Peter's Wonder Coleus

Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Peter's Wonder'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A beautiful variety that features bright green leave with pale yellow veins and rose colored edges; upright-mounded habit with trailing tendencies; adds a wow factor to mixed planters, hanging baskets and landscapes; heat and shade tolerant



Peter's Wonder Coleus foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Peter's Wonder Coleus' attractive serrated pointy leaves remain lime green in color with distinctive rose edges and tinges of lemon yellow throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.



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Landscape Attributes

Peter's Wonder Coleus is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. The flowers of this plant may actually detract from its ornamental features, so they can be removed as they appear. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Peter's Wonder Coleus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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Planting & Growing

Peter's Wonder Coleus will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. 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 performs well in both full sun and full shade. However, you may want to keep it 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. 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.

Peter's Wonder Coleus 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 canvas of foliage 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.