

Botanical Name: Anigozanthus manglesii

Common Name: Kangaroo paw

Type of Plant: Monocot: perennial Family Haemodoraceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Upright clumping, grassy plant with flat fans of sword-like leaves;
unique hairy, colorful tubular lowers are held above leaves

Height to 3 ft. Spread t 3 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun preferred

Soil needs excellent drainage to thrive, do not allow to become soggy

Hardiness some frost; Zones 12, 13, 15-24

Morphology:

Leaves Narrow, blue-green to 1 ft. long, 1" wide; forms flat, fan-shaped
clumps with reddish cast at base

Flowers Unique tubular flowers in brilliant green, reddish at base; arising
from thick dark stems clothed in wooly red hairs; very dramatic bloom

Fruit narrow capsule

Propagation: seed and division

Usage: Remarkable accent plant used for flowers in spring; foliage clumps
are unremarkable but stunning bloom makes the plant worth growing; can be used
in pots or in raised beds if drainage is not good enough

Landscape Care:

Watering Likes regular water during flowering; can be kept fairly dry during
winter dormancy

Fertilizing slow-release at planting

Pruning Remove spent flowers to prolong blooming season

Pests/Diseases None major; excellent drainage is necessary for best growth

Other

Origin: Australia