

Chamaelirium luteum - Plant



Chamaelirium luteum, commonly called fairy wand, is native to moist, acidic soils in shaded areas of meadows, woods and thickets in eastern North America.

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Description

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Description for Chamaelirium luteum

Plant height: 3 - 6 inches

Plant spread:

Chamaelirium is a genus of flowering plants containing the single species Chamaelirium luteum, commonly known as blazing-star, devil's bit, false unicorn, fairy wand, and helonias. It is a perennial herb native to the eastern United States.

Common name(s): fairy wand

Flower colours: White

Bloom time: May to June

Max reachable height: 2.00 to 4.00 feet

Difficulty to grow: easy to grow

Planting and care

Divide fairy wand corms in the spring. Use short-handled pruning shears to reduce the foliage by half. Take care not to break the brittle, fleshy corms. Plant the corms 2 to 3 inches deep in fertile, moist but well-draining loam in a sunny location. Loam is soil that contains equal portions of sand, silt and clay. If the loam has more heavy clay or light sand, mix in well-rotted organic matter. The plants need sun to bloom. Planted from division, fairy wands will yield flowers in one to two years.

Sunlight: Full Sun to Partial Shade

Soil: well-drained soil

Water: Medium

Temperature: 70F

Fertilizer: Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Chamaelirium luteum

- Sow seeds in well-draining potting mix in the early spring in a sunny location.
- Cover lightly with the potting mix and keep moist.
- Most fairy wand species need to be planted in the sun to bloom.
- They take three to five years to bloom when planted from seeds.
- Water well during dry periods in summer and apply a general purpose fertilizer in the spring.
- A general purpose fertilizer has equal amounts by weight of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

Typical uses of Chamaelirium luteum

Special features: Group or mass in woodland and/or wildflower gardens. Also appropriate for native plant gardens, cottage gardens or borders. Will naturalize in optimum growing conditions.

Culinary use:

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

Medicinal use: Western herbal medicine, it has been used to treat pregnancy.

References

- <http://homeguides.sfgate.com/grow-fairy-wands-28000.html>
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