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Poco™ Orange Torchlily

Kniphofia 'Poco Orange'

Height: 16 inches

Spread: 21 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

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

Group/Class: Poco Series

Description:

Stunning orange bottlebrush type flowers rise from short, grassy, evergreen foliage in summer to create an unusual yet brilliant border or container planting; compact habit; makes a great cutflower and attracts hummingbirds

Ornamental Features

Poco Orange Torchlily features bold spikes of orange tubular flowers with red tips at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Poco Orange 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 should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Poco Orange Torchlily is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Poco Orange Torchlily flowers
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Poco Orange Torchlily in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Poco Orange Torchlily will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 21 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 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 considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Poco Orange Torchlily 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, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.