

Alternanthera ficoidea

(Joseph's coat, Thread Alternanthera)

Joseph's coat is usually grown for it's colored leaves that makes it an accent plant in the landscape.

It grows in full or partial sun, in fertile soil of any type.

Nice-looking when used in flower beds or containers. Could be used as annual although being a tender perinnial.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Caractère des hommes

Arabic Name: لَقْمَة الحَمَل, لَوَيْق, نَمُول

Pronunciation: al-ter-NANTH-ur-uh fy-KOY-dee-uh

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Mexico, South America, Argentina, Brazil

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Indoor, Container, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape:

Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m

Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Purple, Variegated

Color(changing season): Green, Purple

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Surface Rooting: No

Edible Parts: Leaf

Pests: Mites

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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