

Impatiens (Impatiens balsamina) Native Range: India, China, Malaysia



Sun/Shade: Shade to morning sun or dappled light under trees

Flowers: Many colors to choose from and always in bloom from spring till the first freeze.

Landscape Use: Impatiens are the best seasonal color for shade. They will look best with some sun, as long as it is before noon, but will still bloom nicely in the shade. They tend to wilt in the summer afternoons, no matter how wet the soil is, but revive and look fine in the cooler evening and mornings.

Container Use: Great for hanging baskets on porches or in shade under trees.

Size: 6" tall and up to one foot wide.

Type: Annual or seasonal flower that totally dies in winter.

Deer Resistance: Not.

Drought Tolerance: Moderate.

Soil: Not particular about soil as long as it drains well and does not remain

constantly wet. Does well in rocky soil or even better with soil enhancement.

Water: Smart Watering Principle=Water well when first planted then allow to dry slightly, without wilting, then water deeply again, etc. Do not keep constantly wet.

Fertilizer: Looks best with regular fertilization.

Maintenance Tips: Trim lightly and often with weed-eater or clippers when it is actively growing to keep it more compact if it gets leggy. Can cut back severely.

Rating: Rates high as landscape color for shade.