

Sumatra Amaryllis



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

Hippeastrum cybister 'Bogota'

- **Use:** A striking, cybister-type it features deep orange blooms with deeper shadings of coral and an occasional thin ivory streak on the back of the flower. It's exquisite form and saturated color make a great combination. 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. Very unusual and hard to find cultivar for the collector.
- **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 1-1.5' tall, but rarely need staking and stay shorter than the typical Amaryllis in trade. Overwatering and low light can cause stem elongation however. Allow 8-10 weeks from bulb to bloom.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-10 ; Perennial; Herbaceous.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Long, strap-like leaves. Another thing to note with the cybister group is that they are predominantly evergreen indoors, 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:** Orchid-like petals in a gorgeous blend ranging from deep orange to coral, lighter on the reverse side. Please note that the stunning Cybister Amaryllis (from South America)) naturally make smaller bulbs and flowers.

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