BELARINA® Valentine Primrose

Primula vulgaris 'Belarina Valentine'



BELARINA Valentine Primrose flowers
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Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: English Primrose

Description:

An outstanding selection from a refined series, with sizable, scarlet red double flowers that bloom profusely over a long season, over compact, dark green foliage; hardy and prefers sheltered shaded areas but will tolerate dry soil for a while



BELARINA Valentine Primrose in bloom
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Ornamental Features

BELARINA Valentine Primrose features delicate clusters of double scarlet star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from early to late spring. Its crinkled oval leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

BELARINA Valentine Primrose is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

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 bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

BELARINA Valentine Primrose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

BELARINA Valentine Primrose will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 10 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

BELARINA Valentine Primrose is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.