

Checkered/ Guinea Hen Flower



(size=5/6 cm)

Fritillaria meleagris

- **Planting density: 3-4 inch apart**
- **Planting depth: 3 inches to base of the bulb.**
- **Best planted in a mass for dramatic effect.**

- **Use:** Checkered Lilies are winsome, charming, with bell-shaped blooms in shades of purple (and occasionally white) marked with a faint checkerboard pattern. Native to damp meadows and woodlands in Europe, these bulbs need partial shade and abundant moisture, which makes them highly sought after among gardeners who have less than perfectly drained soil. Heirloom bulb.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plant in shade with enriched, moisture retentive soil. Where possible, plant these wildflowers near north and east facing walls near down spouts from the roof, which provide the extra water they enjoy.
- **Growth:** Grows 9" tall.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous.
- **Flower:** Mid-spring blooming, multicolored mix of pure white and white-checkered reddish-purple nodding bells.