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# **Pink Joey Kangaroo Paw**



Pink Joey Kangaroo Paw Anigozanthos 'Pink Joey'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 30 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Cat's Paw

### **Description:**

This variety produces nicely branched stems of soft pink flowers from spring until fall over a dense, compact mound of bright green foliage; a great color addition to garden beds, borders or containers

## **Ornamental Features**

Pink Joey Kangaroo Paw features unusual racemes of shell pink flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its sword-like leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

#### Landscape Attributes

Pink Joey Kangaroo Paw is an open herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pink Joey Kangaroo Paw is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Pink Joey Kangaroo Paw flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Pink Joey Kangaroo Paw in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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### **Planting & Growing**

Pink Joey Kangaroo Paw will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 30 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 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.

Pink Joey Kangaroo Paw 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.