Paintbrush Lily

Scadoxus puniceus

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Torch Lily, Blood Lily, form. Haemanthus puniceus

Description:

An interesting garden or potted bulb plant that can easily be propagated by seed; a stunning orange-red bloom that resembles a paint brush, above glossy, deep green foliage; impressive when massed, and great for indoor containers

Features & Attributes

Paintbrush Lily features bold spikes of orange pincushion flowers with scarlet overtones rising above the foliage from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its glossy narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous houseplant with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.



Paintbrush Lily
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Paintbrush Lily fruit
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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Paintbrush Lily can be expected to grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

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