## **Gardens To Go**

## Inca Ice Alstroemeria

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# Inca Ice™ Alstroemeria Alstroemeria 'Koice'

Plant Height: 18 inches Flower Height: 30 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Peruvian Lily Group/Class: Inca Series

#### **Description:**

This impressive, hardy variety presents stunning white-pink blooms with yellow blotches, and dramatic burgundy spots; mounded, crisp green foliage provides contrast; blooms last well as cut flowers

#### **Ornamental Features**

Inca Ice Alstroemeria features showy bracted peach trumpet-shaped flowers with creamy white overtones, buttery yellow throats and burgundy spots at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Inca Ice Alstroemeria is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.



Inca Ice Alstroemeria flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Inca Ice Alstroemeria in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Inca Ice Alstroemeria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Inca Ice Alstroemeria will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 30 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Inca Ice Alstroemeria is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.