Lugard's Crinum Lily

Crinum lugardiae



Lugard's Crinum Lily flowers
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Height: 14 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Veld Lily, Veld Swamplily

Description:

A small variety, forming rosettes of short leaves that stay low to the ground; flower buds with rose stripes open to pure white; great visual impact when massed in the garden or along borders; does very well in containers; readily self seeds



Lugard's Crinum Lily in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Lugard's Crinum Lily features showy white trumpet-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds. Its small sword-like leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Lugard's Crinum Lily is an herbaceous perennial 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lugard's Crinum Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Lugard's Crinum 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 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. To help this plant achive 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs.

Lugard's Crinum Lily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.