Homestead Red Verbena





Blooms for 5 months and comes back every year! Attracts butterflies.





Verbena 'Homestead Red'

- <u>Use</u>: Like Homestead Purple, is one of the most cold hardy verbena out there. In the South, the 3 inch, bright red bloom clusters can start as early as March and continue into the fall until the first frost. According to one source, this plant can spread up to 6 feet. Others didn't seem quite as optimistic. If this is the case and it starts taking over, simply keep it cut back to the size that you desire. Trimming the longer stems will cause a flush of new growth. Keeping the spent blooms cut will help promote more bloom clusters.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Sun-part sun. Moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Water when top 3" of soil is dry. Do not water center of the plant, try to water under the leaves. Drought tolerant once established.
- **Growth:** Grows 8" tall and continues to trail 1-2' a year wide up to 6', but can be trimmed.
- Hardiness: Zone 7-10, Perennial
- Foliage: Deciduous; Small, green foliage is unpalatable to deer.
- <u>Flower</u>: With an exceptionally long blooming season, this colorful, hardy selection produces loads of bright red flowers from as early as March in southern zones, continuing until first frost