



Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	<i>Ixora coccinea</i> 'Nora Grant'
Common Name	Nora Grant
Mature Size	3'x3'
Bloom Color	Bright Pink
Bloom Period	Summer to Early Fall
Boom Form	Star Shaped Clusters
Water	Moderate
Light	Full Sun to Vry Lt Shade
USDA Zone	10 & South
Fragrance	None
Uses	Hedge, Accent, Specimen, Potted
Special Features	EZ to Grow



The **Nora Grant Ixora** matures into a medium sized flowering tropical shrub about 3 feet x 3 feet. It has large elongated glossy leaves and a dense, tight, growth habit. It blooms in big star shaped clusters of bright clear pink florets from early summer until well into the fall in warm tropical and semi tropical climates; generally peaking in late September to October. The flowers are nectar rich and attract hummingbirds and butterflies. With good fertilize and adequate irrigation, flower clusters will be 4 inches to 6 inches across.

Nora Grant Ixora is native to Tropical Asia and Southern India. This ixora is very cold sensitive. Even in the tropics it will enter a dormant state when the nights drop into the 50's. Decline in color and overall vigor should be mostly ignored in the winter months, as the plant is not sick, but just resting. As soon as warm nights and sunny days return, these soon return in all their tropical glory.

This is one of the most popular and widely used landscape ixoras for the tropical and subtropical landscape. It is attractive as a single specimen or plant several in grouping or hedge for maximum impact. It is especially nice as an anchor layer with lower growing bedding plants in front in a bright contrasting color. Looks really good in combo with bright yellows and pure whites, lavenders and purples.

Direct planting of 4 inch size starter plants is not generally recommended, so for the best results with your new ixora plant, we recommend it be repotted and allowed to grow larger before setting out in a tropical to subtropical landscape.

When the new pot has filled with roots and the plant is larger, then here a few hints for successful growing in the landscape. Ixoras can be grown as a potted plants indefinitely.

- Plant in fertile well draining, slightly acidic soil (amend with high quality compost as needed)
- Locate in full sun.
- Provide regular irrigation to maintain consistent soil moisture.
- Feed a good quality, slow release, bloom boosting plant food with the initial planting and twice yearly thereafter.
- Supplement with a water soluble plant food in between feeding.
- Prune lightly and often when young to encourage branching.
- 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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