



Caesalpinia pulcherrima Red Bird of Paradise, Pride of Barbados

This shrub is one of the most popular summer bloomers in low desert areas. From May through August this tropical-looking shrub produces loads of spectacular flower clusters. It drops its leaves in the winter, and usually suffers some frost damage. You may cut this shrub back to 6 to 12 inches above the ground during the winter. As soon as the weather heats up in the spring, it will explode into growth, growing to 5 or 6 feet tall and wide in one summer. Deep, weekly irrigation during the bloom season will keep plants healthy and prolong the flower display. It performs best in full sun and well-drained soil.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	6 feet x 6 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Orange-red
FLOWER SEASON	Summer through fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Moderate
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	15° F, USDA Zone 8
PRUNING	Cut to 12" above ground in winter



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