

## Amaryllis

Genus: Hippeastrum

Home: South America

Flowering period: Winter/ Spring (Equinox bloomers)

They are a bulb plant and every four leaves will store a flower. There are American hybrids, Dutch hybrids and South African hybrids. The plants growing cycle is easy to handle.

To propagate cut bulbs of a cluster. Separated bulb should have roots. Plant bulb beginning of December in soil. Keep bulb warm and evenly moist at all times. When a shoot is showing, move plant into light. Continue to keep evenly moist and fertilize every two weeks. After blooming by end of September keep watering periodically and fertilize every week. Beginning October don't water and let the leaves wilt. Remove dry leaves. Bulbs should be kept to dry out for two months. Store bulbs in a cool, dry dark space. Keep for example till Nov/ Dec. in dry peat.

Mealy bugs are an amaryllis pest.

Amaryllis bulbs are slightly toxic.