

Botanical Name: *Abelia x grandiflora* 'Kaleidoscope'
(US Plant Patent: # 16,988)

Common Name: Abelia Kaleidoscope

Culture: Prefers moist, well-drained, acidic soil.

Water Requirements: Low. Once established, quite drought tolerant requiring an occasional long soak during extended periods of heat.

Exposure: Full sun to light shade. Foliage color and flowering is best when planted in full sun.

Average Size: Height ~ 2-3' (0.6-0.9 M)
Width ~ 4-5' (1.2-1.5 M)

Hardiness: USDA Zone 6 (-10° F / -23° C)
Evergreen in Zone 7

Seasonal Interests: Foliage – Year Round
Flowers – Summer, Fall

- Spring foliage has a light green center with bright yellow variegation along the outer edge. Summer foliage has a darker green center and a golden to creamy yellow outer edge.
- Fall foliage color is a combination of green, golden yellow, orange, and red.
- Flowers are white, slightly fragrant, produced in abundance from summer until fall, and attract butterflies.
- Brilliant red stems provide a unique contrast to the bright yellow foliage.
- Habit is neat, compact, mounded, and requires minimal maintenance.
- Excellent when used in small groupings, mass plantings, containers, or anywhere a splash of color is needed.

For sources and other information, visit
www.abeliakaleidoscope.com

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Raw Reviews

- ▶ "...really packs a wallop."
"...specimens are vigorous yet compact, colorful to a fault, do not bleach in the sun, and catch visitors' eyes."
"...held a full complement of leaves through the 2004/2005 winter."
"...I believe this plant's more evergreen nature will make it a commercial success."
– Dr. Michael Dirr, University of Georgia
Nursery Management & Production
- ▶ "Durable and astonishingly beautiful, with constantly swirling color throughout the seasons."
– Pam Beck, Author of
Best Garden Plants for North Carolina
Lone Pine Publishing
- ▶ "Evergreen...colorful...durable. Kaleidoscope sells itself!"
– Jon Reelhorn Owner, Belmont Nursery
- ▶ "Our customers love Kaleidoscope. Landscapers like to mass it for a bright, eye catching splash, and garden centers love it because it sells! They're the best and toughest of the variegated abelias."
– Gilbert's Nursery, Chesnee, SC

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A Kaleidoscope of Color Spring Through Fall...

A stunning specimen providing continual variety in the garden

Abelia 'Kaleidoscope' was bred for its leaf color and dense, compact form. The mounded, and tightly-branched shrub remains small, with a height of 2 to 3 feet tall and slightly wider. This stable, variegated, durable, and compact abelia is assured to light up gardens everywhere.

The leaf variegation of 'Kaleidoscope' is striking and dramatic with changing colors emerging on bright red stems with lime-green centers and bright yellow edges. When summer arrives, the yellow matures to gold. The variegation does not burn or scorch in the hottest of weather. In fall and winter the foliage color deepens to shades of orange and red and the winter foliage hangs on better than other abelias.

Abelia 'Kaleidoscope' is reported to be the longest-blooming of all the abelias and are just about the longest blooming of all the summer-blooming shrubs. By late spring the entire bush is covered with soft pink buds that open to white blooms. The blooms keep coming well into autumn.

This versatile plant is frost, drought and heat tolerant and a position in full sun brings out the most vibrant color changes in the leaves. It is eye-catching as a container specimen in a small garden, good for a formal or informal hedge, distinctive as an accent plant and spectacular in mass plantings.

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