

Crinum Americanum Robustum

Common Name(s):

Crinum Lily, Florida Swamp-Lily, Seven Sisters, Southern Swamp Lily, String Lily

Native to Central and South America. This plant is usually larger and more tolerant of dry soils than the closely related, swamp loving *C. americanum* you see along the shore of the Wakulla river.

The bright green leaves grow to 30 inches and the white flowers are borne on a reddish stem. It dies back with a frost but is hardy throughout the South. It spreads aggressively by long rhizomes. All of the very fragrant flowers open over a short period and blooms repeatedly from June through first frost. I have several blooming right now.



This is a variant of unknown origins that has been found in a number of locations; cemeteries & gardens in southern Georgia & northern & panhandle Florida. Blossoms have particularly broad tepals in general with scapes (stems) red to burgundy depending on sun exposure and temperatures. This variety spreads aggressively by underground stolons but also produces seed occasionally. Prefers light shade. The parents of these plants come from the flower beds of Advent Chapel.