

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### MY BULBS ARE SLOW TO SPROUT?

If covered deeper than one half inch of soil, they sprout very slowly. Lift them back up so they are not too deep. They need heat to sprout as well and that usually means late June.

### DO THESE MULTIPLY UNDER SOIL?

Oh do they! These tubers multiply underneath soil and will re-bloom every year. After 3 to 4 years, in the spring or fall, you can divide the bulbs into small pear size divisions and replant separately if desired..

### MY PLANT SEEMS TO BE IN LIMBO AFTER MANY YEARS

Dig up the bulbs in spring or fall. Remove all excess soil from around roots especially if the roots are all dried up and compacted. New healthy roots will grow again. The compacted soil around the dead toots has been preventing good air flow to allow new root growth. This will correct the issue.

### CAN THEY GROW INSIDE YEAR ROUND?

These may be grown inside year round.

### HOW DO YOU WINTERIZE THEM?

In the autumn, when the foliage begins to turn yellow cut all of the foliage away. Stop watering completely until the next spring. In the spring begin watering again and place them back outside in partial sun.

### MY PLANT GOT ITS FLOWERS WITHOUT LEAVES?

They produce flowers before they produce their lance-shaped, semi-erect leaves the first season. In subsequent seasons the leaves and flowers occur at same time.

### WHAT IS THE BERRY LIKE THINGS ON THE OLD FLOWER?

Seeds will swell to form a green berry that will turn scarlet as it ripens during winter to spring. These decorative berries can remain on the plant for up to 2 months. You may grow them but takes 3 years to flower.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Keep bulbs inside packing material until ready to plant into ground or container. Put in a cool, protected area and plant as soon as possible.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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(Annuals and Tropical Plants)

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### Plant Hardiness Zone Map



## ROBERTA'S GARDENS

PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Paintbrush African  
Starfire Lily  
(Haemanthus multiflorus)



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## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Partial
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	8-11
PLANT TYPE	Annual
PLANTING DISTANCE:	4-6 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	12-30 inches 8-12 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Mid Summer
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Keep bulb(s) inside packing material until ready to plant into ground or container. Plant bulbs in the garden once the ground has thawed accordingly spacing them 4 to 6 inches apart.

(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)

## PLANTING GUIDE

1  
STEP

Keep bulb(s) inside packing material until ready to plant into ground or container. Put in a cool, protected area and plant as soon as possible. For extended storage time, place in refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

2  
STEP

Plant bulbs in the garden once the ground has thawed accordingly spacing them 4 to 6 inches apart. Cover the top of bulbs with only one half inch of soil. Partial sun is best. Otherwise plant bulbs into 6 inch pots separately or combine into larger pots. Water the plants thoroughly.

3  
STEP

In the garden, the bulbs will sprout when the soil temperature rises usually around late June. In pots, place plants outside as long as evening temperatures stay above 45 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

4  
STEP

Planted now each bulb will produce flowers in mid-summer.

## CONTINUING CARE

### SHELF LIFE

Keep bulb(s) inside packing material until ready to plant into ground or container. Put in a cool, protected area and plant as soon as possible. For extended storage time, place in refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

### DETERMINING THE BOTTOM OR TOP OF BULB

Please refer to image on next page. The pointed end is up and the flat side is down. Cover top with only one half inch of soil.

### PREPARATION

These bulbs can be planted immediately in pots. If planting bulbs into the garden itself, wait until the ground is permanently thawed.

### SPROUTING TIME

Sprouts in late June. Most often this occurs only after they have been outside in the summer. Once they sprout they grow fast!

### FLOWERING AND LEAFING

They produce flowers before they produce their lanced-shaped, semi-erect leaves the first season. In subsequent seasons the leaves and flowers occur at same time.

### GARDEN LOCATION

They prefer partial sun. Cover them with only a half inch of soil.

### POTTED PLANTS

You may plant them one per 6 inch pot or combine together into larger pots. When they become root bound transplant into larger pots in spring.

### SOIL

Use a regular potting or garden soil. Cover with only half inch of soil maximum.

### WATER

Water upon planting and a couple times a week all summer long keeping moist.

### SPACING

In garden space at least 4 to 6 inches apart. In pots you can space a little closer.

### HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 12 to 30 inches tall and 8 to 12 inches wide.

### FERTILIZER

This helps maintain flower size and count from year to year. For best results, use Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) once a month all summer long.

### LIGHTING

Partial sun is preferred.

### BLOOMING

These will bloom in the first season in late July and thereafter in early July. Blooming lasts only about 3 weeks.

### TEMPERATURE ZONE 8 to 11

If they are planted in the ground, they will come up at the right time without worries of frost damage. If they are planted in pots, you may place your pots outside and leave them there all summer long when nights stay above 45 to 50F degrees. They are hardy to 30F planted in the garden and a little less if planted in pots.

### WINTER DORMANCY

In the autumn, when the foliage begins to turn yellow cut all of the foliage away. Stop watering completely until the next spring. In the spring begin watering again and place them back outside in partial sun.

### PROPAGATING

These large bulbs will re-bloom every year. After 3 to 4 years, in the spring or fall, you can divide the bulbs into small pear size divisions and replant separately if desired. Remove all excess soil from around roots especially if the roots are all dried up and compacted. New healthy roots will grow again.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Shipped As Shown



1st Season



Emerging Flowers



3rd Season



Close up Flower

**CAUTION:** Not all plant material is edible. Though most plants are harmless, some contain toxic substances which can cause headaches, nausea, dizziness, or other discomforts. As a general rule, only known food products should be eaten. In case of ingestion on any other plant or flower, please contact your local poison center at once and advise them of the plant ingested. Keep out of reach of children and pets.