

Botanical Name: Tropaeolum majus

Common Name: Nasturtium

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Character annual

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape mounding, sprawling plants--some varieties compact,  
rounded upright--some varieties climbing, sprawling, vining

Height 1-1/2 to 4' Spread 2-6' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil prefers a fairly light soil, but tolerates most

Hardiness some frost

Morphology:

Leaves peltate, orbicular to reniform, blue-green, 2-4" across

Flowers spring to mid-summer, maroon to red, orange yellow to  
white, 2-1/2" across, rear-pointing spur

Fruit wrinkled 3-section capsule

Propagation: seed

Usage: bedding plants, trailing varieties will climb fences,  
sprawl on banks--good for quick flower color; makes interesting hanging basket  
plant for foliage and flowers

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular summer watering

Fertilizing generally none

Pruning pinch to encourage bushy, full growth in containers

Pests/Diseases aphids, spider mites

Special Conditions flowers & leaves are edible

Origin: South America Family: Tropaeolaceae