

Bogota Amaryllis



Comes back every year and very easy to grow! We love the Cybister Amaryllis for their architectural look.

Amaryllis /Hippeastrum cybister 'Bogota'

- **Use:** A striking, cybister-type it features bright red blooms with deeper shadings of red – coral and an occasional thin ivory streak. It's exquisite form and saturated color make a great combination. Please note that the dramatic Cybister Amaryllis (varieties of the South American species *Hippeastrum cybister*) naturally make smaller bulbs and flowers. Typically a 30/32 size bulb will produce 2 stems and 8 flowers, but we expect more stems likely for a cybister bulb of this size.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun to part sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Drought tolerant when established, but prefers moist soil, but must be well-drained. As with all amaryllis, they like to be potbound, so don't overdo it on the size of the pot. They also don't like to be overwatered, especially when in bloom (true for almost all amaryllis), so don't get heavy-handed with the watering can. When blooming keep soil barely moist. Cybisters will multiply with some degree of abandon and, after a few years, you should have a nice pot full of bulbs. Leave them alone! They're pretty this way. Even if the bulbs start "stacking up" on each other, they'll be okay. In the wild, amaryllis tend to grow on rock cliffs and other such places, so they don't need a gigantic pot filled to the brim with over-rich potting soil. All they need is a place to hang on and get a little food and water from occasionally.
- **Growth:** Typically stems grow 1-2' tall, but rarely need staking and stay shorter than the typical Amaryllis in trade. Allow 8–10 weeks from bulb to bloom.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-10 ; Perennial; Herbaceous.
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Long, strap-like leaves. Another thing to note with the cybister group is that they are predominantly evergreen, so you should not expect them to lose their leaves as traditional amaryllis do; in fact, retention of leaves is important for setting up next season's flowers. Leaves, like the petals, are thinner than traditional amaryllis as well.
- **Flower:** An exotic amaryllis variety with showy star shaped petals in bold coral-red tones.

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