



Perry's Baby Red Hardy Water Lily

Nymphaea 'Perry's Baby Red'

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Waterlily

Description:

A lovely dwarf variety that doesn't grow very large; waxy red blooms are freely produced all season, over attractive medium to dark green leaves; a beautiful addition to your pond or container garden; easy to care for; water lilies dislike moving water

Ornamental Features

Perry's Baby Red Hardy Water Lily features showy lightly-scented semi-double red star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive glossy round leaves emerge coppery-bronze in spring, turning green in color with hints of chartreuse the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Perry's Baby Red Hardy Water Lily is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging 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.

Perry's Baby Red Hardy Water Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Water Gardens
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens



*Perry's Baby Red Hardy Water Lily
flowers*

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Planting & Growing

Perry's Baby Red Hardy Water Lily will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Perry's Baby Red Hardy Water Lily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.