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gladioli

Gladiolus alatus Also known as: **Sword lily**

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This description is for **gladioli** (*Gladiolus alatus*):

Easily looking like they could come from another world, the exotic flowers of *gladiolus alatus*, which is commonly known as kalkoentjie will stop people in their tracks. Though short-lived, these orange and greenish-yellow flowers are incredibly eye-catching and bloom in spring. Kalkoentjie goes dormant during summer so the soil should be kept quite dry during this period. This plant grows well in sandy soils with good drainage and likes a sunny position. Kalkoentjie makes for an incredible container plant and its vivid and unusual looks add great appeal to a rock garden.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Flowers & bulbs Bulbs
Height [m] 0.08 - 0.35	Hardiness zone Z8-10	Grown for Attractive Flowers
Spread [m] 0.1 - 0.25	Heat zone Not defined	Creative category Kid Approved Fine fragrants For Beginners Colours Show-offs For birds & bees Roses & classics
Dominant flower colour Mixed colours	Winter temperatures [°C] -12 - 4	Garden type Cottage garden City

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Flower Fragrance Yes, let it smell	Moisture well-drained	Garden spaces Flower beds Cut flowers Borders
Flowering seasons Late winter Early spring Mid spring Late spring	Soil type sandy chalky loams	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in spring Green	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade	Time to reach full size 2 to 5 years
Foliage in summer Green	Exposure Sheltered	
Foliage in Autumn Green		
Propagation methods seed offsets		
Growth habit Compact Clump-forming Erect		