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Dwarf White Hardy Water Lily*

Nymphaea candida



Dwarf White Hardy Water Lily flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Candida Water Lily, Waterlily

Description:

Small, cup-shaped white flowers with golden-yellow centers; copper flushed new leaves gradually mature to shiny dark olive green; a beautiful addition to smaller ponds; easy to care for; water lilies dislike moving water

Ornamental Features

Dwarf White Hardy Water Lily features showy lightly-scented semi-double white cup-shaped flowers with gold eyes and yellow anthers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive small glossy round leaves emerge coppery-bronze in spring, turning olive green in color the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf White Hardy Water Lily is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a low habit of growth, spreading atop the surface of the water. 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.

Dwarf White Hardy Water Lily is ideally suited for growing in a pond, water garden or patio water container, and is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Dwarf White Hardy Water Lily will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the water, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. As an aquatic plant, it requires a suitable water garden environment and will benefit from special planting and ongoing care practices; consult one of our in-store experts for further details and instructions. To help this plant achive 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Dwarf White Hardy Water Lily is a fine choice for the water 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 grown in outdoor pots and containers, aquatic plants like this one will require a special growing environment that meets their requirement for consistent moisture.

** This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*

