



## Firefly *Released Spring 1998*

Landscape, courtyard pots, formal standards and baskets

Height in the garden 2m.



**Firefly** is one of the most popular Bambino Bougs available. It has deep red/magenta flowers that look striking in any garden or container. Flower heads need removing as they fade. This starts another burst of blooms. The plant looks good in sunny situations where it stands most weather.

### USES

**Firefly** makes an ideal plant for large patio containers but is also used in garden beds and hedges. With a little training it will maintain its shape. In containers keep moist at all times. If planted to spill over walls or banks, the plant will need tip pruning to get the basic shape right to follow the shape of the bank.

### ZONES:



In Gardens



In gardens and pots



### *For the Homeowner*

- Extremely free flowering
- Blooms for most months of the year
- Good foliage and bloom contrast

#### Planting

Plant in courtyards, patio pots, baskets, garden beds and window boxes.

#### Placement

Plant in brighter, full sun areas.

#### Temperature

Heat and drought tolerant to 38°C once established

Grows well in cool areas

Light frost tolerant

#### Watering

Keep on the dry side to encourage heavier flowering.

#### Fertiliser

Use slow release fertilizers with an even balance of NPK, they are heavy feeders.

#### Pruning

Trim as desired during the cooler months of the year.

### *For the Grower*

#### Planting

**Timing :** Spring - Summer - Autumn

**Plants per pot:** One only

**Finish time:** 10-12 weeks from potting

**Soil:** A general shrub mix

**pH:** Neutral to slightly acid

**Light Levels:** High, even full sun.

**Temperature** A growing house with good ventilation and held above 10°C.

**Water Requirements** Average, avoid wilting.

#### Fertiliser - either 1 or 2

**1. Constant feed:** Every two weeks with a general liquid fertiliser.

**2. Slow Release:** Slow release fertiliser with an NPK ratio in even balance and with trace elements added.

**Pinching:** Pinch tubes prior to potting. Tip prune to shape the plant as needed.

**Growth Regulators:** Not needed.

**Pest Control:** Control aphids. In cool weather if the leaves are wet leaf spot can develop.