



### Introduction to Amaryllis Hippeastrum

The genus Amaryllis belongs to the family Amaryllidaceae which is a large group containing perennial herbs grown from bulbs, rhizomes or fibrous roots. The family originated in tropical to subtropical areas. The best known flower bulbs are Amaryllis, Galanthus (Snowdrops), Hippeastrum and Narcissus, while Eucharis (Lily) is lesser known. The better known rhizomes are Agapanthus, Clivia, and Nerine.

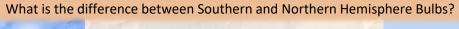
Although the Amaryllis offered in this catalog (both from Northern and Southern Hemispheres) are in reality Hippeastrums, the name Amaryllis is most common. The major difference between Amaryllis and Hippeastrum is in the stem of the flower. Amaryllis have solid stems, while Hippeastrums have hollow stems.

Because both originate in warmer climates, they do well (and mature faster) when grown warm.

#### Amaryllis can be grown nearly Year-Round. The new Southern Hemisphere crop arrives starting in late Summer followed by the Northern Hemisphere bulbs in late Fall.

After the proper programming (precooling) at various temperatures, the bulbs are available for shipping. The first bulbs ready to ship (and plant) are the Southern Hemisphere Amaryllis which can be grown to bloom starting the middle of November (including the US Thanksgiving). These bulbs can easily be used for subsequent holidays including Mother's Day and each week in between.

The Northern Hemisphere bulbs arrive later and receive their programming to be ready for shipping (planting) in time to bloom for Christmas and beyond. The later plantings (after January) do not need the programming and are stored cold to prevent premature sprouting.





size 26-28

Are grown and produced outside. Although various countries do this, we promote Peruvian grown bulbs.

#### **NORTHERN HEMISPHERE BULBS**

Are grown (the majority) and produced in greenhouses, mainly in The Netherlands.



Diseases and insects are not really a major concern as long as the grower adheres to the following:

- 1. GOOD AIR CIRCULATION prevents storage mold and in worse cases mold due to negligent handling: Fusarium.
- 2. HANDLE WITH CARE (like all bulbs). They are living organisms, NOT ROCKS or soccor balls. They cry "silently" by showing red stripes on the flower stalks, causing quality reduction.



#### What to expect from the various size bulbs?

As with all bulbs, larger sizes produce more flowers than smaller ones. Larger Amaryllis bulbs produce more stems of flowers than the smaller ones. Depending on the variety each stem produces 4 or more flowers. Single flowers generally produce more flowers than doubles.





RULE of THUMB (... or rule of finger)
The pot should be larger than the bulb; one finger should fit comfortably between the bulb and pot.

#### **UPON RECEIPT of BULBS**

- Upon arrival, check the bulbs carefully.
- The bulbs should be dry. If there is moisture from shipping, use fans to move air through the crates. The roots should not dry out too much which can prevent new root growth.
- If the bulbs are not planted immediately, they should be stored at 45°F. (7°C) to prevent extreme sprouting, <u>except</u> the white varieties, especially DENVER, they should not be stored below 55°F. (13°C).
- Humidity in cold storage should be 65%-70%.
- For planting information and further details, see pages 10 and 11.

Soil should be porous with a pH of 6 - 7. If possible, do not use bark or fresh compost or use a limited amount. Use clean pots with drainage holes. Plant the bulbs with one-third of the bulb above the soil. Tamp down the potting mixture to make sure the bulb sits firmly in the pot. This is especially important as the plants can get top-heavy when in full bloom.

Water soil well after planting. Once roots are established, keep the soil moist. Too much water reduces root development.



How far apart must bulbs be planted either in crates or ground beds?

There should be a minimum of 1 inch (2.5 cm.) in between the bulbs. For crates (depending on size bulb used, it will be approximately 12 (size 28-30) or 10 (size 30-32).



For step-by step weekly recommendations, see pages 10 and 11 of this catalog.







































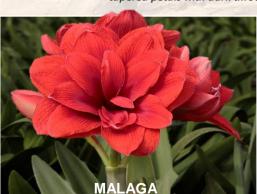
Peruvian Single Varieties	Description & Plant Characteristics	Cut /	Bloom Size	Plant Height	Early Plant Date	# Days to Force	Early Flower Date
PICASSO	Pure white flowers have distinct fine red edges, dark green throats.	P	M	15" 38 cm	week 40	50-55	week 48
RED VICTORY	Vivid red flowers have dark centers. The New and Improved RED HEART!	P	L	11" 27 cm	week 40	45-50	week 47
REVELATION	These flowers are a unique combination of red and white, some streaks and some speckles of each.		L	14" 35 cm	week 40	40-45	week 46
SOUVEREIGN	Large, orange red flowers have deep red centers.	C/P	L	16" 40 cm	week 40	45-50	week 47
WHITE	Pure white flowers have green throats.	Р	XL	14" 35 cm	week 40	40-45	week 46

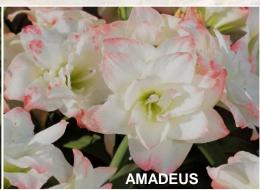




#### **PERUVIAN DOUBLE VARIETIES**

ALASCA	Very neat layers of pure white petals have green centers.	Р	L	19" 48 cm	week 40	50-55	week 48
AMADEUS	White petals have smaller or larger pink tips.	Р	M	12" 30 cm	week 40	45-50	week 47
DOUBLE KING	Large, rich red flowers have random tiny white tips. Flowers are longlasting.	P	XL	14" 35 cm	week 40	35-40	week 46
MALAGA	Orange red flowers have somewhat tapered petals with dark throats.	P	L	14" 35 cm	week 40	45-50	week 47

















from The Netherlands







Dutch Single Varieties	Description & Plant Characteristics	Cut / Pot	Bloom Size	Plant Height	Early Plant Date	# Days to Force	Early Flower Date
RILONA	Exquisite, soft peach apricot flowers are 8 inches across. Long-lasting flowers on strong stems.		L	18" 45 cm	week 40	50-55	week 49-50
ROSALIE	Pastel salmon pink flowers have striking stripes, wide white veins in center of petal and very light green throats.		L	18" 45 cm	week 42	45-50	week 48-49
SPARTACUS	Rich red petals have brushed white edges; white towards centers.	P	L	18" 45 cm	week 42	45-50	week 48-49
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AKIKO	Flowers have pure white petals which are green towards centers.	P	L	16" 40 cm	week 40	50-55	week 49-50
CHERRY NYMPH	Huge flowers are cherry red, darker towards the center. Sturdy foliage.		XL	18" 45 cm	week 40	50-55	week 49-50
DANCING QUEEN	These double flowers have swirls of white and red petals.	C/P	L	16" 40 cm	week 40	50-55	week 49-50
SWEET	Salmon pink, very full flowers have slightly darker vein markings. Floriferous.		XL	16" 40 cm	week 40	50-55	week 49-50
WHITE	Pleasant white flowers have dark	Р	L	16"	week	50-55	week







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AMADEUS

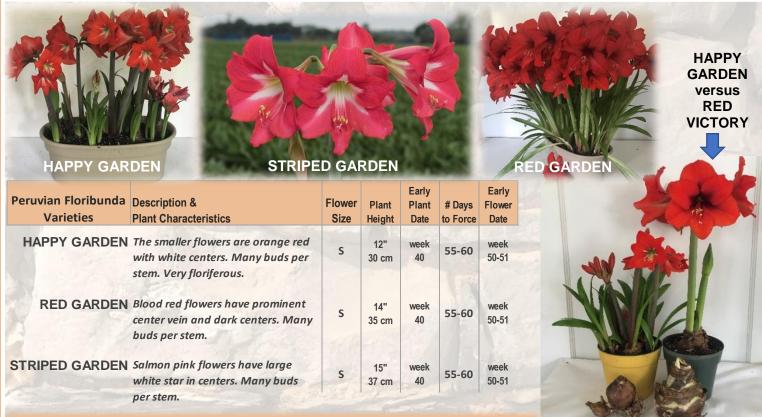


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ACCENT	Double white flowers are outlined with fine red sprinkled near tips. Random red blotches at tips.			
APRICOT BRANDY	Salmon pink double flowers are darkers towards throats, lighter at tips.			
CANDY STRIPER	The name says it all! All petals are white, heavily streaked cherry pink.	ACCENT	APRICOT BRANDY	CANDY STRIPER
FIREBRAND	Very showy tomato red flowers have tiny white tips; small black centers.			
FLUFFY WHITE	The petals of these flowers are slightly tapered towards tips. Small green centers.			
FUCHSIANA	Double fuchsia red flowers are brushed with pink overtones, randomly tiny white tips.	FIREBRAND	FLUFFY WHITE	FUCHSIANA
PEACHES & CREAM	Petals are pastel salmon blending into white towards tips.	FAMILY.		
STARLIGHT	Pure white petals have feathered red edges and red veins and markings towards center.			
STRAWBERRIES & CREAM	White petals have strawberry red lines and shading over most of the petals. Green throats.	PEACHES & CREAM	STARLIGHT	STRAWBERRIES & CREAM

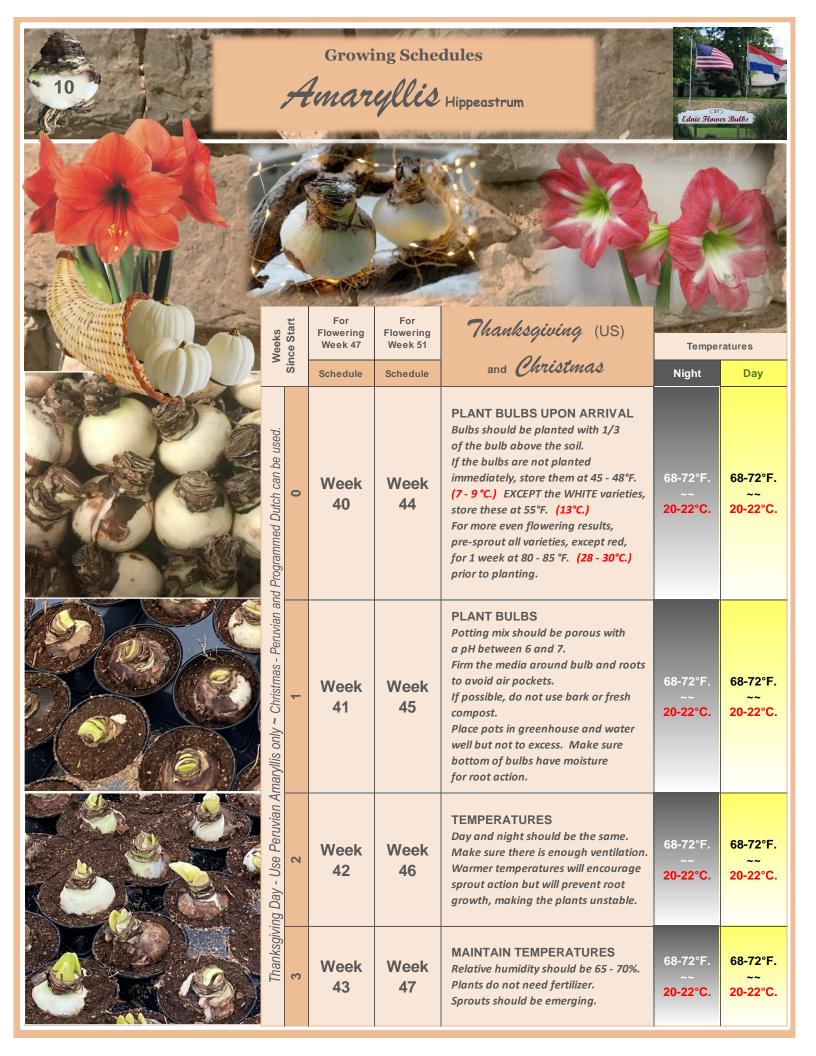


Amaryllis are becoming more popular as cut flowers; they last equally as long or longer than when used as potted plants.

They are being used in floral arrangements, especially for the holidays and also as simple (bride's) bouquets.

The growing procedure is not different from pot culture, except that the emphasis on pot culture is to keep the plants short(er). For cut flowers the longer stem length is beneficial as is with all cut flowers.





# Ednie Flower Bulbs

## Growing Schedules



