



Big Top Caramel Apple Coral Bells Heuchera 'Caramel Apple'

Height: 20 inches Spread: 18 inches Spacing: 18 inches

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Coralbells, Alumroot

Description:

Dainty cream bells rise from a large, dense mound of foliage that emerge burgundy-red and transition to caramel browns in the summer; amazing contrast to other plants; great versatility; keep soil moist in heat of summer

Ornamental Features

Big Top Caramel Apple Coral Bells features dainty spikes of creamy white bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. Its attractive crinkled lobed leaves emerge burgundy in spring, turning harvest gold in color with showy brown variegation and tinges of dark red the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Big Top Caramel Apple Coral Bells is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Big Top Caramel Apple Coral Bells Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Big Top Caramel Apple Coral Bells foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Big Top Caramel Apple Coral Bells is recommended for the following landscape applications;



- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Big Top Caramel Apple Coral Bells will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Big Top Caramel Apple Coral Bells is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.