

August Plant of the Month: Coral Bells ‘Southern Comfort’



Finally, a good shade plant adapted to the heat and humidity of the south. The *Heuchera villosa* hybrid, ‘Southern Comfort’, is perfect for a mixed shade garden or as a specimen plant. The coppery pink foliage will brighten up those dark areas of your garden.

Growth Habit: Southern Comfort can grow to be 2 feet tall by 2 feet wide. The leaves start out red and eventually turn to a coppery pink color. Late in the summer they have white flowers. They can be used in a massing, mixed in with a shade garden, or as a specimen plant.

Landscape Use and Merit: Valued for their foliage color. Southern Comfort gives an outstanding splash of color to an otherwise drab shady area. This plant is great for tolerating the heat and humidity of south-eastern gardens.

Growing Conditions: They prefer full shade to partial shade, and can tolerate morning sun. They can be planted in soil with just average moisture.

Care: ‘Southern Comfort’ Heuchera is a relatively low maintenance plant. It requires very little pruning so just mulch it well and water as needed.