

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

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

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 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

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

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

Seasons: Fall, Winter

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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

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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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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