Snapdragons

Antirrhinum majus



Named for the way individual flowers resemble a dragon snout, Snapdragons are planted in our zone as annual color with a kick. Snapdragons are a versatile plant that can feed pollinators and impress the neighbors!

Characteristics:

Dimensions: Depending on variety, Snaps come in sizes from 8"-4', mostly about 12" wide. When adding to your garden, make sure to check the tag and verify that it is the correct size. Larger varieties will benefit from being staked.

Growth Habit: Multi-stem and upright herbaceous plant

Foliage: Small green leaves alternate on herbaceous stalks

Hardiness: Kings of the cool season, snapdragons generally bloom from October to May. They prefer daytime temperatures in the 70s and nighttime in the low 40s.

Toxicity: Considered non-toxic to pets

Care Requirements:

Light: Prefers full sun, but will grow in part sun. In part sun, the color will not be as intense.

Water: Keep your plant moist- but not waterlogged- in the warmer months. \\ Consider mulching your plantings to conserve water- but make sure to allow them to dry after long periods of rain. Aim for about 1 inch of water a week when there is no rainfall.

Soil: Prefers relatively fertile and freely draining soil. Mix some bagged garden soil with the native soil when you plant. If you're planting in the garden, amend native soil with a bagged Garden Soil.

Fertilizer: Once planted, apply fertilizer when your plants start to bloom. Use a gentle all-purpose fertilizer. If your Snaps need a boots, use a liquid feed that is not too heavy on nitrogen.

Pruning: Pinching the tips from young plants will help encourage bushy adult plants. Once your blooms are finished, trim them off to promote new buds. Remove and broken or diseased parts of your plant.

Uses:

- Great for borders or masses in the landscape
- Excellent for large pots and containers
- Trailing varieties work well in hanging baskets

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