

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

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

Plant Type: Groundcover

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 Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 30 - 50

Leaf Shape: Oblong

Leaf Margins: Undulate

Leaf Textures: Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Orange, Blue

Seasons: Year Round

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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