Plant Propagation Protocol for Calochortus umpquaensis

ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production

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TAXONOMY		
Plant Family		
Scientific Name	Liliaceae	
Common Name	Forb/herb	
Species Scientific		
Name		
Scientific Name	Calochortus umpquaensis Fredricks	
Varieties		
Sub-species	C. umpquaensis Fredricks ssp. confertus Callahan	
	C. umpquaensis Fredericks ssp. flavicomus Callahan	
Cultivar		
Common Synonym(s)		
Common Name(s)	Umpqua mariposa lily	
Species Code (as per	CAUM5	
USDA Plants		
database)		
GENERAL INFORMATION		

Geographical range	PLANTS Washington
	Photos from USDA Plants Database
Ecological distribution	Native to Oregon, Umpqua mariposa lily grows in serpentine-derived soils. Prefers an open, grassy hillside or the Jeffery pine woodlands in
	Oregon. (8) (3)
Climate and elevation	300-500 m elevation range located in southwestern Oregon. Found along
range	the Umpqua river, they grow in open forest areas on north facing banks
	that can be steep or rocky. (5)(3)
Local habitat and	Restricted to the Umpqua river drainage, the lily has been found at about
abundance	15 sites. These sites can support thousands of Umpqua mariposa lilies.
	Associated species include Festuca idahoensis, Calocedrus decurrens, Danthonia californica, and Pinus jefferyi. (3)(8)
Plant strategy type /	Preferring forest edges, the lily can withstand the high heavy metal
successional stage	concentration of serpentine soils that typically lack essential nutrients for
	growth.
	The plant grows in well drained soils and is able to tolerate moisture
	during dormancy.(3)(6)(8)
Plant characteristics	Umpqua mariposa lily is best identified when the plant is flowering.
	Blooming from May – June, the plant produces white flowers with
	blackish purple tones. White hairs also grow on the petals, near the base.

	Parallel rows of hairs also grow on the underside of its leaves. It is a		
	perennial herb that can grow to about a foot tall. The lily also has 4cm pendant capsules (3)(5)(8)		
PROPAGATION DETAILS			
Ecotype	N/A		
Propagation Goal	Plant		
Propagation Method	Seed		
Product Type	Container (plug)		
Stock Type	N/A		
Time to Grow	N/A		
Target Specifications	Tight root plug in container		
Propagule Collection	Survey to identify population of the lily should be done in early summer.		
Instructions	Seed collection of the pendant capsules should be done in mid- to late-		
	July. (6)		
Propagule	N/A		
Processing/Propagule			
Characteristics			
Pre-Planting Propagule	N/A		
Treatments			
Growing Area	Well drained soils should be used for successful cultivation (5)		
Preparation / Annual			
Practices for			
Perennial Crops			
Establishment Phase	N/A		
Details			
Length of	N/A		
Establishment Phase	DY/A		
Active Growth Phase	N/A		
Length of Active	N/A		
Growth Phase	NT/A		
Hardening Phase	N/A		
Length of Hardening	N/A		
Phase Storage	N/A		
Harvesting, Storage			
and Shipping Length of Storage	N/A		
Guidelines for	N/A		
Outplanting /			
Performance on			
Typical Sites			
Other Comments	Discovered in 1989, there is little propagation information about Umpqua		
	mariposa lily. To fill this data gap a nursery should conduct an		
	experiment after collecting its seeds. The plant is endangered in Oregon		
	and such an activity could help with its survival.		
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