



The Flame Nasturtium

| Nomenclature and Origin | | |
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| Genus | Tropaeolum (Nasturtium) (80 species) | 1 , 2 , 3 , 4 , 8 |
| Species | speciosum | 2 |
| Common Names | Flame Nasturtium Flame Flower Flame Creeper Flame Indian Cress Flame Nasturtium Globe of Fire | 1 , 2 , 9 , 10 , 12 , 16 |
| Related Species (Most common) | Tropaeolum majus, garden nasturtium | 4 , 3 , 5 , 8 |
| Native Country | Chile (called coralita, quintralito or voqui) | 1 , 2 , 6 |
| Other Countries | New Zealand, Scotland | 1 , 7 |

| Cultivation Properties and Uses | | | | | |
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| Life Cycle | Perennial | 11 , | USDA Hardiness Zone | 7 -10 | 1 , 2 , 10 |
| Flower Color | Red | | Height | 8 to 10 ft | 1 , 10 , 11 , 12 |
| Fragrance | nd | | Width | 3 to 4 feet | 10 |
| Bloom Time | Summer to early fall | 10 | Water Needs | Moderate moisture | 14 |
| Fruit | blue berries | 2 , 3 | Soil pH | 6.0 to 7.0 | 10 , 14 |
| Sun | Full sun to partial shade | 2 , 10 | Soil Type | Well-drained, moist fertile soil, humus-rich | 10 , 15 |
| Propagation Methods | Seeds (difficult to germinate) or division | 9 , 10 , 13 | Growth Pattern | Climbing, trailing habit | 10 , 15 |
| Time for Full Growth | 5-10 years | 9 | Landscape Uses | trellises, arbors, pergolas, wall-side, borders | 10 , 15 |
| Pruning | In early spring, cut dead growth down to ground level | 9 , 11 , 15 | Companion Plants | other climbing or trailing flowers | 15 |
| Fragrance | nd | | Maintenance Effort | Low (but difficult to establish) | 4 , 10 , 13 |
| Attracts | Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds | 10 | Deer Resistant | Yes | 10 |
| Edible | nd | 10 | Nutritional Value | nd | |
| Medicinal Use | nd | | Magical Properties | nd | |
| nd = not determined na = not applicable | | | | | |

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