

Billbergia sp.

(Bromeliad Queen of Tears, Friendship Plant)

There are approximately 50 different species of Billbergias these epiphytic bromeliads. The leaves are growing in rosettes creating a natural pound underneath the leaves. The flower spikes arise from the rosettes. The nice color appearing on the plants is a bract (modified leaves) surrounds the small less conspicuous tubular flowers. Bloom time is usually in spring or summer. After flowering, the mother rosette will die but not before forming "pup" plants along the base. If this plants planted in landscape they need shady or partial shady condition and high humidity. Very decorative sessional flowers in malls.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name:	Le Billbergia
Pronunciation:	bil-BERG-a
Plant Type:	Groundcover
Origin:	Central America and South America
Heat Zones:	9, 10, 11, 12
Hardiness Zones:	9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses:	Specimen, Indoor, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate:	Moderate
Tree Shape:	Upright
Height at Maturity:	0.5 to 1 m
Spread at Maturity:	Less than 50 cm
Time to Ultimate Height:	5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 30 - 50

Leaf Shape: Sword Shaped

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Variegated

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: Over 20

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow, Orange, Red, White, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red, Black

Seasons: Spring

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Scales

Plant Propagations: Rhizomes
