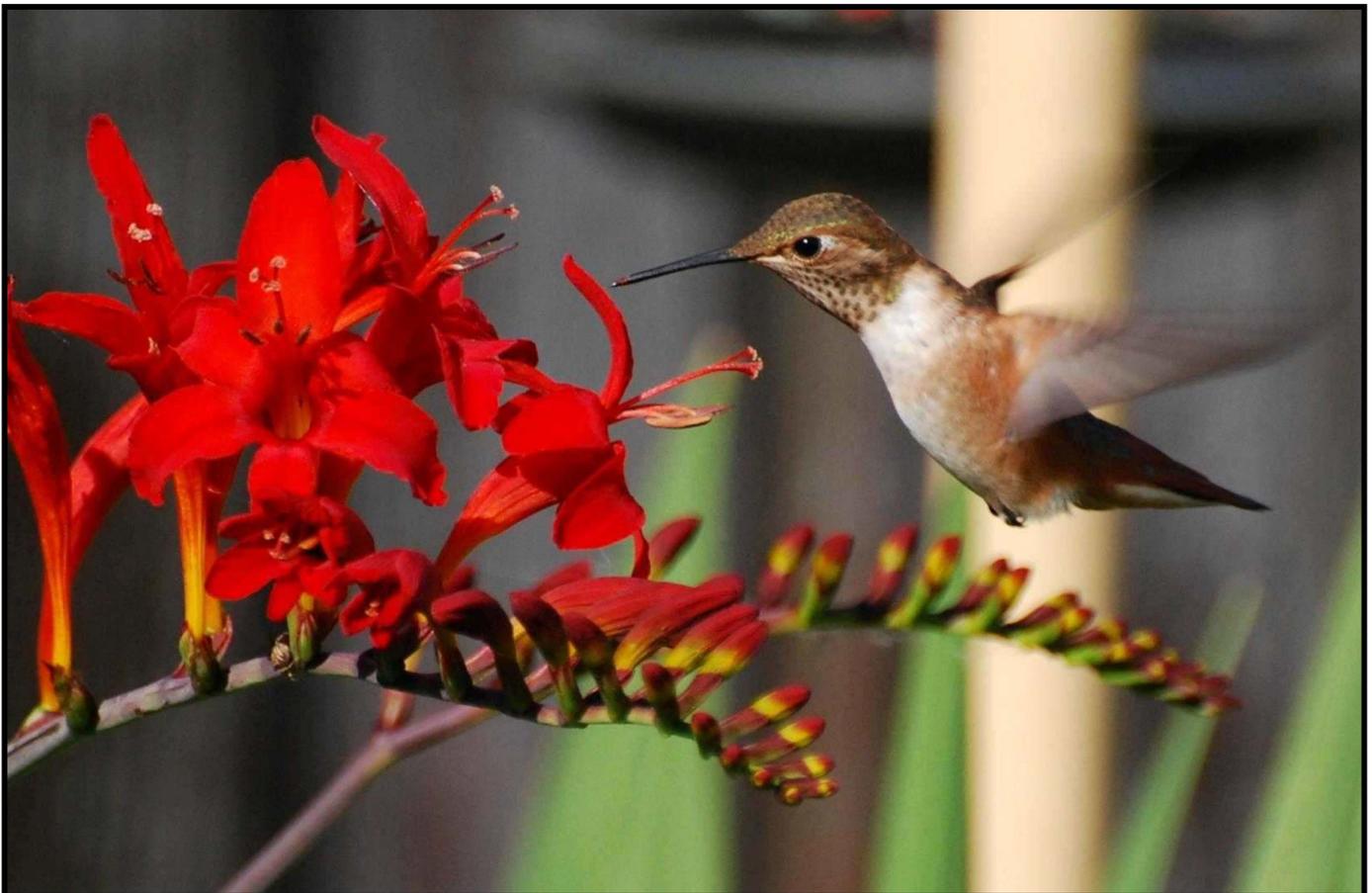


Crocasmia

In the dog days of summer, when Spring color has long since faded and many plants are wilting in the heat, few plants offer as brilliant a show of color as the Crocasmia. A late summer garden is incomplete without their brilliantly colored flower spikes; vibrant scarlet, red, orange, gold, yellow, and coral red/pink.

The long spiky foliage of Crocasmia provides a plant form somewhere between grasses and gladiolus, above which appear gracefully arching stems bearing their flowers. Their colors, tubular flowers and nectar are a beacon for hummingbirds and bees alike.

As garden lots have gotten smaller and patio gardens have grown in popularity, shorter varieties of plants have become more popular. We have been breeding and selecting for shorter Crocasmia and for various colors and combinations. The varieties with a TM next to their name were bred by our grower, Niels van Noort and are exclusively grown in our fields.





Name: Diablito™

Color: Red

Height: 24"



Name: George Davison

Color: Yellow

Height: 32"



Name: Lucifer

Color: Red

Height: 36"



Name: Sharona™

Color: Coral / Pink

Height: 24"

CULTURAL INFORMATION

Crocoshmia are native to South Africa, but many are hardy up to USDA zone 5 or 6 chills, especially with winter mulch and when situated in a well-drained position in the field.

Planting time: Our Crocoshmia are available for shipping from February into May. However, there is little to be gained by planting them before temperatures are warm enough to promote sprouting and growth. Here in Western Washington, when growing pots outside there is no benefit to planting before the 2nd half of April when highs are above 60 and lows above 45 and daily temperatures are getting warmer over time. Other parts of the country will vary, but these high and low temperatures can be used as a guideline. Our Crocoshmia planted in the field in late April start to flower in July and continue through August. Utilizing tunnels and greenhouses allows for earlier planting and finishing of plants. But unlike plants that lend themselves to forcing out of season, you may only speed up finishing time by several weeks. Whenever and wherever you plant, avoid over watering early on and protect from frost.

Light: Crocoshmia do best in full sun. Higher light makes for shorter plants

Fertilizer / pests: Feed at moderate levels. They are not heavy feeders but can benefit from additional fertilizer, especially K. Crocoshmia can be sensitive to fluoride toxicity, so avoid fluoridated water and fertilizers with high phosphate levels. Fungal diseases are minimal. Pests include thrips and spider mites. Although not on label and therefore a practice we cannot recommend, anecdotal information indicates that when “Marathon 1% granular Greenhouse and Nursery Insecticide” has been incorporated into potting media may be useful in preventing spider mite occurrence.

Planting Density

2 gal. pot (recommended)

5-7 corms per pot



Cut Flower Bed

on **3.5" - 5"** centers

6 - 12 corms /sq ft

54 - 108 corms /sq yd

1 gal. pot

3-5 corms per pot



Garden Bed

on **6" - 8"** centers

2 - 4 corms /sq ft

20 - 36 corms / sq yd

Container planting:

Plant 2"-3" deep, but no deeper than 1/3 the depth of the container. Plant with the pointy part of the corm up. Use a well drained potting media. Drainage does not have to be perfect; when vigorously growing they like moisture and a little moisture retention by the media is not bad. But they do not like to sit in saturated soils. Take care of this when planting early when conditions are cooler and not conducive for vigorous growth. Under these conditions, water after planting and then wait to water again until growth commences. Once up and growing, water more liberally.

About Us



We are a wholesale plant grower whose roots began in the beautiful Pacific Northwest in 1981.

We grow all of our Crocosmia, Hemerocallis, Hosta and Peony crops here on our family owned, 145-acre farm in Woodland, Washington, USA .

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