

Lilium Lancifolium, Tiger Lily (Mix Color) - Bulbs



The Tiger Lily, bears large, fiery orange flowers covered by spots. The name tiger probably refers to the spots on the petals.

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Description

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The flowers of this perennial can grow up to three inches in width. The Tiger Lily is also known as the Ditch Lily as it is found in and around ditches in large parts of America. The tiger lily plant can reach several feet tall, and while the stems are usually stiff and sturdy, a slender stake occasionally helps provide an upright appearance and support for multiple flowers. Tiger lilies are highly toxic to cats.

Common name(s): Lilium lancifolium or Lilium tigrinum)

Flower colours: Red

Bloom time: Summer.

Max reachable height: 3 to 4-foot

Difficulty to grow: Easy.

Planting and care

Plant bulbs in groups of at least three, 8 to 10 inches apart and 4 to 6 inches deep for the bigger bulbs. Plant bulbils and very small bulbs no more than 2 inches deep. Because tiger lilies often vector lily mosaic virus, it's best to keep them isolated from other lilies. Early to mid-autumn is the best time to plant out the bulbs in cool temperate areas, in warmer areas they can be planted out as late as late autumn.

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade. but allows the flowers to bloom in full sun.

Soil: Well-drained soil. To ensure proper drainage, you may need to amend the soil prior to planting. Amending the soil around tiger lily flowers is as simple as adding compost or humus. Peat moss, sand or straw mixed into the beds are other ways to improve drainage and retain appropriate moisture. Proper soil preparation results in healthier tiger lily plants that produce more and bigger blooms.

Water: Plenty of water but no standing water.

Temperature: Warm temperature.

Fertilizer: Fertilizer is not needed except for the poorest of soils.

Caring for *Lilium Lancifolium*

Grown with success, some tall lilies will need support. If you use stakes, be sure not to pierce the bulb when you plunge the supports into the ground.

Typical uses of *Lilium Lancifolium*

Special features:

Culinary use: The bulbs of its plants are boiled and eaten in some countries, especially China. They taste like potatoes.

Ornamental use: Tiger Lily perennial deciduous used as ornamental fragrant plant, can grow in temperate climate.

Medicinal use: Besides being used in soups, tiger lily possesses medicinal properties. It is an ancient traditional medicine for common ailments such as coughs, sore throat, skin conditions like boils and other ailments.

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