

Botanical Name: Sinningia speciosa

Common Name: Gloxinia

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, upright plant arising from a basal tuber--large
coarse foliage topped by bell-shaped, brightly colored flowers

Height to 1' Spread to 18" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out likes half shade outdoors, bright light indoors

Soil must have excellent drainage

Hardiness tender

Morphology:

Leaves ovate to oval 8-10" long, 6" wide, finely hairy on upper
and lower surfaces, margins crenate

Flowers 1-3 large bell-shaped flowers per cluster, 3-4" across
red, white, pink, purple

Fruit very small woody capsule

Propagation: leaf cuttings, division of tubers

Usage: used as a gift plant, specimen plant good for spring and
summer color. Often used as a spring/summer annual; greenhouse plant

Landscape Care:

Watering water sparingly until tuber is well rooted--keep water off
foliage

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength feed twice per month after
sprouting from tuber

Pruning remove foliage after drying out, store tuber for
re-sprouting in spring

Pests/Diseases spider mites, root rot

Special Conditions dry out plants after bloom; store until spring

Origin: Brazil Family: Gesneriaceae