Bandolista™ Red Chili

Lantana camara 'Bandolista Red Chili'



Bandolista Red Chili flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 28 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Bandolista Series

Description:

This variety produces lovely blooms that briefly open yellow, then transition to orange and scarlet; vigorous and well branched, with a slightly trailing habit; heat and drought tolerant; great for beds, borders, hanging baskets, and mixed containers

Ornamental Features

Bandolista Red Chili features showy cymes of lightly-scented orange flowers with yellow overtones at the ends of the branches from early summer to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive fuchsia flower buds. Its tomentose pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Bandolista Red Chili is a multi-stemmed annual with a more or less rounded form. 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, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Bandolista Red Chili is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Bandolista Red Chili will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 28 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 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 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 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. 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.

Bandolista Red Chili 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 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.