

Apocynum cannabinum - Plant



Canna lilies are low maintenance and easy to grow, and both their flowers and foliage offer long-lasting color in the garden. These perennials come in a vast variety of color and boast immense, often-veined, paddle-shaped leaves and sheathing leafstalks in shades of green or bronze.

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Description

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Depending on the variety, cannas can grow a few feet tall to more than 10 feet tall. Dwarf varieties look great in large containers combined with petunias, sweet potato vines, and other low-growing annuals. Larger varieties make a strong, elegant statement planted at the back of flower beds or grouped together in showy islands of colour. Because they tolerate moist soils, cannas can also be planted along ponds or in a wet spot in the yard.

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| Common name | Flower colours | Bloom time | Height | Difficulty |
| Canna lily | - | Summer, Fall | 4 to 6 feet. | Easy. |

Planting and care

While typically grown as annuals in cooler regions, given the proper conditions, canna lilies can colour the garden year after year. They like plenty of heat, so place them in full sun. They can also tolerate partial shade.

Cannas like moist conditions too, but will tolerate nearly any well-draining soil that is either neutral or slightly acidic. They appreciate bog-like conditions as well. The soil should also be rich in organic matter.

When growing cannas in the garden, placing them in mixed borders or group plantings will offer the most dramatic effect.

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| Sunlight | Soil | Water | Temperature | Fertilizer |
| Full sun to partial shade. | Well-draining soil that is either neutral or slightly acidic. Rich in organic matter. | Once established, cannas need to be kept moist. | 21 C - 23 C | Require monthly fertilizer that is relatively higher in phosphate for continual bloom. |

Caring for Apocynum cannabinum

- Cannas do best with a good supply of water, so water the plants during the summer if the rainfall is less than 1 inch per week.
- Keep a thin layer of mulch around cannas to help retain moisture as well.
- Stake tall varieties if needed.
- As flowers fade, deadhead to promote continued flowering.

Typical uses of Apocynum cannabinum

Special features:

Ornamental use: Grown for their flowers and foliage offer long-lasting colour in the garden.

References

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