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Fire Dance Torchlily

Kniphofia hirsuta 'Fire Dance'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 22 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Red-hot Poker, Flame Flower, Tritoma

Description:

Amazing red, orange, and bright yellow flower stalks rise from grassy, evergreen foliage in midsummer, creating a brilliant border planting; makes a great cutflower and attracts hummingbirds



Fire Dance Torchlily flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Fire Dance Torchlily in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Fire Dance Torchlily features bold spikes of red tubular flowers with yellow overtones and orange streaks at the ends of the stems from mid to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Fire Dance Torchlily is an open herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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 and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Fire Dance Torchlily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Fire Dance Torchlily will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 22 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

