**Common Name**- Cockscomb  
**Scientific Name**- *Celosia cristata*

**Family**- Amaranthaceae  
**Hardiness Zones/Habitat**- Zones 1-10

**Description:**
Cockscomb is an annual plant that is an old garden favorite, because of its large crested flower heads that resemble the comb of a rooster. Flower colors can include bright shades of red, orange, purple, yellow, and pink. These flowers range in size from dwarf to tall sometimes including heights from eight to thirty-six inches. Cockscomb flowers can blood throughout summer into the fall. It can be easily grown in fertile, moist, well-drained soil in the full sun.

Thomas Jefferson planted the seeds of a Cockscomb in 1767. These flowers are located on the West Lawn of Monticello.

**Uses:**

Medicinal- Used in the treatment for bloody stools, dysentery, diarrhea, bloodshot eyes, blurring of vision, cataracts, and hypertension; the whole plant is used as an antidote for snakebites.

General- used for ornamentals; can make a body wash from the liquid extracted from the leaves and flowers.