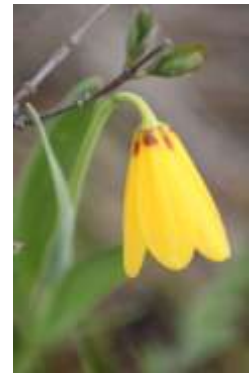


Fritillaria pudica

Common names: yellow bells, yellow fritillary



Yellow bells are a very early spring flowering bulb. This perennial has bright yellow nodding bell shaped flowers that are usually borne singly at the top of a green stem with two to three leaves midway up the stem. They can range in size for 3 to 12 inches and rise from small, scaly, bulblike corms. Usually bloom from April to May. The flowers can have faint brown markings and turn redish/orange with age. They are found from the plains to open forests where there is sufficient spring moisture. Also can be found on rocky ridges in the mountains.



Use in the landscape: This plant would be beautiful in the landscape. Plant in full sun to part sun. Yellow bells prefer well drained soil that dries out during the summer.



Propagation: Yellow bells seed needs long stratification and cool growing conditions. It takes approximately 5-6 years for the bulb to flower from seed. Best to sow seeds in pots outdoors and leave them. They will not survive in a greenhouse.

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