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Schreck Crinum Lily



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Crinum 'Schreck'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Blooms of white with dramatic cherry red stripes, rise from a rosette of large, glossy green leaves; presents a great visual impact when massed; flowers appear in late spring to midsummer, adding tremendous interest to gardens, borders or containers

Ornamental Features

Schreck Crinum Lily features showy spikes of white trumpet-shaped flowers with cherry red stripes rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive large glossy sword-like leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Schreck 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, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Schreck Crinum Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Schreck Crinum Lily will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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.



Schreck Crinum Lily flowers
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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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, 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.

Schreck Crinum Lily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. 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.