## **Stonegate Gardens**

### **Carmine Parrot Tulip**

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# Carmine Parrot Tulip Tulipa 'Carmine Parrot'

Plant Height: 16 inches
Flower Height: 22 inches

Spread: 16 inches Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 3a



Carmine Parrot Tulip flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Description:**

Big feather edged blooms of carmine red with white flames stand above interesting gray-green foliage with white edges; excellent for cutting; visually stunning when massed in the garden

#### **Ornamental Features**

Carmine Parrot Tulip has masses of beautiful red cup-shaped flowers with purple overtones and white streaks at the ends of the stems in mid spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive sword-like leaves remain grayish green in color with distinctive white edges throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Carmine Parrot Tulip is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Carmine Parrot Tulip is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Carmine Parrot Tulip will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity extending to 22 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. 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! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate 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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.