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### Inca Bandit® Alstroemeria

*Alstroemeria 'Koncaband'*

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Peruvian Lily

Group/Class: Inca Series

#### Description:

This impressive, hardy variety presents stunning deep red blooms with white blotches, and dramatic black spots; mounded, crisp green foliage provides contrast; blooms last well as cut flowers

#### Ornamental Features

Inca Bandit Alstroemeria features showy bracted scarlet trumpet-shaped flowers with creamy white overtones and black spots at the ends of the stems from early to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in color with hints of bluish-green throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Inca Bandit Alstroemeria is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Inca Bandit Alstroemeria is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Inca Bandit Alstroemeria flowers*  
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Inca Bandit Alstroemeria will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Inca Bandit Alstroemeria 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 against which the 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.

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