

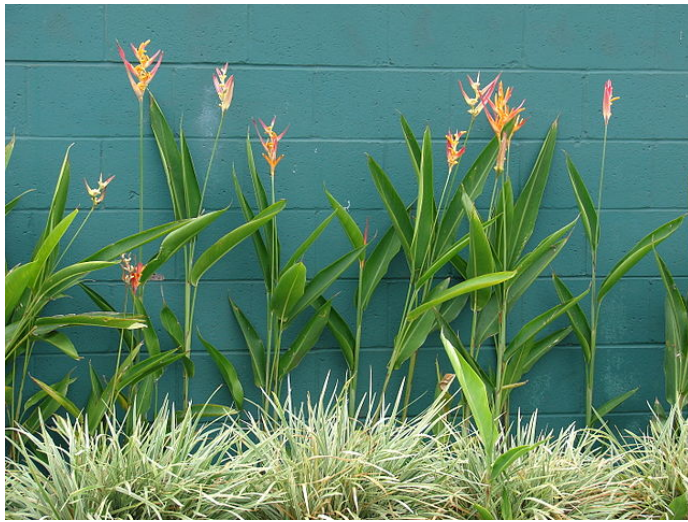
# Heliconia psittacorum

## (Parakeet Flower)

Parakeet Flower is an everblooming plant, native to Latin America. It produces colored attractive flowers, over a lush evergreen foliage.

This plant spreads quickly and may become invasive in some areas.

To be planted in well drained, organic rich soil, in areas of full or partial sun.



Plant Image

### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Héliconie raide

**Pronunciation:** hel-ih-KOH-nee-uh sit-a-KOR-um

**Plant Type:** Groundcover

**Origin:** Latin America and the Caribbean

**Heat Zones:** 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Cut Flowers / Arrangements, Ground cover

### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Spreading

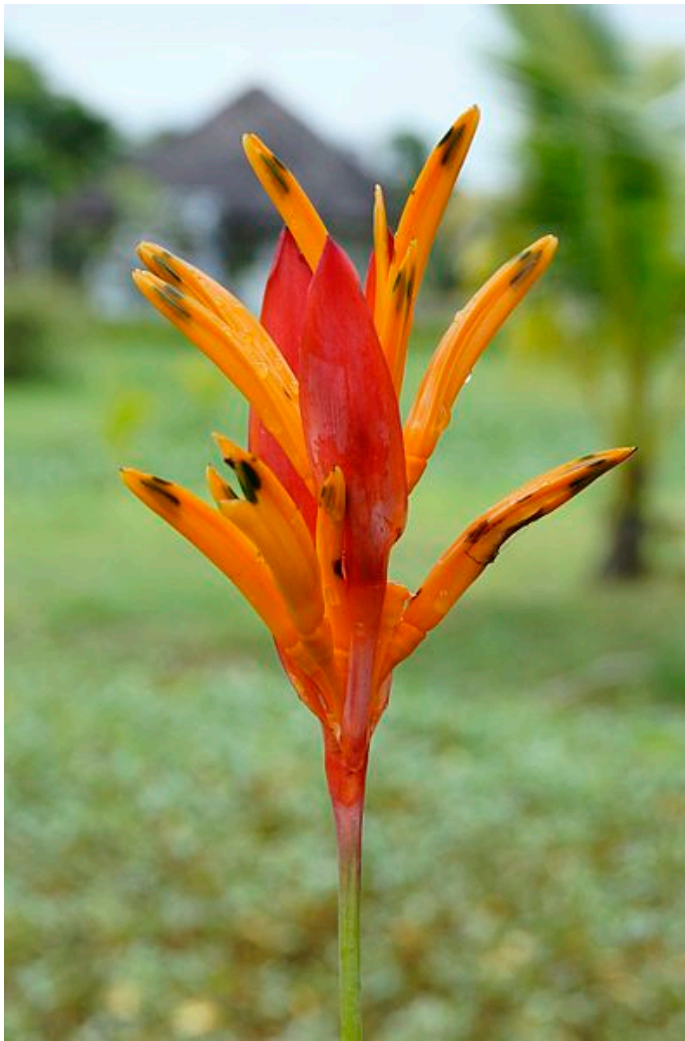
**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**Height at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 m, 1 to 1.5 m, 1.5 to 3 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 meters

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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 20 - 30

**Leaf Shape:** Lanceolate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Spike

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Green, Yellow, Orange, Red, White

**Seasons:** Year Round

### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Drupe

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Orange, Red

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Leaf Image

## Horticulture Management

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### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part, Shade

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### Management

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** Yes

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Mites, Mealy-Bug

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting, Division

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Fruit Image