

# Persian Ruby Daylily Hemerocallis 'Persian Ruby'

Hardiness Zone: 4

# **Description:**

Striking extra-large, deep purple-red flowers with spoon shaped petals and contrasting green throats, rise above low growing mounds of arching green foliage; midsummer bloomer; tetraploid; great for adding color to beds, borders, or containers

Persian Ruby Daylily flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Ornamental Features**

Persian Ruby Daylily features bold plum purple trumpet-shaped flowers with dark red overtones, light green throats and yellow centers at the ends of the stems in mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

# **Landscape Attributes**

Persian Ruby Daylily is an herbaceous perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Persian Ruby Daylily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

## **Planting & Growing**

Persian Ruby Daylily will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

Persian Ruby Daylily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.