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

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

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate Leaf Venation: Pinnate Leaf Persistance: Evergreen Leaf Type: Simple Leaf Blade: Over 80 cm Leaf Shape: Oblong Leaf Margins: Entire Leaf Textures: Glossy Leaf Scent: No Fragance Color(growing season): Green Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True Flower Size Range: 10 - 20 Flower Type: Spike Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual) Flower Scent: No Fragance Flower Color: White Seasons: Fall, Winter

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy Fruit Fruit Type: Capsule Fruit Showiness: False Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

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Leaf Image

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

Toxity: 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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