

# Agapanthus

## African Lily



**Hardiness:** Hardy to  $-9\text{ C}$

**Height:** 40 cm—1.5 m

**Spread:** 30—60 cm

**Sunlight:** Full sun

**Flowers:** Mid summer—early fall

Deer Tolerant, Drought tolerant  
Attract birds

### General Description:

*Agapanthus* (African lily) are summer-flowering perennial plants, grown for their showy flowers, commonly in shades of blue and purple, but also white and pink. They thrive in any well-drained, sunny position in the garden, or grow these beauties in containers.

### Care Notes:

*Agapanthus* thrives in fertile, well-drained, but moisture-retentive soil in full sun. Plant crowns in spring, 5cm (2in) below the ground and avoid planting in shade, as plants will either grow poorly or develop a mass of lush foliage at the expense of flowers.

**Warning:** Extreme caution should be taken when handling the *Agapanthus* plant, as it is poisonous if ingested and a [skin irritant](#). Those with sensitive skin should wear gloves when handling the plant.