

## Erythronium - Growing Guide

### Caring For Erythronium

*Dog's tooth lily, Trout lily*

These are hardy bulbous clump forming perennials which have naturalised themselves well along the sides of the drive at Burncoose where they flower in April in fairly bare patches of ground where the competition from other grasses and weeds is not too intense. This success story is *E. japonicum* from Japan which is a bulbous plant with rich violet flowers and purple anthers. It grows only to about 6-8in in height but is eye catching when it performs.



*Erythronium japonicum*

*E. 'Kondo'* grows to a similar height and has pale yellow flowers.

Erythronium need to be planted at least 4in deep in open ground to avoid them being eaten by mice or dug up by squirrels (as we have found in the nursery). They should not be allowed to dry out and clumps can be lifted to separate out smaller bulbs for moving elsewhere once they are fully dormant after flowering.

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