

## Sparaxis (Lavender) - 10 Bulbs - buy 1 get 1 free



Sparaxis are the perfect bulbs for a colourful and long lasting pot in any prominent position. They are dead easy to grow and will flower again from one year to the next.

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Description Also known as wandflower or harlequin flower, these colorful members of the iris family have open star-shaped white, orange, lavender, yellow or pink flowers often centered with contrasting symmetrical patterns.

**Common name:** Harlequin, Wand flower, Sparaxis

**Color:** Pink, yellow, Red, Purple

**Bloom time:** Early Summer

**Height:** Sparaxis flowers grow an average height of about 10 inches high. The total plant height is 12 to 18 inches.

**Difficulty level:** Easy

**Planting & Care**

Use them as an accent in mixed beds and borders, rock gardens and containers.

**Sunlight:** They need full sun to grow and flower.

**Soil:** The soil should be kept continually moist, especially after planting.

**Water:** Water the bulbs immediately, and cover the area with a layer of mulch. Water garden plants as needed, especially during the first six weeks after planting.

**Temperature:** They should take about one to three months to germinate at 10 to 12 degrees centigrade.

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer once in 2 months

**Care:**

- Plant bulbs in late summer or early fall.
- Put them pointed side up 2 inches deep.
- In the garden, space them 4 inches apart.
- For containers, put them slightly closer together.
- Water the bulbs immediately, and cover the area with a layer of mulch.
- Water garden plants as needed, especially during the first six weeks after planting.

- During the growing season, supplement rainfall with irrigation if needed.
- Water container plants regularly.

**Care:**

- Little Sparaxis plant care is necessary with these flowers.
- In wet summer gardens, the corms are best lifted and stored but in well-drained areas, they can be left in the ground.
- Some species of the genus are not cold hardy.
- So if you live in colder regions, dig up the corms and store them before the first frost.
- The corms multiply rapidly if well watered throughout the growing season.
- Seeds can be sown in autumn and will flower the second spring or the offsets can be divided during dormancy and replanted.

Use

**Ornamental use:**

- The harlequin flower is the most outstanding of its genus, Sparaxis, making very popular garden subjects.

**Note:**

If grown in an exposed area it may be a good idea to supply a light stake for the Sparaxis plants.

**Reference:**

<http://homeguides.sfgate.com/plant-sparaxis-bulbs-42122.html>