

Spider Lily

Hymenocallis latifolia 'Sulphur Queen'

Spider Lily 'Sulphur Queen' is a hybrid of *Hymenocallis narcissiflora* x *H. amancaes* and is popular for its exceptional foliage and large trumpet-shaped, soft yellow flowers highlighted with a large dark green star-pattern in the center. It has 3-foot-long, dark green, linear leaves that grow directly from an underground bulb. This easy-to-grow hybrid is one of the most stunning flowers in the summer garden. This fast growing plant creates a wonderful, tall ground cover that readily reseeds itself. A solid ground cover can form within 2 years after planting on 3 to 5 feet centers. It can also be used in borders or as a specimen plant. Plant your spider lily in full sun or part shade in well-drained soil. This plant is very tolerant of drought, wet conditions, and even salt spray but it can't take cold temperatures.

Type: perennial

USDA hardiness zones: 8 through 11

Uses: mass planting; border; accent; edging; ground cover

Origin: native to Florida

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

Plant spacing: 18 to 24 inches

Light requirement: part shade to part sun

Soil tolerances: well-drained; alkaline; sand; loam; clay

Drought tolerance: high

Soil salt tolerances: poor

Aerosol salt tolerances: moderate

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

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

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