

Blackberry Lily

Iris domestica

This flowering, semi-evergreen perennial performs well in North Florida. Sometimes called leopard-lily because of the spotted flowers, the blackberry-lily is really named after the inedible fruit that resembles a blackberry. It makes an outstanding addition to any landscape, making a nice accent plant, stand-alone perennial, or eye-catching focal point when mass planted. A member of the Iris family, the blackberry-lily is a colorful and durable perennial that needs to be planted in more of our local landscapes.

Type: perennial

**MORE
INFORMATION**

USDA hardiness zones: 5 through 10a

Uses: Landscapes, Mass Planting, Containers, Cut

Flowers

Origin: not native to Florida

Height: 1 to 3 feet **Spread:** 2 to 4 feet

Plant spacing: 3 to 5 feet

Light requirement: part sun to part shade

Soil tolerances: sand; acidic; slightly alkaline;
loam; clay

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: Prone to crown rot if soil
conditions are kept too wet.



Photo: Tom Murphy VII