


Veltheimia capensis

Common name

Sand lily (Ireland)

[Veltheimia capensis](#) is a frost hardy perennial herbaceous bulb with pink flowers in early Spring, early Summer, late Spring and mid Spring, and it takes less than 1 year to flower. The flowers are tubular shaped arranged in a raceme inflorescence. It has high drought tolerance. It looks best in Spring and Summer.

 -4°C / 24.8F

   5.5 to 7.5

Soil

Veltheimia capensis grows in soils ranging from a pH of 5.5 (very acidic ranges from 5.2 to 5.5) to 7.5 (neutral ranges from 6.6 to 7.5). It is adapted to clay loam, loam, loamy sand, sandy clay loam and sandy loam soils.

Growth

This erect bulb and has a clump forming growth form, and has an ultimate height of 0.5m / 1.5ft and spread of 0.5m / 1.5ft. It can take 2-3 years to reach its ultimate height.

Leaves

The leaves are green in Spring and Summer and green in Autumn. They are linear in shape.

Uses

Architectural, container plant, drought resistant, flower border and bed, tropical effect and under shrubs.

Fruit and seed

The fruit is peach. There is a high fruit/seed abundance beginning in Summer and ending in Autumn.



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Proagation

Propagation techniques include bulbs, division and seed.

Origin

South Africa, Western Cape.

Scientific classifications

Genus	Veltheimia
Specific epithet	capensis

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