



Black Leaf Shooting Star

Pseuderanthemum atropurpureum
'*Rubrum*'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Black Varnish Plant

Description:

A dramatic variety with large lacquered, deep burgundy leaves; primarily grown for foliage; white flowers with purple spots appear throughout the season; a great tropical look in a mixed container

Features & Attributes

Black Leaf Shooting Star's attractive glossy oval leaves emerge crimson, turning burgundy in color throughout the year. It features dainty white star-shaped flowers with purple spots along the stems from late spring to early fall. The dark red stems can be quite attractive and add to the plant's interest.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Black Leaf Shooting Star can be expected to grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It prefers to grow in average to moist soil. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.



Black Leaf Shooting Star foliage
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There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A TROPICAL PLANT AND SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --