



### **Mrs. Perry D. Slocum Lotus**

*Nelumbo 'Mrs. Perry D. Slocum'*

Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5a

#### **Description:**

A graceful aquatic plant, perfect for water features and ponds; large, fragrant double blooms change from pink to yellow; attractive large round leaves ascend from the water; prefers full sun; quite easy to care for

#### **Ornamental Features**

Mrs. Perry D. Slocum Lotus features showy spikes of fragrant double hot pink cup-shaped flowers with yellow overtones and gold eyes rising above the foliage from early summer to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive large round leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Mrs. Perry D. Slocum Lotus is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mrs. Perry D. Slocum Lotus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Water Gardens
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



*Mrs. Perry D. Slocum Lotus flowers*  
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### Planting & Growing

Mrs. Perry D. Slocum Lotus will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an excellent choice for very wet locations or locations with some standing water. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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.

Mrs. Perry D. Slocum Lotus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.