

Botanical Name: Alternanthera dentata

- I. Family: Amaranthaceae
- II. *Common Names:* Little Ruby

III. *Type*: Tropical perennial, often grown as a warm-season annual in cooler climates.

Characteristics:

• *Height*: **30–45** cm (12–18 inches)

• *Width*: **Spreads 45–90 cm** (18–36 inches)

Feature	Description
Main Color	Deep Burgundy to Purple
Underside Color	Ruby Red
Shape	Oval (Ovate)
Texture/Finish	Glossy

Care and Maintenance

- Sunlight: Thrives in full sun to partial shade. Full sun is recommended for the most vibrant and intense burgundy foliage color.
- Soil: Prefers moist, organically rich, and well-drained soil. It is adaptable to various soil types (sandy, loamy) but good drainage is essential to prevent root rot. A slightly acidic to neutral pH (around 6.6 to 7.3) is ideal.
- Watering: Requires consistent moisture, especially during the establishment phase and hot, dry periods. The soil should be kept evenly moist but never waterlogged. Once established, it becomes more drought-tolerant.