Startle Daylily

Hemerocallis 'Startle'



Startle Daylily flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 28 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

Description:

Large, bold, bicolor, red and cream trumpets with creamy picotee edge and yellow-green throat; prominent ruffled edge; sturdy, strong, easy to care for, great grassy texture and form; good for the beginner gardener and the pro

Ornamental Features

Startle Daylily features bold red trumpet-shaped flowers with creamy white overtones, yellow throats and creamy white edges at the ends of the stems in mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Startle Daylily is an herbaceous perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Startle Daylily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Startle Daylily will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 28 inches apart. 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.