

# Plant Finder



Courier Lily Lilium 'Courier'

Plant Height: 24 inches Flower Height: 32 inches Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 3

Group/Class: LA Hybrid

### **Description:**

A striking hybrid lily producing large upward-facing creamy white blooms leaning to yellow, crowning sturdy straight stems that are excellent for cutting; this variety is a good choice to create focal interest in areas around shrubbery or border plantings



Courier Lily flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Ornamental Features**

Courier Lily features bold creamy white trumpet-shaped flowers with buttery yellow overtones and a yellow reverse at the ends of the stems in early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Courier Lily is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Courier Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



## **Planting & Growing**

Courier Lily will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 32 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.