Aurora Fritillaria

Fritillaria imperialis 'Aurora'



Aurora Fritillaria flowers
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Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A beautiful show stopping variety producing tall spikes of golden orange bell flowers in a cluster, topped with a leafy crown of green foliage; a fantastic garden accent that is impressive when massed in a group; also excellent for containers

Ornamental Features

Aurora Fritillaria features bold fragrant nodding orange bell-shaped flowers with gold overtones rising above the foliage in mid spring. Its narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season. The burgundy stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Aurora Fritillaria is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aurora Fritillaria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Aurora Fritillaria will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. It grows at a fast 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Aurora Fritillaria 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.