



Speciosa Tiger Flower
Tigridia pavonia 'Speciosa'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Mexican Shell Flower, Peacock Flower

Description:

A profusion of red flowers with burgundy-red spotted eyes and a yellow ring appear on upright stems in early to late summer; flowers are short lived but come one after another for several weeks; an exotic addition to the garden or containers

Ornamental Features

Speciosa Tiger Flower features showy spikes of red cup-shaped flowers with yellow overtones, creamy white eyes and burgundy spots rising above the foliage from early to late summer. Its textured narrow leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Speciosa Tiger Flower is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Speciosa Tiger Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Speciosa Tiger Flower flowers
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Planting & Growing

Speciosa Tiger Flower 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 6 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. 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 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.

Speciosa Tiger Flower 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.