

Leopard lily

Scientific name: *Fritillaria atropurpurea* Nutt.

Common names: Leopard lily, Spotted fritillary, Checker lily, Chocolate lily, Purple fritillary, Spotted mountainbells, Spotted missionbells.

Native to the Western U.S., the Leopard lily grows infrequent and scattered throughout most of the Intermountain West. This plant usually grows tucked up against trees or shrubs in sagebrush and montane forest communities often in moist, rich soils and moldy leaf litter.

This erect and slender plant can grow up to 40 cm tall with linear leaves along the stem and 1 to 4 flowers atop the stem. The nodding flowers are usually from 1 to 2 cm long and 0.3 to 0.8 cm wide. The flowers, which bloom from April through July are brown or purplish mottled with yellow.

