



SEGO LILY
"SEGAW"

Sego Lily - Common Name

Scientific Name: Calochortus Nuttallii

Shoshone Name: Segaw

Grows: At the following elevation - 4500 to 8000 ft

Bloom Time: May, June, July and August

Coloring: Flower is white, yellow, lilac or bluish

Cherry red and yellow marking at the base

Spotted or marked in the center

Native American Deemed: Bulb-like roots of the sego lily a great delicacy

The bulb was roasted, dried, boiled or made into porridge.

Most bulbs were the size of marbles

Is a favorite flower for Shoshone beadworking. They are very hard to find anymore.