

Grower's Facts

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Kniphofia

Kniphofia uvaria Flamenco Mélange

PLANTATION: Indoor: Sow seeds 6–8 weeks before planting out, 2–3 seeds per plug, can be sown directly in final pots (4–6 seeds) or use a deep container to avoid disturbing the taproot. Barely cover. Light aid germination. Kept the temperature at 23 °C., germination takes around 30 days. Vernalization is not required for flowering.

Outdoor: Direct sow for June–August into prepared seed beds, place in groups of 3–4 seeds, spaced 30–45 cm apart. Keep the strongest plant.

SOIL: Indoor: A well-drained, porous sowing media is best to prevent over watering.

Outdoor: Well-drained soil.

CULTURALS PRACTICES: Grow the Kniphofia in full sun or part shade, moderate to regular water. Will tolerate wet soils in summer, in winter soil must be well-drained. Flowers open from bottom to top, changing colors as they age. Flowers the first year when started indoor. Cut the faded flowers to ensure a good rise of new flowers and cut back the foliage at the end of winter. Plants are heat tolerant and will resist deer and rabbits. Outdoor a fleece cover or mulch cover with straw (20 cm) is needed. In spring the plants start to grow at 12–15 °C and long day. A chilling period for flower initiation is not required, but with a chilling period the flowering is more uniform and fuller. High fertilization levels are required. Fertilize using a complete balanced fertilizer and calcium nitrate fertilizer. Do not fertilize after mid September.