



## × *Biltanthus* BROMELIACEAE

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× *Biltanthus* Hort. Roehr (Exotics, Cat. Julius Roehrs Comp., [], 1947). — **Lit:** Butcher (2013). **Distr:** Cultivated only.

**Incl.** × *Cryptbergia* Anonymus (1952).

= *Billbergia* × *Cryptanthus*. For long known as × *Cryptbergia*, the change of name is necessary because of nomenclatural priority (Butcher 2013). Smith & Downs (1979: 1604, as × *Cryptbergia*) mention the hybrids *C. bahianus* × *B. nutans* (= × *Cryptbergia* ‘Red Burst’ = × *Cryptbergia rubra* hort.) and *C. beuckeri* × *B. nutans* (= × *Cryptbergia meadii* B. & C. Wilson 1963 = × *Cryptbergia* ‘Mead’). Smith (1983) mentions a couple of additional cultivars, and several more have become known since (Butcher 2013). Plants

are usually intermediate between the parents, i.e. the leaves are more ascending-spreading in the hybrids in comparison with the *Cryptanthus* parent, but far shorter than in *Billbergia nutans*.

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