



Electric Star™ Cordyline
Cordyline banksii 'Sprilecstar'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Forest Cabbage Tree, False Dracaena

Group/Class: Design Edge Series

Description:

Young leaves on this variety begin dark red, then mature to burgundy-brown with luminous pink and lime green stripes; tends to be clump forming; perfect for adding a lush, tropical feel to the garden or patio containers

Ornamental Features

Electric Star Cordyline is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. Its attractive sword-like leaves emerge dark red in spring, turning burgundy in color with prominent lime green stripes and tinges of pink the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Electric Star Cordyline is an open multi-stemmed annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should never be pruned except to remove any dieback, as it tends not to take pruning well. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Electric Star Cordyline is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



Electric Star Cordyline
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Electric Star Cordyline foliage
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Planting & Growing

Electric Star Cordyline will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Electric Star Cordyline is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.