

Arkansas Diamonds Plants:

(*Lantana camara* ‘Hot Blooded’)

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General Information

Hot Blooded™ Lantana

Scientific Name: *Lantana camara*

Pronunciation: lahn-TA-nuh kah-MAR-ah

Common Name: Lantana;
Red Lantana

Family: *Verbeneaceae*

Plant Type: Summer herbaceous
annual

Uses: Mass plantings; accent;
small groupings

USDA Hardiness Zones: 7A through
11B

Origin: Native to the West Indies,
Mexico, and to Tropical America

Availability: Widely available in the
trade

Description

Height: 18-24 inches

Spread: 18-24 inches

Plant Habit/Form: Clumping;
Spreading

Growth Rate: Rapid

Texture: Medium

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Flowers

Color: Red

Flower Value to Gardener: Attractive
flowers; pollinator attractant;
fragrant; showy and long-lasting

Bloom Time: Summer through Fall

Shape: Star; tubular flowers

Petals: 4-5 petals/ray

Size: < 1 inch

Description: 1-2 inch spherical
clusters of tubular red, orange
to yellow flowers, with five lobes
in flat-topped clusters in long
stalks.

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Leaves

Color: Green

Feel: Rough

Shape: Ovate

Length: 3-6 inches

Description: Long simple leaves on an opposite arrangement that are serrate, ovate in shape and fragrant when crushed

Culture

Light Requirement: Full sun (6 or more hours of direct sunlight a day)

Soil Tolerances: Tolerant of wide variety of soils

Drought Tolerance: Moderate

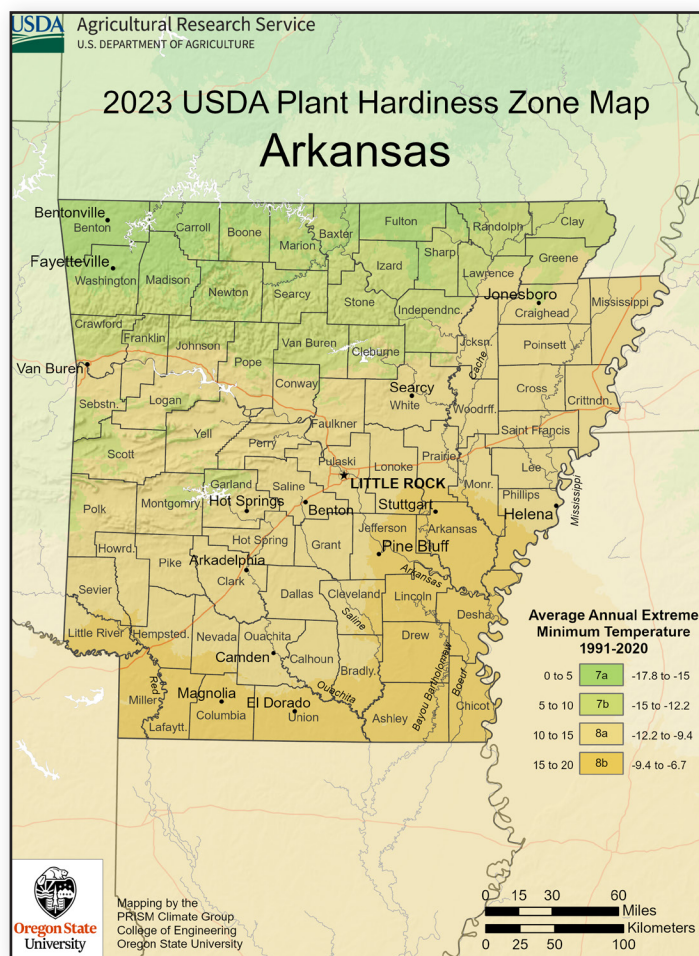
Plant spacing: 24-36 inches

Use and Management

Once established, Hot Blooded™ lantana, like many of its cousins, is tolerant of most landscape conditions. Like other full sun annuals, flowering can be reduced in partial shade. This plant is a fast grower and will quickly grow to fill the area where it is planted, and will root readily when the stems touch the ground.

Lantanas do pose a medium poison risk to humans and pets, as all parts of the plant are

Figure 1: USDA Hardiness zones represented in Arkansas.



poisonous, if ingested. Toxicity symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, dilated pupils, labored respiration, and general weakness. Livestock that have fed on lantana have exhibited liver failure. For those with extra sensitivity, the leaves can cause contact dermatitis.



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