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# Indian Summer™ Alstroemeria Alstroemeria 'Tesronto Imp'

Plant Height: 24 inches Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet Spacing: 4 feet

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: (annual) Other Names: Peruvian Lily

## **Description:**

This standout variety presents stunning coppery-orange and golden yellow blooms with fine burgundy spots: mounded, dark bronze-green foliage adds interest; blooms last very well as cut flowers

#### **Ornamental Features**

Indian Summer Alstroemeria features showy bracted orange trumpet-shaped flowers with yellow overtones and burgundy spots at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive crimson flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive pointy leaves remain grayish green in color with showy coppery-bronze variegation and tinges of black throughout the season.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Indian Summer 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.



Indian Summer Alstroemeria flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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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.

Indian Summer Alstroemeria is recommended for the following landscape applications;



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

### **Planting & Growing**

Indian Summer Alstroemeria will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 5 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 feet 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 achive 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 applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Indian Summer Alstroemeria is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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.