

Bluebead Lily

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General: Bluebead lily is a low plant, often forming colonies. Shiny, overlapping oval leaves (15-30 cm long) appear in sets of two to five (usually three) at the base of the stem.

Leaves & Twigs: The stem rises to a height of 15–40 cm; leaves are oval, 15-30 cm long.

Flowers & Fruits: Three to six yellowish green starshaped, nodding flowers at the top of the stem. The fruit is small (about 1 cm), shiny and very blue, appearing later in the summer. The fruit are poisonous to humans.

Habitat: Moist deciduous or mixed coniferous woodlands with rich soil throughout Newfoundland and Labrador

Blooming Time: June

How to Observe: Select a typical patch of plants, if plants are very abundant mark off a one meter square patch of plants to observe.

First Bloom: When the flowers are open (stamens visible) in at least three places on the observed plants.

Mid Bloom: When half of the flowers are open on the observed plants.