

Botanical Name: Celosia cristata

Common Name: Cockscomb

Type of Plant: dicot: sp. annual Character annual

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, single-stemmed plant with coral-like velvety

flower clusters held above the foliage

Height 1-3' Spread 10-12" Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil needs good drainage

Hardiness tender--best in hot-summer climates

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, ovate to elliptical, 2-3" long undulate margin--
frequently tinted with red or purple

Flowers curious, contorted or fluted flower clusters orange,
yellow, red, violet

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: seed

Usage: good in beds or pots--used for intense flower color and
curious flowers. Sometimes mixed with other plants, but often used alone

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates drought--but looks best with regular watering

Fertilizing low N fertilizer, twice monthly

Pruning remove spent flowers to prolong bloom

Pests/Diseases whitefly

Special Conditions

Origin: Trop.Amer. Family: Amaranthaceae