



Dwarf White Hardy Water Lily
Nymphaea candida

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Candida Water Lily, Waterlily

Description:

Small, cup-shaped white flowers with golden-yellow centers; copper flushed new leaves gradually mature to shiny dark olive green; a beautiful addition to smaller ponds; easy to care for; water lilies dislike moving water

Ornamental Features

Dwarf White Hardy Water Lily features showy lightly-scented semi-double white cup-shaped flowers with gold eyes and yellow anthers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive small glossy round leaves emerge coppery-bronze in spring, turning olive green in color the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf White 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.

Dwarf White Hardy Water Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Dwarf White Hardy Water Lily flowers
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Planting & Growing

Dwarf White Hardy Water 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. 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an excellent choice for very wet locations or locations with some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Dwarf White 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.