

**Scarlet Gleam Nasturtium***Tropaeolum majus 'Scarlet Gleam'*

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:  

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Indian Cress, Monk's Cress

**Description:**

This stunning variety features large edible scarlet blooms; this trailing plant should be encouraged to climb by tying; perfect for hanging baskets, patio containers or in gardens; the flowers peppery taste make it the perfect addition to salads

**Ornamental Features**

Scarlet Gleam Nasturtium features showy fragrant scarlet trumpet-shaped flowers with gold centers held atop the stems from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its round leaves remain grayish green in color with distinctive creamy white veins throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Scarlet Gleam Nasturtium is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Scarlet Gleam Nasturtium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



*Scarlet Gleam Nasturtium flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Planting & Growing**

Scarlet Gleam Nasturtium will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Scarlet Gleam Nasturtium is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.