Strelitzia reginae

(Bird of paradise)

Strelitzia reginae is an evergreen clump forming perennial. It can reach a maximum height of 120 cm. Its large, bold dark gray-green leaves contrast nicely with its unusual crested flowers. The hard, beak-like sheath from which the flower emerges, is called the spathe, and has orange and blue petals. It flowers periodically throughout the year. The flowers are also used as cut flowers. The plant does well in full sun to semi-shade, and loves a rich loamy soil and plenty of water throughout the year, however it will tolerate drought very well. The plants are also wind resistant and grow well in coastal gardens.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Strélitzia de la Reine, Oiseau de

paradis

Pronounciation: strell-LITZ-zee-uh ree-JIN-nee

Plant Type: Herbaceous

Origin: South Africa

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12

Uses: Mass Planting, Indoor, Container, Cut

Flowers / Arrangements

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Coarse
Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m
Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter
Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistance: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple
Leaf Blade: 30 - 50
Leaf Shape: Oblong
Leaf Margins: Undulate
Leaf Textures: Coarse
Leaf Scent: No Fragance

Color(growing season): Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragance Flower Color: Orange, Blue Seasons: Year Round

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Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally

resists breakage

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule
Fruit Showiness: False
Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3
Fruit Colors: Brown
Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No Heat Tolerant: Yes Drought Tolerant: Yes Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: 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: Pests: Scales

Plant Propagations: Seed, Division, Rhizomes

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