

Botanical Name: Caesalpinia gilliesii

Common Name: Bird of paradise bush

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character partially deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape shrub/small tree, upright and open, with a fine, filmy
foliage canopy -- open, angular branch structure -- deciduous in cold climates

Height to 12' Spread 10-12' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil tolerates any soil -- prefers well draining

Hardiness some frost (zones 8-16, 18-23)

Morphology:

Leaves twice pinnately compound (fernlike), alternately
arranged, blue-green color; to 15" long, 12" across

Flowers terminal clusters, loose spike, yellow flowers with
bright red, protruding stamens, 3-5" long -- April/May -- mostly summer

Fruit brown pod, legume 3-4" long

Propagation: seed

Usage: single accent plant -- sub-tropical landscapes -- good
silhouette shrub or small tree -- meant to be loose and open

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers well-draining soil with deep, infrequent watering

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back terminal branches in winter months

Pests/Diseases scale

Special Conditions

Origin: Argentina Family: Fabaceae