



## Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	<i>Ixora coccinea</i> 'Maui'
Common Name	Maui
Mature Size	2'x2'
Bloom Color	Orange Red
Bloom Period	Summer to Mid Fall
Boom Form	Clusters Star Shaped Florets
Water	Moderate
Light	Best in Full Sun
USDA Zone	10 & South
Fragrance	None
Uses	Border, Low Hedge, Potted
Special Features	Bright showy blooms



*Ixoras* are a large genus of several hundred species of tropical flowering shrubs that are native to tropical Asia and India and widely cultivated elsewhere as additions to tropical landscapes and as potted plants.

The **Maui Ixora** will mature into a low growing oval shaped shrub at about 2 to 2.5 feet. It has the typical pointed ovoid shaped leaves of the *Ixora*. The foliage grows dense and tight, and the new growth is a pretty dark red bronze color.

Bright multi-shaded blooms, ranging in color from scarlet red to orange, appear in large clusters of hundreds of small florets, beginning in the late spring to early summer and repeating until the nights drop out of the 70's. The florets are small, rounded five petaled single flowers, and each stem generally will have 2 to 3 cluster heads.

There is also a peach/yellow cultivar called **Maui Sunset**.



For the best results with **Maui Ixoras**:

- Plant in a full sun location
- Provide supplemental irrigation.
- Amend soil to be slightly acidic.
- Treat symptoms of iron and magnesium deficiency promptly with supplemental nutrients
- Prune for shape annually
- Feed a good quality slow release plant food 2x yearly
- Protect from frost and freeze.

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## **Care of Your New Ixora Plant**

Here are a few basic guidelines for handling and caring for your new Ixora plant:

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants directly into the landscape is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new plant 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 unpack, remove the wrappings and shipping gel and discard the gell.
- Re-pot the new plant into a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media. Ixoras prefer a slightly acid media.
- Apply a high quality, slow release plant food according to the label directions. A product formulated for acid loving plants is preferable. Do not use hot, all chemical fertilizes like 6-6-6 or 10-10-10.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun until it grows large enough to plant.
- Maintain consistent and uniform moisture in the soil. Take care not to over water.
- Packing crystals may be reused to conserve water, but do so with caution as they hold 6000 times their weight in water.
- 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 (such as Miracle Grow) every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often after flowering between July and September, when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape. Note: Pruning in the Fall will decrease number of flowers in the Spring.
- Monitor for signs of disease, insects or nutritional deficiencies and treat accordingly.
- Protect from frost and freeze until well established.

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