



Red Sister Hawaiian Ti Plant

Cordyline fruticosa 'Red Sister'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:  

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Good Luck Plant

Description:

Young leaves on this variety emerge brilliant pink, then gradually darken to cherry red with burgundy-black variegation; spectacular when massed on the landscape; perfect for adding a lush, tropical look to patio borders

Ornamental Features

Red Sister Hawaiian Ti Plant is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive black-variegated cherry red foliage which emerges hot pink in spring. The crinkled sword-like leaves are highly ornamental and remain cherry red throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Red Sister Hawaiian Ti Plant is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should never be pruned except to remove any dieback, as it tends not to take pruning well. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Red Sister Hawaiian Ti Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Container Planting



Red Sister Hawaiian Ti Plant foliage
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Planting & Growing

Red Sister Hawaiian Ti Plant will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Red Sister Hawaiian Ti Plant makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.