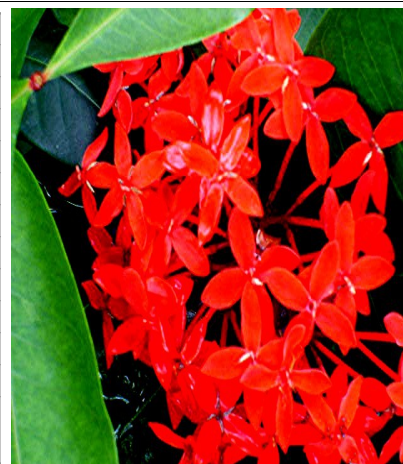




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Botanical Name	<i>Ixora duffi</i> Super King
Common Name	Super King
Mature Size	3-4' x 3'
Bloom Color	Bright Blood Red
Bloom Period	Early Summer to Late Fall
Boom Form	Star Shaped Clusters
Water	Moderate
Light	Full Sun to Light Shade
USDA Zone	10 & South
Fragrance	None
Uses	Specimen, Hedge
Special Features	Big Saucer Size Flower Heads
Grower Notes	Iron and magnesium supplements are sometimes needed in poor soils.



Ixora Super King is an attractive medium sized shrub that truly is the '**King**' of all the ixoras. It is actually an older cultivar that has recently regained popularity and has re-introduced as 'new', so if you see it elsewhere as 'new', it is not really, it has just been 'newly found' again, and is not widely available in the nursery trade.

Super King matures into medium size (about 3' x 3') shrub. It has large elongated glossy leaves and a lightly open habit. Blooms are huge clusters of star blood red flowers. Bloom cycle begins in early summer and last well into fall in tropical and subtropical climates. With good fertilize and adequate irrigation, flower clusters will be 6-8" across.

Super King is considered hardy outdoorst in USDA Plant Zones 9B,10 and11, but can be grown as a potted plant, and wintered indoors, but may require supplemental full spectrum light.

Ixoras are a tropical plant species, and while a mature *Super King Ixora* might withstand very brief drop below 32°F with minor burn & defoliation. Full protection from frost and freeze, and temps below 40°F is recommended for the best results.

It is attractive as a single specimen or planted in a group or hedge for maximum impact. They are especially nice as an anchor layer with lower growing bedding plants in front in a bright contrasting color.

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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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