Sparkling Burgundy Pineapple Lily

Eucomis comosa 'Sparkling Burgundy'



Sparkling Burgundy Pineapple Lily flowers
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Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7

Description:

This stunning variety produces rosettes of long burgundy leaves that mature to olive, then turn back after flowering; spikes of attractive creamy-pink flowers with lavender tones rise up in late spring; lift in colder climates, mulch in milder ones

Ornamental Features

Sparkling Burgundy Pineapple Lily features bold spikes of lightly-scented pink star-shaped flowers with creamy white overtones and lavender streaks from late spring to early summer. Its sword-like leaves emerge burgundy in spring, turning olive green in color. The foliage often turns burgundy in fall. The dark red stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

Landscape Attributes

Sparkling Burgundy Pineapple Lily is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Sparkling Burgundy Pineapple Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Sparkling Burgundy Pineapple Lily will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Sparkling Burgundy Pineapple Lily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.