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Heliconia An Identification Guide



Synopsis

Heliconia, large tropical flowers native to Central and South America and some islands of the South Pacific, have become favorite horticultural subjects throughout the world. Many cultivated varieties are available from florists as cut flowers or potted plants in regions where they cannot be grown outdoors and others are commonly used as ornaments for landscaping in the tropics. Fully illustrated with color photographs that capture the reds, yellows, greens, and pinks of long-lasting heliconia blooms, this field guide is the definitive source for easy and efficient identification of 200 species, varieties, hybrids, and cultivars of the genus *Heliconia*. Botanical and horticultural names are given for each species, along with a brief description of morphological features, blooming time, habitat, and geographic distribution.

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Customer Reviews

I live in El Salvador, Central America, and love to collect different varieties of plants, especially heliconias, in the wilderness. This book has been an excellent guide for identifying the various species of Heliconias that I encounter. The photographs are great too!!

fantastic, this is the book for those wanting information on heliconias. hundreds of color photographs make for easy identification. the book also describes care, hybridization and related subjects regarding heliconias.

This is the only late 20th century book I know of which deals with this genus of plants in such a thorough and knowledgeable manner. It is primarily a photo book, but one that includes the best and most up-to-date info on this glorious group of plants. I can't recommend it highly enough. Robert Lee Riffle, author of the award-winning book, THE TROPICAL LOOK

I grow heliconias and some other tropical plants. It's become very difficult to identify them since they are known to many names all over the world. Berry and Kress are very clever suggesting to use their classification and popular names so everybody would understand what others are talking about.

Excellent book. Great help in cultivating and identifying Heliconia. Wish some commercial growers would read this then label their plants accordingly. One can only hope for a ginger book in the future.

No other book is more explicit on identifying heliconias, It is the best on the subject and should be used as a guide for other to further explain botanical subjects, on this or another species of plants.

One of the best, if not the best of its kind, if you're looking to identify heliconias. This manual is illustrated and gives information on more than 200 plants. It is a must for anyone who loves and enjoys these beautiful tropical plants.

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