

Heliconia Rostrata - Plant



Heliconia psittacorum is one of the most popular type of Heliconia also known as Parakeet Flower, Parrots Beak, Parrots Flower and False Bird-of-Paradise.

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Description

Description for Heliconia Rostrata

It is one that resembles most to the birds-of-paradise. It is an exotic, which blooms abundantly all year long. It has long pointed leaves which shiny green with a red edge. The leaves look similar to that of a banana. It is an exotic, which blooms abundantly all year long. The flowers also make good cut flowers. Very beautiful as a potted plant on the patio in a decorative container.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Golden Torch	Red-Green	Blossoms in spring, summer and fall.	2 feet - 5 feet.	Easy.

Planting and care

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
It needs to be grown in full sun	Freely draining soils with high organic matter.	Allow the soil to dry out upto top 2 inches before watering again.	The plant requires a hot atmosphere.	This plant loves to be fed. Fertilize 3 times a year with a top quality granular fertilizer. Supplement feedings with regular applications of liquid fertilizer during warm months for heavier bloom.

Caring for Heliconia Rostrata

- The plant requires a high humidity area. It can be grown well next to a water body.

- Add top soil or organic peat humus to the hole when you plant. You might also add in composted cow manure to enrich the soil around the plant's rootball.
- Dead leaves and old stems that have finished flowering should be removed to encourage more flowering.
- In spring cut back to the ground any cold damaged stalks.
- This plant loves to be fed. Fertilize 3 times a year with a top quality granular fertilizer. Supplement feedings with regular applications of liquid fertilizer during warm months for heavier bloom. Regular irrigation is a must.
- This plant needs water and it needs it often (2 to 3 times a week in summer), though it doesn't do well in a boggy area.

Typical uses of Heliconia Rostrata

Special features: Used as Bedding Plant, Container Plant, Cut flower Plant, Feature Plant, Ground cover Plant and Mixed Border Plant

Ornamental use: The flowers make good cut flowers. Very beautiful as a potted plant on the patio in a decorative container.

References

<http://www.greenpatio.com/plantdatabase/heliconia-psittacorum.shtml>