



White Dog-Tooth Violet on a wooded limestone outcrop between Birmingham Ferry Road and Pisgah Creek, Lyon County, Kentucky (LBI).

WHITE DOG-TOOTH VIOLET

Erythronium albidum Nutt.

The Liliaceae is one of our most important families, especially for ornamentals, including lilies, day-lilies, tulips, and many others. We have a number of showy native species as well, including this one. Of course this species is not a violet (see common name) at all but is a lily and also is one of the best known spring wildflowers. Colonial and perennial from a solid corm, plants are only four to eight inches in height and with a single pair of mottled yellowish-green leaves. This species is much less-frequently encountered than *Erythronium americanum*, but a colony in flower is worth seeking. Look for flowers when the oaks and hickories overhead are in very young leaf stages. Other important members of the Lily Family include *Asparagus* and *Allium* (onion) (Liliaceae, the Lily Family).

Flower of White Dog-Tooth Violet.

