

Asclepias curassavica - Plant

blood flower

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Description Asclepias curassavica, commonly known as tropical milkweed, is a flowering plant species of the milkweed genus, Asclepias. It is native to the American tropics and has a pantropical distribution as an introduced species.

Common name: blood flower

Color: Red-orange

Bloom time: June to October

Height: 2.00 to 3.00 feet

Difficulty level: easy to grow

Planting & Care

Plants do not thrive in Zones 9 to 10 without a period of refrigeration; they need a cold, dormant period. Select a site with soil that drains well. How can you tell? After a good rain, find a spot that is the first to dry out. Water trapped beneath the scales may rot the bulb, so a well-drained site is essential.

Sunlight: full sun

Soil: well-drained soil

Water: medium

Temperature: 4Å°c

Fertilizer: apply any organic fertilizer

Care:

- Diligently water your plants.
- Soak the entire root zone at least twice a week in dry summer weather.
- Avoid frequent shallow sprinklings, which wonâ€™t reach the deeper roots and may encourage fungus.

- Plants do best with 90 inches of rain per year, so unless you live in a rain forest, water regularly.

Special Feature:

Attractive foliage and flowers for beds, borders, cottage gardens, meadows and butterfly gardens. Also a good cut flower. Dried seed pods are attractive in arrangements.

Use

Medicinal use:

- A decoction of the entire plant is used as an abortifacient.
- The roots are commonly known as "pleurisy root" and used as an expectorant for pneumonia and pleurisy and other lung problems.
- In Jamaica, a poultice of the root is used to treat ringworm and to stop bleeding.

Culinary use:

- leaves

Ornamental use:

- The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

Note:

for medicinal use

Reference:

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/> <http://www.flowersofindia.net/>

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