FAMILY TREE NURSERY

Orange Scarlet Poppy

Papaver orientale 'Orange Scarlet'



Orange Scarlet Poppy flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Oriental Poppy

Description:

This exquisite, clump forming selection produces huge, black centered, scarlet orange flowers from late spring to early summer, over bristly, toothed mid-green foliage; stunning when massed in mid-border plantings

Ornamental Features

Orange Scarlet Poppy features bold semi-double scarlet round flowers with orange overtones, deep purple eyes and a black blotch at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its deeply cut ferny leaves remain light green in color with hints of grayish green throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Orange Scarlet Poppy is an open herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Orange Scarlet Poppy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Orange Scarlet Poppy will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

Orange Scarlet Poppy is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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