

Bird of paradise

Strelitzia reginae Also known as: **Bird of paradise flower, Crane flower**

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This description is for *Bird of paradise (Strelitzia reginae)*:

A tender evergreen perennial, *strelitzia reginae* is arguably the most exotic-looking flowering plant to appear in a garden outside the tropics. Its tropical blossoms feature three erect fiery orange sepals and three purple-blue petals, two of which are fused. These blossoms emerge from a long, pointed horizontal spathe that resembles a bird's head and beak, inspiring the common name, the bird of paradise. Its foliage is grey-green with broad, strap-shaped leaves on long stems. Its unique blossoms emerge in winter, standing out dramatically against the dull greenery and remaining until spring. The bird of paradise can only prosper in frost-free areas in moist, well-drained soil, but it is preferable to grow under glass in loam-based compost. No pruning is necessary.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Exotic, house plants & other House plants
Height [m] 2	Hardiness zone Z13-15	Grown for Attractive Flowers
Spread [m] 1	Heat zone H12-1	Creative category Kid Approved For Beginners Colours Show-offs Author's choice

Plant	Environment	Usage
Dominant flower colour Orange	Heat days 0 - 210	Garden type Indoor or winter garden Containers
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	Garden spaces Cut flowers Specimen
Flowering seasons Mid winter Late winter Early spring Mid spring Late spring Early winter	Soil type sandy chalky loams	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in spring Grey-green	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade	Time to reach full size up to 20 years
Foliage in summer Grey-green	Exposure Sheltered	
Foliage in Autumn Grey-green		
Foliage in winter Grey-green		
Awards? Yes, let it smell		
Propagation methods seed division		
Growth habit Clump-forming		