

Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	Acalypha wilkensisiana
Common Name	Copperleaf Mardis Gras
Mature Size	3 ft. x 3 ft.
Bloom Color	Brown
Bloom Period	Summer
Bloom Form	Nondescript
Water	Moderate
Light	Full Sun to Light Shade
Fragrance	None
Uses	Shade Garden accent, bedding, potted, indoor/outdoor
Special Features	Colorful Foliage
USDA Hardiness	9, 10, 11



Mardis Gras Copper Leaf or **Cypress Elf** is a more unusual and lesser known *acalypha* cultivar. It has interesting variegated foliage in shades of peach, bronze, pink, and shades of green. Colors will change with seasons, stage of growth, and amount of light. Perhaps its most interesting and appealing feature is that it has a very tight, interesting curling growth habit that give the colorful leaves the appearance of having a ruffle along the margins.

This **Copper Leaf** is tropical and fully winter hardy outdoors only in zones 10B and 11. It can be grown outdoors in Zone 9, with cold protection. However it makes wonderful, and long lasting seasonal color pots in almost every climate. It is cold sensitive and requires protection from temperature below 35°F. Brief dips below freezing will cause burn and defoliation, prolonged exposure to cold temps will be fatal.

The **Copper Leaf** will grow in a wide range of soil types and in the full sun but preforms best in very light dappled shade in slightly acidic highly organic soil. Leaf color is less intense with increasing shade. It does flower, but blooms are nondescript. This plant is grown for color in foliage. 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.

Find a larger starter size **Mardis Gras Copperleaf** on our website and skip the wait to maturity on your starter plug!

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For quick answers to your growing or planting questions, just email us at service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com

If you don't know your USDA Planting Zone, you can check the map on our website site at emeraldgoddessgardens.com

Please accept this gift from our garden:

- It is sent with our thanks, and in an effort to keep the old tradition of pass-along plants alive.
- We understand that it might not be a plant you like, or even have spot for. If that should be the case, then please pass it along to a friend. (Along with our contact information, we hope!)
- We change the type of plant that we enclose frequently, so you can anticipate a new surprise with each new order.
- *Enjoy, and please come back often!*

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Care of your starter plug:

Direct planting of starter plugs directly into landscaped is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new starter plug, we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately re-pot the new plant into a 6-8 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, **slow release** plant food according to the label directions.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum, light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strength the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly
- Protect from freeze and frost
- Allow the new plot to fill with roots before setting out in the landscape in the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant.

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