

# *Fritillaria atropurpurea*

## Leopard Lily

- Family: Liliaceae  
Genus: *Fritillaria*  
Species: *atropurpurea*  
Height: 6" to 24"  
Blooms: April to June  
Elevation: 6,000' to 8,500'  
Habitat: Rich soil in woods, preferably high in fungal leaf mold content
- Flowers: up to 1" across, purple, having six mottled tepals purplish-brown with yellow spots on top, yellow with brownish spots on underside.
- Fruit: obovoid, angled capsule  
Leaves: Long, slender, up to 4" long.  
Range: North Dakota to Washington, southward to California, Arizona, and New Mexico.
- Notes: This is a rare plant in the southwest desert mountain ranges, but well worth the effort to locate. Photo taken in Mazatzal Wilderness in April 2003.

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