Joanna Fox Tail Lily

Eremurus 'Joanna'



Joanna Fox Tail Lily flowers
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Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 6 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Desert Candle

Description:

Bold giant spikes of white flowers rise from grassy foliage; makes a great vertical accent in the garden composition; prefers good drainage; may require staking

Ornamental Features

Joanna Fox Tail Lily features bold spikes of white star-shaped flowers with yellow eyes rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive shell pink flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Joanna Fox Tail Lily is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Joanna Fox Tail Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Joanna Fox Tail Lily will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 6 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Joanna Fox Tail 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.