

LILIACEAE Lily Family

Worldwide distribution. Includes many ornamentals as well as onion, garlic, and chives. A very diverse family which is divided into several different families by some workers.

Herbaceous, 3-merous flowers which are distinctive and known to most. Many have bulbs, corms, or swollen rhizomes. Leaves are simple, often basal, and have parallel venation. Flowers are regular and may be showy, or small and inconspicuous, but always have that 'lily' look with 3 sepals (which may be petaloid), 3 petals, and 6 stamens.

In our area: *Tofieldia* (False Asphodel), *Lloydia* (Alp Lily), *Streptopus* (Twisted Stalk), *Allium* (Wild Onion), *Zygadenus* (Death Camus), and *Veratrum* (Hellebore).

