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## Dolce® Black Currant Coral Bells

*Heuchera 'Black Currant'*

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 15 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Coralbells, Alumroot

Group/Class: Dolce Series

### Description:

Compact mounds of burgundy foliage with gray-green veins and silver overlay; amazing contrast to other plants; great versatility; keep soil moist in heat of summer; flowers are small

### Ornamental Features

Dolce Black Currant Coral Bells's attractive crinkled lobed leaves emerge purple in spring, turning burgundy in color with distinctive grayish green veins and tinges of silver the rest of the year. It features tiny spikes of creamy white bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

### Landscape Attributes

Dolce Black Currant Coral Bells is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dolce Black Currant Coral Bells is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Dolce Black Currant Coral Bells foliage*  
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Dolce Black Currant Coral Bells will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 15 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 15 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 low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Dolce Black Currant Coral Bells is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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