

Crinum



One of the hardiest bulbs for this area is the crinum. These sturdy bulbs vary greatly in size from 8 inches to up to 3 feet and the lily like flower comes in a range of colors from white to dark pink. Crinums aren't picky about soil conditions, sun/shade, soil pH, water, fertilizer. . . . In fact, they just aren't picky. The biggest drawback to crinums is that a happy crinum is a pretty fierce competitor in the garden. So, if you are a lazy gardener, this may be just what you're looking for! Many of these varieties have wonderful fragrance. The blossoms present in clusters on a tall stem and tend to be a little top heavy so you may find that they will benefit from being supported by a tall stake. Different varieties bloom at different times during the late spring to early fall and many bloom more than once in a season. The leaves on crinums are long, strappy and deep green and tend to droop as they mature. They make a handsome greenery for your garden and in this area, most are ever green. If they freeze back, they will be back in the spring. Crinums spread by "pupping" meaning that small plants develop off the mature bulb, forming clumps. You can separate these smaller plants to plant elsewhere in your yard or to share. Crinums don't need much care when you do that. Enjoy these carefree plants!