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Forcing cycles speed growth and flowering in

Western Red Lily

(*LILIUM PHILADELPHICUM* L.)

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ABSTRACT

The time required for growth and flowering of western red lily (*Lilium philadelphicum* L. [Liliaceae]) can be decreased by using accelerated growth cycles. Using 1 cycle, 1 y of growth can be achieved in 26 wk. Using 2 cycles, growth, survival, and blooming can be improved. Each cycle consists of 4 separate phases that represent the natural cycling of Saskatchewan's climate.

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