




# STRELITZIA REGINAE

## Bird of Paradise


 Low to moderate water

 Part to full shade

 Attracts hummingbirds

 Deer resistant

 Rabbit resistant

 Native to South Africa

### Why we love it...

Bird of paradise is, without a doubt, a showstopper specimen plant. Its grey-green foliage is similar to that of a banana plant, and its spectacular flower resembles tropical birds. Blossoms appear in spring and fall and are more profuse in cooler weather. It is also quite drought tolerant, and will thrive in most soils.

Long-lasting flowers reside on the plant for at least a week and can even be cut and placed in a vase of water for up to two weeks. Plant Bird of Paradise in a shady spot: a protected location in the ground or in a brightly colored pot for a dramatic showpiece. Bird of Paradise benefits significantly from frequent and heavy feedings during the growing season.



**Lydia says:** At the beginning of the growing season, feed with a slow release granular fertilizer, and feed with a water soluble fertilizer during the growing season.

**Perennial:**  
*Strelitzia reginae*

**Size (H x W):** 3-5 feet x 3-5 feet

**Blooms:** Orange/purple in spring and fall

**Exposure:** Part to full shade

**Hardiness Zone:** 24° F, USDA Zone 9

**Water:** Low to moderate

**Pruning:** Winter to early spring

**Growth Rate:** Slow to moderate



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