Flame Vine

Pyrostegia venusta



Flame Vine in bloom
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Height: 60 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Flaming Trumpet, Orange Trumpet, Golden Shower

Description:

A spectacular flowering vine that is vigorous, evergreen and spreads quickly to top whatever supports it; covered with clusters of orange flowers from late fall to late winter; stunning when cascading over walls or covering an arbor or trellis



Flame Vine flowers
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Ornamental Features

Flame Vine features showy clusters of orange tubular flowers along the branches from late fall to late winter. It has green evergreen foliage. The oval compound leaves remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Flame Vine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This woody vine will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive

Flame Vine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Flame Vine will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This woody vine does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Flame Vine makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.