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Hardy waterlily *Nymphaea* 'Pink Grapefruit' is named for the citrus fruit of the same name. The flower color, light pink outer petals with soft yellow inner ones, has a likeness to the interior flesh of its namesake. The stellate (star) shaped flowers are held two- to three-inches above the water on bronze petioles. It has green pads speckled with burgundy. It likes full sun and is free flowering. It is a hybrid from the late Dr. Kirk Strawn and introduced in 1997.



***N.* 'Pink Grapefruit' stands above its green pads speckled with burgundy**

This waterlily has proved itself to be reliability winter hardy in my water garden. Each spring, it is already growing pads with ice out, making it an early bloomer. I grow *N.* 'Pink Grapefruit' in a two-gallon container that is wider than tall, fertilizing when repotting in the spring or when settling it into the water garden for the season. I use fertilizer tablets recommended for aquatic plants, following label directions. Tablets have a N-P-K (nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium) ratio of 10-14-8. The first of June, I begin a twice-a-month feeding regimen, ending by Labor Day, giving the waterlily time to ease into winter dormancy.

***N.* 'Pink Grapefruit' may not be the most-showy waterlily in the pond but its soothing color tones bring calm and elegance to the water garden.**