

Bulbine

Bulbine frutescens 'Hallmark'

Plant Description:

Bulbine's succulent, grass-like foliage forms a clump and provides a nice texture contrast when surrounded by other plants. The species reaches 2 feet tall when flowering and has a 3-4 foot spread. The cultivar 'Hallmark' is smaller and tidier, topping out at 8-10 inches with only a 2 foot spread. Its delicate buds have a unique green center stripe, opening to deep orange flower spikes with filly yellow stamens. This plant makes a nice addition to Florida landscapes, but may need a little protection from hard freezes in North Florida.

<u>Mature Size:</u>	1-2 feet
<u>Growth Rate:</u>	Fast
<u>Plant Habit:</u>	Clumping
<u>Plant Spacing:</u>	18 – 24 inches

Ornamental Characteristics & Uses:

<u>Foliage Color:</u>	Green
<u>Flower Color:</u>	Orange, Yellow
<u>Bloom Time:</u>	Spring - Summer
<u>Attracts Wildlife:</u>	Butterflies

Uses: Accent plant, mass planting, containers, or in rock and cactus gardens



Growing Requirements:

Cold Hardiness Zone(s): 8b – 11

Exposure: Full Sun to Partial Shade

Water Needs: Low

Soil Tolerances: Drought tolerant; requires well-drained soils

Maintenance: Easy/Low

General Care & Growing Tips:

Bulbine grows best if planted in a spot that receives full sun and has well-drained soil, though it will tolerate light shade. Deadheading spent flowers is not necessary, but will encourage the plants to produce more flowers. Clumps can easily be divided.

Common Pests:

No insects or diseases are of major concern.

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