Queen Emma Giant Spider Lily

Crinum augustum 'Queen Emma'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

An impressive centerpiece to the landscape; tall strappy foliage emerges burgundy and matures to green, forming an attractive clump; fuchsia and white flower clusters emerge on tall spikes year round; will tolerate some shade, and occasional wet soil

Ornamental Features

Queen Emma Giant Spider Lily features showy spikes of white spider-like flowers with fuchsia overtones rising above the foliage from mid to early winter. Its attractive large sword-like leaves emerge burgundy in spring, turning green in color with showy burgundy variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Queen Emma Giant Spider Lily is an herbaceous perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Queen Emma Giant Spider Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Queen Emma Giant Spider Lily flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Queen Emma Giant Spider Lily foliage
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Planting & Growing

Queen Emma Giant Spider Lily will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, 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. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Queen Emma Giant Spider 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 height, it is often used 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.