

Arkansas Diamonds Plants: (*Plectranthus scutellarioides* Flamethrower™ Series)

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General Information

Flamethrower™ Series Coleus

Scientific Name: *Plectranthus scutellarioides*

Pronunciation: PLEK-tran-thus
skoo-tell-AR-ee-oh-ides

Common Name: Coleus

Family: *Lamiaceae*

Plant Type: Summer herbaceous
annual

Uses: Mass plantings; containers;
mixed borders, shade gardens

USDA Hardiness Zones: Grown as
an annual in all zones; hardy in
zones 10-11

Origin: Southeast Asia

Availability: Widely available in the
trade

Description

Height: 12-18" tall
(varies by cultivar)

Spread: 16-18" wide

Plant Habit/Form: Upright to
mounding

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast

Texture: Coarse

Foliage

Color: Varies by cultivar; fiery
combinations of red, bronze,
orange, lime, chartreuse,
burgundy, and pink

Leaf Value to Gardener: Striking
foliage provides continuous color;
excellent contrast in shady
locations

Bloom Time: Inconspicuous flowers;
primarily grown for foliage

Leaf Shape: Ovate to lanceolate

Size: 2 – 5 inches long

Description: Boldly colored leaves
with serrated margins; foliage is
the main ornamental feature

Culture

Light Requirement: Full sun (6 or
more hours of direct sunlight a
day). Partial shade (Direct
sunlight only part of the day,
2-6 hours)

Soil Tolerances: Well-drained soil
rich in organic matter

Drought Tolerance: Moderate;
benefits from consistent
moisture

Plant spacing: 12-18 inches

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Use and Management

The Flamethrower™ series of coleus offers a vibrant and fiery palette that is ideal for mass plants and container displays. These cultivars were bred to thrive in any condition, sun or shade, and maintain compact, well branched habits. Their striking foliage eliminates the need for flowers and offers color from planting until frost. Regular pinching encourages bushier growth, and flowering can be suppressed for best foliage appearance.

Although not toxic, coleus should not be consumed. Some individuals may develop mild skin irritation when handling.

Cultivars



'Adobo Pink'



'Chipotle'



'Cajun Spice'



'Habanero'



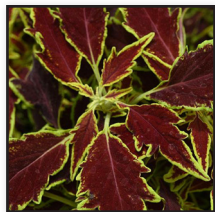
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'Salsa Roja'



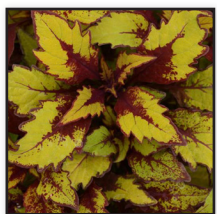
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'Serrano'

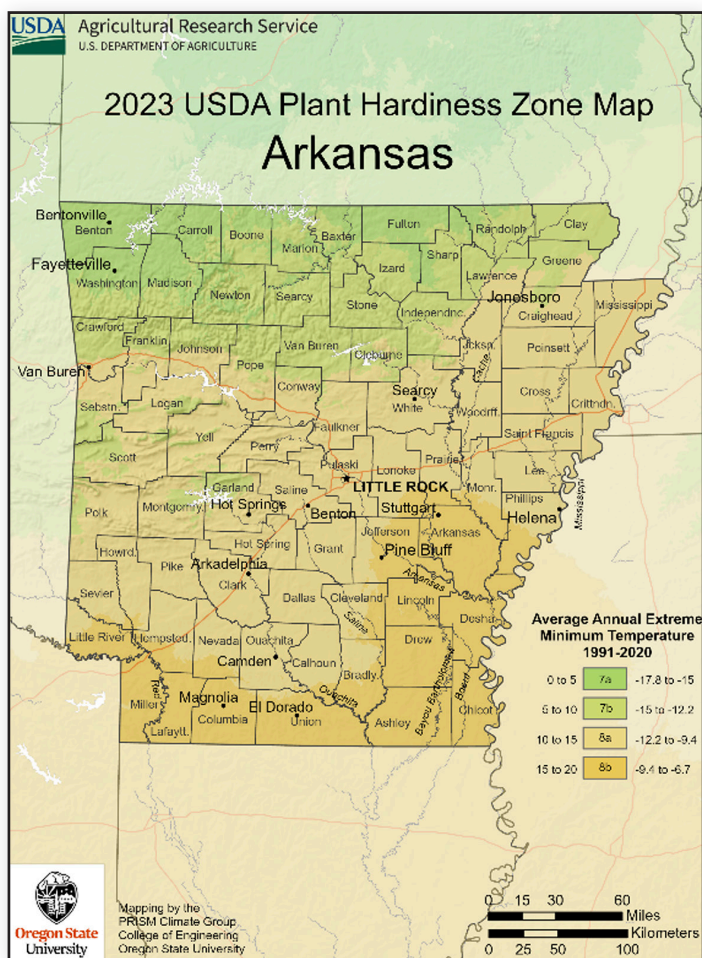


'Siracha'



'Spiced Curry'

Figure 1: USDA Hardiness Zones represented in Arkansas.



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