

Crocasmias



Do's

- Divide and replant every 3 years and thin out to encourage free flowering
- Mix in organic matter with clay and sandy soil to retain moisture and food
- Plan your choices as different varieties will flower between July-October
- Feed with Vitax Q4 or Tomato Food
- Plant C. Lucifer 6 inches deep as this will help support the tall stems
- Grow them for cut flower as they combine beautifully with the blue of Summer Agapanthus
- Combine their vibrant colours

Don'ts

- Worry, they don't grow invasively like the common 'Montbretia'. They give you less leaves and more flower
- Plant them in shade as they are sun lovers and originate from South Africa
- Be scared to dig up and thin them out they will thank you with amazing flowers for the next few years
- Put them too far back in a bed, they are self supporting and add undulation to planting and also striking contrasts
- Buy them as dried corms as they suffer from being dried out and the fail rate will be high

"Sunshine is the best medicine"

John's Recommendations



**CROCOSMIA
'LUCIFER'**

Raised in 1966 and one of the first to flower at 4 foot tall it stands out. Plant in the middle of a bed as a highlight and it also tolerates wet soil with attractive pleated foliage



**CROCOSMIA
'CITRONELLA'**

One of the palest yellow varieties flowering Aug-Sept. Looks great against the flowers of Nepeta and produces many short stems of flowers. Tolerant of wet or dry soils and very dainty in habit



**CROCOSMIA
'JACKANAPES'**

A superb bi-colored variety only growing to 18" tall. Flowering during August it's great for the front of a bed. Raised by Alan Bloom of Bressingham in 1970 it's stood the test of time



**CROCOSMIA
'ZEAL GIANT'**

The tallest of all varieties growing up to 6 feet tall. Strong habit and the corms get up to 2lb in size once mature. Striking in a herbaceous border against purple flowers



**CROCOSMIA
'HIGHLIGHT'**

The flowers begin salmon orange, fading to bright pink. Plant in full sun to enrich the colour and it flowers in July-Aug standing at 3 feet tall, striking in full sun



**CROCOSMIA
'STAR OF
THE EAST'**

One of the latest varieties to flower in Sept-Oct and also the largest flowering hybrid with flowers up to 4" across during Autumn



**CROCOSMIA
'HELLFIRE'**

The deepest red variety growing to 3 feet tall and a recent introduction. The deep red flowers make a striking contrast against the blues of Agapanthus



**CROCOSMIA
'IRISH DAWN'**

The best golden yellow variety with a free flowering habit on short stocky stems growing to 18" tall. Flowering in July it complements and contrasts against C. Lucifer very nicely



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