

Summer Heat Peruvian Lily



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Alstroemeria 'Summer Heat' ('Tessumheat')

- **Use:** This South American perennial brings long-lasting beauty to the landscape. Flowers appear on this plant in midsummer and continue until frost. Peruvian Lilies are excellent cut flowers and hold together for a long time after cut. The tall stems flowers are florist quality. The plants can last through the winter when planted in the ground and the flower stems are sturdy.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Sun- part sun. Water the soil when the top 3" are dry. Must amend the soil if you have red clay. Best in well drained soils with moderate to consistent moisture. Later to emerge in spring than most other perennials, but grows quickly to make up for its late start.
- **Growth:** Grows quickly to 3-3.5' tall and 2.5-3' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. If the stems that have finished flowering are regularly pulled (instead of pinched or cut), the rhizome will be stimulated to make even more new shoots. Twist and pull out the stems.
- **Flower:** A large flowered red Alstroemeria with tall stems and a long season of bloom. Each flower has a prominent yellow central flare. We love them as a long lasting cut flower in the home too.
- ***TIP: To remove old flowers twist and pull out whole stems from the base of the plant to promote more flowering.***

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