

COLEUS SCUTELLARIOIDES

'REDHEAD'



Fam. Lamiaceae

DESCRIPTION

Bushy and woody plant, widely cultivated, characterised by very decorative heart-shaped leaves.

LEAVES

Leaf margins are jagged; the 'Redhead' cultivar is characterised by bright red leaves.

STEM

With a quadrangular section, the stem can grow up to 1 m tall, with well-branched stems.

HABITAT

Plant native to Southeast Asia.

DISTRIBUTION

At our latitude, it is grown as an indoor plant or in gardens and parks in flower beds or borders.

FLOWERS

Flowering occurs in summer. The flowers are small and inconspicuous, blue-lilac and gathered in spike-shaped inflorescences, similar to those of sage and basil. They bloom in the summer.

ROOTS

Tuberose.

INTERESTING FACTS

The first specimens of coleus were brought to Europe at the end of the eighteenth century, however, this plant became popular only half a century ago, when colourful gardens started to take hold. This plant symbolises spells; indeed, the extraordinary colour of its foliage seems magic. Another common name for this plant is painted nettle.

