



## SPARAXIS GROWING GUIDE



**Common Name:** SPARAXIS Also known as Harlequin  
**Botanical Name:** Sparaxis tricolor **Family Name:** Iridaceae

**Plant Type:** Bulb **Size:** 25-40cm H x 10cm W  
**Planting Time:** Autumn **Planting Width:** 5-10cm **Depth:** 6cm  
**Flowering:** Spring **Positioning:** Full Sun

**General Information:** Suitable for all climates. Sparaxis generally grow with ease but growth may be affected in areas where the soil freezes.

**Watering:** During their dormancy phase Sparaxis are not water hungry. Once growth appears start watering, and even then only give an occasional deep watering.

**Fertilising:** Six weeks after shoots appear top dress with a complete fertiliser.

**Soil:** Well drained soil.

**Lifting & Storage:** When clumps become too thick, dig them up once the foliage has turned yellow, clean and store until Autumn. This may only be needed every 4-5 years.

**Pests:** Generally pest free but it may be beneficial to spray for insects and bait snails when buds appear.

**Tips:** In very cold areas they can be lifted in autumn and replanted in spring. They can be grown in pots and make great cut flowers.