Botanical name: Genus: Celosia Species: aregntea **Common Name(s):** Celosia, Flamingo Feathers

**Latin Family Name:** Amaranthaceae

**English Family Name:** Amaranth

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to the Tropical regions

Growth habit: A tropical herbaceous plant

Flower description: Showy and feathery like look Colours available are: red, yellow, orange, pink

Blooming period/availability: Seasonal

**Leaf/Foliage Description:** The leaves are carried in whorls, at the end of the branches. They are generally shiny, grey-green to bright

green in color, leathery in texture

**Usage:** Celosia is known for its very bright colors

A great annual for a sunny, hot and sometimes dry location

Also used as a cut flower

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Celosias are very good landscape or pot plants (potted in groups)

Work well in hanging baskets

They have unusual flowers that can bloom up to 10 weeks

**WEAKNESS:** 

Need a least 8 hours of direct sunlight

Seasonal In India

Need extra care in hot climates during summer (needs shade)

Spider mites and aphids are commonly found in these flowers

The varieties of this plant come in many sizes, from only a few inches up to about 5 feet high. Celosia plants are classified into three groups: a crested type (Celosia cristata), a plume type (Celosia plumosa) and a spike or wheat type (Celosia spicata).



Care & Handling

Longevity: The flower heads can last up to 8 weeks

Water requirements: Keep compost moist

Light: Best in full sunlight

**Soil/Nutrition requirements:** A very well drained soil to grow Growing medium should be very fertile as plants have to do a lot in a

short time

**Special care/remarks:** Cut off faded flowers to keep the plant tidy and encourage more blooms to be produced

