

Black Princess Hardy Water Lily



Black Princess Hardy Water Lily *Nymphaea 'Black Princess'*

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Waterlily

Description:

Large, stunning deep red, cup-shaped flowers with near-black centers; purple new leaves gradually mature to shiny green; a beautiful addition to your pond; easy to care for; water lilies dislike moving water

Ornamental Features

Black Princess Hardy Water Lily features showy lightly-scented crimson cup-shaped flowers with black centers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive glossy round leaves emerge purple in spring, turning green in colour the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Black Princess Hardy Water Lily is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Black Princess Hardy Water Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Water Gardens
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens



Black Princess Hardy Water Lily flowers
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Planting & Growing

Black Princess Hardy Water Lily will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is an excellent choice for very wet locations or locations with some standing water. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Black Princess Hardy Water Lily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.