



Maracas Brazilian Fireworks

Porphyrocoma pohliana 'Maracas'

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Purple Shrimp, Blue Shrimp, Rose Pine Cones

Description:

An attractive tropical plant with very ornamental leaves of deep green, with bright silver veins; terminal spikes of purple flowers, surrounded by bright red bracts are stunning and bloom year round; excellent in borders, beds or containers

Planting & Growing

This plant is native to the tropics and prefers growing in moist environments with evenly warm conditions all year round. In our climate, it is usually grown as an outdoor annual in the garden or in a container. If you want it to survive the winter, it can be brought in to the house and provided with special care, and then returned to the garden the following season. In its preferred tropical habitat, it can grow to be around 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 14 inches. However, when grown as an annual or when overwintered indoors, it can be expected to perform differently, and its exact height and spread will depend on many factors; you may wish to consult with our experts as to how it might perform in your specific application and growing conditions.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Maracas Brazilian Fireworks 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 and foliage 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.



Maracas Brazilian Fireworks flowers
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