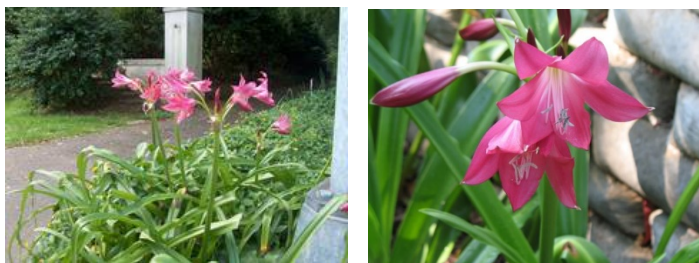


CRINUM 'ELLEN BOSANQUET'

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Characteristics

- Type: Perennial
- Family: Amaryllidaceae
- Zone: 8 to 10
- Height: 2.00 to 3.00 feet
- Spread: 1.00 to 2.00 feet
- Bloom Time: July to August
- Bloom Description: Wine red
- Sun: Full sun to part shade
- Water: Medium
- Maintenance: Low
- Flower: Showy, Fragrant
- Attracts Butterflies, Bees

Culture

Majestic plants with bold, fragrant, lily-like flowers, imposing foliage, and a strong constitution. Their 4"-6" fragrant flowers rise from clumps of long, strap-shaped leaves and bloom spring to fall. Plant 6" deep with neck above ground in humus-rich soil; water and feed heavily during summer; divide infrequently. Give ample space. Bulbs are easily grown in organically rich, moist, well-drained soils in full sun to light shade. Propagate by bulblets in spring. Increase watering in spring as plant shows signs of new growth. Crinum roots do not like to be disturbed and once disturbed plants may not bloom for another 2-3 years. When grown in the ground year-round in southern gardens, it will spread to form colonies.

Noteworthy Characteristics

Crinum lilies are tender perennial bulbs in the Amaryllis family. Lily-like flowers (to 4" wide and long) bloom in clusters in summer atop leafless scapes (to 3-4' tall) above a clump of strap-shaped green leaves. Flower colors in whites, pinks and reds. Most flowers are fragrant. Crinum bulbs are large and taper into elongated necks. 'Ellen Bosanquet' is an old but very popular hybrid whose parentage was never revealed. It was hybridized by Louis Bosanquet in Florida in the period of 1915-1920 and was named after his wife. Bell-shaped, wine red (rose-purple to red-purple) flowers are noted for having a spicy fragrance. Flower scapes typically rise to 3' tall.

Problems

Mealybugs, nematodes, slugs and snails are occasional visitors. Bulb rot. Leaf scorch.

Garden Uses

Borders, containers. Good accent. Good cut flower.

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