# Trailing Plum Brocade Coleus

***Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Trailing Plum Brocade'***



*Trailing Plum Brocade Coleus foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9b

**Description:**

A beautiful trailing coleus, presenting small, deep purple leaves with bright plum colored edges; an excellent choice for hanging baskets, or cascading color from patio containers

**Ornamental Features**

Trailing Plum Brocade Coleus' attractive small crinkled pointy leaves remain fuchsia in color with distinctive white edges and tinges of burgundy throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

**Landscape Attributes**

Trailing Plum Brocade Coleus is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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. The flowers of this plant may actually detract from its ornamental features, so they can be removed as they appear. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



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Trailing Plum Brocade Coleus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

**Bandera Location**
**8516 Bandera Road**
**San Antonio, TX 78250**
**(210) 680-2394**

**Thousand Oaks Location**
**2585 Thousand Oaks**
**San Antonio, TX 78232**
**(210) 494-6131**

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

**Planting & Growing**

Trailing Plum Brocade Coleus will grow to be about 10 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 20 inches apart. 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 a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in full shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Trailing Plum Brocade Coleus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the larger 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.