



Gloriosa Lily

Gloriosa rothschildiana

Unusual and exotic! These lily-like flowers are 4-5 inches across with wavy-edged petals that are swept back as if blown by a strong wind. In bud, the petals face downward, but they open up to a backward arch. The petals are crimson red, with a yellow base and edged in bright yellow making the blossoms look like they're on fire. The stamens are extremely prominent and spread outward, and the pistil points to the side. It is the unusual shape of the flower and its vivid colors that make this so eye-catching. The vine grows fast in warm weather, blooms and then fades. Later, another vine comes up from the tuberous root. The plant may form a sizeable clump of tubers over time. They produce thin, trailing stems clothed with glossy, lush green, whorled leaves which are tipped at the ends with tendrils to aid in climbing. Vines are light weight, so do not require stout supports. Fast growing, they can climb 4' – 6'. Sun. **Must have well drained soil.**