

Rain Lily



You will see the native rain lily blooming in summer along the highways in this area after a good rain. They are usually white and the flowers are small but I have dug a few of these over the years and added them to my gardens. I was rewarded with a vigorous little amaryllis that was much larger than its feral siblings with an enchanting pale pink blossom. The foliage is a long strappy leaf but thinner than other amaryllis. You can also buy other members of this family—my favorite being zephyranthus grandiflora which rewards you with a deep pink blossom. Native to South America this is a sturdy bulb that will multiply in your garden. You can also buy a white variety zephyranthus candida, also native to South America. A bright little cousin, the copper lily has an extraordinary bright orange flower. It is very small, 4 to 6 inches and it is very difficult to domesticate.