

Canna 'South Pacific Scarlet'

AAS Flower Award Winner

Allow 'South Pacific' to add a touch of the tropics to your garden with showy, 4" flowers that bloom all summer long in a delicious shade of scarlet.

Across the country the AAS judges raved about this canna from seed because it is such a floriferous bloomer. 'South Pacific' grows up to 52" tall, providing a great specimen grouping or a back of the garden attention-getter. The colorful blooms are produced on a flower spike held above the large-leafed statuesque plants.

Home gardeners will love the robust nature of plant and the many flower-laden branches it produces. 'South Pacific' boasts 6-7 stems per plant and delivers larger flowers than other seed cannas. The scarlet flowers appear early, bloom consistently all summer and withstand a light frost better than comparisons.

Canna is a perennial but can be treated as an annual by northern gardeners who do not want to dig rhizomes before the frost and store them indoors for the winter.



Genus species: *Canna generalis*

Common name: Canna

Unique qualities: More vigorous and sturdy than other seed propagated cannas, non-stop flowering all season long

Flower color: Scarlet red

Foliage color: Green

Flower form: Standard

Flower size: 4-4.5 inches

Plant height: up to 52 inches

Plant width: 10 - 18 inches

Plant type: Annual except in zones 7-10

Starting Seed: Sow Cannas in a seed flat or final pot 6 weeks before last frost. Keep moist and warm (70 – 80F) while germinating, up to 14 days. A humidity dome will improve germination. Once the seedlings come up, water as you would any other seedling: allow to dry before watering.

Transplanting: Transplant into the garden in full sun to partial shade after danger of frost. Cannas will tolerate deep shade in hot climates, but will bloom with less intensity.

Water Requirements: Cannas tolerate variable conditions from drought to bog. Under extreme drought, the plant will go dormant and return the following spring. They perform best when planted in rich, well-drained soil and watered moderately. They can be used as a pond plant if the plant is not fully submerged underwater.

Growth Rate: Fast

Planting Medium: For potted plants and seedlings, use a general purpose potting/seedling mix.

Garden spacing: 24 inches

Length of time from sowing seed to flower: 11-12 weeks