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Alstroemeria 'Tessumheat'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Peruvian Lily

Description:

A standout variety presenting stunning red blooms with yellow central flares and flecked with burgundy; tall, sturdy stems and crisp green foliage provides great contrast and height to garden beds, borders and containers; excellent cut flower quality



Summer Heat Alstroemeria flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Summer Heat Alstroemeria features showy bracted red trumpet-shaped flowers with yellow overtones and burgundy spots at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.



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Landscape Attributes

Summer Heat Alstroemeria is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Summer Heat Alstroemeria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Summer Heat Alstroemeria will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 feet apart. Although it's not a true annual, this 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Summer Heat Alstroemeria is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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. 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.