

# Oxblood Coleus



## *Solenostemon scutellarioides* 'Oxblood'

- **Use:** This strong and fast growing annual deserves to be the highlight of your summer garden. These new, bigger, sun loving varieties have revolutionized container gardening, and also tolerate some shade. The dark foliage adds a great contrast to brightly colored flowers. Durable and easy to grow, they quickly put on a massive display during the summer.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Sun – shade (less color on leaves in shade) Provide well-drained, moist soil, but not soggy. Use a slow release fertilizer. Superb in borders, beds, and open woodland gardens.
- **Growth:** Grows quickly 2-3' tall and wide
- **Hardiness:** Zone 10-11, Annual or houseplant, some people have luck with them coming back in sheltered locations
- **Foliage:** Displays burgundy leaves edged in gold with more gold showing up in the shade and more burgundy in the sun.
- **Flower:** Not known for flowers, but they are small bluish flowers on stalks in fall.