

POLIANTHES

(Tuberoses)

Wonderful, waxy white flowers on 2 ½ to 3 ½ foot stems are valued more for their fragrance than their beauty. The flower spikes rise from a fountain of 2 foot grass like leaves.

Location:

Sunny to part shade.

Plant:

In a well drained soil, which has been amended with Canadian peat moss and compost, plant rhizomes 2 inches deep after all danger of frost is past. You can have flowers sooner if planted in pots indoors and set out in mid May or may be kept in their pots to bloom.

Flowering Time:

Late summer and early fall.

After Care:

When leaves start to yellow in autumn, withhold water and let soil dry. Dig plants, cut off dead leaves, let rhizomes dry for 2 weeks and store in vermiculite in a box or clay pots in a cool place (45-50 degrees) over winter. If Tuberoses are grown in pots, the rhizomes can be stored in the same pots they were grown in.