# Toad Lily

***Tricyrtis hirta***



*Toad Lily flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Toadlily

**Description:**

This selection forms an attractive mound of green leaves; orchid-like white flowers with plum purple spotting that can become blotchy and irregular toward the petal tips; greatly appreciated close up; excellent as a cut flower

**Ornamental Features**

Toad Lily has white orchid-like flowers with plum purple spots at the ends of the stems from early to mid fall, which are interesting on close inspection. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its oval leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Toad Lily is an open herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Toad Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

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**Planting & Growing**

Toad Lily will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.