

Botanical Name: Strelitzia reginae

Common Name: Bird of paradise

Type of Plant: monocot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping habit of several, many upright leaves arising from  
a subterranean base, forms fairly rounded canopy

Height 5-8' (10') Spread equal + Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor prefers full sun, tolerates partial

Soil prefers acidic, moist soils, tolerates most

Hardiness tender (zones 22-24) can be kept protected in zones 9, 12-21

Morphology:

Leaves long-stalked, bluish-green to 4-6' long; blades 12-24"  
long, oval-lanceolate, channeled petioles

Flowers terminal, solitary, bilaterally symmetrical, distinctive  
modified petals -- blue, orange and white -- winter/intermittent

Fruit capsule -- black and orange seeds within

Propagation: seed

Usage: large accent for flower display, dramatic form; excellent  
for tropical effects; somewhat overused as a mass planting filler material

Landscape Care:

Watering regular; likes heavy watering

Fertilizing twice annually; acid pH fertilizer with iron

Pruning remove dead leaves, flower stalks, thin

Pests/Diseases scale, mealybug

Special Conditions

Origin: South Africa Family: Musaceae