

Orange lily

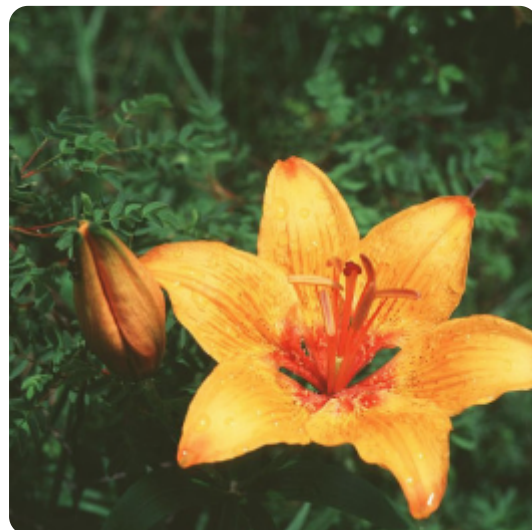
Lilium bulbiferum var. *croceum* (Chaix)

Pers., 1805

A huge orange flower - sometimes grouped in twos or threes - crowning a long leafy stem: this lily knows how to get noticed! Its leaves are long, narrow and pointed. At their base (we also speak of the "axils" of the leaves), there is no bulblet that would justify its scientific name... except in the Eastern Alps (Austria, Slovenia, Tyrol) where a variety with bulbils exists!

Not to confuse

Without flowers, the leaves of the lily resemble those of the whorled Solomon's seal: those of the latter are greyish green, dull and thin (dark green, shiny and thick for the lily)



Common names

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Environment

Low and medium altitude cliffs, bush and scrub

Altitude

800-2300 m

Season

- june-july

Size

30 to 100 cm

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