

# Calla Lily

## *Zantedeschia aethiopica*

**HIGHLY TOXIC, MAY BE FATAL IF EATEN!** There are 8 species and numerous cultivars of 'Calla lily'. The uniquely shaped flower heads, consisting of small flowers in a spadix surrounded by a spathe, make great cut flowers. The spathe is usually white or green, but cultivars exist with yellow, pink, red, and purple hues. They make good container plants and can be grown indoors. Calla lilies are toxic as they contain oxalic acid, and should be kept away from children and pets to prevent ingestion.

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INFORMATION**

**Type:** herbaceous perennial bulb

**USDA hardiness zones:** 7 through 10

**Uses:** border; mass planting; accent; attracts butterflies; suitable for growing indoors

**Origin:** not native to North America

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

**Plant spacing:** 1 to 3 feet

**Light requirement:** full sun to part shade

**Soil tolerances:** acidic; alkaline; sand; loam; clay; high organic matter

**Drought tolerance:** species dependent

**Soil salt tolerance:** low to none

**Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive

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



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