



Botanical Name	<i>Acalypha wilkesiana</i> Macrophylla
Common Name	Copper Leaf , Beefstake Plant, Heart Leaf
Mature Size	6 to 10 feet
Bloom Color	Brown, Bronze, Pink, Olive Green
Bloom Period	Summer
Boom Form	Nondescript Bronze to Pink
Water	Moderate
Light	Full Sun to Light Shade
USDA Zone	9B & South
Fragrance	None
Uses	Accent, Hedges, Potted
Special Features	High Colored Foliage



*Acalypha wilkesiana* are a species of upright growing tropical shrubs grown primarily highly colorful leaves generally in tones of red, maroon, bronze, deep olive and dusty peach. There are many cultivars and much confusion and expert disagreement on exactly which cultivar is which. Macrophylla is an old cultivar and among the first to be widely grown in the southern ornamental landscape market.

It grows into large, full, rounded shrub maturing at about 6 to 10 feet. Leaves begin as a deep olive green and develop splashes and speckles of various other colors as they age. Colors will change with seasons, stage of growth, and amount of light. Leaf color is less intense with increasing shade. It does flower, but blooms are nondescript. This plant is grown for color in foliage.

Copper Leaf makes a great as accent or as mass planting. Easy to grow and requires little maintenance aside adequate watering and frequent light pruning to refresh color and maintain shape and size.

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants is not recommended. For the best results, we suggest potting the starter into a large pot and allowing the root system to better develop before setting it out within the recommended USDA Zone Range.

When the new pot has filled with roots, and the plant is ready to be planted, here a few helpful hints for successfully growing the *Night Blooming Jasmine*:

- Plant in fertile, well draining, slightly acidic soil. Amend the planting area with high quality compost as required.
- Supply supplemental irrigation until very well established.
- Prune lightly and often while the plant is young and becoming established to build interior body and strength. Prune after flowering to maintain size, shape and color,
- Protect from freezing.

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