



## Red Canna Rhizomes

Tropical plant - Full to part sun can get very tall - Up to 7ft in perfect conditions.



**Location:** Full Sun  
**Soil:** Any Well Drained Soil  
**Planting Time:** March - May  
**Planting Distance:** 10 Inches  
**Planting Depth:** 8 inches  
**Flowering Time:** June – August  
**Height:** 60+ inches

**Cultivation:** Prepare a bed, dig out soil to proper depth, loosen the soil and add fertilizer. Then place bulbs firmly in soil pointed end up. Plant bulbs in clusters. Cover bulbs with soil and water.



Hummingbirds love the color. Plant close to a window to watch them feed. Butterflies enjoy them too.

**“I decided that if I could paint that flower in a huge scale, you could not ignore its beauty”  
-Georgia O’Keefe (1887-1986), speaking of her work titled *Red Canna***

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**After care in zones 6 or colder,** it is necessary to dig up (lift) in-ground cannas in the fall and bring them inside for the winter. After cutting the canna back, dig out the rhizome with a shovel. Avoid damaging the rhizome by digging about 1 foot away from the stem. With your hands, gently loosen the soil and lift out the clump. Shake off the soil and cut off any foliage. Divide clumps into 3 to 5 rhizomes, each with eyes.

Cure the rhizomes in the sun or in a garage or closet for a few days to toughen them up and help them resist rot. Wrap each rhizome in newspaper or a paper bag, along with a small amount of dry growing medium, such as peat moss, to absorb moisture and prevent rot. Rhizomes should not touch each other.

Store cannas over the winter in a dry place where the temperature will not drop below 40°. Often this is a basement, attic, or garage. Check the rhizomes a couple of times over the winter to make sure that they don't dry out. Mist with a bit of water, as needed. If you find rot, trim it away or discard the entire rhizome.

When spring's nighttime temperatures are consistently above 50°F., replant outdoors. Make sure each divided piece has at least one eye; from it, new leaves will grow. Blooms should appear in 10 to 12 weeks. Plants can be left outside in the ground all winter in zones 7 to 10. They will also grow equally well in large containers that can be dragged inside during the dormant period.

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Red leaf with red flower canna (Musifolia) using a wine bottle in a watering spike to keep consistent soil moisture.

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