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Tropicanna Black Canna
Canna 'Tropicanna Black'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Tropicanna Black Canna

Group/Class: Tropicanna Series

Description:

An extraordinary variety with foliage that is a magnificent combination of dark purple and black shades; crowned with dazzling scarlet-orange blooms from spring to fall; excellent display when massed along borders, or as a garden accent

Ornamental Features

Tropicanna Black Canna features bold spikes of scarlet flag-like flowers with orange overtones at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall. Its attractive enormous glossy pointy leaves emerge coppery-bronze in spring, turning deep purple in color with showy black variegation and tinges of coppery-bronze throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Tropicanna Black Canna is an herbaceous annual with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Tropicanna Black Canna is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Tropicanna Black Canna
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Tropicanna Black Canna flowers
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens

Planting & Growing

Tropicanna Black Canna will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

Tropicanna Black Canna is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.