

Amaryllis

Hippeastrum x hybridum 'Red Lion'

Amaryllis 'Red Lion' is an award-winning old time favorite. Its large rich red flowers make it a real knockout. Hybrid amaryllis are considered tough, reliable plants that require little care. Amaryllis is grown as a potted plant in most parts of the United States but can also be grown outdoors year round in Florida. Amaryllis is a popular holiday gift plant because it can be forced to produce stunning flowers during the holiday season. Once the bloom period is over, it can be left in its container or planted outdoors in the garden. When planted outdoors in Florida, amaryllis plants typically bloom in the spring before the leaves develop.

Type: perennial bulb

USDA hardiness zones: 7b through 11

Uses: border; mass planting; container or above-ground planter; naturalizing; accent

Origin: not native to Florida

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

Plant spacing: 12 to 24 inches

Light requirement: full sun to part sun

Soil tolerances: slightly acid; clay; sand; loam; well drained

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: high

Invasive potential: none

Pest resistance: occasional damage from diseases and pests

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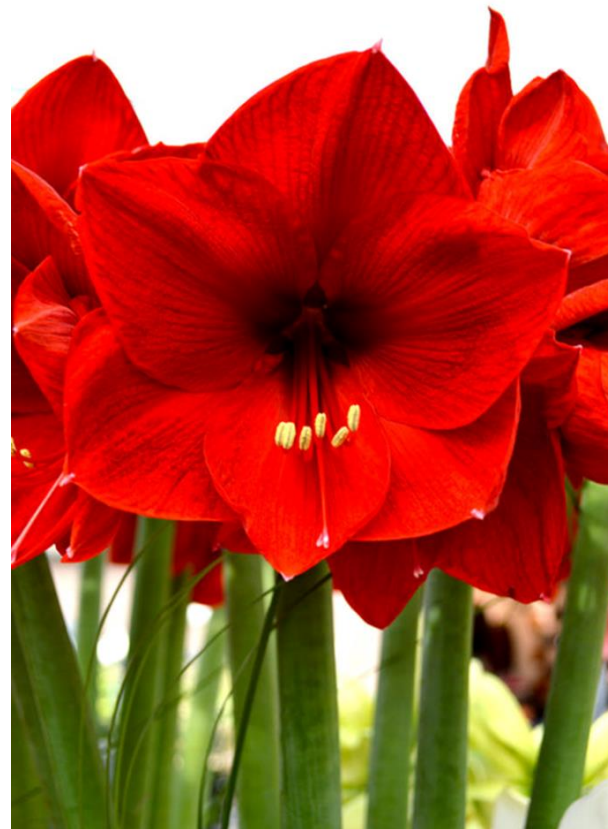


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