Lilium superbum
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Turk’s-cap lily
Liliaceae (Lily Family)

DESCRIPTION
Height: 4 to 6 feet
Foliage: Smooth foliage, leaves in whorls
Flower: 3 to 7 blooms topping each central stem yellow to deep orange with spots - drooping with petals curved back
Bloom time: in mid to late summer

*Lilium superbum* or Turk’s-cap lily has a star quality in the native flower boarder. Turk’s-cap is tall, slender and sophisticated -- growing from 4 to 6 feet high, with smooth whorls of elegant leaves. Once established she will steal the show, with 3 to 7 blooms topping each central stem. Sensing our adoration, the Turk’s-cap flowers, bow their heads in distinctive fashion with petals curved back. They are a nectar source for hummingbirds and larger insects and are pollinated by Spicebush swallowtail, Pipevine Swallowtail, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterflies and the Great Spangled Fritillaries. The common name comes from early comparison to head wraps worn by the sultan of Ottoman-Turkey.

GROWING CONDITIONS
Water Use: Medium
Light Requirement: Sun
Soil Moisture: Moist
Soil pH: Acidic (pH<6.8)
Drought Tolerance: Low
Soil Description: Loam, Sand. Good drainage essential.
Conditions Comments: Like moist but well drained soils

No immediate gratification here but a treasured reward for your patience.