



Dracunculus vulgaris

Common Name(s):

stink lily (dragon arum, black arum, snake lily)

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Features:

Bulbous deciduous herb with erect palmate leaves borne on petioles and sheaths spotted and streaked in red, green, black; lamina green with white-ish spots. Inflorescence on 0.5 m stalk (scape), to 0.5 m tall; spathe dark red-purple with frilled margins, partly enclosing the red-purple spadix that extends beyond the spathe.

Flowering:

Late spring; monoecious - abundant male flowers above the many female flowers near base of spadix; flies strongly attracted by the rotting flesh smell emitted from the mature inflorescence.

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