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Florida Peperomia

Peperomia obtusifolia

Height: 12 inches

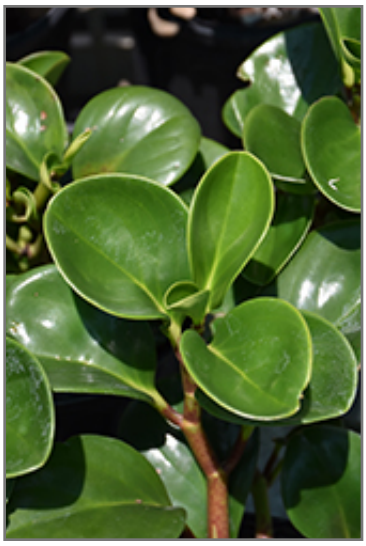
Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: American Rubber Plant, Baby Rubber Plant



Florida Peperomia foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

A beautiful plant grown primarily for its attractive, spoon shaped, shiny dark green foliage; prefers bright shade, avoid direct afternoon sun; a great selection for patio containers or frost free beds

Ornamental Features

Florida Peperomia's attractive small glossy oval leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The brick red stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.



Florida Peperomia
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Landscape Attributes

Florida Peperomia 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Florida Peperomia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Florida Peperomia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium 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 partial shade to full shade. Keep it well 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Florida Peperomia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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.

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