



Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	Crinum asiaticum
Common Name	Amazon Lily, Poison Bulb, Seashore Lily, Grand Crinum, Spider Lily
Mature Size	6 feet
Bloom Color	White
Bloom Period	Perpetual
Boom Form	Flared Spider Like Tubes
Water	High
Light	Full Sun to Dappled Shade
USDA Zone	8, 9, 10, 11 (Root Hardy Zone 8 when well established)
Fragrance	Moderate
Uses	Specimen, Anchors
Special Features	Fragrant Flowers, Large Presence
Cautions	Most parts are considered toxic*



The **Crinum asiaticum** Lily grows big. Mature size can reach 6 to 8 feet in height with an equal or larger spread, so it makes wonderful focal points, anchors, or background planting. It has big strap like leaves that are 3 feet or more in length that unfurl from a large bulb that can easily weigh more than 20 lbs.

In the tropics it blooms nearly year round. Fragrant flowers appear at the ends of long separate stalks, and emerge as clusters of long tubes that open out into narrow elongated petals that curl backwards. Equally long stamens and pistils arch gracefully from the centers. It is showy and has an impressive look that I can only describe as wonderful tropical presence. The fragrance is light and clean and is strongest in the early morning and evening.

These impressive large lilies are native to tropical southeastern Asia. Their impressive size, quick maturity, and versatility have made them a landscape favorite through out warmer parts of the United States.

Crinum asiaticum is winter hardy from zone 8 south. However, in zone 8, winter weather usually burns them back to the ground, and they re-merge in the spring. Despite their popularity, they can be hard to find in chain stores and garden centers.

This lily is a favorite heirloom pass-along, as they are easily propagated from sprouts at the base of the central bulb or from the fleshy seed. However, depending on what other types of crinum lilies are in the surrounding area, the seed may not grow out to look exactly the same as the plant is was collected from.

For the best results with your plant:

Direct planting of starter size plants is not generally recommended*. For the best results we suggest transplanting to a larger pot and allowing the plant to grow larger before setting out. Crinum Lillies may be grown as potted plants indefinitely, and can be acclimated to grow indoors year round.

When the new pot has filled with roots and the plant is a bit larger, here a few hints for successful growing in the tropical landscape:

- Plant in fertile, well draining, slightly acidic soil. Amend with high quality compost as needed.
- Provide supplemental irrigation and maintain consistent soil moisture.
- Feed a good quality, slow release, bloom boosting fertilize with the initial planting and yearly thereafter.
- Plant early in the season in Zones 8 and 9A and mulch heavily well ahead of the first frost.
- Provide full cold protection for the best year round appearance
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**Toxicity information generally known within the horticultural trade or gardening circles, if known, is provided for reference purposes only. Medical and/or Horticultural experts in the field of study should be consulted for scientifically validated, detailed or emergency information.*

This plant is intended for use as an ornamental, decorative item only. Emerald Goddess Gardens does not recommend, endorse nor offer the product for any other use.

Care of Your New Lily

Here are a few basic guidelines for handling and caring for your new plant:

Generally, starter size lilies can be transplanted directly into the landscape within the recommended Zone range, provided the danger of frost and freeze has passed and there is sufficient attention to irrigation.

For the best results we suggest repotting into a larger pot and allowing the plant to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

Check the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant. Many gardeners are able to successfully grow plants outside their recommended Zones, but this is dependent upon providing the type of environment and care the plant needs. There is a map on our website at emeraldgoddessgardens.com

- Immediately repot the new plant into a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot (a 6 inch pot is the recommended size for starter plugs) that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, slow release plant food according to the label directions. Do not use hot, all chemical fertilizers like 6-6-6 or 10-10-10.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun until it grows large enough to set out.
- Maintain consistent and uniform moisture in the soil. Take care not to over water.
- Packing crystals may be reused to conserve water, but do so with caution as they hold 6000 times their weight in water.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a few hours.
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly.
- Protect from frost and freeze, as even cold tolerant plants can be damaged by cold, and tropicals will perform better, flower earlier, and live longer within their Zone Range when protected from cold temperatures.

Many tropical and subtropical plants can be grown as potted plants indefinitely, and can be successfully wintered over indoors, or acclimated to grow indoors year round in colder climates, so long as they are moved indoors well ahead of temps into the 30°F's, are maintained in warm environment (minimum 40°F) with adequate, full spectrum light, consistent soil moisture is maintained, and any pest or disease issue are promptly and properly addressed.

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