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## LEUCOSPERMUM ROYAL HAWAIIAN 'BLANCHE ITO'

*Leucospermum X 'Blanche Ito'*

### SELLING FEATURES

- Evergreen shrub with greyish green leaves
- Yellow pincushion flowers aging to red
- Blooms will last 16 days in a vase as cut flower
- Native to the southwestern United States
- Low maintenance
- Drought tolerant



Fig 1: In ground planting of *Leucospermum Royal Hawaiian 'Blanche Ito'*.



Fig 2: Container of *Leucospermum Royal Hawaiian 'Blanche Ito'*.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>LIGHT:</b>	Full sun
<b>MATURE SIZE:</b>	4–5' h x 4–5' w
<b>NATURAL BLOOM SEASON:</b>	Summer
<b>USDA HARDINESS:</b>	Zone 9–11
<b>USES:</b>	Container, specimen, mass planting, low water

## FINISHING INFORMATION

<b>MEDIA:</b>	Standard Ornamental Nursery Mix
<b>MEDIA PH:</b>	5.5–6.5
<b>MEDIA EC:</b>	1.0–1.5
<b>MOISTURE:</b>	Maintain even moisture in well-drained soil. Avoid heavy periods of watering.
<b>FERTILIZER:</b>	Plants in this family prefer lower levels of phosphorus in the soil. Do not exceed 2% Phosphorous in any fertilizer mix being used. Slow release and controlled release fertilizers are recommended for Leucospermum. The optimal NPK ratio is 18% N, 1.8% P, 18% K. A controlled release NPK fertilizer with a stated manufactured dissolve rate of 3–4 months should be incorporated in the mix for containerized plants which are held for 3 months or less. Fertilizers categorized as 6 – 8-month slow-release fertilizers should be added as a 40:60 ratio to the 3–4 month fertilizer for containerized plants held >4 months.
<b>COMMON PESTS &amp; DISEASE:</b>	Root rot can occur in poor drainage and periods of heavy water. Yellowing of new growth can be a sign of phosphorus toxicity.

## FINISHING INFORMATION *(continued)*

<b>TRIMMING:</b>	Recommend one trim after flowering.
<b>PGRS:</b>	None needed
<b>ADDITIONAL NOTES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No animal manure-based fertilizers should be used at any time.</li><li>• If deficiencies are noted in the</li></ul>

crop, the following leaf analysis guideline can be used:

**FINISHING TIMES:** • *1 gallon:* Shift 32c liner in spring.

NUTRIENT	Plants will be saleable the		
	DEFICIENCY FOLLOWING	LOW spring.	INTERMEDIATE TO NORMAL
N (% oven dry weight)	1.39	2.89	4.07–4.26
P (% oven dry weight)	0.01	0.08	0.14–0.19



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