

Botanical Name: Billbergia nutans

Common Name: Queen's tears

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Character Evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape epiphytic plant, growing in spreading clumps of stiff,
spiny grass-like leaves forming rosettes -- long drooping flower clusters

Height 18" - 2' Spread 2 - 4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out prefers partial shade outdoors, bright light indoors

Soil needs a light, well-drained soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 16-24); durable indoors

Morphology:

Leaves to 1 1/2 ft long, 1/2" wide, finely toothed, forming an
open rosette - eventually becomes a dense clump

Flowers bracts bright rose; flowers sutular, rose-colored, with
green and edged in blue

Fruit small berry

Propagation: division

Usage: usually a single potted plant, but can be used in trees,
mounted on boards, or as a shrubby groundcover under trees -- drought
tolerant in the ground

Landscape Care:

Watering can be kept dry in winter, but needs frequent watering
during growing season

Fertilizing balanced, 1/2 strength, 2X monthly during growing season

Pruning divide, remove center section occasionally

Pests/Diseases root rot in wet, poorly-drained soils

Special Conditions

Origin: Brazil Family: Bromeliaceae