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Lycoris radiata

[Synonyms : *Amaryllis radiata*]

RED SPIDER LILY is a bulbous perennial. Native to China, Japan and Myanmar (familiar in the West as Burma), it has small orange-red flowers with long wispy protruding stamens. It is also known as *Higan bana* (Japanese), Japanese spider lily, Oriental spider lily, and Spider lily.

Radiata is Latin (provided with rays or spokes) meaning ‘with rays or radiating’.

Medicinally, the bulb has been used in Chinese medicine in treatments for chest ailments and to cause vomiting.