

ABELIA 'Kaleidoscope'

ORIGIN: 'Kaleidoscope' was selected in NC, from a plant of Abelia 'Little Richard.'

SPECIES: *Abelia x grandiflora*

PROTECTION STATUS: Plant Patent Applied For

CHARACTERISTICS:

HARDINESS: USDA Zone 6 to 9

BLOOM: Light pink buds open to small, white tubular flowers, which persist in fall.

FOLIAGE: Leaves are variegated and emerge bright yellow with a light green center in the spring and gradually change to golden yellow with a green center in the summer. Fall foliage is a combination of golden yellow, bright orange, and fiery red. Foliage does not scorch or bleach in full sun. Stem color of new growth is bright red.

HABIT: Low, mounded, compact, extremely dense. 2' to 2 ½' tall by 3' to 3 ½'

PROPAGATION: Roots easily from softwood cuttings. 1000-1500 ppm K-IBA.

License required to propagate.

CULTURE: Full sun to partial shade. Best in full sun. Will tolerate all but heavy, poorly drained soil and extremely high pH. Requires little or no pruning. High fertility increases foliage retention in the winter. Prefers acidic, well-drained, moist soil.

USE: Excellent plant for containers, as a low accent plant in the garden and for mass planting.

