

# Guernsey Lily



Comes back every year and very easy to grow and love poor, dry soil!



***Nerine bowdenii*** (also known as *Cape Flower* or *Lycoris*, *Guernsey Lily* or *Japanese Spider Lily*, *naked lady*)

- **Use:** Another gift from South Africa, Nerine blooms in a froth of wavy pink petals late in the gardening season when an extra color boost is most welcome. The plant produces strappy foliage early in the year but saves the tall, straight-stemmed flowers until the end. Enjoy exuberant nerine in the garden, in containers or as cutting material for long lasting bouquets. This is the most winter hardy variety available, thriving in zone 8 and warmer.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Morning sun & afternoon shade in hottest regions, full sun elsewhere. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry during blooming season otherwise allow them to stay dry. Must have well drained sandy soil and amend the clay.
- **Growth:** Grows 24-34" tall.
- **Hardiness:** Zones 8-10; Tender Perennial Needs heavy mulching around the bulb. To be safe you may want to bring in bulbs in August and store in a cool (above 40 degree area until spring)
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Long, strap-like leaves.
- **Flower:** Large, lily-like flowers of rose-red, 3 to 5 of them on heavy stalks which grow to 18 inches and precede the leathery, straplike leaves.

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