



Firetail Fleeceflower

Persicaria amplexicaulis 'Firetail'

Buckwheat Family (Polygonaceae)

Zones: 5-8

Full to Part Sun

Moderate Water

Location: Four Seasons Garden

This vigorous and hardy perennial blooms from early summer into autumn with magenta to crimson colored flowers on slender spikes. The plants form tall bright green clumps that create a great contrasting background to the flowers. The leaves, enhanced by prominent midribs, narrow to a fine tip and have heart-shaped bases with attractive wavy edges.

Individual Fleeceflower plants form fast-growing, four foot tall clumps and spread outward from the roots. This makes them perfect for covering large areas in a garden or for naturalizing a woodland or meadow garden. Even though this plant is a steady spreader, it is not considered to be invasive in any way.

It performs best with moderate to moist soil and does not tolerate being dry for too long. For the most impressive display year after year, cut back to the ground in the fall.

This is a great plant to attract honeybees, native bees and butterflies to your garden.