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## May & June Bloomer: Blood Lily



In South Florida, inflorescence are produced with few or no leaves.
Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, 26 May

## **Blood Lily** (Scadoxus multiflorus)

Origin: West and East Tropical Africa

**Zone:** 9A—12 (Minimum 20°F)

**Growth Rate:** Medium

**Typical Height:** 18 to 24 inches **Light Requirements:** Low to medium

**Drought Tolerance:** Medium

Salt Tolerance: Low Soil Requirements: Acid

Nutritional Requirements: Medium Plant Type: Herbaceous perennial

Flower Color: Red

Flowering Season: Late spring; early

summer

**Propagation:** Division

Common Uses: Specimen plant;

containers; beds

**Human Hazards:** Poisonous **Major Problems:** Fungal leaf spot **Additional Notes:** Must dry off in

winter; partial shade best



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Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, late May



Growing in full sun. Flagaman, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, late May



Spent inflorescence and fruit development. Flagaman, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, late May



Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, mid October

Blood lily, *Scadoxus multiflorus*, blooms dependably in Lee County in late May. It begins flowering at the end of winter-spring dormancy at which time leaves are not fully extended. The inflorescence is a globular head of radiating red filaments. Blood lily is recommended for part sun to bright filtered light, but I have seen it growing in full sun in Jamaica. Keep it moist when actively growing and somewhat dry during cool-season dormancy. It is slow to spread. Leaves are strap-shaped, in a basal whorl.

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