


Veltheimia bracteata

Common names

Forrest Lily (Australia), Sand onion (Ireland), Winter red hot poker (Ireland)

[Veltheimia bracteata](#) is a frost hardy perennial semi-evergreen bulb with pink flowers in early Spring and late Winter. The flowers are tubular shaped arranged in a raceme inflorescence. It looks best in Spring and Winter.

 -6°C / 21.2F

    5 to 7.5

Soil

Veltheimia bracteata grows in soils ranging from a pH of 5 (extremely acidic ranges from 0 to 5.1) to 7.5 (neutral ranges from 6.6 to 7.5). It is adapted to clay loam, loam, sandy clay loam and sandy loam soils, and prefers high fertility.

Growth

This erect bulb has a fast rate of growth and has a clump forming growth form, and has an ultimate height of 0.5m / 1.6ft and spread of 0.4m / 1.1ft. It can take 2-3 years to reach its ultimate height.

Leaves

It has green leaves. They are oblanceolate in shape.

Exposure

The plant prefers a sheltered situation.

Uses

Architectural, container plant, flower border and bed, shade plant, tropical effect, under shrubs and woodland margin.



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Fruit and seed

The fruit is brown and the seed is black. There is a fruit/seed abundance beginning in Summer and ending in Autumn.

Proagation

Propagation techniques include bulbs, division and seed.

Origin

South Africa, Eastern Cape.

Scientific classifications

Genus	Veltheimia
Specific epithet	bracteata

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