## Orange Crossandra



Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds
Deer/rabbit resistant
Super-easy to grow







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<u>Use</u>: A versatile plant grown as an annual, perennial, or flowering houseplant, depending
on where you live. It's prized as much for its constant display or orange or apricot flowers
and attractive shiny foliage as it is for its easy-growing nature. In Northern areas, treat as
an annual, mixing it with other sun-loving flowers in garden beds and borders. It's also an
excellent plant for container gardens, pairing well with sun-tolerant coleus, lantana, and angelonia.

In frost-free regions, it is treated as an evergreen perennial that blooms most of the year. It has excellent heat tolerance, making it a fine choice for sun-baked garden beds and borders.

Indoors, it is a lovely flowering houseplant for bright spots. Accent it with a con trasting container (we think purple or white pots are stunning against the flowers) or complement its beautiful blooms with a terra-cotta container.

- Exposure/Soil: Outdoors, grow in full sun and moist, well-drained soil. It prefers lots of organic matter, such as compost, in the soil for best blooms. Water when the soil starts to dry out. Don't let it dry out. Indoors, as a flowering houseplant, give as much light as you can. It thrives in a sunny window or under bright artificial lights. Water when the soil surface starts to dry.
- **Growth**: Continues to grow up to 2-3' tall and wide in as season here, but could grow larger in S GA or Florida where they are evergreen.
- Hardiness: Zone 9-11; Annual /Could be a tender perennial in a mild winter
- *Foliage:* Evergreen if indoors in winter. Glossy, green leaves.
- <u>Flower:</u> Brightly colored orange blooms add wonderful color all season long. If indoors may bloom year-round.