



Catesby lily, Southern red lily, or Pine lily



Plant Botanical Name:

Lilium catesbaei

Sunlight:

Part shade

Plant Soil Type:

Moist, acidic soils

Plant Moisture Requirements:

Moist, low drought tolerance

Plant Threat Level:

Threatened

Lilium catesbaei, or pine lily, is found in wet pine woods and savannas, especially in sphagnum moss pitcher plant bogs throughout the southeastern United States. It flowers from late summer into fall, depending on its location. There can be sporadic spring and fall flowering on plants found in the Florida peninsula. This is the largest of any North American lily and one of the largest among our native monocots. The flower often dwarfs, and sometimes topples, the slender stem. There are relatively few. It is primarily pollinated by an endemic swallowtail butterfly. The widespread alteration of native longleaf and slash pine savannas, in addition to the loss of sphagnum bogs, continues to threaten this lily. Conversion of its sensitive habitat to pine plantations and suppression of needed periodic forest fires contributes to the threat to this plant.

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