

Alternanthera brasiliiana



Genus: Alternanthera
Family: Amaranthaceae
Order: Caryophyllales
Class: Magnoliopsida
Phylum: Angiosperms

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Generally considered non-toxic to humans and animals herb.
Invasiveness: Not typically invasive.
Plant Type: Herbaceous perennial or annual.
Lifespan: Perennial or annual, depending on climate.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: Can vary depending on cultivar and growing conditions, typically ranges from 6 inches to 3 feet.
Spread: Can spread up to 2 feet.
Leaf Color: Typically green, sometimes with red or purple undersides.
Bloom Time: Summer to fall.
Flower Size: Small, inconspicuous.
Flower Color: White or yellow.

Distribution:

Origin: Native to regions of the Americas, including Brazil.
Habitat: Found in various habitats, including open fields, disturbed areas, and along waterways.

Care:

Difficulty: Generally easy to moderate.
Toughness: Resilient and adaptable to different growing conditions.
Maintenance: Low to moderate.
Watering: Keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged, particularly during periods of active growth.
Pruning: Regular pruning can help maintain shape and control growth.
Propagation: Can be propagated from stem cuttings or seeds.
Repotting: Not applicable for most garden settings, as it typically grows in beds or containers.

Conditions:

Temperature: Thrives in warm temperatures between 18°C to 29°C.
Hardiness Zone: Typically grown as an annual in cooler climates, but can be perennial in USDA hardiness zones 9-11.
Sun Requirements: Prefers full sun to partial shade.
Soil Type: Well-draining soil with good organic content.
Use: Ornamental plant for ground cover, borders, edging, and container planting, valued for its vibrant foliage and low-maintenance growth.
Location: Ideal for tropical gardens, warm-climate landscapes, and urban greenery.

