

Cardiocrinum giganteum

Giant Himalayan Lily

To see this giant lily in flower is a rare sight as it flowers for barely a week and only once in its lifetime.

The cardiocrinum grows very slowly for the first six years of its life. In its seventh year it quickly escalates to a height of up to 3.5 metres before producing a spectacular display of flowers for a short period in June. It then dies, leaving behind brown seed pods.

The plant is found in parts of China, Burma and the Himalayas. This [*Dunham Massey Garden*] is one of the largest plantings in the United Kingdom.

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