

## **Fritillaria**

(*Fritillaria* sp.)

**Soil:** Average

**Light:** Full sun to part shade

**Planting Depth:** 4 inches; *F. imperialis*, 8 inches

**Planting Distance:** 5 inches

This purple and white checkered flower droops from thin stems like a Tiffany lamp. The six petals also look like an upside down tulip. Petals, about two inches long, appear in mid-spring on stems approximately six to 12 inches high. The thin, grass-like leaves are about the same length as the flower stem.

### **Comments**

The fritillaria should be thought of as a unique addition to the garden. It is not a plant for massing, but it is one to locate close to where you and passersby can appreciate it. A relative of fritillaria is the Crown Imperial (*F. imperialis*), which grows four feet high and is topped with a hanging orange flower with leaves atop.