Bush Dawn Kangaroo Paw

Anigozanthos 'Bush Dawn'



Bush Dawn Kangaroo Paw flowers
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Plant Height: 30 inches

Flower Height: 6 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Yellow Kangaroo Paw, Cat's Paw

Description:

An attractive tall variety with strappy foliage that may reach two to three feet in height; stunning yellow flowers rise above from spring to fall; a great color addition to garden beds, borders or containers

Ornamental Features

Bush Dawn Kangaroo Paw features unusual racemes of yellow tubular flowers with light green overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive orange flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its sword-like leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Bush Dawn Kangaroo Paw is an open herbaceous annual 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.

Bush Dawn Kangaroo Paw is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Bush Dawn Kangaroo Paw will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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 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 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.

Bush Dawn 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. 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.