

Perennial Lilies

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For those of us that love Lilies, we have a new cultivar that has naturalized in the Houston area perfectly. These are a cross between an Easter lily (longiflorum) and the Asiatic lily creating a fragrant lily with a long supportive stem with very colorful blooms. Their name is Liliium Longiflorum x Asiatic and come with varieties such as Burnello Lily which has a 6" pumpkin orange bloom. Other varieties are the American Revolution Lily which blooms a deep red or the Dazzle Lily that blooms a lemon drop color.

These Lilies all have 6" wide fragrant flowers and have thicker petals which make them more weatherproof. The bloom stalks can reach the height of 4' making them stand out in a garden. These Lilies have a longer flower season even into the heat of the summer.

They need full sun and a bed with good drainage with a light cover of mulch. They are not prone to disease or bothered by insects. As with other lilies, the bulbs will multiply but don't need dividing to bloom. Some Mature plants can have as many as 20 blooms on one plant!

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