

Kangaroo Paw Hybrid *Anigozanthos* hybrid 'Big Red'



NATIVE PLANT NOTES

Description

This strappy-leaved, herbaceous perennial is a hybrid between *Anigozanthos flavidus* and *Anigozanthos rufus*. The plant grows to approximately 0.6 m high with flower spikes reaching up to 2 m. Plant en masse as a single colour or mix with a range of varying colour forms of Kangaroo Paw hybrids.

Flowers

The large, bright red flowers are displayed at the ends of the long upright spikes in late spring/early summer.

Growing conditions

This plant thrives in all soil types but it is important that the site is free-draining and in full sun. Big Red is best planted in the autumn and winter months.

Watering

Once established, it needs little water but for optimum floral display it is best watered twice a week. When watering take care not to allow too much water to remain on the leaves. Open mulch will help to conserve moisture.

Pruning

Cut flowering stems to their base as they finish flowering each year. Every second or third year prune the entire plant to ground level in early autumn, to maintain health and vigour.

Fertiliser

Apply slow release native blend 8–9 month fertiliser at time of planting and annually.

Pests and diseases

This hardy hybrid will withstand most pests providing vigour is maintained.

Miscellaneous

If you have a small backyard, this species can also be planted as a single specimen or grown in a large container. These plants are best replaced after 5 years.



Further Information

Gardening Advisory Service, a free service provided by Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners.
Phone: (08) 9480 3672 or Email: garden.advice@bgpa.wa.gov.au.

Pest and Diseases Information Service, Department of Agriculture and Food.
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