

# KRANTZ ALOE



***Aloe arborescens***

***Krantz Aloe/Kransaalwyn***

PLANT TYPE: SHRUB, SUCCULENT

SA DISTRIBUTION: EASTERN CAPE, GAUTENG, KWAZULU-NATAL,  
LIMPOPO, MPUMALANGA, NORTH WEST, WESTERN CAPE

SOIL TYPE: SANDY, LOAM

FLOWERING SEASON: AUTUMN, WINTER

PH: ACID, NEUTRAL

FLOWER COLOUR: RED, YELLOW, ORANGE

ASPECT: FULL SUN

Just when the winter landscape starts to look a little sleepy, in bursts *Aloe arborescens* with a fiery show of **orange-red** blooms that brighten up the coldest days of June. Commonly known as the **Krantz Aloe**, this indigenous succulent doesn't just lift the spirit — it also provides vital food for wildlife during a time when resources are scarce. It's a tough, generous and stunning plant that deserves a starring role in any **Outeniquasbosch** garden.

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## Characteristics

*Aloe arborescens* is a fast-growing, multi-stemmed succulent shrub that can reach up to 3 metres in height and spread just as wide, forming dense, sculptural clumps over time. Its fleshy, grey-green leaves curve outward in rosettes and are lined with soft, reddish teeth. From late autumn into mid-winter, it produces tall, striking flower spikes packed with tubular blooms ranging from **orange** to **scarlet**.

Besides its ornamental value, *Aloe arborescens* is also known for its **traditional** medicinal uses, particularly its soothing, healing sap.

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## Why the Krantz Aloe?

This aloe embodies many of the values we hold dear at Outeniquasbosch — it's indigenous, waterwise, **wildlife-friendly**, and visually striking. Blooming in the heart of winter, it provides a vital food source for nectar-feeding birds and insects when other plants are dormant. Its drought tolerance makes it an excellent choice for our dry seasons, requiring little maintenance once established. It blends seamlessly into our local fynbos and coastal vegetation, reinforcing the estate's goal of restoring and maintaining natural, **indigenous landscapes**.

In addition, *Aloe arborescens* works well in both rehabilitation zones and private gardens, where it can be used as a feature plant, a hedge, or even for erosion control on slopes.

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## The More You Know...

For best results, plant *Aloe arborescens* in **full sun** with **well-drained** soil. It thrives on slopes, rocky outcrops, or in raised beds, and looks beautiful alongside other local favourites like *Pelargonium*, *Eriosephalus*, and *Restio* species. **Avoid** planting it in areas that stay wet or become waterlogged in winter.

In its natural habitat, the Krans Aloe often grows along cliff edges or rocky outcrops — hence the name “**Krans**” (Afrikaans for “cliff”).

Once settled, this aloe needs little more than occasional admiration — and perhaps the pleasure of watching a sunbird feed among its blooms.