Town & Country gardens

Million Bells® Crackling Fire Calibrachoa

Calibrachoa 'Million Bells Crackling Fire'



Million Bells Crackling Fire Calibrachoa flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Mini Petunia

Group/Class: Million Bells Series

Description:

Free flowering with a compact trailing habit, this series is ideal for hanging baskets, patio containers, beds and borders; continuous blooming from late spring to autumn; low maintenance and easy to grow

Ornamental Features

Million Bells Crackling Fire Calibrachoa is clothed in stunning orange trumpet-shaped flowers with peach overtones and red centers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its small pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Million Bells Crackling Fire Calibrachoa is a dense herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. 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. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees 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.

Million Bells Crackling Fire Calibrachoa is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

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Planting & Growing

Million Bells Crackling Fire Calibrachoa will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant 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. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Million Bells Crackling Fire Calibrachoa is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.