

# Crossandra infundibuliformis

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**Common Names:** Firecracker Flower, unarmed orange nail dye

**Family:** Acanthaceae

**Origin:** India, Sri Lanka

**Growth:** Bushy

**Light:** Bright, filtered

**Foot Candles:** 125 - 225

**Water:** Keep evenly moist

**Humidity:** 30% - 70%

**Temperature:** 10°C - 26°C

**Soil:** Regular potting mix

**Container:** Self-watering planter, irrigated bed

**Nutrients:** 10-15-10 Monthly

**Propagation:** Seed or cuttings

**Interiorscape Use:** Seasonal colour, reception, living wall modules

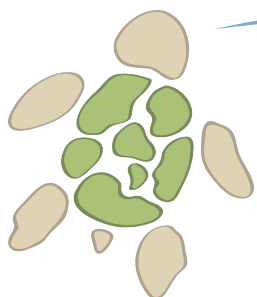


**Common Pests:** Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

**Common Issues:** Stem and root rot when overwatered.

**Comments:** The common name "firecracker flower" refers to the seed pods, which are found after the flower has dried up, and tend to "explode" when near high humidity or rainfall. Due to this, they are often sold as a novelty but are also quite attractive as an indoor flowering tropical. The other common name is much older and might have etymological roots in the use of the flowers as a natural dye for nails, feet, and beards in ancient asian cultures.

**Toxicity:** Safe.



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