

Martagon lily

Lilium martagon L., 1753

The martagon lily is a tall herbaceous plant of the Liliaceae family. The stems are almost bare at the top and have whorls* of 5 to 10 leaves. Its flowers, leaning downwards, have six pink tepals* speckled with purple. After pollination, the developing fruits bend their heads upwards. Who said plants were immobile?

*Whorls: a set of leaves that grow at the same level and all around the stem (as in lilies).

*Tepals: set of indistinguishable petals and sepals of some plants (as in lilies or gagées).



Common names

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Environment

Mountain and subalpine forests and heaths

Altitude

750-2750m

Season

- may-october

Size

50 to 100 cm

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