



## SEED OF THE MONTH:

**Common Name:** Bird of Paradise, Crane Flower

**Scientific Name:** *Strelitzia reginae*

**Family:** Strelitziaceae

**Genus:** *Strelitzia*

**Species:** *S.reginae*

**Height:**

**Spacing:**

**Sun Exposure:**

6.6 feet

2-3 foot spread

Full sun to semi-shade

**Bloom Color:** Flowers emerge one at a time from the “spathe.” They consist of 3 brilliant orange sepals and 3 bright, blue petals.

**Bloom Time:** Approximately 3-5 years after germination. Plant must be established. Peak flowering season is during the Winter and early Spring. They will flower several times a year.

**Other Details:** Species is native to South Africa. Root rot is the most common affliction often due to overwatering and/or poor drainage. Dogs often enjoy nibbling on this plant, but the seeds are toxic and will cause abdominal pain and vomiting.

**Soil Requirements:** Trives in rich, loamy soil with good drainage.

**Water Requirements:** Requires watering at least once a week. These plants are very hardy once established and can tolerate different soil conditions very well. Leaves act as spoons directing water towards their straw-like stems, taking water directly to the roots. They respond well to regular feeding with organic fertilizer or compost.

**Propagation Methods:** By division or by seed.

Seed packet goes here

### Known Uses:

The Bird of Paradise is a very popular ornamental plant and sought after for floral decorations. In fact, it has been chosen as the official flower of the City of Los Angeles!