

# Pink Rainlily

## *Zephyranthes grandiflora*

Pink rainlily, or rosepink zephyrlily, is considered by many to be the best of the genus. It is one of the easiest bulbs to grow in Florida. When planted in an appropriate site it needs little care after planting. Each bulb produces clusters of dark-green, strap-like leaves up to 12 inches long. This rainlily produces bright-pink, funnel-shaped flowers all summer long. Clumps can display up to 20 flowers at once. The cultivated form has sterile flowers so the bulbs multiply rapidly in rich, acid soils. Like other bulbs rainlily adapts to drought and other harsh conditions by going dormant. The plant is reported to be somewhat salt tolerant.

**Type:** herbaceous perennial bulb

**USDA hardiness zones:** 7b through 11

**Uses:** border; mass planting; accent; attracts butterflies; suitable for growing indoors

**Origin:** native to Florida

**Height:** 6 to 12 inches    **Spread:** 6 to 12 inches

**Plant spacing:** 6 to 12 inches

**Light requirement:** full sun to part shade

**Soil tolerances:** slightly acid; sand; loam; clay

**Drought tolerance:** high

**Soil salt tolerance:** moderate

**Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive

**Pest resistance:** long-term health usually not affected by pests

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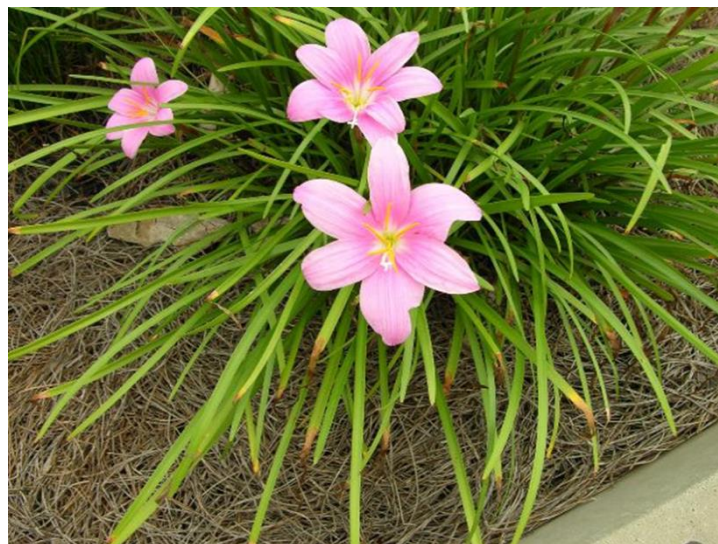


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