

Red Ribbon Plant

Possible points: 100

Deductions: Up to 15

Final Score: 85



Gap between leaves.
Deduct 1 point.

Quantity of bloom is
lacking. Could be
automatically reduced to a
red.

Immature leaves should be removed.
Deduct 1 point for each leaf.

Analysis:

This plant is clean, healthy and has very nice potential. However, it is unlikely to be a blue ribbon exhibit. It is fairly young, but its age will not reduce it to a red. There is no point deduction for an immature single-crowned plant. However, points *can* be deducted for obvious consequences of it being young. For example, at least 3 leaves on the lower row are immature and smaller than the leaves above, and at least one point for each leaf will be deducted.

The main reason this plant is most likely reduced to a red is the lack of bloom. On this single-flowered variety, one would expect several more open and mature flowers. Considering that quantity of bloom accounts for a full 25 points of a plants' score, most judges will reduce a plant to red without actually point scoring if bloom quantity is obviously inadequate.

*From this photograph, we cannot know all the factors that determine the final score. Some of those factors include: the positioning of plant in the pot, the existence of suckers, neck or stalk nubs, whether or not the plant is in the appropriate size pot, or if the plant shows any signs of pests or has marred leaves.