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Love Lies Bleeding

Amaranthus caudatus

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Love-Lies-Bleeding

Ornamental Features

Love Lies Bleeding features bold chains of cherry red flowers dangling from the stems from mid summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its large textured pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Love Lies Bleeding is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Love Lies Bleeding is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Love Lies Bleeding will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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 species is not originally from North America.



Love Lies Bleeding flowers
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