Chicklet® Orange Esperanza

Tecoma 'TEC14004'



Chicklet Orange Esperanza flowers
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Orange Trumpet Flower, Cahauto

Description:

A heat loving, compact variety with a tropical appearance, featuring clusters of showy orange flowers from dark red buds all season long; a perfect thriller for containers or as a planting for smaller spaces



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Ornamental Features

Chicklet Orange Esperanza features showy clusters of orange trumpet-shaped flowers with red overtones and yellow throats along the branches from early summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive crimson flower buds. It has dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The serrated pointy leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Chicklet Orange Esperanza is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Chicklet Orange Esperanza is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Chicklet Orange Esperanza will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Chicklet Orange Esperanza makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.