

***Heliconia psittacorum* L.f.**



- *Heliconia psittacorum* is a dependable bloomer with brightly coloured flowers. It is commonly called Parrot's beak, Parrot's flower and False bird of paradise.
- It is native to the Caribbean and South America. It is widely cultivated as a tropical ornamental plant.
- Its blooms are spectacular. Carried on tall, upright stems, bright orange and red bracts have yellow-to-orange flowers, often tipped with dark green.
- Its systematic position according to APG system of classification.
 - Kingdom : Plantae
 - Clade : Tracheophytes
 - Clade : Angiosperms
 - Clade : Monocots
 - Clade : Commelinids
 - Order : Zingiberales
 - Family : Heliconiaceae
 - Genus : *Heliconia*
 - Species : *H.psittacorum*

Heliconias are one of most tropical looking plant. It creates a garden into a tropical paradise. It has no particular blooming season and produce inflorescences all year. Reddish pointed structure is bract and the flower is inside the bract and yellow in colour and quite delicate. The tubular orange flowers attract humming birds. It is used for ulcers of the scalp in South America. It is often used as a cut flower.

Nomenclatural Details	https://www.ipni.org/?q=Heliconia%20psittacorum
Wikipedia details	https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heliconia_psittacorum
Flowers of India	http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Parakeet%20Flower.html
Research Article	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/240610374_Heliconia_psittacorum_responds_to_variations_of_nitrateammonium_ratios_under_hydroponic_conditions
India Biodiversity Portal	https://indiabiodiversity.org/species/show/229885