

CONGA™ RED CALIBRACHOA

Calibrachoa hybrida



Characteristics

- Type: Tender Perennial
- Zone: 9 to 11
- Height: 6-10 Inches
- Spread: 8-10 Inches
- Spacing: 10 Inches
- Bloom Time: June to frost
- Bloom Description: Red
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Medium
- Fertilize: Every two weeks
- Maintenance: Low
- Suggested Use: Annual
- Flower: Showy

Culture

Tender perennial that is winter hardy to USDA Zones 9-11. In Zone 8, it is grown as an annual. It is easily grown in moist, organically rich, well-drained soils in full sun. Tolerates very light shade, but flowering decreases as the amount of part shade increases. Also tolerates drought. An abundance of bright blooms covers these well-branched, trailing plants. Plant are self-cleaning so they stay neat and tidy all season without the need for dead-heading. However, they do benefit from a serious cutting back towards the end of the summer. A very important color addition, a solid red is a must-have. The Conga Red is a bit more vigorous than the rest of the series.

Noteworthy Characteristics

Calibrachoa or trailing petunia is a tender perennial which produces flowers that look like small petunias. These are compact, mounded plants which grow 3-9" tall on mostly trailing stems. Sometimes commonly called million bells, these plants are prolific bloomers that produce hundreds of 1" wide flowers from spring to frost. Flower colors include shades of violet, blue, pink, red, magenta, yellow, bronze, and white. *Calibrachoa* is not recognized as a separate genus by many authorities including the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and Hortus Third. It is sometimes sold in commerce as *Petunia* 'Million Bells'. Calibrachoa plants have simple demands: They require sunlight, enough water, and food. The plant is not hard to care for, but paying attention to its needs will keep it blooming from spring well into fall. While they can be planted in garden beds, they fare much better in containers.

Problems

No serious insect or disease problems.

Garden Uses

Best in hanging baskets, containers or as a small area ground cover. Also may be used in border fronts or rock gardens.