

Persicaria amplexicaulis 'Orange Field' Orange Field Mountain Fleece

Don't let the name fool you -- *Persicaria amplexicaulis* 'Orange Field' (Orange Field Mountain Fleece) displays delicate flower spikes in a unique coral-red hue. This long-blooming perennial produces clouds of bright exclamation points (6" long) that float above green foliage. Performs well in full sun to part shade, and moist to wet soils that are well-drained. Coral flowers contrast pleasantly with lush, dark green leaves that taper to a sharp point. Leaves turn gold with hints of red in fall. Bees and butterflies are attracted to the nectar of this and other *Persicaria* species. Can be sensitive to drought and heat, so plants appreciate ample moisture and afternoon shade in warmer climates. Related species have aggressive tendencies, but this plant behaves well as long as it is given plenty of space.

Botanical Name: *Persicaria amplexicaulis* 'Orange Field'

Common Name: Orange Field Mountain Fleece

Family: Polygonaceae

Nativity: Not Native to US

USDA Zone: 5 to 8

Light Type: Full sun to part shade

Soil Type: Loam, Clay, Sand

Soil Preferences: Moist but well-drained; prefers consistent moisture

Soil Moisture: Moist to wet

Typical height (ft): 3-4' flower spikes float above bushy basal foliage

Typical width (ft): 2-3'

Foliage: Leaves are oval-shaped, tapering to a fine point.

Bloom Time: July, August, September, October

Bloom: Coral-red, pink

Ecological features: nectar resource for bees, short-tongued pollinators, and butterflies. Rarely browsed by mammalian herbivores.

Tolerance of: Deer, rabbit, heat

Additional notes: New cultivar, limited information, stay tuned.

Companion plants: Windflower (*Anemone* spp.), Giant Hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*), Asters, Bee-balm (*Monarda* spp.), and ornamental grasses like Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis brachytricha*)

For more information see:

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/persicaria-amplexicaulis-orange-field/>

<http://www.perennials.com/plants/persicaria-amplexicaulis-orange-field.html>

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/plantcollections/plantfinder/persicaria_amplexicaulis_orangefield--mountain_fleeceflower

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/mountain-fleece/mountain-fleece-information.htm>

Images of *Persicaria amplexicaulis* 'Orange Field'



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Coral-red flower spikes.



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Form – dense lower leaves topped with floating flower spikes



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Bright floral spikes contrast against golden grasses in late summer.



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Color and form contrast with Helianthus 'Moerheim Beauty'



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Good use in masses with tall grass.

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