



## Wildflower Exploration

### YOUR MISSION

To learn about the native wildflower **TROUT LILY**.

Plants often have lots of common names. Scientists give each plant one unique scientific name to be sure everyone is talking about the same plant. The scientific name for TROUT LILY is *Erythronium americanum*.

### YOUR CLUES

Where to find it (habitat): You can find Trout Lily in woodlands.

What the flowers look like: Trout Lily has a single nodding yellow flower. The flower is made up of 3 brownish-yellow sepals and 3 yellow petals all curved backwards.

What the leaves look like: Trout Lily leaves are smooth, long and spotted.

What you might find in spring: In spring, you might find many single leaves of Trout Lily. Look carefully for plants with two leaves as they will be the ones that produce a flower.

Interesting facts: Your plant was given the name Trout Lily because it is in the lily family and the speckling on the leaves reminded people of the skin of a fish called trout. Trout Lily is a perennial, storing food underground in a corm.

### YOUR NOTES

List two facts below that you want to share about your plant.

Fact #1. I learned...\_\_\_\_\_

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Fact #2. I learned...\_\_\_\_\_

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Detectives learn by asking questions. Write one question below you would like to discover about your plant.

Something I would like to discover about my plant is \_\_\_\_\_

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*You can email your question to our youth educator, Raylene Ludgate at [RGL3@cornell.edu](mailto:RGL3@cornell.edu)*

Use a wildflower field guide to answer the question below. In the index of the book, look up your plant under its name Trout Lily.

**What is another common name listed for this plant?** Circle the correct answer:

Yellow Wort

Adder's Tongue

Using the picture on our website or in wildflower guide, draw a picture of your plant below:

