

# *Calochortus flexuosus*

## Winding Mariposa Lily

- Family: Liliaceae  
Genus: Calochortus  
Species: Flexuosus  
Height: Twining or scrambling, 8" to 16" high.  
Blooms: April to June  
Elevation: 2,000' to 7,000'  
Habitat: Dry stony slopes, desert hills and mesas. Creosote, Sagebrush, Joshua tree, piñon-juniper, chaparral and other warm desert shrub communities.
- Flowers: White to pink, lilac-tinged, petals 3 to 4.5cm long with purple spot at base, prominent yellow band at the gland, purple spot below the yellow band. Gland is densely covered with short processes and surrounded by sparse hairs.
- Leaves: Linear to lance-linear, to 1/3" wide, 10" long.
- Range: Arizona (Navajo, Coconino, Mohave, Yavapai, and Gila Counties), northern Baja California, southeastern California, southern Nevada and Utah, southwestern Colorado.
- Notes: Photos taken in Mazatzal Wilderness Area in Apr 2004. This species is easily confused with *C. ambiguus*, which blooms at the same time and within the same general area but which has distinct pink stamen tips, a purple area at the base of the petals, and prominent yellow-tipped hairs near the gland.



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