

WATER LILY

NYMPHAEA

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

Size

0.25 – 0.5' high, 2 – 12' wide

Sun/Shade

Full Sun to Part Shade

Water

Wet

Maintenance

Medium

Life Span

Perennial, Zones 4-10

Description

Nymphaea, is a genus of at least 70 species of hardy and tender aquatic plants called Water Lilies. These ornamental plants are grown in water ranging from 3 inches to 4 feet deep and prefer non-moving water without fountains or currents. They bloom May to first frost with showy, attractive flowers of gold/yellow, pink, white or red/burgundy with lily pads for leaves. These leaves provide cover for aquatic life underneath as well as preventing the growth of algae. Water lilies form plantlets attached to the mother plant as they spread. They will overwinter as long as the water does not freeze to the bottom or the rhizomes can be removed and stored in a root cellar (40-45 degrees F) until spring. They can also be grown in water containers which makes them easier to move. They attract pollinators and have no serious insect or disease problems.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)



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