



Crinum pedunculatum – family: AMARYLLIDACEAE

RIVER LILY



Clumping plant to 1.5 metres

Numerous large white fragrant flowers over a long period in summer

Cultivation: Suitable for moist areas; tolerates sun or shade, poor drainage, saline influence, frost and indifferent soil.



This beautiful lily is not restricted to rainforest. In fact, from south-east NSW to north-east QLD and the NT, PNG,

Cocos Island and Lord Howe Island, it grows in a remarkable range of habitats from shady moist conditions under rainforest canopy to exposed beach fronts. Large colonies



can occur along coastal streams, often under tidal influence. A robust clump of long leaves is formed on the stout, sometimes branching, root-stem. The leaves, containing an alkaloid, were used by the Aborigines to relieve the stings of box jelly-fish. Its strong flowering ability is maintained when grown in containers. The large fleshy bulbils (seeds), 8 to 9 in each capsule, germinate readily, often whilst still on the plant.