

COMMON NAME:

SEGO LILY

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

CALOCHORTUS NUTTALLII

ALSO CALLED: CALOCHORTUS KENNEDYI, BUTTERFLY TULIP, MARIPOSA LILY, AND BUTTERFLY LILY

FLOWER COLOR: VARIED

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: SINGLE FLOWER ON THE END OF STEMS

FLOWERING TIME: MARCH-MAY

LEAVES: ON STEMS, SHAPE, COLOR, AND SIZE

NORMAL SIZE: 8" TO 16"

OTHER LOOKALIKES: MARIPOSA DESERT TULIP

EDIBLE: YES AND OFTEN USED IN HISTORY

NORMAL ELEVATION: 5000' TO 7000'

HABITATION: OPEN ROCKY MESAS OR FIELDS

ABUNDANCE: ONLY MEDIUM SATURATION

NOTABLE DETAILS: HERBACEOUS LOW PLANT WITH A TULIP LOOK FROM A DISTANCE WITH NARROW, FOLDED DOWN THE CENTER, LANCE-LIKE LEAVES.

SPECIAL INTEREST: IT IS THE STATE FLOWER OF UTAH. IT ALSO GROWS FROM A BULB, WHICH HAS BEEN EATEN BY NATIVE AMERICANS AND EARLY SETTLERS. IT SEEMS TO HAVE RECEIVED ITS NAME FROM THE UTE INDIANS.