

Pride of Barbados (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*)



Native Land: Tropical America

Sun/Shade: Prefers full sun; part shade OK

Flowers:

Landscape Use:

Container Use: Can do well in containers with light potting soil, careful watering and mild fertilization.

Size: Round mound about 1' foot tall and 2' feet wide.

Type: A perennial that performs well for two or three years and perhaps longer with proper care. Best thought of as a seasonal flower with an extra long life.

Deer Resistance: Very deer resistant.

Drought Tolerance: Very drought tolerant but looks best with regular, careful watering.

Soil: Not particular about soil as long as it drains well and does not remain constantly wet. Does well in rocky soil or even better with soil enhancement. Constantly wet soil leads to premature death.

Water: Smart Watering Principle=Water well when first planted then allow to dry slightly, without wilting, then water deeply again, etc. A soaking rainfall

should last for about two weeks worth of watering. Do not keep constantly wet.

Fertilizer: Responds well to flower fertilizer or lawn fertilizer but will still bloom without fertilization.

Maintenance Tips: Be careful with automatic sprinkler systems. Cut this plant back a couple of inches as it grows more woody, but only when it is actively growing being careful to leave some green leaves on the plant. Do not cut back severely in summer.

Rating: This plant rates very high and should be used much more.