Hesperaloe, (Red) Brakelights Yucca

Hesperaloe parviflora 'Perpa'



Hesperaloe, (Red) Brakelights Yucca flowers
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Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Redflower False Yucca

Description:

This stately succulent plant has arching grassy looking foliage that is leathery to the touch; sturdy spikes covered with brilliant, brake light red flowers over a long season; a perfect accent plant for waterwise gardens or containers

Ornamental Features

Hesperaloe, (Red) Brakelights Yucca features showy spikes of cherry red bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall. Its attractive succulent grassy leaves are bluish-green in color. The foliage often turns coppery-bronze in fall. It produces khaki (brownish-green) capsules in late fall. The red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Hesperaloe, (Red) Brakelights Yucca is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hesperaloe, (Red) Brakelights Yucca is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Hesperaloe, (Red) Brakelights Yucca will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. 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 pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Special Attributes

Hesperaloe or Yucca will need to be watered during the growing season, in the Lower Columbia Basin there isn't enough rainfall during the growing season. The amount of water and regularity depends on the your soil, the wind and the heat variables at different times. Deer will eat the blooms but leave the foliage.