



*Nemastylis geminiflora*

## Celestial lily

(aka Prairie iris)

- **Native plant:** Perennial bulb. Eastern Oklahoma. Iris family.
- **Pollinators:** Bees, flies.
- **Bloom period:** Oklahoma: March-April
- **Exposure/soil:** Full sun. Well-drained soil.
- **Environment/range:** Prairies.
- **Landscape:** Have not grown it in a landscape.
- **Establishment:** Assume it would be similar to iris propagation, but we have not attempted it.

**IMPRESSIONS:** *The name celestial lily is very appropriate. When you first see it down in the prairie grass on a sunny day in early spring, you will understand. Have seen small sweat bees on this flower. Flowers bloom for one day, opening in the late morning, closing in the afternoon. While not rare, it is not available commercially; but if you have it, enjoy its early spring beauty.*



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NATIVE BEES



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