

Philippine Lily

Lilium philippinense

Philippine Lily, also known as Benguet Lily, is often confused with Easter Lily which blooms much earlier in the year. Philippine Lily blooms mid-July to August and sports classic lily-type flowers held high on sturdy stems that may reach 7' or higher. Philippine Lily's very large (10" or more), very fragrant, trumpet-shaped, creamy-white flowers are showstoppers. The propensity of the flowers to appear in elegant, "nodding" clusters of a dozen or more also adds to the effect. Philippine Lily is among the easiest and most versatile of landscape plants to grow but it takes 2 to 5 years for it to reach maturity.

Type: perennial herbaceous

USDA hardiness zones: 8 through 12

Uses: border; edging; mass planting; container

Origin: not native to North America

Height: 12 to 18 inches **Spread:** 12 to 18 inches

Plant spacing: 12 to 18 inches

Light requirement: shade to full sun

Soil tolerances: moist but well drained; neutral to alkali; sand; loam

Drought tolerance: poor

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: No pests or diseases are of major concern

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