



(plural lilies | Lily | li-lee | 'lɪli)

The Lily, or *Lilium*, is a herbaceous flowering plant. Lilies are found native to the northern hemisphere, with around 80 to 100 species or kinds. Lilies often portray love, ardour and affection for loved ones, and French royalty used the fleur-de-lis symbol. **NATIONAL FLOWER:** The lily is the national flower of Italy

**LGBTQIA+ FIRSTS:** Roman Emperor Nero married Pythagoras in a public ceremony in 64 AD, making his marriage the first recorded same-sex marriage in ancient history

