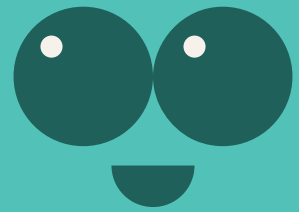


Ruby Leaf

Scientific name : *Alternanthera brasiliana*



English name : Ruby Leaf / Parrot Leaf / Calico Plant / Joy Weed / Joseph's Coat

Family : Amaranthaceae

Native Distribution : Invasive species

Origin : West Indies, South American Tropics (eg. Brazil)

Growth habits : Herbaceous plant, semi-shrub.

Leaf : Simple, opposite, elliptical, papery, slightly glossy, purple-red to purple-brown in color, obvious veins.

Flower : spherical

Fruit : Teardrop-shaped seeds, yellowish-brown

Tree characteristics : Plant height around 15-50cm, young stems erect, older stems spreading, stems purple-brown.

Flowering period : Winter

Ecology : Ornamental cultivation