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# Heliconia An Identification Guide



## Synopsis

Heliconia, large tropical flowers native to Central and South America and some islands of the South Pacific, have become favorite horticultural subjects throughout the world. Many cultivated varieties are available from florists as cut flowers or potted plants in regions where they cannot be grown outdoors and others are commonly used as ornaments for landscaping in the tropics. Fully illustrated with color photographs that capture the reds, yellows, greens, and pinks of long-lasting heliconia blooms, this field guide is the definitive source for easy and efficient identification of 200 species, varieties, hybrids, and cultivars of the genus *Heliconia*. Botanical and horticultural names are given for each species, along with a brief description of morphological features, blooming time, habitat, and geographic distribution.

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## Customer Reviews

“Whatever you want to know about *Heliconia*, you will find it here. Fred Berry and John Kress have produced the basic reference work that has been needed by both the amateur and professional communities working with, or simply enjoying, these wonderful

plants.” —Gilbert S. Daniels, Past President, *Heliconia Society*

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FRED BERRY is a Florida horticulturist. W. JOHN KRESS is curator of botany at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

One of the best, if not the best of its kind, if you're looking to identify heliconias. This manual is illustrated and gives information on more than 200 plants. It is a must for anyone who loves and enjoys these beautiful tropical plants.

great book, photos and descriptions won't disappoint.

Great guide to these amazing plants for someone who wants to know more about them. Good photos of some 200 species with basic details about each one shown.

good for identification purposes

'Heliconia an Identification Guide' is just that - a guide to find what variety of Heliconia one may have in a garden. Beautiful color pictures and information as to how it grows. Compact size - a must have for any Gardener or enthusiast in Southern Florida or the Carribean!

Very good!

Good Field guide but it did not give the cold hardiness zones for the species. Still a keeper though. I could of got this book on e bay for cheaper.

A nice book with nice photos , good for Heliconia growers . A good boiok to give as a presnt to tropical gardeners

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