Orange Bird Of Paradise

Strelitzia reginae



Orange Bird Of Paradise flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 4 feet

Flower Height: 5 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Orange Crane Flower

Description:

A beautiful and bold structural plant that forms large clumps of stiff foliage growing up from the base; stunning flowers of orange and blue rise high above the foliage, giving the appearance of a birds head; great cut flower

Features & Attributes

Orange Bird Of Paradise features bold spikes of orange flowers with blue overtones rising above the foliage from late winter to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive large pointy leaves remain dark green in color with curious bluish-green undersides throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture is quite ornamental and should be used to full effect. You may trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage releat blooming.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Orange Bird Of Paradise can be expected to grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity extending to 5 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It prefers to grow in average to moist soil. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --