

Lugard's Crinum Lily



Lugard's Crinum Lily *Crinum lugardiae*

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Veld Lily, Veld Swamp Lily

Description:

A small variety, forming rosettes of short leaves that stay low to the ground; flower buds with rose stripes open to pure white; great visual impact when massed in the garden or along borders; does very well in containers; readily self seeds

Ornamental Features

Lugard's Crinum Lily features showy white trumpet-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds. Its small sword-like leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Lugard's Crinum Lily is an herbaceous annual with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lugard's Crinum Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Lugard's Crinum Lily flowers
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Lugard's Crinum Lily in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Lugard's Crinum Lily will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs.

Lugard's Crinum Lily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.