

# AGAPANTHUS AFRICANUS

## AGAPANTHUS “BEN HOPE”



**Fam. Amaryllidaceae**

### LEAVES

Long, ribbon-like, shiny and leathery leaves of a pale-green colour.

### HABITAT

It is a plant native to southern Africa, commonly known as the African lily.

### DISTRIBUTION

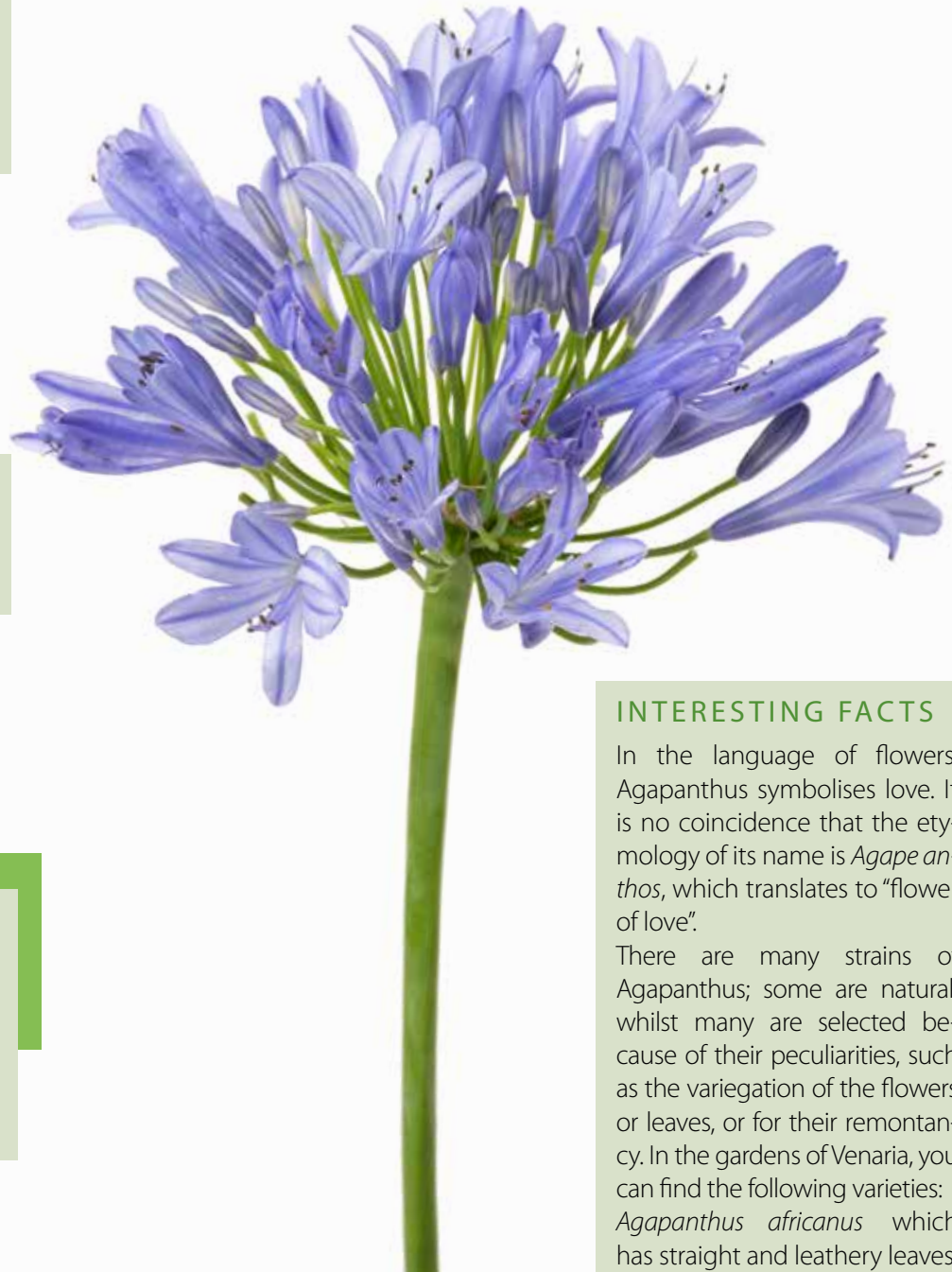
The Agapanthus plant has been widely cultivated in Italian historic villas.

### FLOWERS

Light-blue or blue tubular inflorescences bundled in clusters sprout from the bushes at the apex of erect and fleshy stems up to 1 metre long. It blooms in the summer.

### ROOTS

Rhizomes with onion-like bulbs.



### INTERESTING FACTS

In the language of flowers, Agapanthus symbolises love. It is no coincidence that the etymology of its name is *Agape anthos*, which translates to “flower of love”.

There are many strains of Agapanthus; some are natural, whilst many are selected because of their peculiarities, such as the variegation of the flowers or leaves, or for their remontancy. In the gardens of Venaria, you can find the following varieties: *Agapanthus africanus* which has straight and leathery leaves, with light-blue flowers.

*Agapanthus “Ben Hope”*, a cultivar – the term is used in horticulture to indicate the agricultural varieties of cultivated plants – with bright blue flowers.