



Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	Hibiscus rosa seninsis
Common Name	Eye of Kali
Mature Size	4 feet
Bloom Color	Pink, Red, Orange, Gold (yellow-orange)
Bloom Period	Late Spring to early fall
Boom Form	Shrub
Water	Moderate
Light	Best in Full Sun
USDA Zone	9,10,11
Fragrance	None
Uses	Specimen, accent, hedge
Special Features	Big Flowers on a sturdy, resilient plant



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The flowers of the ***Exotic Fancy Cajun Tropical Hibiscus Eye of Kali*** are extra large, classic, fancy in bright golden orange toned yellow with a distinctive ruby red 'eye', rimmed by striated rose pink and white. The gorgeous flowers are born on a lush bush with dense dark green, wide, triangular oval leaves. The growth habit is full and branching.

Generally exotic hibiscus are best grown as potted plants. However, nearly all the Cajun types can be used in the tropical landscape with caution. The primary concerns when planting in the landscape is protection for direct, hot, afternoon, providing supplemental irrigation, and spraying to prevent pest and fungus.

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Direct planting of 4 inch starter size hibiscus is not generally recommended, so for the best results your new plant should be repotted and allowed to grow larger before setting it out. Hibiscus can be grown as potted plants indefinitely.

When the new pot has filled with roots and the plant is a bit larger, here a few hints for successful growing in the tropical landscape:

- Plant in fertile, well draining, slightly acidic soil. Amend with high quality compost as needed.
- Provide supplemental irrigation and maintain consistent soil moisture.
- Feed a good quality, slow release, bloom boosting fertilize with the initial planting and twice yearly thereafter.
- Supplement with a water soluble plant food in between feeding.
- Prune lightly and often when young to encourage branching.
- Prune after flowering for shape and to control size.
- Monitor for symptoms of pests or disease and treat promptly.
- Protect from frost and freeze.

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