

Gloriosa Lily

Gloriosa superba

Gloriosa Lily blooms stunningly from early summer into fall on spreading vine-like tendrils so it will need some support such as a shrub or trellis. The vines die back in the fall but will reemerge each year. The plant is not technically a lily, but a member of the crocus family. **If ingested all parts of the plant are poisonous to people and animals. The plants are not dangerous to the touch but can be fatal if ingested in a large enough dose.**

Type: perennial

USDA hardiness zones: 8 through 12

Uses: specimen; container

Origin: not native to North America

Height: 5 to 6 feet **Spread:** 1 to 3 feet

Plant spacing: 6 to 12 inches

Light requirement: full sun to part shade

Soil tolerances: sand; high organic matter

Drought tolerance: good

Soil salt tolerances: moderate

Invasive potential: can be invasive

Pest resistance: subject to aphids,
anthracnose, viruses,
bulb rot

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