

El Niño[®] *Desert Orchid* Chitalpa

FEATURES

This plant is practically a unicorn, combining the best qualities of two unique plants - desert willow and catalpa. This resulted in absolutely lovely flowers that somehow look both like orchids and snapdragons, but are way easier to care for than either of those plants. You'll get to enjoy these sweetly scented blooms starting in late spring or early summer, depending on where you live, and then sporadically throughout the summer.

Fragrant Flower

Long Blooming

Resists:

Deer

CHARACTERISTICS

Plant Type:

Shrub

Shrub Type:

Deciduous

Height Category:

Medium

Garden Height:

120 - 180 Inches 3.0m - 4.6m

Spacing:

96 - 120 Inches 2.4m - 3.0m

Spread:

96 - 120 Inches 2.4m - 3.0m

Flower Colors:

Purple

Foliage Colors:

Green

Foliage Shade:

Light green

Habit:

Mounded

Container Role:

Thriller

PLANT NEEDS

Light Requirement:

Part Sun to Sun

Sun

The optimum amount of sun or shade each plant needs to thrive: Full Sun (6+ hours), Part Sun (4-6 hours), Full Shade (up to 4 hours).

Maintenance Category:

Easy

Blooms On:

New Wood

Bloom Time:

Summer

Hardiness Zones:

6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b

Water Category:

Average

Needs Good Drainage

Soil Fertility Requirement:

Average Soil

Uses:

Border Plant

Container

Landscape

Mass Planting

Uses Notes:

Adds fragrance to any place it is planted.

Maintenance Notes:

Prune to shape in early spring, just as the new growth is beginning to emerge.

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