be expected to grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

*-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --*