

Crinum Asiaticum

This big crinum lily makes an imposing presence in the garden. The dark green strap-like leaves may be more than 4 ft long and 4 in wide. These are held erect and arranged in a spiral rosette and grow to form impressive clumps up to 7 ft in width. The leaves emerge from huge bulbs that may weigh 10-20 lbs! Flowers are shaped like tubes that flair open into a crown of narrow petals.



Grand crinum lily is happy in just about any type of well drained soil. It prefers bright sunny situations but will grow in part shade. Crinum lilies do well in dry soils and are fairly drought tolerant. I have several of these growing in Tallahassee; they suffer some degree of cold damage every year but quickly recover their attractiveness in the spring.



Use the grand crinum to create a tropical mood near the pool or patio. Use like sculpture to create a focal point in the garden or in an expanse of lawn. This big lily looks great with palm trees and ornamental grasses.