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## Royal Trumpet Vine



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*Distictis 'Rivers'*

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: *Distictis x riversii*, *Amphilophium*

#### Description:

Beautiful clusters of large, lavender to pink trumpet flowers with golden throats grace this glossy-leaved vine; the flowers are attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies; needs a sturdy structure for support

#### Ornamental Features

Royal Trumpet Vine features showy fragrant lavender trumpet-shaped flowers with gold throats along the branches from late spring to late summer. Its glossy oval leaves remain light green in colour throughout the year.

#### Landscape Attributes

Royal Trumpet Vine is a multi-stemmed evergreen perennial vine with a twining and trailing 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 only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Royal Trumpet Vine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Royal Trumpet Vine flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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### Planting & Growing

Royal Trumpet Vine will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. As a climbing vine, it should either be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. Although it is technically a woody plant, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Royal Trumpet Vine is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. 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, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. 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.