

# *Erythronium elegans*

Liliaceae

Elegant fawnlily



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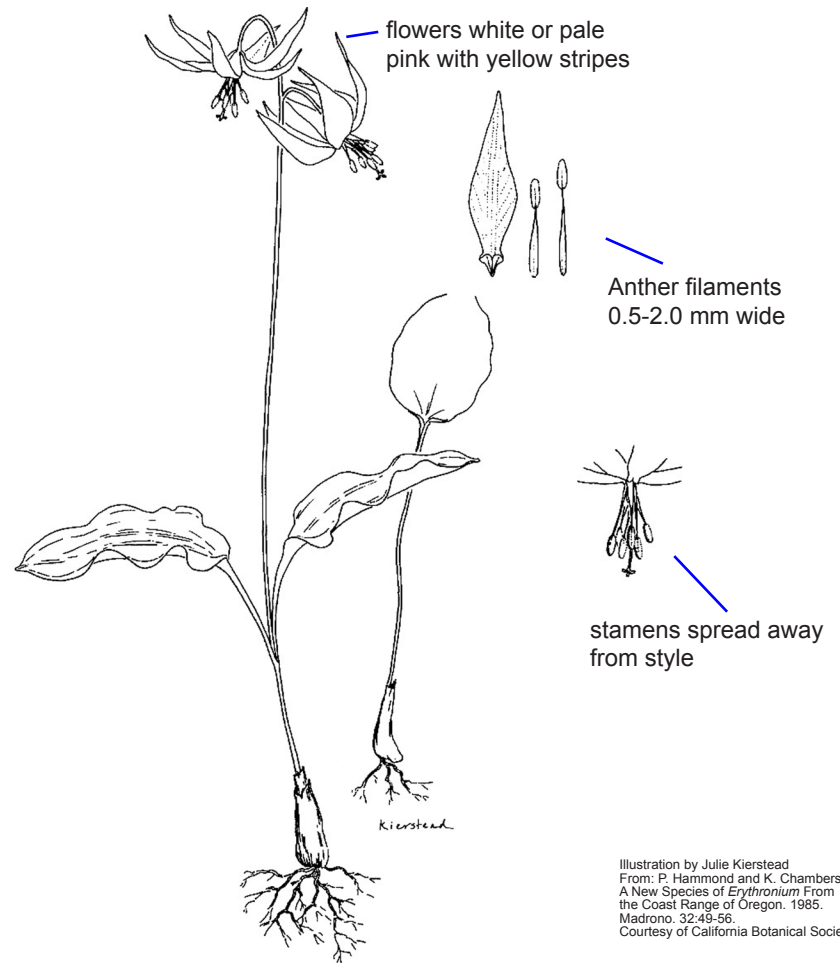


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**Plants** with corm enclosed in papery sheaths and producing new cormlets laterally. Subterranean stem between leaves and corm 3.5-10 cm long. **Leaves** usually uniformly deep green or mottled with a few pale lines, rarely with well-developed brown mottling; leaf of nonflowering plants single, 6-8 cm long, 4-5 cm wide, the blade broad, ovate-lanceolate, usually abruptly narrowed to a slender, nearly wingless petiole; leaves of flowering plants two, more or less prostrate, 7-13(15) cm long, 2-4(8) cm wide, the blade narrowly lanceolate, usually with strongly undulate margins, gradually narrowed to a short, evidently winged petiole; scape 16-30 cm tall. **Flowers** 1-2(4), nodding, with perianth strongly reflexed in bright sunshine to only slightly spreading under shady or cloudy conditions; perianth segments lanceolate, 2-4(5) cm long, (3)5-10(15) mm wide, with well developed basal appendages, white or pale pink with bright yellow stripes at the base, often reddish on abaxial surface; filaments narrow to somewhat dilated, 0.5-2.0 mm wide; anthers golden yellow, not connivent around style; style filiform, 1-3 cm long; stigma deeply divided with recurved lobes. **Capsule** broadly clavate, blunt, 2.5-3.5 cm long, 6-8 mm wide.

**Lookalikes**

*Erythronium* spp. .... Other fawn lilies do not have this combination of characters.

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PLANTS symbol: EREL13

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**Distribution:** High elevation peaks in northern Coast Range; Olympic Mountains, Washington.

**Habitat:** Open sites on rocky slopes and cliffs; edges of sphagnum bogs; mountain bogs, meadows, rocky balds.

**Elevation:** 400—1100 m

**Best survey time (in flower):** May-June

**Associated species:**

*Abies amabilis* (Pacific silver fir)

*Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Douglas fir)

*Maianthemum dilatatum* (false lily-of-the-valley)

*Fragaria* spp. (strawberry)

