

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN THESE BE GROWN IN ROCKY SOIL?

Yes, these thrive beautifully when placed in a rocky or sandy soil. This is an excellent choice for sunny rock gardens, slopes, borders, cascading over the edges of raised beds, xeriscapes, containers, mass plantings and it's a terrific plant for hummingbird gardens.

IS THIS GROUNDCOVER DROUGHT TOLERANT?

Yes, they're native to the southwestern United States and once established they can withstand heat and drought with no worries. It's a long-lived perennial that needs a dry area with sufficient drainage.

ARE THESE DEER RESISTANT?

While the scarlet orange trumpet flowers are a fantastic source of nectar for hummingbirds and butterflies, the deer will leave them alone.

IS THIS GROUNDCOVER INVASIVE?

No. This groundcover is not invasive. Rather than spreading profusely, it displays a compact, shrubby or mounding habit that remains low to the ground.

MY PLANTS ARE NOT BLOOMING IN PROFUSION?

These prefer full sun. Excessive leaves and lack of flowers could be a sign that they are getting too much water and/or not enough light. They will also benefit from a weekly application of a bloom-boosting, water-soluble fertilizer like Roberta's Flower Magic.

WHAT TYPE OF WINTER CARE IS NEEDED?

These require low maintenance and low watering needs especially after established. They're evergreen in mild climates, but in late fall within colder areas, it's important to leave their stems standing over winter (wait till mid spring to cut them back) and insulating the crowns of the plants with a couple inches of mulch or dried leaves. This improves the winter survival and prevents rotting out due to the wet winter conditions.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plants arrive from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can't plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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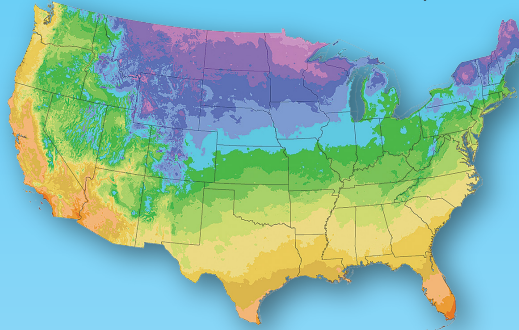
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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



9a to 11 (orange), 7a (light green), 6a (green), 5a (purple)
8a to 8b (yellow), 6b (light green), 5bs to 5bn (light blue), 3a to 4b (pink)
7b (yellow)



ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Creeping Hummingbird Trumpet
Groundcover
(Zauschneria garretti Orange Carpet®)



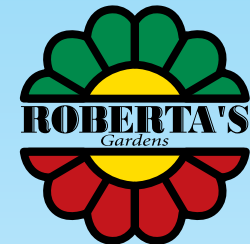
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QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Sun to Part Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	4-10
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	15-20 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	4-6 inches tall 15-18 inches wide
BLOOM TIME:	Mid Summer–Autumn
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F.
<small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	

PLANTING GUIDE

1 STEP	The foliage may appear wilted or yellow. No worries. Water the plant thoroughly and gently remove any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.
2 STEP	Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Plant your new plants at the same depth as the existing soil level in the pot and tease the roots out a little to encourage quick establishment. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone. Water thoroughly.
3 STEP	Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Re-pot the plants into at least 10 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container. Plants in containers need more frequent watering and feeding, especially when in active growth and bloom.
4 STEP	Planted now they will begin blooming mid-to-late summer.

CONTINUING CARE

SHELF LIFE
Plant in garden immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40 degrees.

PLANT PREPARATION
Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred and don't perk up after the first watering.

SOIL
Plants need a lean well-drained soil. Sandy or rocky soil is preferred.

POTTED PLANTS
These will also perform well in containers. Re-pot the plants into at least 10 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container using a well-drained potting soil and place in a sunny location.

SOIL PREPARATION
Amend clay soil with compost or potting mix to increase drainage. They need good drainage to withstand wet winters. Avoid death from "wet feet" by placing them in a dry area that drains well.

GARDEN PREPARATION
This groundcover is well-suited for sunny dry, rocky locations around the house or any slope needing some color but not a lot of water. They're also great for cascading over a stone wall.

PLANTING DEPTH AND SPACING
Plant these separately spacing about 15-20 inches apart.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH
These will grow about 4 to 6 inches tall and 15 to 18 inches wide. These will grow and fill in wonderfully. A little slow at first, but after a couple seasons it will spread out nicely without worry of them being invasive. It displays a shrubby habit rather than being a rampant spreader.

WATER
Water them thoroughly upon planting. Young plants should be watered regularly during dry periods; established plantings need only twice-a-month watering, but will accept weekly watering in hot climates.

FERTILIZER
For best results, use Roberta's Flower Magic plant food (M7503) once a month from April - September.

LIGHTING
Full sun, in hotter regions they prefer morning sun and afternoon shade. It is heat and drought tolerant once established.

BLOOMING
Starting mid-to-late summer these will begin to produce a profusion of bright-orange flowers. Regular watering when in bloom will help to keep the flowers coming.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 4-10
When nights stay above 40 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there. They can withstand winter temperatures to minus 25F.

PRUNING
A light pruning may be required occasionally in the spring.

PROPAGATION
You may propagate by dividing the plants in early spring or by stem cuttings in the fall.

WINTER DORMANCY
Evergreen in mild winter regions, elsewhere it's important to let them die back naturally and cover the crown of the plants with a couple inches of dried leaves or mulch in late fall. In the spring remove any remaining mulch and lightly prune if necessary.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Orange carpet®
Shipped as Shown



Scarlet orange trumpet shaped blooms



Great non-invasive groundcover



Wonderful low-growing mounding habit



Thrives in dry, rocky soils



Absolute hummingbird magnet