

Sioux Hardy Water Lily



Sioux Hardy Water Lily *Nymphaea 'Sioux'*

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Waterlily



Sioux Hardy Water Lily flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

Cup to star-shaped flowers open pale yellow, changing to apricot-orange, then copper-red; rounded green leaves are blotched with burgundy; a beautiful addition to your pond; easy to care for; water lilies dislike moving water

Ornamental Features

Sioux Hardy Water Lily features showy fragrant buttery yellow star-shaped flowers with peach overtones, gold eyes and ruby-red streaks at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive glossy round leaves remain dark green in colour with distinctive burgundy spots throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Sioux 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.

Sioux Hardy Water Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Sioux Hardy Water Lily will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 5 feet. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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.

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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.

Sioux 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.