

Crinum Lilies



Crinums are in the Lily family and have a wide range in flower shape and color. They make medium to large bulbs that form into clumps over time. The large Asiatic Crinum has one of the largest bulbs in the world at 25-35 lbs for 1 mature bulb! The species we carry will not get that big but they are still very large bulbs given time. Most Crinums prefer well composted soil with regular water. They can be drought tolerant when established but will look better and bloom more with regular water.

Crinum care is pretty easy and straight-forward. Plant them in *well composted soil* with a *balanced higher phosphorus fertilizer* for root and flower development. Most Crinums need full sun but there are a few varieties listed below that will take some shade. The only real issues they have are snails and slugs due to their fleshy leaf. Crinums have been grown for a long time and are a classic landscape plant for the south. In many old homesteads the crinums have long out lived the owners!

Crinum varieties:

Bradley – A medium sized Crinum bred Australia in the 1930's. Dark pink-red flowers bloom in mid-summer and repeat in the fall. Off sets quickly to form clumps.

Cecil Houdyshel – One of the largest of the crinums with large bright pink flowers that appear from early spring to summer. It forms large clumps up to 3-4 ft tall.

Claude Davis – Large plant with huge bulbs that produce fragrant, maroon-pink flowers on 4 ft stalks in late spring. Named for a breeder from Louisiana.

Ellen Bosanquet – Is a southern heirloom from early 1900's. EB is the darkest color of the wine-red forms. It forms large clumps with abundant blooms in mid-summer.

Maiden's Blush – Forms large clumps of very erect foliage topped with flowers that blush from pink to white. Blooms late summer and is one that can take more shade than other Crinums.

Milk & Wine Lily – *Crinum bulbispermum* is one of the most cold hardy and drought tolerant crinum. This species gets its name from the wine striped flower petals. Foliage and flowers grow up to 3 ft.

Stars and Stripes – A great Crinum for small spaces! This hybrid from San Antonio forms small clumps of 2-3ft leaves with brilliant red on white striped flowers in late summer/ early fall. Can take more shade than other Crinums.