

Botanical Name: Kniphofia uvaria (Tritoma)

Common Name: Red hot poker, Torch lily

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spreading clump of narrow, grasslike leaves; stiff but frequently folded and bent down

Height 2' - 6' Spread 2' - 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to part shade

Soil prefers a light, fairly dry soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves grasslike, somewhat stiff, 2'-3' long, 1/2" wide, often folded or bent over

Flowers spikes (dense racemes) of showy tubular flowers, 1" long; red, orange, yellow, white, 2 or more colors on a spike

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: background mass, accent plant for bright flower color;

good mixed with succulents, at the back of borders, dwarf types are good

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Landscape Care:

Watering keep somewhat dry; very tolerant of heat and drought

Fertilizing slow-release at planting

Pruning cut back to ground in fall or winter

Pests/Diseases root rot in wet soils

Special Conditions dwarf and specific color varieties are available

Origin: S. Africa Family: Liliaceae