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## Avalanche Tropical Water Lily



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*Nymphaea 'Avalanche'*

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Waterlily

#### Description:

Tropical water lily with powder blue and white star-shaped flowers with yellow centers; blooms from summer to winter; large oval green foliage mottled with burgundy; easy to care for; water lilies dislike moving water; annual in colder climates

#### Ornamental Features

Avalanche Tropical Water Lily features showy fragrant semi-double powder blue cup-shaped flowers with white overtones and yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from early summer to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive large glossy oval leaves emerge burgundy in spring, turning dark green in colour with distinctive burgundy spots the rest of the year.

#### Landscape Attributes

Avalanche Tropical Water Lily is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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.

Avalanche Tropical Water Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Avalanche Tropical Water Lily flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Avalanche Tropical Water Lily in bloom*  
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### Planting & Growing

Avalanche Tropical Water Lily will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It is an excellent choice for very wet locations or locations with some standing water. 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.

Avalanche Tropical Water 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 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.