



**Frank Trelease Tropical Water Lily**  
*Nymphaea 'Frank Trelease'*

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Waterlily

**Description:**

A wonderful night bloomer, producing large, fragrant, fuchsia-red flowers with wider petals; blooms rise above round foliage that is bronze on the topside and mottled greenish brown underneath; water lilies dislike moving water; annual in colder climates

**Ornamental Features**

Frank Trelease Tropical Water Lily features showy fragrant fuchsia cup-shaped flowers with red overtones and gold eyes at the ends of the stems from early summer to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive large glossy round leaves remain coppery-bronze in color with distinctive brown spots and tinges of green throughout the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Frank Trelease Tropical Water Lily is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a low habit of growth, spreading atop the surface of the water. 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.

Frank Trelease Tropical Water Lily is ideally suited for growing in a pond, water garden or patio water container, and is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Frank Trelease Tropical Water Lily  
flowers  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

### Planting & Growing

Frank Trelease Tropical Water Lily will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 feet. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the water. 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. As an aquatic plant, it requires a suitable water garden environment and will benefit from special planting and ongoing care practices; consult one of our in-store experts for further details and instructions. 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.

Frank Trelease Tropical Water Lily is a fine choice for the water 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 grown in outdoor pots and containers, aquatic plants like this one will require a special growing environment that meets their requirement for consistent moisture.