

OLDS COLLEGE LILY RESEARCH PLOTS

RESULTS FOR 2017

GRAPHS

Maximum Height

2017 Average maximum heights for current lilies in plots

2015-2017 Average maximum height comparisons for lilies planted in 2014

Average Bud Count

2017 Average bud counts for current lilies in plots

2015-2017 Average bud count comparisons for lilies planted in 2014

Average Bloom Count

2017 Average bloom counts for current lilies in plots

2015-2017 Average bloom count comparisons for lilies planted in 2014

Average Bloom Duration

2017 Average bloom dates and duration for current lilies in plots

Depth Tested Lilies

2017 Average maximum heights for current lilies in depth trial

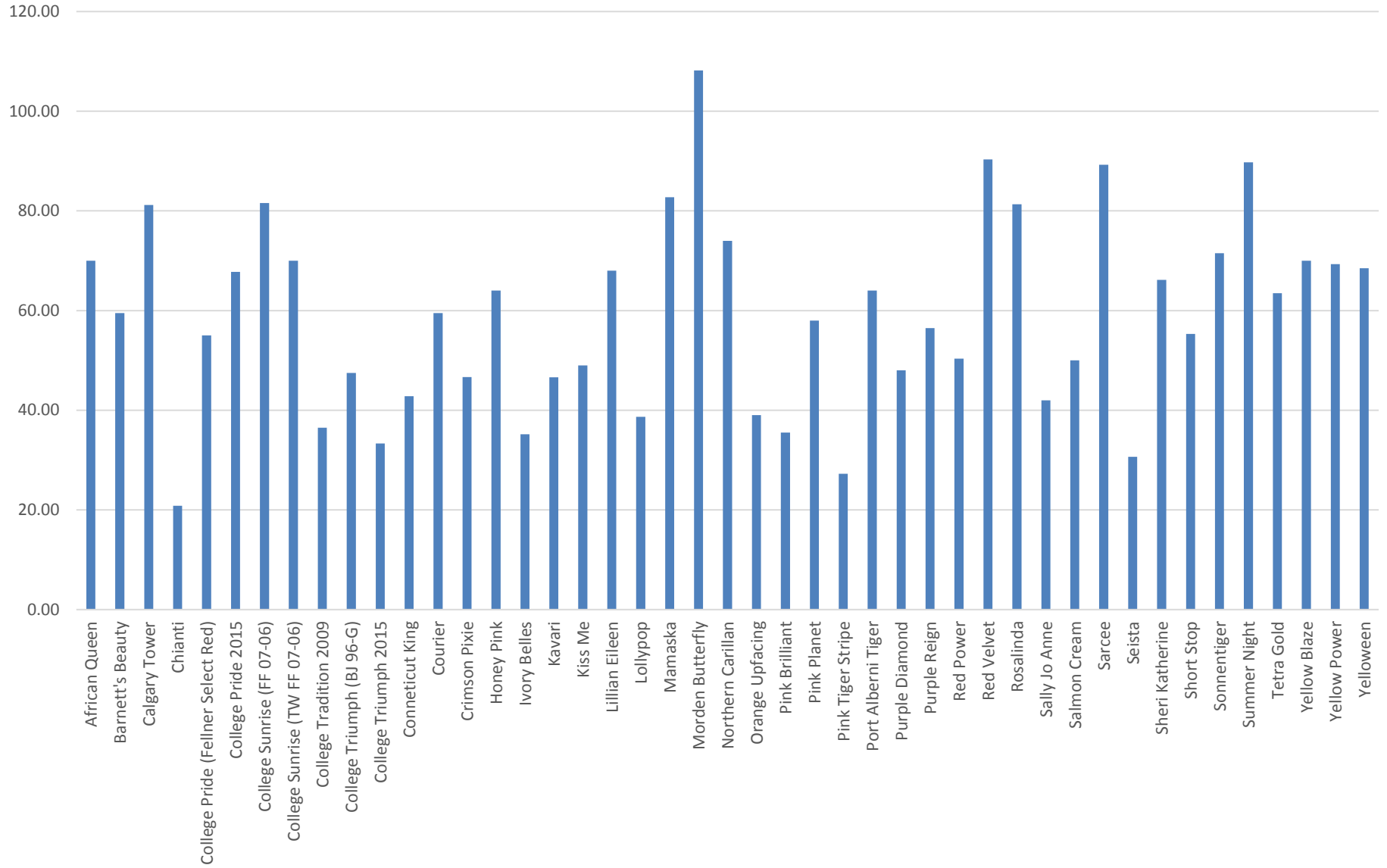
2017 Average bud counts for current lilies in depth trial

2017 Average bloom counts for current lilies in depth trial

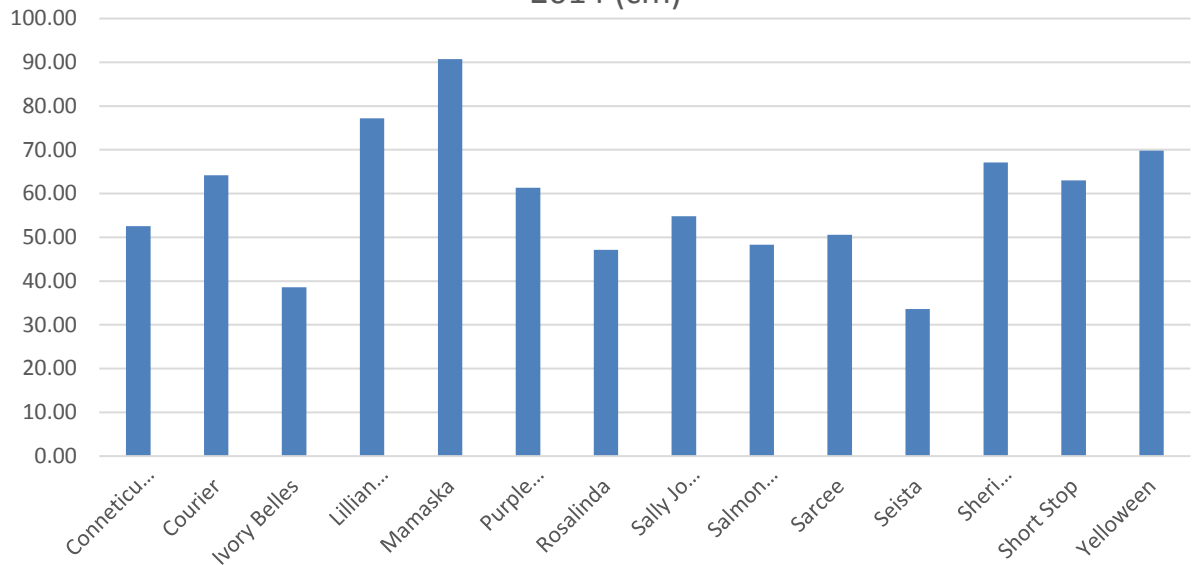
Notes:

- Other than the depth test lilies, no new trial lilies were planted in 2016.
- All measurements and counts are made on the tallest single stem of each plant.

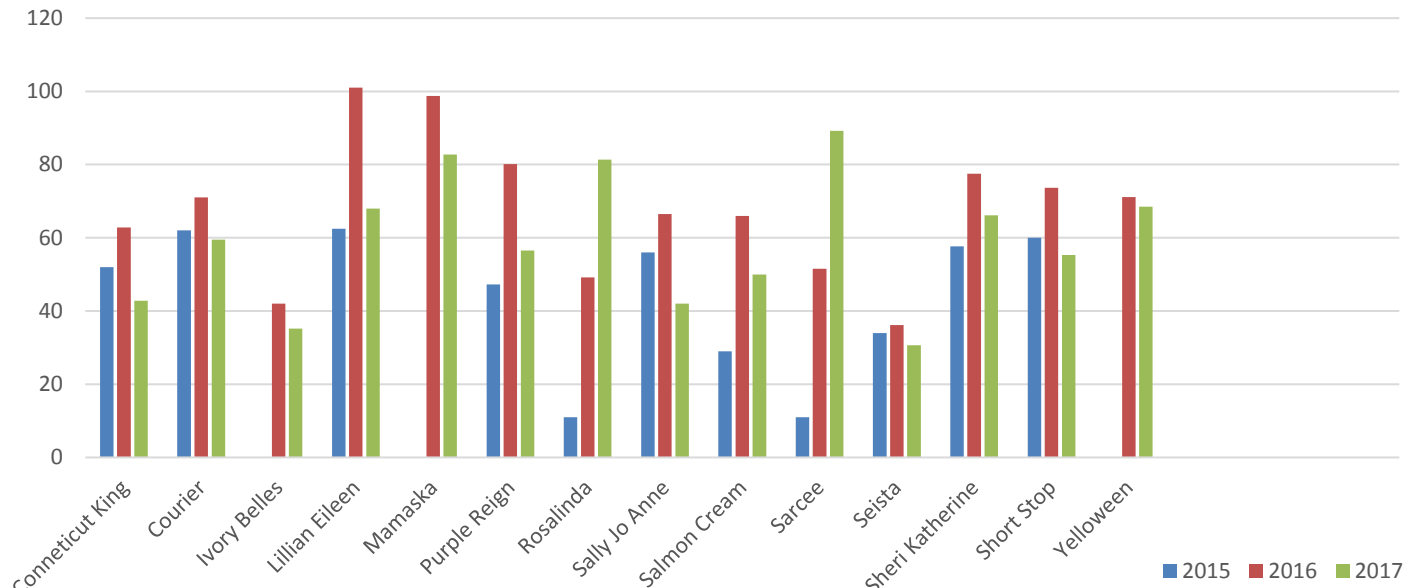
Average Maximum Height of all current Trial Lilies 2017 (cm)



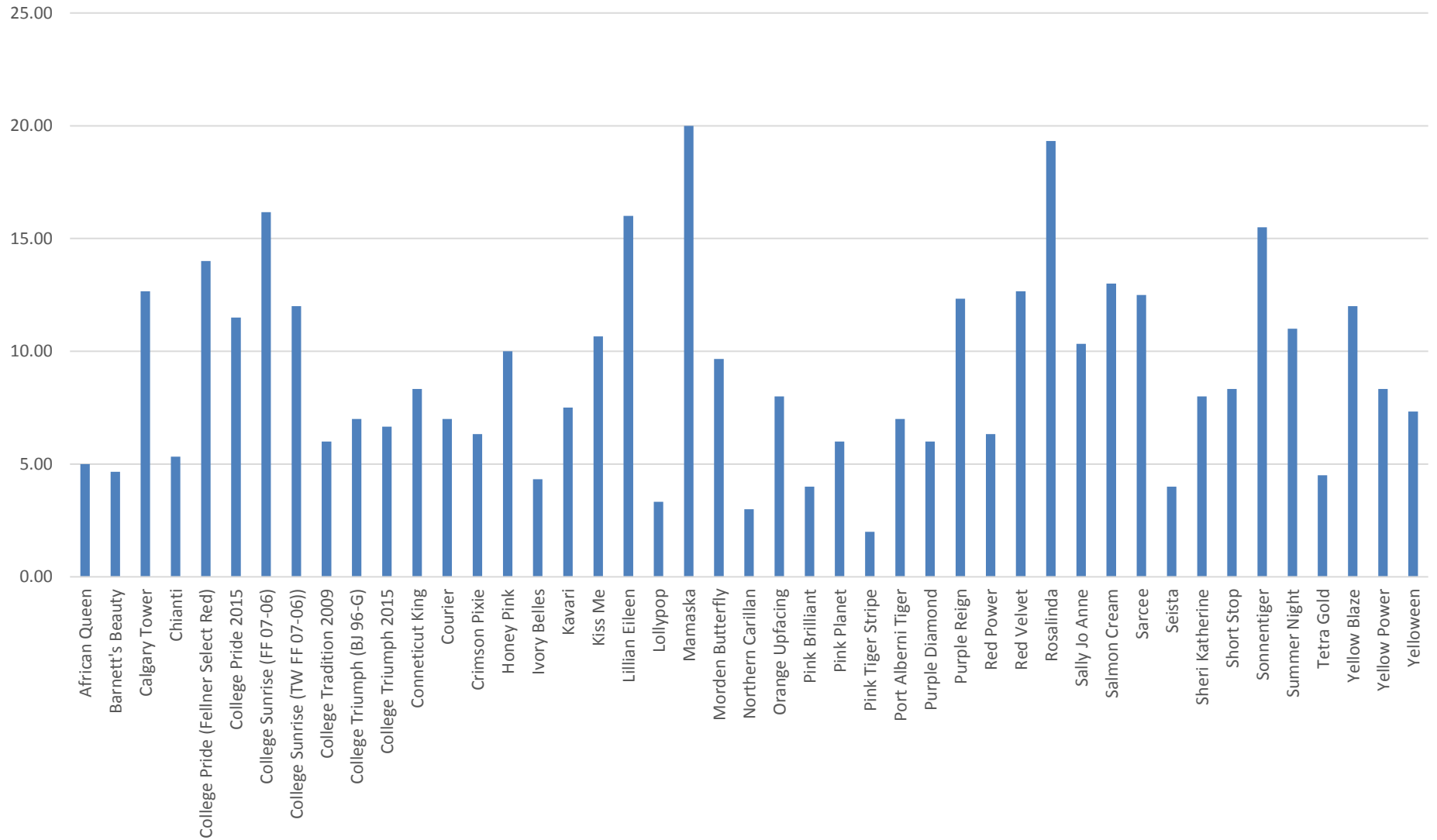
Average Maximum Height Comparison of Trial Lilies Planted in 2014 (cm)

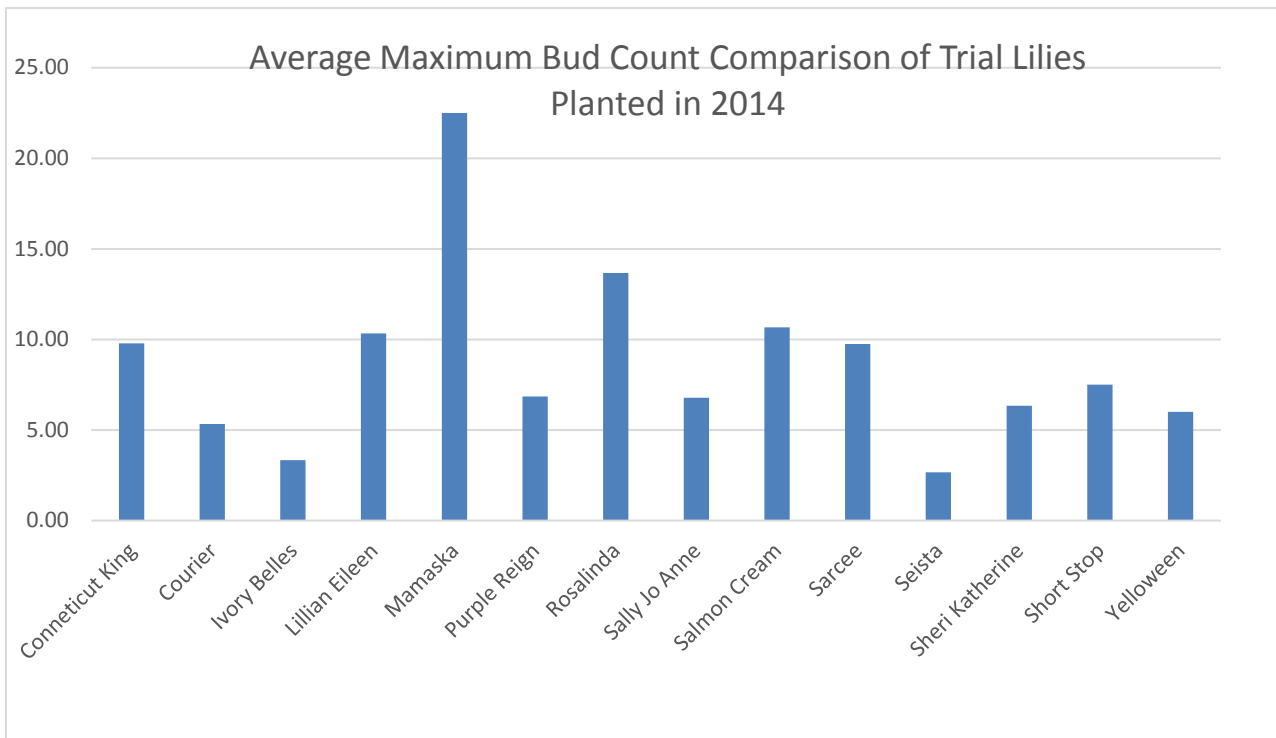


2015-2017 Maximum Height Comparison of Trial Lilies Planted in 2014 (cm)



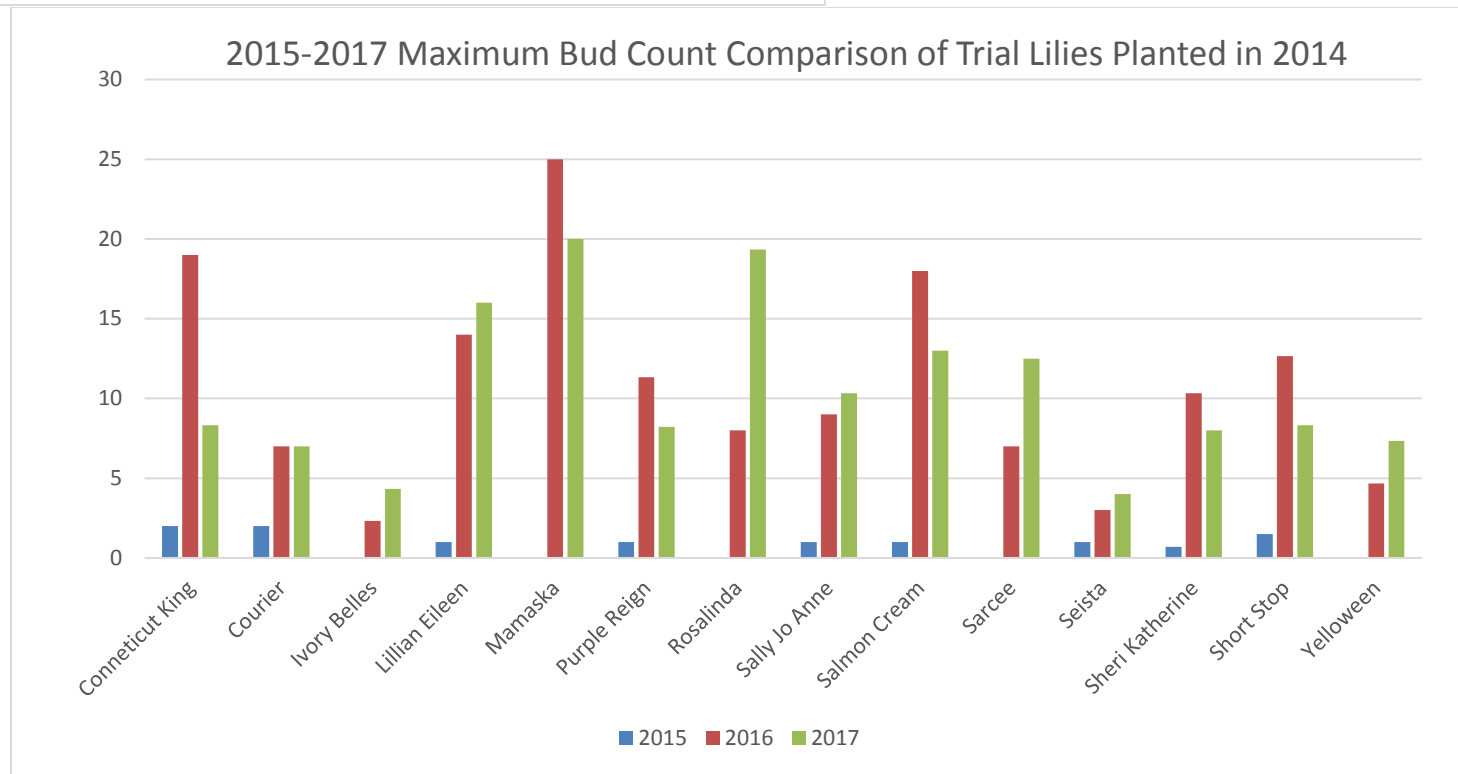
Average Bud Count of all current Trial Lilies 2017



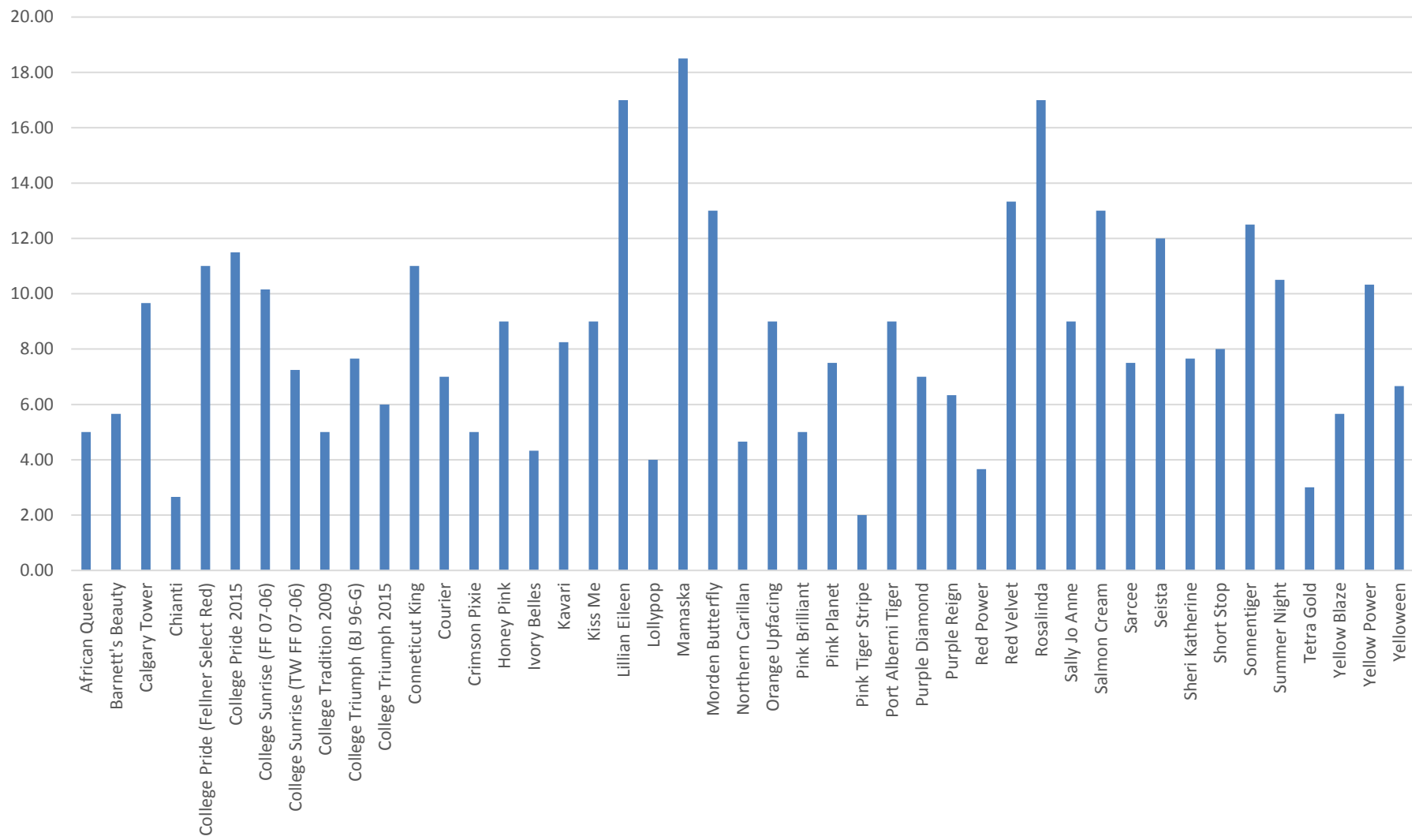


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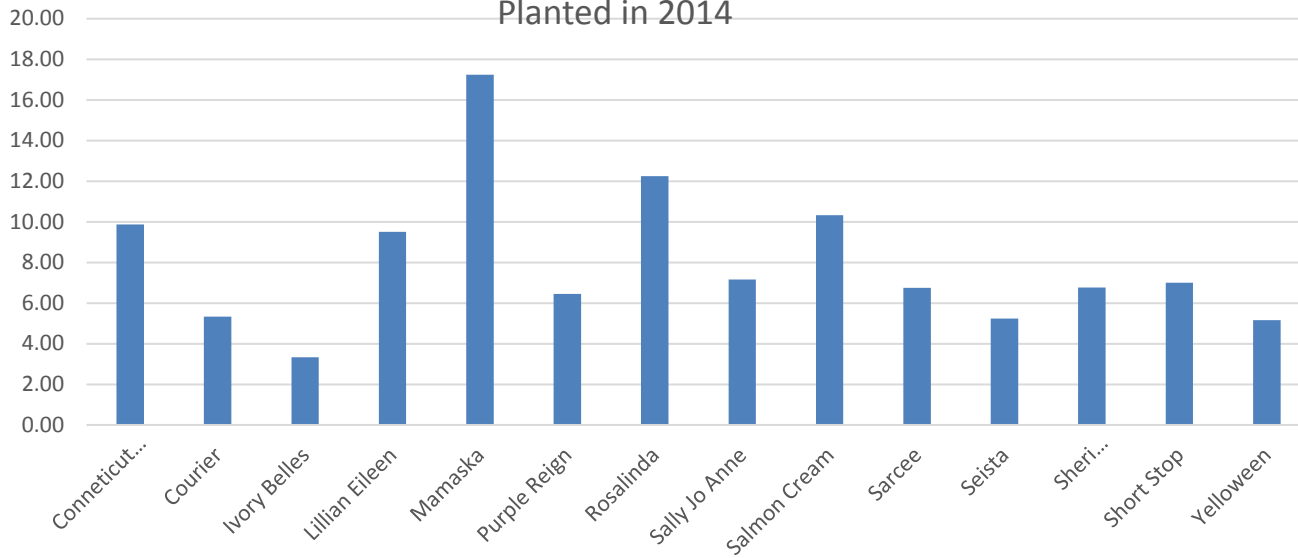
Bud count is generally much lower in the first year of growth. Long blooming cultivars may have only a few blooms open at any single time but will have blooms for a longer period of time than cultivars with lower bud counts. On average, bud count seems to be the highest in the second year of growth.



Average Bloom Count of all current Trial Lilies 2017



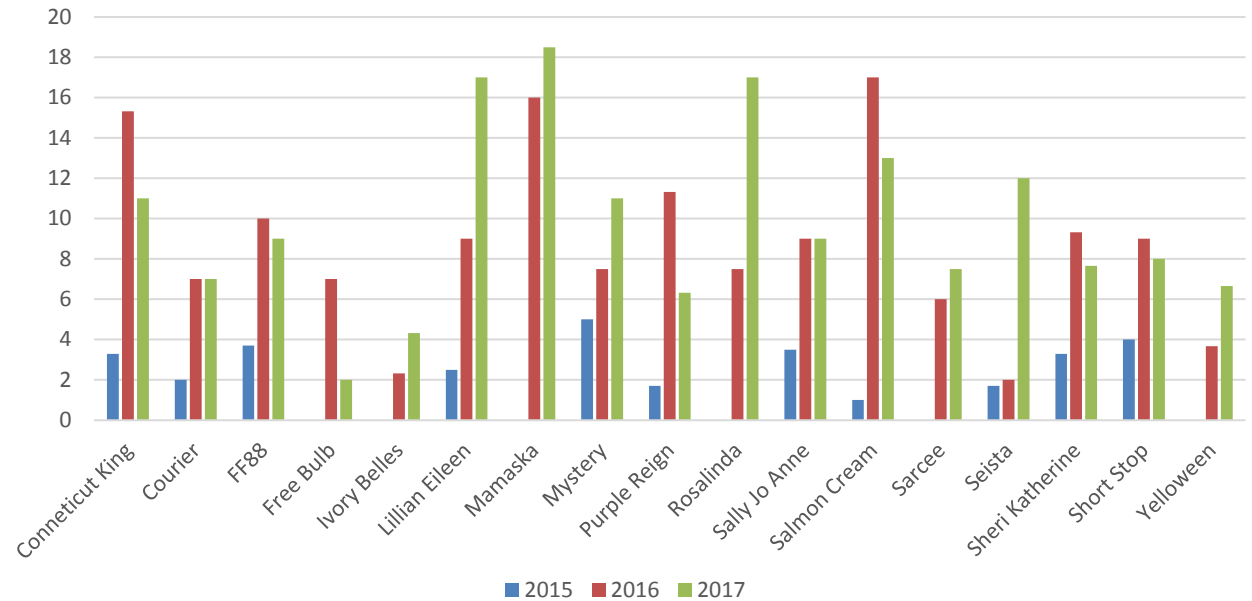
Average Maximum Bloom Count Comparison of Trial Lilies
Planted in 2014



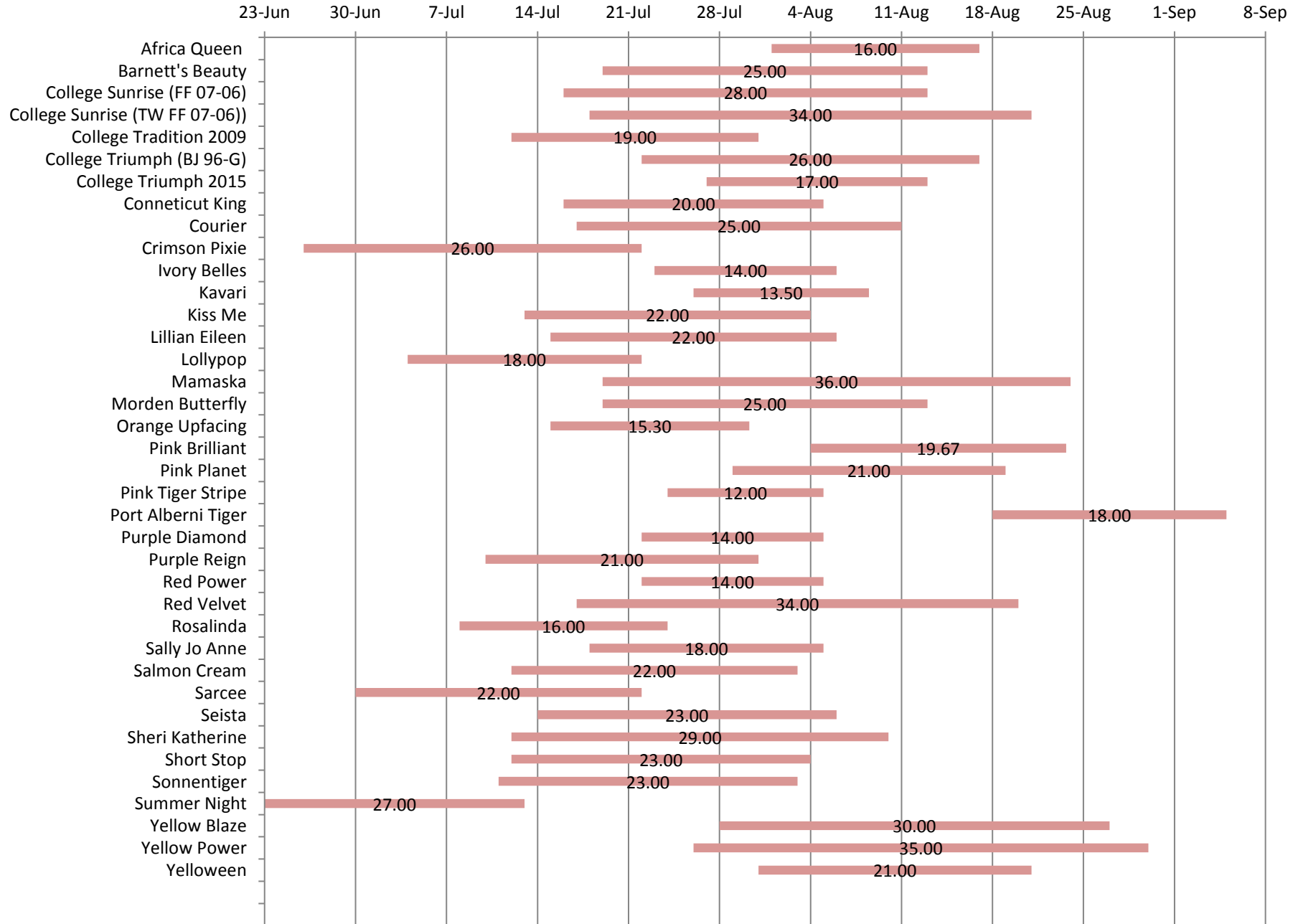
NOTE:

Bloom count data was collected for the maximum number of florets open at one time per plant during the blooming period then averaged according to the number of plants. This information gives the average gardener an idea how many blooms a plant will present while blooming.

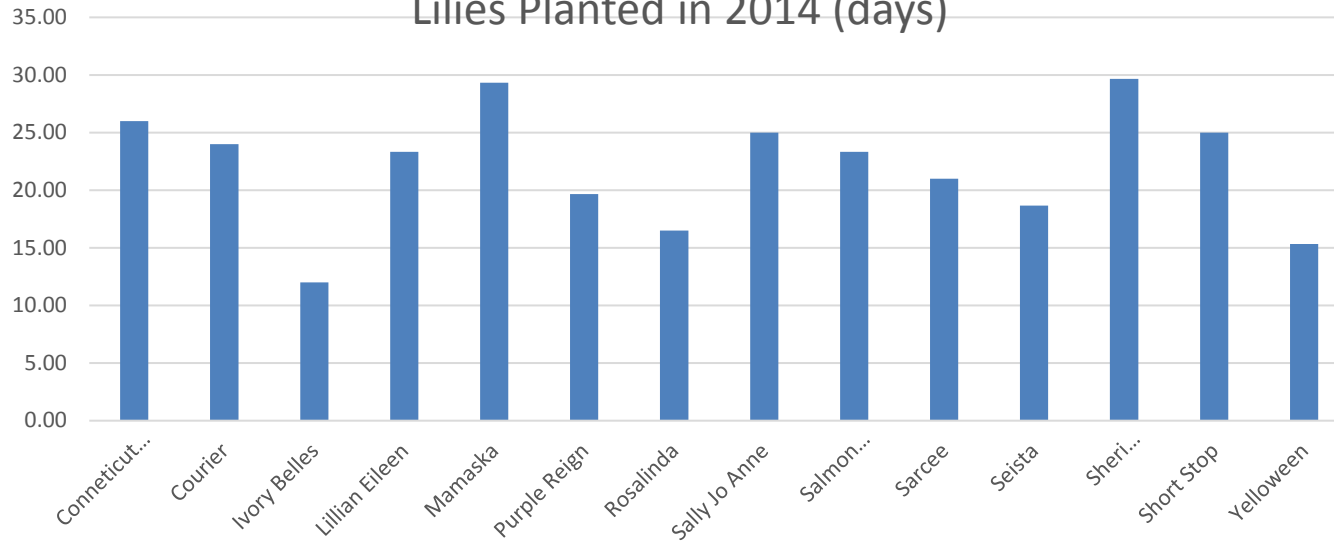
2015-2017 Maximum Bloom Count Comparison of Trial Lilies Planted
in 2014



2017 BLOOM START DATES AND DURATION



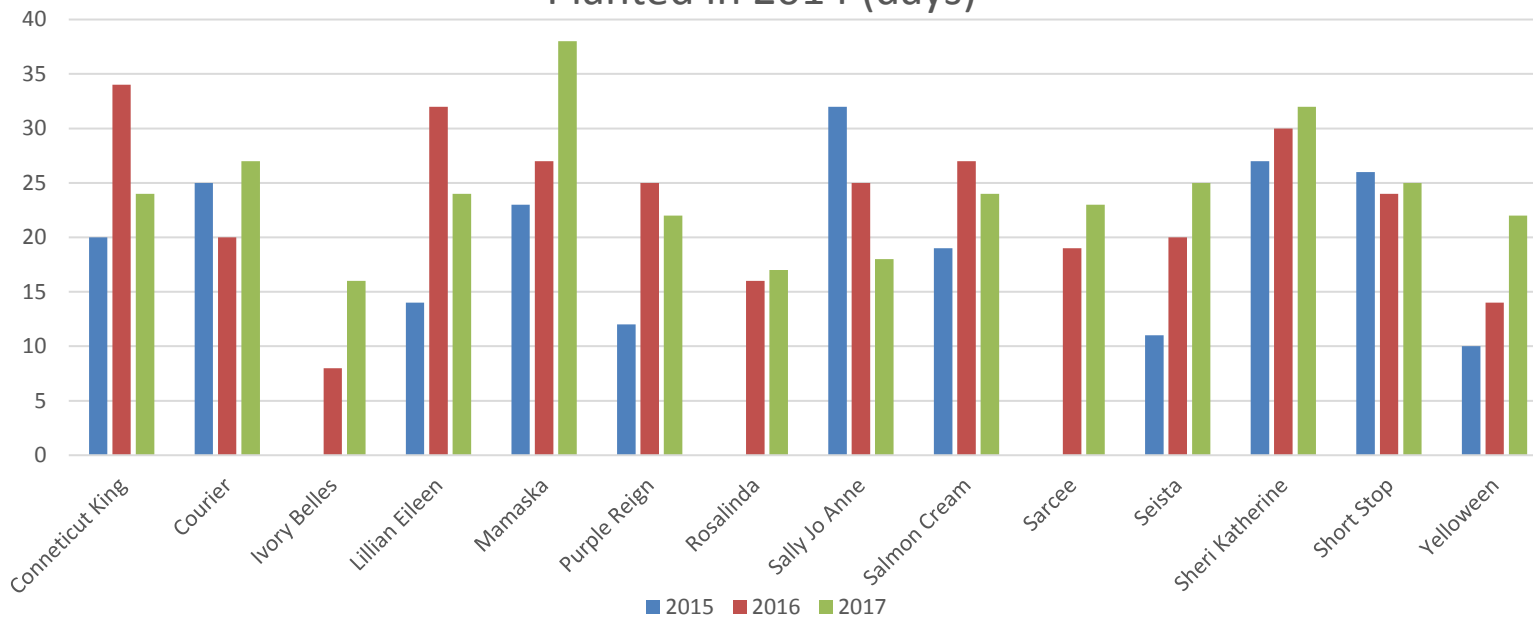
Average Maximum Bloom Duration Comparison of Trial Lilies Planted in 2014 (days)



Note:

The chart indicating length of bloom, and start and end time of bloom is of particular interest to gardeners. If they are looking for a long-blooming lily this will give them that information. And if they are looking to achieve lilies in bloom throughout as much of the season as possible, this chart will allow them to make appropriate choices.

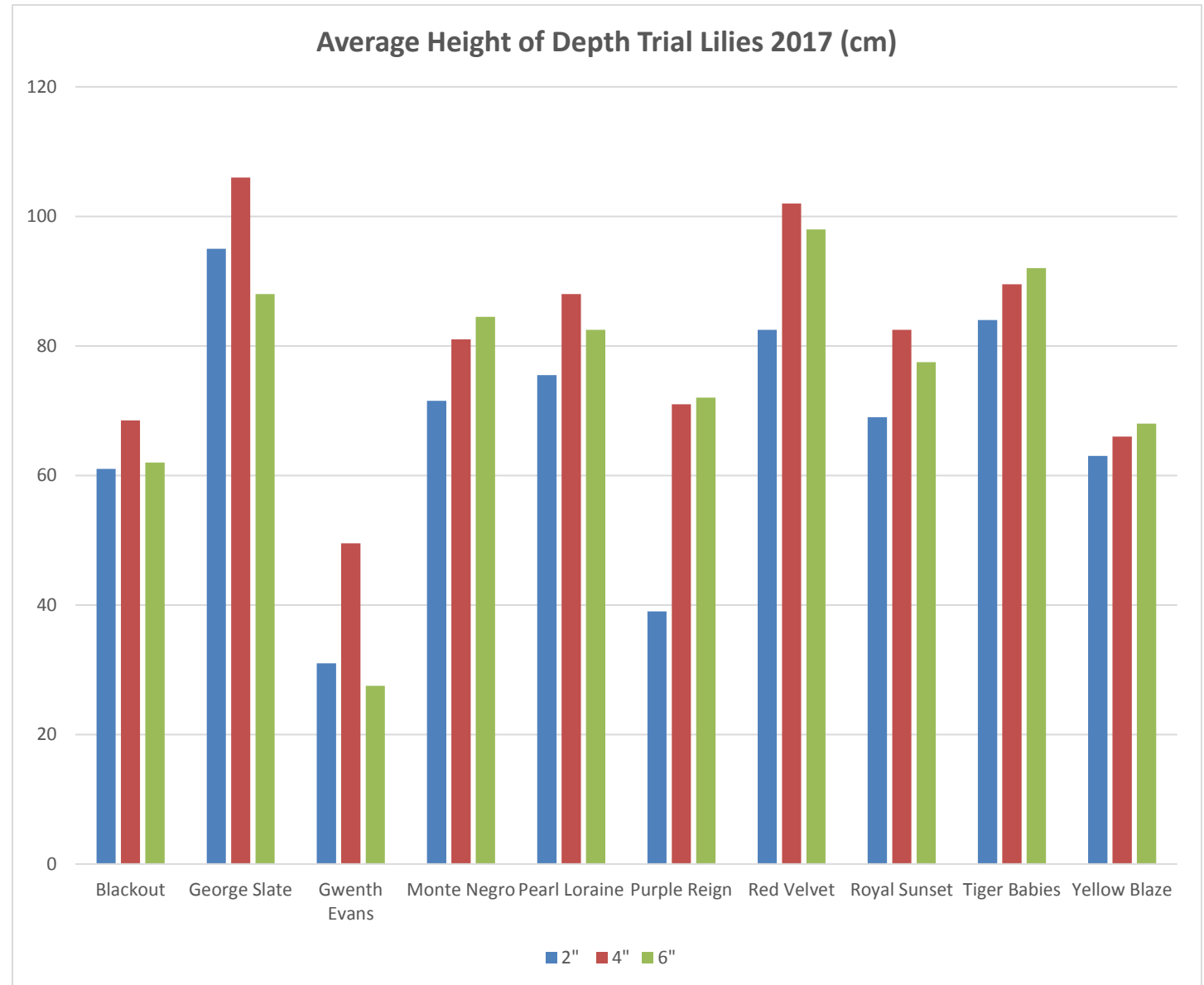
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DEPTH TRIAL LILIES

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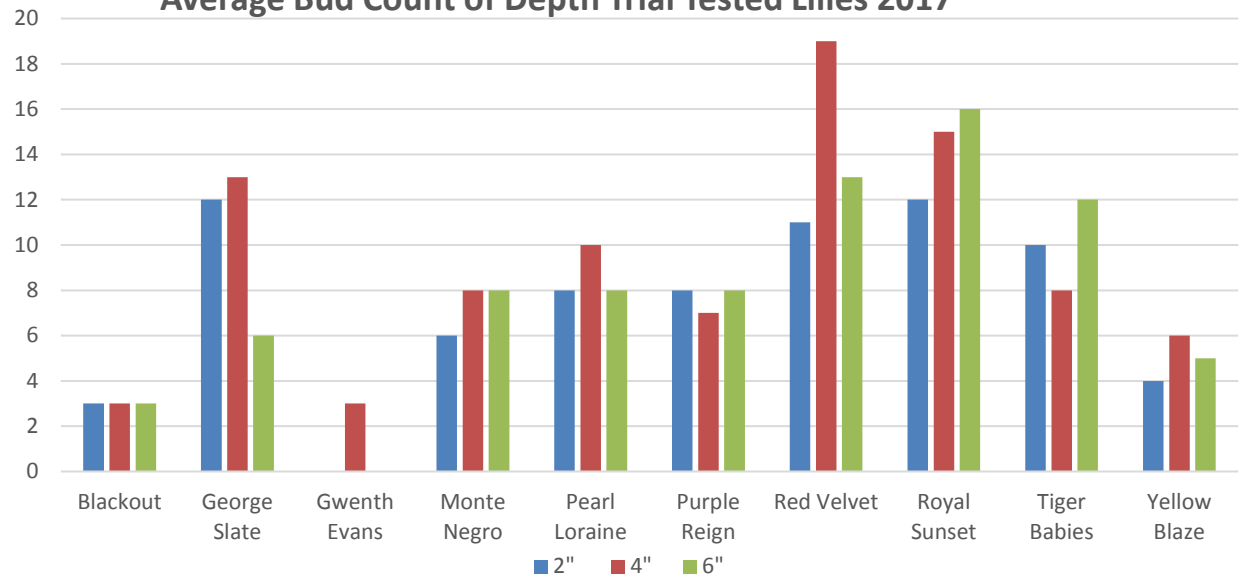
Ten lilies were planted at three separate heights; two inches, four inches and six inches. Commonly six inches of soil depth is used when planting lily bulbs. This trial attempted to explore the lily bulbs ability to adjust to different soil depths. Gwenyth Evans, Pearl Lorraine and Red Velvet had trouble adjusting to the shallow depth (2") and grew out of the soil, these were replanted in order to observe their bloom results. Most four-inch lilies adjusted well to the shallower depth. Tiger Babies and Yellow Blaze thrived in the six-inch depth, growing taller than their four-inch counterparts.



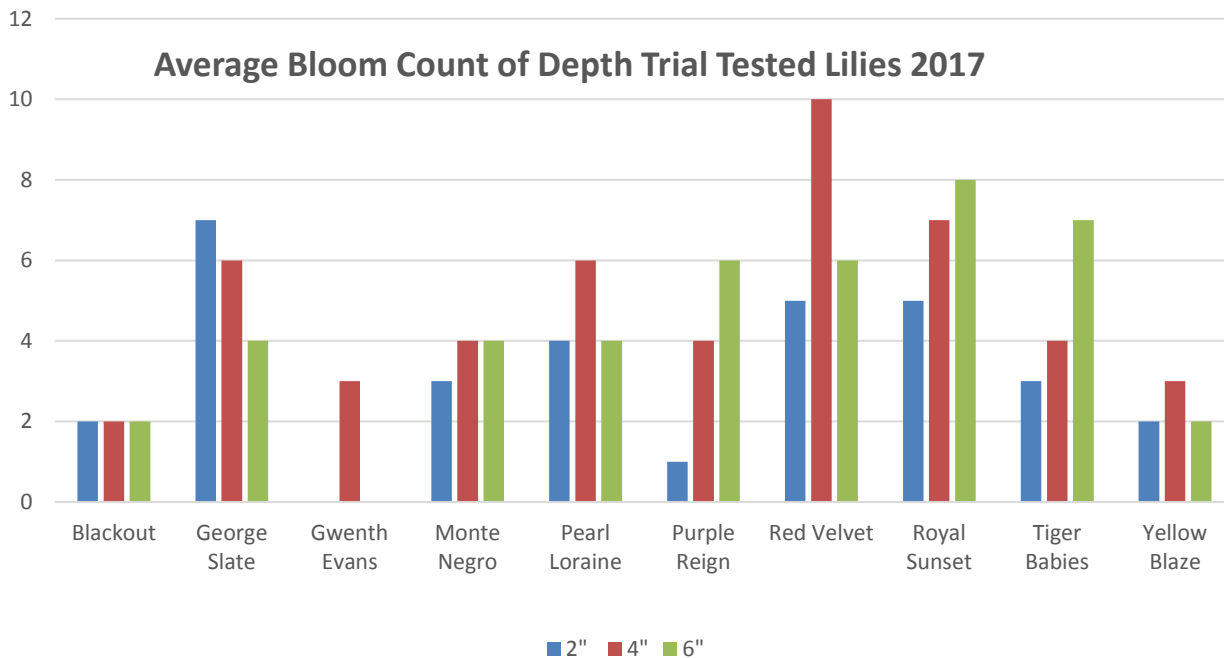
Note:

Bud count was relatively similar between all depths, with the four and six-inch depths having better buds than the two-inch depth. As two-inch stems began emerging, bulbs became visible above the soil. Three bulbs of each cultivar were planted at each depth but due to the emergence of bulbs, which were at risk to frost and being eaten by deer, some cultivars had lower bud counts than expected. In general, 4 and 6-inch lilies had better bud count results compared to their 2-inch counterparts.

Average Bud Count of Depth Trial Tested Lilies 2017



Average Bloom Count of Depth Trial Tested Lilies 2017



Note:

Bloom count was relatively variant between the different depths. Most lilies thrived best at 4-inch depth or 6-inch depth. Due to low bud counts in the 2-inch lilies the resulting bloom count was lower than the 4 and 6-inch counterparts. Bloom count results were satisfactory for the 4 and 6-inch depth lilies.