



## ***Tropaeolum x 'Jewel Mix'* Jewel Mix Nasturtium, Jewel Mix Watercress<sup>1</sup>**

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### **Introduction**

Nasturtium is an uncommon plant occasionally seen in the garden center. Plants display round leaves on long petioles emerging from a shortened stem. Bright, showy, red or orange flowers are held among the foliage and remain partially hidden from view.

### **General Information**

**Scientific name:** *Tropaeolum x 'Jewel Mix'*

**Pronunciation:** troe-PEE-oh-lum

**Common name(s):** 'Jewel Mix' nasturtium, 'Jewel Mix' watercress

**Family:** *Tropaeolaceae*

**Plant type:** annual; herbaceous

**USDA hardiness zones:** all zones (Fig. 1)

**Planting month for zone 7:** Jun; Jul

**Planting month for zone 8:** May; Jun

**Planting month for zone 9:** Mar; Apr; Oct; Nov

**Planting month for zone 10 and 11:** Nov; Dec; Jan; Feb; Mar

**Origin:** not native to North America

**Uses:** container or above-ground planter; mass planting; edging; border; culinary; attracts hummingbirds; hanging basket

**Availability:** somewhat available, may have to go out of the region to find the plant

### **Description**

**Height:** 1 to 1.5 feet

**Spread:** 1 to 2 feet

**Plant habit:** round

**Plant density:** dense

**Growth rate:** moderate

**Texture:** coarse

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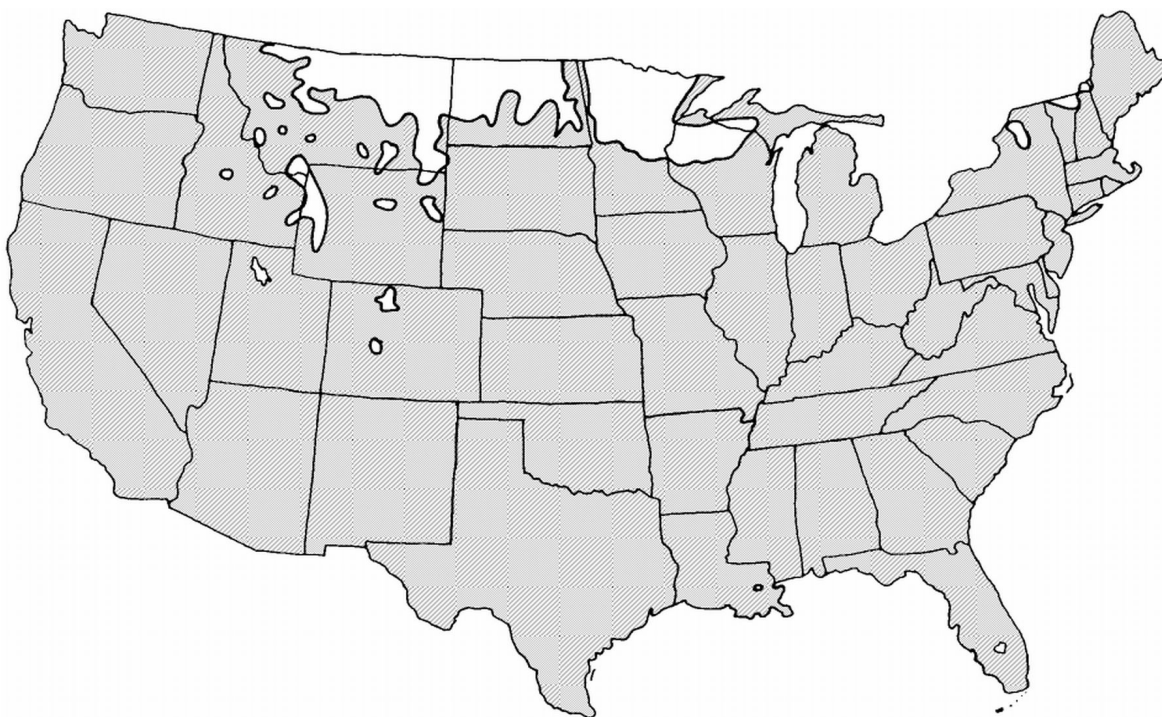


Figure 1. Shaded area represents potential planting range.

### Foliage

**Leaf arrangement:** most emerge from the soil, usually without a stem

**Leaf type:** simple

**Leaf margin:** undulate; lobed

**Leaf shape:** orbiculate

**Leaf venation:** palmate

**Leaf type and persistence:** not applicable

**Leaf blade length:** 2 to 4 inches

**Leaf color:** green

**Fall color:** not applicable

**Fall characteristic:** not applicable

### Flower

**Flower color:** red; orange

**Flower characteristic:** summer flowering; flower season is longer in zones 9-11

### Fruit

**Fruit shape:** no fruit

**Fruit length:** no fruit

**Fruit cover:** no fruit

**Fruit color:** not applicable

**Fruit characteristic:** inconspicuous and not showy

### Trunk and Branches

**Trunk/bark/branches:** not applicable

**Current year stem/twig color:** not applicable

**Current year stem/twig thickness:** not applicable

### Culture

**Light requirement:** plant grows in part shade/part sun

**Soil tolerances:** occasionally wet; acidic; sand; loam; clay

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Soil salt tolerances:** unknown

**Plant spacing:** 12 to 18 inches

### **Other**

**Roots:** not applicable

**Winter interest:** not applicable

**Outstanding plant:** not particularly outstanding

**Invasive potential:** may self-seed each year

**Pest resistance:** long-term health usually not affected by pests

### **Use and Management**

The plant can be used along a walk or as a border at the edge of a landscape bed. The foliage stays fresh looking provided the plants receive some afternoon shade. They look best when provided with occasional irrigation when the weather gets dry.

Plants are useful in salads. Both flowers and foliage can be eaten and are quite nice. Surprise guests by picking bright flowers from the garden and include them in the salad.