

# SHEL MERDINE

## SECOND NATURE



### **Fire Glow Calla Lily** *Zantedeschia 'Fire Glow'*

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Lily of the Nile, Easter Lily, Arum Lily

#### **Ornamental Features**

Fire Glow Calla Lily features bold tomato-orange trumpet-shaped flowers with orange overtones and yellow centers rising above the foliage from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive large glossy heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in colour with distinctive white spots throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Fire Glow Calla Lily is an herbaceous annual with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Fire Glow Calla Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Fire Glow Calla Lily flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Fire Glow Calla Lily will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Fire Glow Calla Lily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.