

GREAT PLANT PICKS

Crococsmia Field Evaluation Report 16 August 2002

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All plants were given a numerical score from 1 (worst) to five (best). Scores on this report reflect the average of four individual scores.

Crococsmia	Overall Score	Habit Quality	Foliage Quality	Stem or Leaf color	Flower Production	Fruit Production	Diseases and Pests	Comments	Image
<i>Crococsmia</i> x 'Castleward' *	4.8	5.0	4.5	5	5.0			vigorous clumping habit 4-5' tall, foliage green, flower stem dark, flowers dark red-orange, pendulous with petals reflexed	
<i>C. x crocosmiiflora</i> 'Custard Cream'	4.6	4.5	4.5		4.8			good clumping habit, foliage dark green, buds are orange flowers are large, yellow, and outward facing, bloom puts on a good display, later blooming	
<i>C. x c.</i> 'Golden Glory'	2.1	2.5	2.0	3	1.8			foliage green, flowers yellow-orange, spent flowers not dropped before they detract from the plants ornamental value	
<i>C. x c.</i> 'Lady Hamilton'	3.8	4.0	3.5		4.0			habit open clumping, foliage green and spreading, flowers apricot-orange separated on stem, late blooming, growing in slightly shaded spot	
<i>C. x c.</i> 'Morning Light'	3.4	3.3	3.3		3.8			habit short and compact to 30", foliage green and drooping, flowers small, bright yellow and compact	
<i>C. x c.</i> 'Queen of Spain'	3.7	3.5	3.6		4.0			habit upright dense 3' tall, foliage green, thin bladed, flowers held above foliage, they are large but somewhat sparse, hot orange-red, upward facing	

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C. x c. 'Saracen'	4.4	4.5	4.5	3	4.0			habit very compact 2.5' tall, foliage bronzy-olive, nice nodding flowers held above foliage, orange with yellow centers and pink tones, growing in sun	
C. x c. 'Solfatare'	4.8	4.8	4.8		4.8			dense upright clumping habit, foliage coppery bronze-olive, height 30", flower-heads held above the foliage, buds apricot opening to lemon colored blooms, flowers outward facing	
C. x c. 'Solfatare Coleton Fishacre' = C. 'Coleton Fishacre'	4.8	4.5	4.8		5.0			vigorous grower 4' tall, foliage olive-bronze, flower fine orangey-yellow and downward facing, plant bulks quickly	
C. x c. 'Star of the East'	3.9	3.5	3.8		4.3			habit upright and running, foliage medium broad and green, flower head and flowers very large and tangerine orange	
C. 'Culsean Peach' *	4.2	4.0	4.0		4.5			floppy upright habit to 3.5' tall, foliage clean, green and narrow, flower buds very ornamental, blooms peachy-red and tubular	
C. <i>masoniorum</i> 'Blaze'	4.8	5.0	4.3		5.0			habit very compact 3' tall, very good balance between form foliage and flower, foliage green, flowers plentiful, upward facing, and bright orange	
C. <i>m.</i> 'Rowallane Yellow'	3.8	3.8	3.8		3.8			habit upright and floppy to 4', leaf blades wide, flowers yellow-orange upright facing and large, one or the earliest to bloom, spent flowers do not drop affecting ornamental value	

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C. 'Severn Sunrise'	4.5	5	4.3	3	4.3			habit upright 3-4', foliage light medium green, blooms peachy-orange	
C. 'Spitfire'	4.0	3.7	3.6	3	4.8			habit upright 2' tall and a little floppy, foliage green, flowers upward facing bright orange	
C. 'Zeal Tan'	4.5	4.5	4.3	4	4.8			habit upright, slower grower to 3', foliage olive green, stems dark complementing the flowers, flowers burnt orange-red outward facing, sited in sun	

Notes: The asterisk (*) beside the plant name indicates that the plant name was not verified. The GPP committee uses the latest edition of the **RHS Plant Finder** as the primary source for verifying botanical names.