

## October Plant of the Month: Spider Lily



Spider Lily, *Lycoris spp.*, is a late summer, early fall blooming perennial (bulb). Spider Lilies have upright flowers that are very showy reds, yellows or oranges. They are perfect for a perennial border or could be used as an accent plant because they stand out so well.

**Growth Habit:** Spider Lilies can have 18” stems. After their bloom period is over many have interesting silvery grassy foliage that lasts through late winter into spring. After about three years, their bulbs should be divided and moved around in the late spring.

**Landscape Merit and Use:** Spider lilies are great to show off with other fall blooming plants. The blooms on, *Lycoris radiata*, have a brilliant red color. They look great in a border or as a specimen plant. Spider Lilies are native to Asia where they were used as a border for rice paddy fields.

**Growing Conditions:** Grow in well-drained soil in sun to partial shade.

**Care:** Spider lilies are a relatively low-maintenance plant. Make sure to not over water them.