

## PLANT CARE GUIDE

### ARDISIA CRENATA

(ar-DIS-ee-ah kre-NAY-tah)

#### COMMON NAMES:

Coralberry, Christmas Berry, Australian Holly, Coral Bush, Hen's Eyes, Spiceberry, Scratchthroat

**FAMILY:** Primulaceae      **ORIGIN:** Japan and parts of China

GROWTH	Upwards, branching
LIGHT	Bright, filtered
WATER	Let dry partially
HUMIDITY	Not required
TEMPERATURE	14°C - 28°C
SOIL	Regular potting mix
CONTAINER	Self-watering planter
NUTRIENTS	5-10-5 Monthly
PROPAGATION	Seed or cuttings
INTERIORESCAPE USE	Christmas desktop planters
COMMON PESTS	Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

COMMON ISSUES	Root rot when overwatered. Pruning keeps it compact.
COMMENTS	The small scarlet fruit persist year-round, sometimes dropping to produce young plants. The plant has escaped into the wild and has become invasive in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. The berry is edible, but not recommended.
TOXICITY	May be toxic to livestock if consumed in large quantities.