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Bordeaux Gloriosa Lily

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Gloriosa superba 'Bordeaux'



Bordeaux Gloriosa Lily flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Flame Lily, Glory Lily, Tiger Claw, Fire Lily

Description:

This variety is a tropical vine that climbs by tendrils in the leaf tips; dazzling scarlet blooms with buttery yellow petal margins, emerge from summer to fall; best in moderate climates with cool nights; a great container plant

Ornamental Features

Bordeaux Gloriosa Lily features showy scarlet flowers with buttery yellow edges along the branches from early to late summer. Its glossy pointy leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Bordeaux Gloriosa Lily is a multi-stemmed annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive
- Self-Seeding

Bordeaux Gloriosa Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Bordeaux Gloriosa Lily will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it should either be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. To help this plant achive 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Bordeaux Gloriosa 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.