

# Ritchie

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### **Dolce® Cherry Truffles Coral Bells** *Heuchera 'Cherry Truffles'*

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 28 inches

Spacing: 26 inches

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Coralbells, Alumroot

Group/Class: Dolce Series

#### **Description:**

Compact mounds of beautiful, bright red, heavily ruffled leaves that mature to burgundy-red in summer; light pink flowers; amazing contrast to other plants; great versatility; keep soil moist in heat of summer

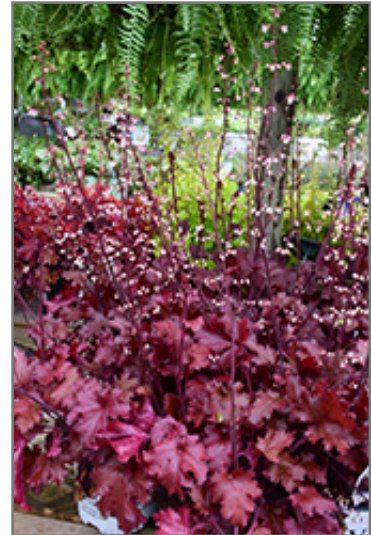
#### **Ornamental Features**

Dolce Cherry Truffles Coral Bells is primarily valued in the garden for its distinctive form, with the flower stalks towering over the foliage. It features tiny spikes of pink bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid summer. Its attractive crinkled lobed leaves emerge cherry red in spring, turning red in colour with hints of burgundy the rest of the year.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Dolce Cherry Truffles 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 Cherry Truffles Coral Bells in bloom*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Dolce Cherry Truffles Coral Bells foliage*  
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Dolce Cherry Truffles Coral Bells is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

### **Planting & Growing**

Dolce Cherry Truffles Coral Bells will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 28 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 26 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. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. However, you may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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 Cherry Truffles Coral Bells is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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