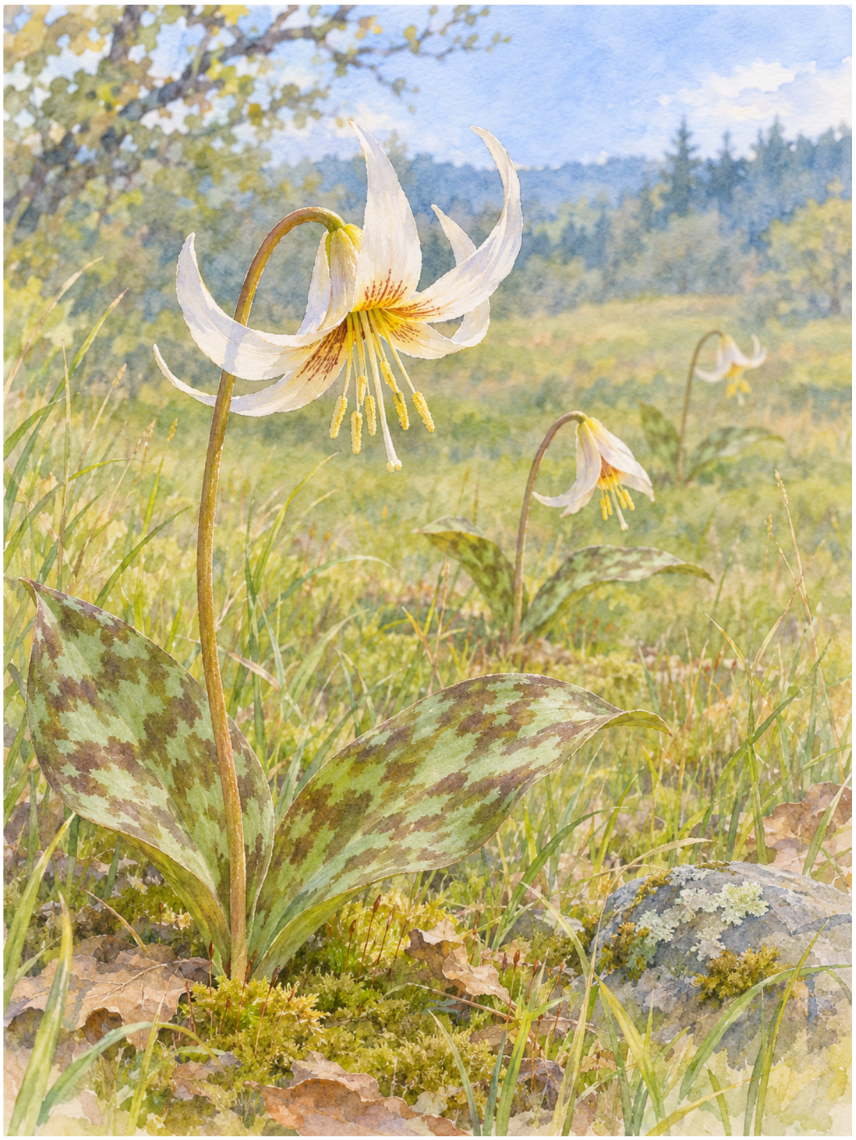
Easter Lily

White Fawn Lily | *Erythronium oregonum*



A SPRING WILDFLOWER

A quiet sign *of early spring*

Cream-white, nodding blossoms rise above patterned leaves in coastal meadows and open woods. Their swept-back flower segments catch the light as the Garry Oak landscape wakes after winter.

THROUGH THE SEASONS

Usually flowers in March and April on the south coast. The plant later retreats underground for the dry season.

WHERE IT GROWS

Open woodland, rocky clearings and well-drained meadows on southeastern Vancouver Island and nearby islands.

MEADOW STEWARDSHIP

These spring flowers belong to landscapes shaped by continuing Indigenous care. Leave all bulbs and blooms undisturbed.

FIELD NOTES

RECOGNIZE IT

Typically two broad, mottled basal leaves and a nodding flower with six backward-curving cream-white tepals.

SLOW TO ESTABLISH

Young plants can take several years to produce their first flowers, so digging or trampling can be damaging.

SPECIES AND HABITAT

Provincially S4 (apparently secure, 2019), but many of its Garry Oak-associated habitats are threatened.

Sources: E-Flora BC; GOERT; BC Conservation Data Centre.