

Planting Instructions AFRICAN BLOOD LILY

AKA: Football Lily, Pom Pom or Powder Puff Lily
(*Scadoxus multiflorus*, *Haemanthus Multiflorus*)



Reaching only 8-10 inches tall, this plant is perfect for planting in a low border, as an edge along a walkway, as a mass planting or it can be planted in containers. They make a real IMPACT when planted en-masse and they will multiply over time, giving you even more of these brightly colored blooms in subsequent years. The first thing to emerge in the spring will be the bloom, the leaves will follow when the blooms fade. These bloom only once a year, but WOW what a show!

Hardy in zones 8 - 11; lift bulbs or grow in containers and overwinter indoors in colder zones.

Store your bulb until ready to plant in a cool, dry and dark location (DO NOT CHILL OR REFRIGERATE). In zones 9 and warmer, these can be planted at any time. Most likely, new growth will not appear until temperatures warm, but in the event new growth begins before your last frost, be sure to protect the new, tender growth from the damaging frost.

In colder zones, plant your bulb after chance of frost has past or plant in a container and keep in your greenhouse or other brightly lit, warm location.

Soil Requirements: Prefer rich, moist, but well-drained soil but will grow in sandy, poor soil and fairly dry conditions.

Water Requirements: Medium drought tolerance.

Nutritional Requirements: Balanced liquid fertilizer monthly during growing season.

Light Requirements: Full sun to dappled shade (plants bloom poorly in excessive shade).

Leaves: 12" long, rich green, wavy. Plants need winter rest -- leaves may die back to the ground, but no need to lift in warm climates.

Uses: Cut flowers, can be used in beds, low borders, patio pots or planters, ground cover, mass planting, naturalizing.



Plant your bulb 1.5" to 2" deep (from the top of the bulb) in a sunny, partly sunny or bright shade location in well draining soil. The bottom of your bulb is the FLAT part, the point goes to the top (the way it is in the photo to the left is the way it should be planted). Water regularly, but don't allow water to stand; fertilize monthly during growing season with a balanced fertilizer.

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