

# Ward's



## Poco™ Daybreak Torchlily

*Kniphofia 'Poco Daybreak'*

Plant Height: 14 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Red-hot Poker, Flame Flower, Tritoma

Group/Class: Poco Series

### Description:

Stunning coral orange to yellow bottlebrush type flowers rise from stiffly upright, grassy, evergreen foliage in summer; a brilliant, unusual border or container planting; compact habit; makes a great cut flower and attracts hummingbirds

### Ornamental Features

Poco Daybreak Torchlily features bold spikes of orange tubular flowers with coral-pink overtones at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

### Landscape Attributes

Poco Daybreak Torchlily is an open herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. 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.

Poco Daybreak Torchlily is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Poco Daybreak Torchlily flowers*  
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*Poco Daybreak Torchlily in bloom*  
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Poco Daybreak Torchlily will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen 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. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Poco Daybreak Torchlily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.