

Hurricane Lily

Lycoris squamigera

Hurricane lily flowers appear on a stem without any foliage. The foliage appears in the fall, stays through the winter and dies back in the next summer. The flowers appear in late summer, usually after a heavy rain, hence the name "hurricane lily." Other common names for these flowers include surprise lily, magic lily, resurrection lily, red spider lily and naked lady. Each bulb can produce one to four flower stems, and each cluster of flowers will last about two weeks if protected from wind and sun. The shape and color of the flowers makes them popular with butterflies. **Bulbs of all *Lycoris* species contain the alkaloid poison, lycorine, which causes vomiting, diarrhea, convulsions, and sometimes death in humans and other animals.** Although *Lycoris* bulbs are considered to have low toxicity, homeowners should be aware of the poisonous potential of hurricane lilies, particularly if small children and pets are present.

Type: perennial

USDA hardiness zones: 5b through 9a

Uses: border; specimen; mass planting

Origin: not native to Florida

Height: 12 to 24 inches **Spread:** 12 inches

Plant spacing: 12 inches

Light requirement: sun to part sun

Soil tolerances: acidic to alkaline; clay; sand; silt; loam

Drought tolerance: high

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: no serious pests are normally seen on the plant

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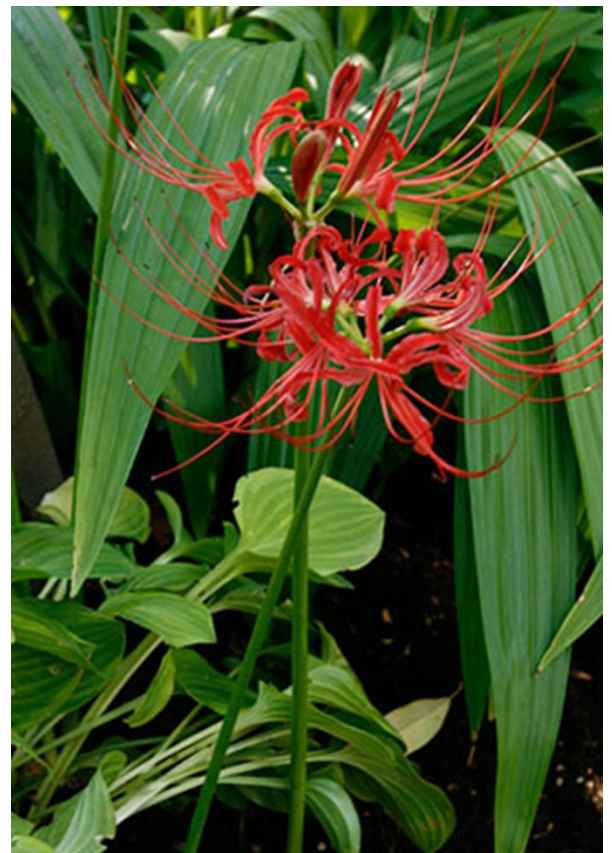


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