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Common Name:
Daylily

Plant Type: Perennial

Light Requirements:
Full Sun to Part Shade

Height: 2-4 ft

Bloom Time: July-
August

Hardiness Zones: 3-9

Hemerocallis

Hemerocallis, or Daylilies, are herbaceous perennials in the Hemerocallidaceae family. Native to Asia, Daylilies are beloved in many parts of the world. They began to be hybridized in the late 19th century, and as a result, there are more than 60,000 cultivars available.

Daylilies typically bloom in July and August. The botanical name of is derived from the Greek for beauty (hemera) and day (kallos), referring to the fact that each flower only blooms for a single day. Because there are many buds on each of the numerous flower stalks, daylilies can bring lots of color to the summer border. They can also be used as a groundcover, as their roots are particularly good at holding the soil against erosion once they are established. Daylilies are quite adaptable and can easily be grown in full sun to part shade depending on the variety. They prefer loamy soil textures but can do well in many different types of soil.

Daylilies require very little care once established. It's best to divide them every 3-4 years in spring or fall months.

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