



Centradenia 'Blushing Cascade'

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Billows of light shell pink blossoms provide a dramatic accent to the trailing, bronzy red leaves. Spectacular fall foliage of orange and crimson and nearly nonstop blooming add to the performance.

USES

This very hardy annual holds color well into fall, tolerates temperatures close to freezing and may overwinter in areas with very mild winters. It looks great in mixed baskets and large containers, or all by itself, and can be used as a shrubby landscape annual for sites with partial shade and moist soil. It can be grown in a smaller pot for sale as a container component, or in baskets or larger pots for blooming sales. Since 'Blushing Cascade's habit is semiupright and denser than the species, it produces a fuller pot and more bloom across the top of the container.

GROWER NOTES

The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.

- Use a fast-draining, annual mix and constant liquid feed for best results.
- Pinch young plants to produce well-branched plants.

- Use daminozide (B-Nine®, Dazide™) to help shorten internode length and produce more compact plants if grown in warm, lower light conditions.
- Simple to grow, but watch for *Alternaria* or other foliage diseases and treat with the appropriate fungicides promptly. Occasionally aphids or mites may be a problem.
- Mature plants may become woody near the crown. Trim regularly to keep plants full, but plants should recover well from a harder trim if needed.
- For a faster finish for baskets and large container liners, transplant into an intermediate size.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 18–24"/24"
- Spread: 18"
- Bloom: Summer–frost

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- 4" from a 105-cell liner: 4 weeks
- 10" basket from 105-cell liner: 12–16 weeks (using 4–5 liners per pot)

PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited
C. 'Blushing Cascade': COPF, USPPP