# **Stonegate Gardens**

## **Inca Bandit Alstroemeria**

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# Inca Bandit® Alstroemeria Alstroemeria 'Koncaband'

Plant Height: 10 inches
Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 16 inches
Spacing: 14 inches
Sunlight: • •

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Peruvian Lily Group/Class: Inca Series

### **Description:**

This impressive, hardy variety presents stunning deep red blooms with white blotches, and dramatic black spots; mounded, crisp green foliage provides contrast; blooms last well as cut flowers

#### **Ornamental Features**

Inca Bandit Alstroemeria features showy bracted scarlet trumpet-shaped flowers with creamy white overtones and black spots at the ends of the stems from early to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in color with hints of bluish-green throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Inca Bandit Alstroemeria is an herbaceous perennial 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.



Inca Bandit Alstroemeria flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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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.

Inca Bandit Alstroemeria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Inca Bandit Alstroemeria will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 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 14 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 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 covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Inca Bandit Alstroemeria is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.