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***Nymphaea 'Rosa De La Noche,' translates 'Rose of the Night,' is a pink night-blooming waterlily. The bud unfurls at dusk and the bloom hovers over the shimmering water as darkness slowly creeps over the landscape. At day break, the flower is where it was last evening, standing high above the water's surface but now it glows in the early morning light. It closes between 8-9 a.m. On a cloudy day, it may stay open until 11 a.m.***

**Fifteen-plus years ago, a water-gardening friend suggested this waterlily. Its pink petals are touched with just enough white to distinguish it from other pink night bloomers. Its green pads have deeply serrated edges and the flowers are large. This waterlily can spread up to six feet or more making it appropriate for a medium to large water garden. It likes full sun.**

**My plant arrived in late May. It came with many pads and dangling roots. I potted it in a two- to three-gallon container in good quality top soil. Tropical waterlilies are planted in the center of the container unlike hardy ones. Due to the stress of shipping and potting, some of the pads yellowed and I removed. New pads came on quickly as did buds. I fertilized when planting and every two weeks until the end of August.**

**When a tropical waterlily is stressed or senses it may die, tubers form under the growing crown as a survival technique. Tubers can be the size of a walnut or as small as a large grape. Up North, tubers form as the water cools. For many years, I harvested tubers every fall for more plants the next year.**

***It lives up to its name, it is the 'Rose of the Night.'***