

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Fritillaria imperialis 'Lutea'
Delivery size	5 bulbs for planting · not flowering potted plants
Family	Liliaceae
Lifespan	Perennial; foliage dies back after the spring stage
Flower colour	Bright yellow
Flowering	Spring; exact start depends on weather and position
Expected height	About 90 cm according to cultivar profile; not delivery height
Planting time	Early autumn when soil is workable
Spacing	About 30 cm as species guidance; leave space for later groups
Planting depth	Species guidance about 30 cm; consider specific packaging and soil
Position	Bright to sunny, deep and well drained

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Position	Choose a bright well-drained garden position.	Underground waterlogging remains a problem even without visible foliage.
Planting	Set bulbs carefully in early autumn.	Sensitive planting stock should root before winter.
Depth	Check about 30 cm depth as species guidance.	Overly wet subsoil is not suitable.
Spacing	Allow about 30 cm as an initial guide.	Later daughter bulbs may form a larger group.
Water	Supply during new growth according to actual soil moisture.	Free drainage remains crucial.
Nutrients	Feed according to label as growth begins.	Starting only after flowering may miss the annual cycle.
Foliage	Keep after flowering until dieback.	Healthy leaves support the following bulb stage.
Inspection	Examine shoots for slugs and lily beetles.	Careful observation reveals early feeding damage.

Knowledge that grows

Bells with a green headdress

Lutea creates a clear yellow accent in spring. Several large hanging bells sit at the top of an upright stem, above which stands a striking tuft of narrow green leaves. Further down, elongated leaves accompany sturdy new growth. The plant looks like a small structure with several levels. Bells and leafy crown are clearly distinguished against a calm wall. Yellow crown imperial is neither a tulip nor a low snake's-head fritillary, although both are also bulbous plants.

The five bulbs need a planned position

The assortment offer includes five bulbs for planting. The image shows a later flowering stage, not ready-planted containers or a guaranteed number of simultaneous flowering stems. Handle bulbs carefully. Choose the planting position before unpacking and keep kitchen supplies separate from ornamental planting stock. The later height of about ninety centimetres according to the cultivar profile is a planning value, not delivery height. A position close to a path may look impressive but should allow enough sideways space for foliage and future groups.

The position must suit below ground too

A bright to sunny garden area with deep nutrient-containing and well-drained soil offers a reasonable start. Check especially how the subsoil looks after rain. An attractive border surface helps little if water stands deeper down. General crown imperial care recommends deep planting, about thirty centimetres, with similar spacing. The specific packaging and soil conditions belong in the decision. If soil at that depth is too wet, do not simply plant shallower; another suitable position or a well-drained raised bed is more sensible.

Connect autumn planting with spring nourishment

Plant stock early in autumn while soil can be worked. The bulb can then develop roots before winter. Later spring shoots show when the next care stage begins. Supply the root zone as needed; wet soil receives no precautionary extra portion. Nutrients follow soil, growth and fertiliser label. Suitable nourishment for crown imperial starts with new shoots rather than only after flowering. Respecting its marked annual cycle helps more than repeating the same care step every week.

Foliage remains important after the bells

Keep green leaves after flowering until they finish their annual cycle. The planting position then becomes quieter above ground; a small marker prevents accidentally digging into bulbs when planting other plants. Watch for slugs and lily beetles in spring, and check young leaves. If an established group flowers weakly later, check soil and density. Moving during dormancy may help, but needs time for renewed development. No specific annual flower count is promised.

Record a large spring shape in the plant book

Photograph a whole stem and then the hanging bells. Record the start of growth, flowering date and soil moisture after rain beside them. Photographs also show how crown imperial fits with lower neighbours. A future comparison need not always show the same flower count to be useful. Ornamental bulbs are not eaten; gloves are sensible when handling. The plant book joins practical observations with enjoyment of an unusual spring form.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



AI-created detail view of later flowering, not delivery condition.



Original shop depiction of later flowering. Assortment: bulbs for planting, not flowering containers.



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Good to know

What does the assortment offer contain?

Five bulbs for planting, not already flowering crown imperials.

Is Lutea the same as Maxima Lutea?

The portrait follows the confirmed name Lutea and does not equate it with Maxima Lutea.

How tall does Lutea eventually grow?

The cultivar profile describes about 90 cm; position and cultivation may influence growth.

Why must I check deep soil?

Bulbs are planted deeply. Water must not remain standing there.

Can I cut foliage immediately after flowering?

Healthy green foliage stays until natural dieback.

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