



Northern Territory Government

Heliconia Psittacorum cv – “Petra”

Product Description Language

Openness



1. Spear
Single point
All bracts closed tight

2. Open Spear
Single point
Bract just separating
Bract not lifted
No day-flowers visible

3. (2) point spear
Two points
About fully separated
Day-flowers easily visible

4. Full (2) point spear
Two points
Bract fully separated and lifted
Day-flowers fully visible

General Description

Spear Sizes: Large 155 – 170 mm > Small 140 – 120 mm
Not acceptable <110 mm.

Openness: Stages 1-4.

Green Tip: Stages 1-4.

Colour: Should not be modified by environmental conditions including bleaching and cold damage.

Leaf Attachment: Generally one good quality leaf for psittacorums.

Stem Length: Determined by the customer.

Defects: Broken tip, marked, chewed, bleached, fungal damage.

Harvesting: Optimum time before 10am.

Storage: Undercover, in clean water protected from the wind. Held at 18-22 ° for no longer than 24 hours at high humidity levels to preserve plant turgidity.

Tip Appearance



1. Green spoon >4 mm

2. Green tip 2-4 mm

3. Trace 1-2 mm

4. No green tip

Defects



Marked bracts



Chewed bract



Misshapened heads



Bleached bracts



Curvularia fungal spot



Physical damage