



**Red Stemmed Thalia**  
*Thalia geniculata 'Ruminoides'*

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Hardy Water Canna, Alligator Flag

**Description:**

This evergreen, marginal aquatic plant forms a clump of long-stalked blue-green and chartreuse leaves, on dark red stems; produces slender stems with small clusters of purple flowers in summer; great for rich, wet soils, or on a pond perimeter

**Ornamental Features**

Red Stemmed Thalia features dainty spikes of violet flag-like flowers at the ends of the stems in mid summer, which emerge from distinctive deep purple flower buds. Its attractive large oval leaves remain bluish-green in color with distinctive chartreuse veins throughout the year. The dark red stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

**Landscape Attributes**

Red Stemmed Thalia is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Red Stemmed Thalia is ideally suited for growing in a pond, water garden or patio water container, and is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Water Gardens
- Bog Gardens



*Red Stemmed Thalia*  
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### Planting & Growing

Red Stemmed Thalia will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the water. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. As an aquatic plant, it requires a suitable water garden environment and will benefit from special planting and ongoing care practices; consult one of our in-store experts for further details and instructions. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.