

# CANNA



- Cannas are tender perennials that can create a bold display in your garden. Their foliage can be green, reddish, or variegated, depending on the variety, and the flowers come in an even wider range of colours.
- They can be grown in borders, or in containers. The biggest ones (canna musifolia) will grow over 2m tall and form a clump upto 1m wide, but it can take time for the rhizomes to grow large enough to produce such large clumps.
- Cannas need a fertile soil and to be kept well watered. If these conditions aren't met then the plants may not flower.
- They should only be planted out after all risk of frost has passed. Once it has flowered, remove the deadheads, and it will encourage the plant to keep producing more flowers.
- The best way to overwinter cannas will depend on how cold it gets where you're growing them, and what options you have for wintercare. If left in the ground they will need a very thick mulch to protect the rhizomes from freezing. Alternatively they can be lifted and stored in a cool, frost-free place, ready to be replanted in the spring. If pot-grown, simply move the pot to a frost-free place, or if you're really lucky and have a sunny conservatory that stays above 10c all winter long the plant will not go dormant and may even grace you with the occasion flower over winter.