

FABULOUS FOLIAGE

CORAL BELLS | ALUMROOT

HEUCHERA

With **SO MANY** cultivars and different coloured foliage, this plant is **AMAZING!**

FOLIAGE

Basal clump of heart-shaped, 5-7 lobed, long-petioled leaves (8-12 cm wide), in a beautiful range of colours, with scalloped, ruffled, wavy or smooth edges.

CULTIVARS

SUN

Heuchera x villosa 'Carnival Watermelon' – coral
Heuchera 'Obsidian' or 'Dolce Blackberry Ice' or 'Wildberry' – dark purple
Heuchera 'Peppermint Spice' or 'Green Spice' or 'Eco-Magnifolia' – bright green/dark green with burgundy veins
Heuchera x villosa 'Caramel' – apricot/amber foliage with crinkly leaves
Heuchera 'Pewter Veil' – silvery purple foliage with darker veins
Heuchera 'Zipper' – red/orange foliage with very ruffled leaves

SHADE

Heuchera 'Lime Ricky' or 'Lime Marmalade' or 'Lemon Love' – chartreuse – needs deep shade
Heuchera 'Silver Scrolls' or 'Silver Gumdrop' – silver
Heuchera 'Electra' or 'Red Lightning' – bright chartreuse green with strong red veins
Heuchera 'Peach Flambe' – soft coral

*NOTE: if you choose plants with strong coloured foliage, consider overall look.

FLOWERS

Colourful panicles of bell-shaped flowers: rose pink, red, hot pink or white (depending on the cultivar) are borne on sturdy stems rising up to 13 in (32 cm) above the foliage. Heuchera flowers bring an open, airy, informal flavour to the garden during part of the growing season. And if deadheaded, the flower show lasts quite a long time. Flowers are showy and a good cut flower.

HARDINESS ZONE

4 to 8.

LIGHT REQUIREMENTS

Full sun, light shade to full shade; in general, plants with darker coloured foliage can withstand more sunlight.

SIZE

Height: 7-14 in (20-35 cm); Width: 12-24 in (30-60 cm). When blooming, the flower stalks reach 12-28 in (30-70 cm) tall.

PLACEMENT

Beds, borders, rock gardens, woodland gardens and ideal as a ground-cover, edger along paths or in containers. Fabulous when planted in groups! Great in containers – but needs to be planted in the garden to overwinter.

WATER / SOIL REQUIREMENT

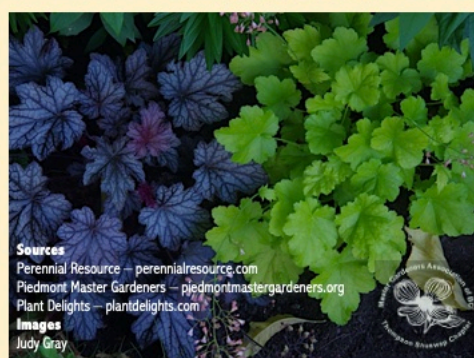
Prefer open, well-aerated soil with good drainage. Heucheras prefer neutral pH soils and while they will grow fine in slightly acidic soils, they will not fare well in extremely acidic soils.

PESTS

Easy to care for. Root rot or black vine weevil are possible diseases or pests. These do not seem to be a problem in Kamloops.

LIFESPAN

The only downside to Heuchera is that they are short-lived, unless they are divided every 3-4 years as the crown becomes woody. **HOW TO DIVIDE:** Dig up the plants and replant them a little deeper, with 1-2 inches of the stem sticking out of the soil. You can also lift the entire clump, cut away the older root stalks, and replant the youngest growth. Only divide if stem is getting higher and higher above the soil level. Some cultivars may need dividing only every 5-8 years.



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