

Pagoda Flower

Clerodendrum paniculatum L.



Drought resistant / grows in sun or shade.

BUTTERFLIES LOVE IT!

Multiplies with underground runners, but is not as aggressive as other Clerodendrum species. Fairly easily contained.

Planting Instructions:

Most (or all) of the leaves have been removed from your plants to assure survival of the root and stem. These leaves will grow back once the root system is re-established.

Although your Pagoda Flowers can be grown in full sun, partial shade or full shade, it is suggested that when they first arrive you get them re-established in full (or mostly) shade to allow them to recover from the transplanting and the shipping. If your final garden spot is in full sun, or if you can't keep them well watered there, then plant in pots and allow them to re-establish their roots and then transplant from the pots to their final destination. In garden, plant in well-draining soil about 12" – 15" apart. These spread via underground runners – allow room around them so babies will not crowd other plants. Plant deep enough to cover roots and a bit deeper. The stem will develop more roots if you plant it an inch or two deeper. Do not let water stand on these plants, but water in well and water lightly each day, allowing the water to drain. Always use well-draining soil. Keep in pots until you see signs that they have recovered from the transplant/shipping (not wilted, leaves and top growth stand up all day, new leaves forming on trunk); about 10 – 14 days during the growing season (may take longer in cooler weather).

After the initial period, Pagoda Flowers are a care-free perennial, very tolerant of dry conditions, especially if planted in the shade or part shade. Periodic fertilizer applications (10-10-10 or whatever fertilizer you use in your garden) will help them thrive, but it is not necessary. They will die back with a frost in the winter, but will re-bud in the spring. They are hardy to USDA Zone 8. Can be container grown and brought indoors during the winter in colder zones.

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