



## Montego Bay Lily

*Lilium 'Montego Bay'*

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Group/Class: Orienpet Hybrid

### Description:

One of the tallest growing varieties with large and very fragrant blooms that are salmon pink with a blush of violet and burgundy spots; this variety is a good choice for borders and massing but because of height, offer some shelter from strong winds

### Ornamental Features

Montego Bay Lily features bold fragrant nodding salmon trumpet-shaped flowers with violet overtones, yellow throats and burgundy spots at the ends of the stems from mid to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its glossy narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

Montego Bay Lily is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease



*Montego Bay Lily flowers*  
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*Montego Bay Lily in bloom*  
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Montego Bay Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Montego Bay Lily will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. 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 is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Montego Bay Lily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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.