

**Lucifer Crocosmia*****Crocosmia 'Lucifer'***

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Montbretia

Description:

Breathtaking and bold scarlet-red flower scapes are one-sided and rise above iris-like foliage; attracts hummingbirds; best performance in full-sun; plant corms in spring if starting this plant yourself, can be lifted in fall

Ornamental Features

Lucifer Crocosmia features showy nodding scarlet tubular flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive textured sword-like leaves remain emerald green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Lucifer Crocosmia is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lucifer Crocosmia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Lucifer Crocosmia flowers
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Lucifer Crocosmia in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Lucifer Crocosmia will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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!

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 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. 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.