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Some Like it HOT

Plants that can take the **HEAT**

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Sources:

- **Crinum**: The Southern Bulb Company, Jens Farmer, TyTy nursery, GA
- **Crossandra**: Lowes
- **Stromanthe**: Home Depot Lowes, Greenery, Green Thumb
- **Gingers**: suncrestnurseries.com, plantdelights.com, almostedenplants.com, singtree.com, gingerwoodnursery.com, 46 ginger plant varieties video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3k6TMEyrtYw>
- **Curcuma**: Gingerwood Nursery (huge variety, specialty nursery), Home Depot, Michigan Bulb, Jackson & Perkins
- **Aspidistra (Cast iron plant varieties)**: Online: Plants Delights Nursery, NurCar.com sometimes: Ace Garden Centers, Hyams (Charleston), Greenery, Green Thumb, Bruno's, Sunshine nursery
- **Agapanthus**: Home Depot, Lowes, Taylor's, Monrovia, Plants Delight Nursery, Green Acres, Sooner plant farms
- **Strelizia (Bird of Paradise)**: Home Depot, Lowes, Taylors
- **Iris Robusta**: I. 'Do the Math'=www.iriswarehouse.com, I. 'Dark Aura'= K van bougondia/ dutch bulbs, I. 'Gerald Darby'= Plants Delight Nursery & American Meadows
- **Zantedeschia Aethiopica (Giant Calla Lily)**: Brent&Beckie's bulbs, Breck's, American Meadows, John Scheepers (note: make sure to get the giant ones, the small ones are not usually perennial on HHI, they do not have a rhizome).
- **Iris Albicans (Cemetery Iris)**: Southern Bulb Company.com, Almost Eden.com, Oakland-cemetery's-annual plant sale (Atlanta, GA), Naturescapes (Beaufort)
- **Iris Regina**: Home Depot, Lowe's, Bruno's, Almost eden.com, Toptropicals.com, emeraldgoddessgardens.com.
- **Iris Japonica**: Plant Delights Nursery, Secretgarden Growers, Far Reaches Farm, woodlanders, Wilson Brothers.

References:

- **Davesgarden.com** – Unvarnished experiences from fellow gardeners across the US; the good, the bad and the ugly.
- **Thespruce.com**: Gardening advice for the South.
- **Garden Bulbs for the South** Book by Scott Ogden: bulbs you can, and can NOT, grow in the South.
- **Time-Tested Plants**: Book 30 Years in a 4-Season Garden by Pamela Harper: British born Pamela Harper moved to Virginia. How she managed the change in climate.
- **RHS AGM list**: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/pdfs/agm-lists/agm-ornamentals.pdf>

I. Crinum Jagus



Overview

- ❖ Common: St. Christopher Lily
- ❖ Latin Name: Crinum 'Jagus'
- ❖ Zones: 8-10
- ❖ Origin: **Africa**
- ❖ Root: Bulb
- ❖ Bloom Period: Reblooms
- ❖ Evergreen?: Leaves die back with frost
- ❖ Height: 2'-3'
- ❖ Spread: 3'-5'
- ❖ Light: Full Sun (Partial Shade)
- ❖ Water: Tolerates wet soil!

II. Crossandra



Overview

- ❖ Latin Name: Crossandra
- ❖ Common Name: Firecracker plant
- ❖ Native: Southern India & Sri Lanka
- ❖ Bloom time: Summer
- ❖ Height: 1-3 feet
- ❖ Width: 1-2 feet
- ❖ Exposure: Sun or Shade
- ❖ Winter Hardiness: **30-32° F. Hates frost.**
- ❖ Irrigation: High Water Needs

III. Stromanthe Tricolor



Overview

- ❖ Latin Name: Stromanthe
- ❖ Common Name: Stromanthe
- ❖ Winter Hardiness: Zone 9. **Needs protection**
- ❖ Bloom time: Spring or Summer
- ❖ Height: 3'-5'
- ❖ Width: 2'-3'
- ❖ Exposure: Shade/ Morning sun
- ❖ Irrigation: High Water Need
- ❖ Deer Resistant
- ❖ Can tolerate 32°F
- ❖ Root: **Rhizome**

IV. Butterfly Ginger



Overview

- ❖ Latin Name: *Hedychium Coronarium*
- ❖ Common Name: White Butterfly Ginger
- ❖ Origin: Asia
- ❖ Zones: 7b to 10b
- ❖ Dormancy: Evergreen in zone 9B
- ❖ Height: 60" tall
- ❖ Culture: Sun to Part Sun
- ❖ Water: Likes it moist
- ❖ Fertilizer: Fertilize 3 times a year - in spring, summer and fall

v. Siam Tulip/ Curcuma



Overview

- ❖ *Curcuma Alismatifolia*
- ❖ Aka: Siam tulip
- ❖ Zone: 8-10
- ❖ Size: 18-24" T x 6" wide
- ❖ Blooms: June to October
- ❖ Light: Partial Shade
- ❖ Dormant in winter
- ❖ Deer & Rabbit resistant
- ❖ Perennial
- ❖ Rhizomes

VI. Agapanthus



Overview

- ❖ Latin Name: *Agapanthus Africanus*
- ❖ Common Name: Lily of the Nile
- ❖ Native: South Africa
- ❖ Bloom time: Summer
- ❖ Height: Varies by variety
- ❖ Width: Varies by variety
- ❖ Exposure: Sun/ Light shade
- ❖ Evergreen or semi-evergreen depending on species
- ❖ Irrigation: water regularly
- ❖ Rhizomes
- ❖ **Deer Love it!**



VII. Strelizia



Overview

- ❖ Native to: South Africa
- ❖ Zone: **10 - 12 ?**
- ❖ Height: 3.5 - 4.0
- ❖ Spread: 3-4'
- ❖ Bloom Time: Seasonal bloomer
- ❖ Sun: Full sun to part shade
- ❖ Water: Medium
- ❖ Leaf: Evergreen
- ❖ Tolerates: Drought

VIII. Giant Calla Lily



Overview

- ❖ Latin Name: *Zantedeschia Aethiopica*
- ❖ Common Name: Giant Calla Lily
- ❖ Native: South Africa
- ❖ Height: 2-3'
- ❖ Width: 4-5'
- ❖ Exposure: Prefers part shade
- ❖ Irrigation: Moisture loving
- ❖ Bloom time: Starting in winter Year-round, if irrigated.
- ❖ Root: **Rhizome**
- ❖ Zone: 8-10

IX. Iris Albicans



Overview

- ❖ Latin Name: *Iris Albicans*
- ❖ Common Name: White Flag, Cemetery Iris
- ❖ Native: Middle East
- ❖ Zone: 7-9
- ❖ Bloom time: March-mid spring
- ❖ Evergreen
- ❖ Height: 12-24"
- ❖ Width: 18-24"
- ❖ Bloom Size: 2-3"
- ❖ Exposure: Sun
- ❖ Water: Tolerates drought once established
- ❖ Root: Rhizome
- ❖ Deer: Deer & Rabbit resistant

X. Cast Iron Plant

Overview

- ❖ Latin name Aspidistra
- ❖ Common name: Cast Iron Plant
- ❖ Size: 2-3' T x 1-2' W*
- ❖ Part shade to full shade
- ❖ Propagates via tubers.
- ❖ Likes dry shade. Drought tolerant.
- ❖ Reduce watering in winter
- ❖ Evergreen
- ❖ Deer & Rabbit resistant
- ❖ Companion plants: Ferns



XI. Iris Regina



Overview

- ❖ Latin Name: Iris Neomarica Caerulea 'Regina',
- ❖ Common : Poor Man's Orchid
- ❖ Native: Brazil
- ❖ Bloom time: Feb-Aug
- ❖ Size: 3-5 T x 2-3' W
- ❖ Light: Full sun- Part shade
- ❖ Water: Well drained, moderately moist, never soggy, soil.
- ❖ Hardiness: Zone 8B +

XII. Iris Japonica (NOT Japanese Iris)



Overview

- ❖ Latin Name: Iris Japonica
- ❖ Common name: Fringed Iris
- ❖ Native to: Asia
- ❖ Zone: 7-9
- ❖ Size: 1' T x 1-1.5' W
- ❖ Bloom Time: May to June
- ❖ Light: Part shade-Shade
- ❖ Water: Medium
- ❖ Leaf: Evergreen
- ❖ Tolerates: Deer
- ❖ Root: Rhizome