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Peruvian Daffodil

Hymenocallis x festalis

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Spider Lily

Description:

This exotic variety produces spectacular flowers that are noteworthy both for their intricate design and fragrance; flowers resemble spidery daffodils with 6 narrow petals and a large cup; a unique selection for the garden or container



Peruvian Daffodil flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Peruvian Daffodil features showy spikes of fragrant white spider-like flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems in mid summer. Its glossy sword-like leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Peruvian Daffodil is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Peruvian Daffodil is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Peruvian Daffodil will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Peruvian Daffodil is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.