**Features:** This plant has a long blooming time. The beautiful red flowers are attractant to insects, birds, and humans. This plant can be a focal point for any lowland area.

**Siting:** This plant should be placed near low wetlands and streams. The plant needs moisture to thrive. This plant does well in part sun away from intense afternoon sun.

**Care:** Plant crown at soil level. At planting, water the roots and surrounding area slowly and deeply. Keep soil moist until plant is established, then apply enough water to thoroughly moisten the root zone and keep moist. Modify water recommendations to reflect site drainage and rainfall. Apply 3” of mulch over the planted area. Do not allow mulch to touch the plant stems.

**Pests:** No disease or pest problems. Plants are relatively pest resistant if cultural preferences are met.


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