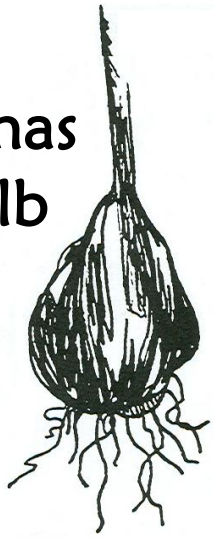
Deadly Twins

What flower bulb was harvested and eaten by Native Americans in southern Oregon every year?

Common Camas

Native Americans collected the bulbs and would bake them in an oven built in the ground.

Camas Bulb



BEWARE!

Camas has a deadly twin…

Death Camas

To avoid eating the wrong plant, the Native Americans identified the death camas when it was blooming and removed the bulbs from their camas fields.

How Can You Tell the Difference ?

Common camas can have purple or white flowers. On the Table Rocks, most of them are purple. Its large blossoms bloom in the middle of spring. Death camas always has white flowers. On the Table Rocks, its flowers are smaller than common camas and it blooms later in the spring.

Remember! Spare a flower, share a flower!
If you pick a flower, no one else can enjoy its beauty.