

Botanical Name: Hippeastrum species

Common Name: Amaryllis

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Character deciduous: spring bulb

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, clumping plant with large, trumpet-shaped flowers
originating from a large, thick bulb; foliage is broad, strap-like and dark
green, usually with pointed tips

Height 4 to 6' Spread to 2' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun outdoors; can be forced indoors in bright light

Soil prefers a rich, sandy soil

Hardiness some frost; zones 12, 13, 19, 21-24

Morphology:

Leaves strap-like, stiff, pointed, dark green to 18" long, arising
from a thick, fleshy bulb

Flowers trumpet-shaped, to 8" across, pink, red, white, striped;
usually in twos or threes; early spring

Fruit elongated capsule

Propagation: division of bulbs, seed

Usage: good in warm, sunny areas, tropical gardens, frequently
used in containers; greenhouse flower in cold climates

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering; keep drier in heavy soils; allow
to dry out after leaves die back

Fertilizing high-phosphorus fertilizer in early spring

Pruning remove spent flowers and dead leaves after die-back

Pests/Diseases root rot, snails and slugs

Special Conditions

Origin: hybrids Family: Amaryllidaceae