

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.



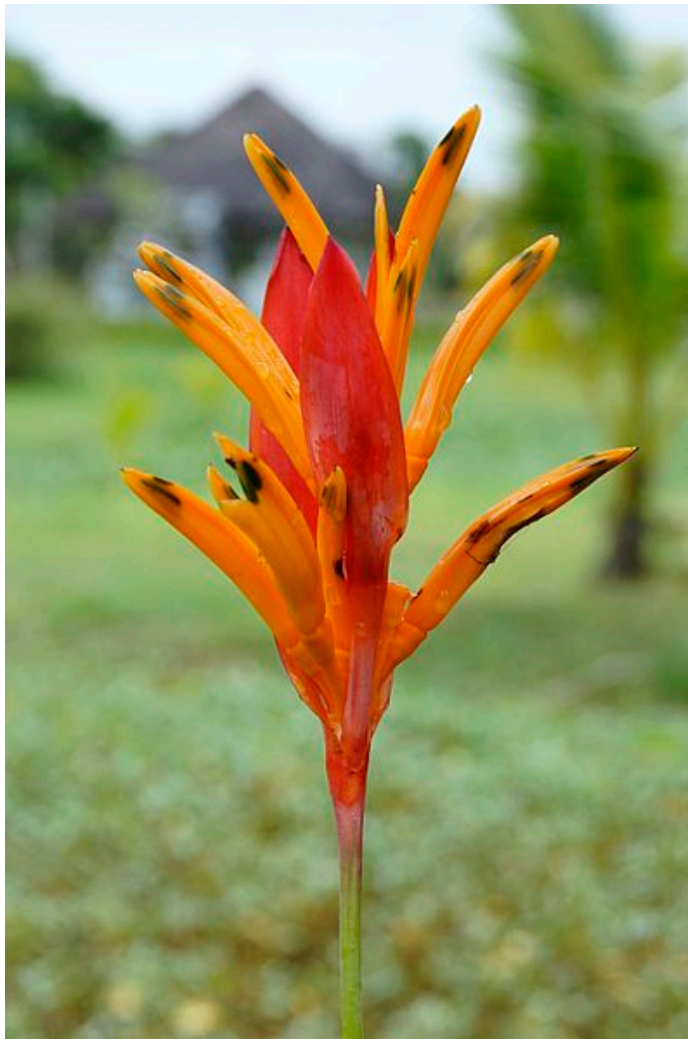
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Landscape Information

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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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

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

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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