

## Strelitzia nicolai

### (White Bird-of-Paradise, Giant Bird-of-Paradise)

The white bird-of-paradise is a popular plant for tropical and sub-tropical landscapes. It is native to South Africa and has huge oblong, leathery, gray-green leaves. The plants are clustered together and look fan-like in appearance. The inflorescence (the paradisiacal bird-like flower structures) are composed of a dark blue bract, white sepals and bluish-purple "tongue". Bird of paradise tree is a spectacular accent plant. . Also a great plant for large containers situated both outdoors or indoors.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

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**French Name:** Strélitzia de la Reine, Oiseau de paradis

**Pronunciation:** streh-LIT-see-uh NICK-oh-lye

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** South Africa

**Heat Zones:** 9, 10, 11, 12

**Hardiness Zones:** 9, 10, 11

**Uses:** Screen, Specimen, Indoor, Container

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#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Upright

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 3 to 5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

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### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** Over 80 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Oblong

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 10 - 20

**Flower Type:** Spike

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** White

**Seasons:** Fall, Winter

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### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Fall, Winter

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Part

#### Management

**Toxicity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**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:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:**

**Pests:** Scales

**Plant Propagations:** Division, Rhizomes

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## MORE IMAGES



Fruit Image



Bark Image



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