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### **Sombrero Hot Coral Coneflower**

***Echinacea 'Balsomcor'***

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Sombrero Series

#### **Description:**

A remarkable variety with eye catching color; strong and bushy habit that is ideal for sunny borders and mixed containers; large and fragrant flowers have striking coral petals with orange tips, surrounding a copper cone; deadhead spent blooms.

#### **Ornamental Features**

Sombrero Hot Coral Coneflower has masses of beautiful lightly-scented coral-pink daisy flowers with coppery-bronze eyes and orange tips at the ends of the stems from mid summer to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Sombrero Hot Coral Coneflower is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds 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.

Sombrero Hot Coral Coneflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Sombrero Hot Coral Coneflower  
flowers*

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*Sombrero Hot Coral Coneflower flowers*

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

### **Planting & Growing**

Sombrero Hot Coral Coneflower will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 20 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Sombrero Hot Coral Coneflower 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.