

VALLEY K LILY RANCH

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Lilium pardalinum – The hardiest and easiest to grow of the western American native lilies. Bulbs differ from other classes of lilies as they produce small yellow, brittle scales on a branching rhizome. In nature, this lily is often found in gravelly, sandy earth along river and stream beds, indicating its preference for well-drained sites but not minding occasional drenching with moisture. Plant 2-4 inches deep in a cool, rather moist spot with shade at the base and full sun for the upper part of the plant. Hmm, sounds like near a water garden might work? Bulbs multiply rapidly and should be dug and divided every 3-4 years. It may or may not flower the first year for you, but when it does be sure to collect the ripened seed in Autumn, as with most species it will produce seed true to itself for you to scatter in your garden, give away, trade or plant in pots to grow on. Good luck and have fun with them!