Treasures Red Ornamental Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Treasures Red'

Treasures Red Ornamental Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Ornamental Chili, Chili Pepper

Description:

A low growing and spreading variety featuring conical upright peppers in colors range from cream to orange to red;, fruits eventually mature to red; great for fiery color in containers or the garden

Ornamental Features

Treasures Red Ornamental Pepper is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent creamy white berries with orange variegation from mid summer to early fall, which fade to red over time. It features subtle white star-shaped flowers dangling from the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Treasures Red Ornamental Pepper is an herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. 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.

Treasures Red Ornamental Pepper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Treasures Red Ornamental Pepper will grow to be only 5 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. 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. 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.

Treasures Red Ornamental Pepper is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.