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Firetail Chenille Plant*

Acalypha hispida

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Strawberry Firetails

Description:

This variety produces long pendulous tassels of vibrant red on arching branches; perfect in hanging baskets, containers, and window boxes; an interesting and graceful addition to indoor or patio areas

Features & Attributes

Firetail Chenille Plant features unusual red catkins dangling from the stems from early summer to mid fall. Its serrated heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous houseplant with a mounded form. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.



Firetail Chenille Plant flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Firetail Chenille Plant in bloom
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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Firetail Chenille Plant can be expected to grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 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 prefers to grow in average to moist soil. 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 type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine. Be warned that parts of this plant are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so special care should be exercised if growing it around children and pets.

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 --

** This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*