



Billbergia saundersi hybrid

Billbergia

Bird of Paradise

These are bromeliads, air plants, related to the pineapple. They naturally grow on trees like orchids but under cultivation seem to thrive under any and all conditions. They may be grown in sand, peat, leaf-mould, moss, osmundia fiber or any combination of these ingredients. The main point to consider is that they must have perfect drainage. They may be grown on limbs of trees or may be tied to a piece of rustic wood with sphagnum moss and luring. They like filtered sunlight or light shade, overhead watering and not too wet at the roots. They hold water in the rosette of leaves and use it from there rather than from the roots. Delivery anytime.

NOTE—All bromeliads are mailed dry and bare root. Occasionally they will come without any roots, but will form roots soon after being planted.

ANGELINA X SAUNDERSI. A new hybrid combining the brilliant color of amoenia with the attractive foliage of Saundersi. May bloom at any time. \$1,00 ea.

BUCHHOLTZI No. 1. This is the specimen that we have been listing as B. amoenia, but it has been identified as a variety of B. Buchholtzi. It is a dwarf variety with brilliant Orange-scarlet bracts and deep blue flowers. It flowers several times a year when well established. \$1,50 ea.

BUCHHOLTZI No. 2. This has tall, light green foliage and rose bracts with lavender flowers. \$1,00 ea.

BUCHHOLTZI No. 3. This has very attractive leaves of large size, deep green with bronzy shadings and banded transversely with gray. It becomes purplish in the sun. The flowers are violet with pink bracts. \$2,00 ea.

CALOPHYLLA. (Red, white and blue.) Foliage wide, bronzy green heavily banded transversely with gray. Bright red bracts, white ovary and dark blue flowers. Everblooming. A grand house plant. \$1,50 ea.

DISTACHYA. Long, pointed foliage heavily spotted cream. Tall pendent flowers appear in the spring. Bracts deep rose, flowers blue and green. 50c ea.

ELEVENA SLOSSON. Formerly listed as mutans x Alberti. Very long, strap shaped deep green leaves which turn purplish bronze in the sun. Flower stems sometimes are nearly three feet long. Bracts bright red. Flowers deep purple. A very thrifty grower and a fine pot plant. Spring bloomer. \$1,50 ea.

EUPHEMIAE. A stoloniferous plant that is ideal for hanging baskets. Wide, reflexed blue green leaves 12 inches high. The powdery rose bracts are followed by violet colored large flowers. \$2,00 ea.

LEPTOPODA. This is commonly called Permanent Wave plant because the wide, spotted green leaves are permanently curled backward. Bracts red, flowers blue and yellow. 12 inch. \$2,50 ea.

LIEZLI. A miniature form with curly, light green leaves, spotted yellow, and cheerful flowers with cerise bracts. We recommend this for window gardens. \$2,00 ea.

MUTANS. This is the common variety grown everywhere in Southern California. Narrow leaves. Compact grower. Winter bloomer. Bracts light pink. Flowers blue and green on pendent stem. 50c ea.

PORTEANA. Formerly listed as noble. Largest of the varieties listed, both in foliage and flower. The leaves are wide, stiff and deep green. The pendent flower stem hangs over the side and the tips of the flowers touch the ground. The bracts are brilliant rose, wide-spread and a foot across. The tassel of closely packed flowers are yellowish green and the petals are tightly recurved. Rare. \$3,50 ea.

SAUNDERSI. A very striking foliage plant with purplish bronze leaves heavily spotted cream. Bracts bright red. Flowers blue. \$1,00 ea.

SPECIOSA. Wide, powdery green foliage, pink bracts. We recommend this for window gardens. \$2,00 ea.

SPECIOSA X EUPHEMIAE. A very attractive variety with foliage similar to speciosa but with bright violet flowers. \$2,00 ea.

THEODORE L. MEAD. A lovely variety produced by this well known Florida horticulturist. A luxuriant grower with low spreading shiny foliage and green and blue flowers. Pink bracts. Superb habit. \$1,50 ea.

THYRSOIDES HYBRIDS. A cross between B. Thyrsoides and B. Amoenia. We believe this is the finest of all hybrid-billbergias to date. Light green to bronzy, wide, upright leaves. Stem stiff and upright. Large rosettes of scarlet bracts and violet flowers. Winter and summer blooming. \$1,50 ea.

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