## Ardisia crenata

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**Common Names: Coralberry**,

Christmas Berry, Australian Holly, Coral

Bush, Hen's Eyes, Spiceberry,

Scratchthroat

Family: Primulaceae

Origin: Japan and parts of China

**Growth:** Upwards, branching

Light: Bright, filtered

**Foot Candles:** 175 - 225

Water: Let dry partially Humidity: Not required Temperature: 14°C - 28°C

Soil: Regular potting mix

**Container:** Self-watering planter

**Nutrients:** 5-10-5 Monthly

**Propagation:** Seed or cuttings

Interiorscape Use: Christmas desktop planters

Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Root rot when overwatered. Pruning keeps it compact.

**Comments:** The small scarlet fruit persist year-round, sometimes dropping to produce young plants. The plant has escaped into the wild and has become invasive in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. The berry is edible, but not recommended.

**Toxicity:** May be toxic to livestock if consumed in large quantities.



