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Tulipa 'Quebec'

Plant Height: 9 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Group/Class: Gregii Tulip

Description:

A spectacular multi-flowering variety, producing 3-5 flowers per bulb; short plants with mottled green foliage are topped with scarlet red blooms with wide, butter yellow edges; mid season bloomer, perfect for spring beds, borders or containers

Ornamental Features

Quebec Tulip has masses of beautiful lightly-scented scarlet cup-shaped flowers with yellow eyes and buttery yellow edges at the ends of the stems in mid spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its sword-like leaves remain green in colour with showy plum purple variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Quebec Tulip is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Quebec Tulip is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Quebec Tulip flowers
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Quebec Tulip in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Quebec Tulip will grow to be about 9 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 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! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 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 multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Quebec Tulip is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.