# Cape Aurora Kangaroo Paw

***Anigozanthos 'Cape Aurora'***



*Cape Aurora Kangaroo Paw flower buds*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 14 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Cat's Paw

**Description:**

This variety produces nicely branched stems of red tipped, yellow flowers from spring until late summer over a dense mound of bright green foliage; a great color addition to garden beds, borders or containers

**Ornamental Features**

Cape Aurora Kangaroo Paw features unusual racemes of yellow flowers rising above the foliage from mid spring to late summer, which emerge from distinctive orange flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Cape Aurora Kangaroo Paw is an open herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cape Aurora Kangaroo Paw is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Cape Aurora Kangaroo Paw will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

Cape Aurora Kangaroo Paw 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.