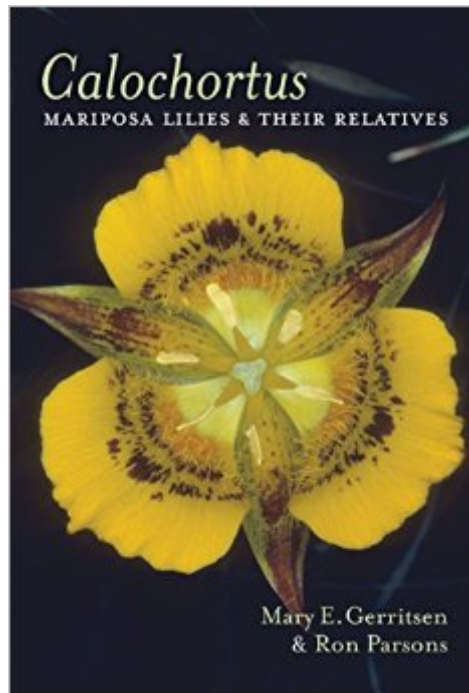


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# Calochortus: Mariposa Lilies And Their Relatives



## Synopsis

With their graceful stance, brilliant colors, and intricate markings, members of the North American genus *Calochortus* are among the most dazzling bulbous plants in the world. Yet their mostly undeserved reputation for being difficult to grow has kept them from being known and appreciated by the vast majority of gardeners. By presenting detailed history, distribution, habitat, and observations on cultivation for each species, Mary Gerritsen and Ron Parsons aim to raise awareness of these gems of the American West and to bring them into wider horticultural use. The superb photographs, most taken in situ, vividly illustrate the remarkable variation within the genus and sometimes even within species.

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## Customer Reviews

These are at the top of my favorites in flowers! I attend a local wildflower show put on every Mothers Day and they have these sometimes but not always so you know how rare they are! Don't miss this chance to learn more about one of natures blessings!

Mariposa lilies comprise the largest genus of showy bulbs found in North America: anyone who lives in the Western United states and has even the slightest smattering of nature appreciation knows these for their enormous flowers and endless variability. It is amazing to me that such a definitive book, full of such dazzling pictures, is already available on remainder after having just been published. If you have any curiosity about our native wildflowers, I would imagine you too will drool

and slobber over the truly stunning images by Ron Parsons (these truly verge on what has been called Plant Pornography at times)...and the text is crisp, accurate and to the point. Buy and treasure this book! Calochortus are incredibly easy to grow in dry meadows in the American West: I purchased hundreds of the cheaply produced species cranked out by the Dutch (speciosus, venustus, luteus etc.) They give me great delight. Needless to say, I had to buy this book, which caused me to buy twenty more different kinds this past fall. The text guided me as to which were the likeliest to succeed and how I might best succeed with them. I have no doubt that this book will remain the enduring classic on the genus for many years to come.

I think this is probably the most thorough book on "Mariposa Lilies" that I have read so far. Written in an easy to understand style but not for absolute beginners. Excellent price. I felt the Author did a fine job on writing about the different varieties and explaining a lot of detail from germination to culture. Very pleased with purchase-R H

This is an excellent reference to this diverse floral group and is a good addition to the botanical artists or gardeners library. The colors are true to the flowers.

What a fabulous book. Detailed information on the Calochortus. Everything you could possibly need to know. The photos are absolutely amazing. Just a wonderful book start to finish. I keep it on my living room coffee table.

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