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Lilium canadense

[Synonyms : *Lilium canadense* var. *flavum*]

CANADA LILY is a bulbous annual. Native to eastern North America it has purplish-brown spotted towards centre, orange yellow to red flowers with separated petals that curl back like the toe of a traditional Middle Eastern slipper.

It is also known as Bitter root, Canadian lily, Canadian martagon, Field lily, *Kanadalilja* (Swedish), *Lis de Canada* (French), Meadow lily, Mountain lily, Nodding lily, Panther lily, Turk's cap lily, Wild lily, Wild meadow lily, Wild yellow lily, Yellow bell lily, Yellow lily, and Yellow Canada lily.

Canadense means 'of or from Canada or north-eastern North America'.

Familiar to local North American Indian tribes, including the Huron and Cherokee, the flower buds and the roots were harvested for food – especially in times of famine.

Records indicate that the Canada lily first appeared in Britain in the 1620s or 1630s. Apparently it was particularly popular there in the mid-1800s.