

School-to-Nature

Trout Lily



- Plant Size: 4 – 10” and the flower is 1” wide.
- Flowers have a 5-petaled star shape that often “droops” from the stem, opening each morning and closing at night.
- Plants propagate underground from colonies of bulbs. Colonies can be up to 300 years old. It takes a plant 7 years to mature and begin blooming.
- Bees and butterflies appreciate the flower’s nectar as it is an early spring bloomer. The flowers are occasionally eaten by White-Tailed Deer.
- They can be identified in early spring by their unusual leaves which are mottled green and purple, looking like the scales of a trout.
- Plants grow in wooded areas where there is plenty of leafy mulch. They prefer shade or partial sun, and moist to medium soil.
- SEEN at Trout Ponds Prairie, Tabor Woods, Short Road Trailhead, King’s Corner, and Neighborhood Walk.