



Monji Plant Profile

www.monjient.com

Lily of the Nile *Agapanthus africanus*

03-02



<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 6-9, 12-24, H1, H2	Full sun or partial shade	Does better in soil rich in organic matter	Little to regular to watering	Blue, pink, and white	1 ½ feet tall

These incredible plants put on a show that is hard to resist! Agapanthus, also known as Lily of the Nile and African Lily, grows from a fleshy root system. Although it is truly perennial in warm climates, in Minnesota it is usually grown and enjoyed as a beautiful annual. It can be saved over winter and started again the next season. Agapanthus is prized both for its bold, strap-like dark green leaves and its fantastic flowers that look almost like fireworks in blue. The color of the variety most often grown in our area is almost true blue, with just a touch of lavender. There is a white version of this plant, too. Each flower is held on a tall, strong stalk that stands about 2 feet tall, well above the foliage. The bloom is made up of lots of tubular, bell-shaped florets. Agapanthus often has as many as a dozen blooms at a time, each one lasting for days and days. When all its needs are met, Agapanthus can bloom for months. As a bloom begins to fade, cut the flower stem back as close to the soil as possible. If you allow the flower to set seed, it will reduce blooming.