Calostemma purpureum

Garland Lily

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(Einadia, iNaturalist Australia)

(Lang, P.J, Know Our Plants)

Form: *Groundcover* **Height:** *0.3 – 0.6 m* **Spread:** *0.1 m* **Flowers:** *Red* **Type:** *Clusters* **Flowering time:** *Autumn, Spring*

Ecological functions:

Soils: *Sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral*

Germination rate: *Unknown*

Seed collecting: Collect capsules that are green or as soon as they fall to the ground. Propagation is simple as the capsules begin to germinate in storage before sowing, drawing on the moisture contained within them. Sometimes they will start to root and shoot while still attached to the parent plant.

Seed treatment: None.

Sowing requirements: Unknown.

Position: Full sun to part shade.

Supplementary watering: Minimal.

Uses: Brilliant flowers of this low-maintenance and easy-to-grow plant create a vibrant display making it a great feature in the garden. *Calostemma purpureum* can be attractive when planted in borders, rockeries or containers. Root bulbs were cooked and eaten by the Kaurna people.

Notes: Dormant in long dry periods.

Sources: Botanic Gardens of South Australia; Know our Plants; Gardening with Angus; Australian Plants Society NSW.