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## **Cannova Red Shades Canna**

***Canna 'Cannova Red Shades'***

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 20 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Cannova Series

### **Description:**

A tropical look in the garden with huge green leaves; large flowers that are beautiful shades of coral and red, on top of this medium height variety; perfect for borders or as an accent; perennial only where roots don't freeze.

### **Ornamental Features**

Cannova Red Shades Canna features bold spikes of coral-pink flag-like flowers with red overtones at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall. Its attractive large glossy pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Cannova Red Shades Canna is an herbaceous annual with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Cannova Red Shades Canna is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Cannova Red Shades Canna flowers  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



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### **Planting & Growing**

Cannova Red Shades Canna will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Cannova Red Shades Canna is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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