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Burning Hearts Bleeding Heart

Dicentra "Burning Hearts"

Dicentra "Burning Hearts" flowers
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Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Fernleaf Bleeding Heart, Fringed Bleeding Heart

Description:

Grown for its interesting rose-red flowers that look like little hearts and attractive gray-green foliage; grows well in part shade and prefers well-drained soil

Ornamental Features:

Burning Hearts Bleeding Heart features delicate nodding rose heart-shaped flowers dangling from the stems from mid spring to early summer. It's ferny compound leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes:

Burning Hearts Bleeding Heart is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This perennial will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. 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.

Burning Hearts Bleeding Heart is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Border Edging
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Container Planting

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Plant Characteristics:

Burning Hearts Bleeding Heart will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This perennial does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This plant can be propagated by division.

This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, 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.