

## Bulbs for Naturalising

We've all seen the images of huge swathes of bulbs in flower and wondered how to recreate those dramatic drifts in our own client's gardens.

Bulbs can naturalise in grass, woodlands, borders and beneath trees creating a blanket of blooms that bring a smile to your clients face and create a magnet for passing bees.

The scent of *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* when seen clothing the floor of deciduous woodland in May is one of the marvels of nature at its very best. This scene can be re-created using a number of bulbs scattered on the ground and planted where they drop for a naturalistic look.

Bulb	Attributes	Height	Flowers
Anemone blanda Blue	Blue, low growing	12cm	March - April
Anemone blanda Mixed	Mix of all blanda colours, blue, white, and pink	12cm	March - April
Anemone blanda White Splendour	White, low growing	12cm	March - April
Anemone coronaria Pink/Purple Mix	A mix of pink and purple flowers	30cm	May - June
Anemone De Caen	Mixed colours	25cm	June
Anemone St Brigid	Double flowers. Mixed colours	25cm	June
Camassia leitchlinii Alba	Tall spires of white star shaped flowers	75cm	June- July
Camassia leitchlinii Caerulea	Tall spires of blue star shaped flowers	120cm	June- July
Colchicum autumnale Album	Goblet shaped white flowers followed by large leaves. <b>Autumn Flowering</b>	15cm	September - October
Crocus angustifolius	Deep yellow flowers with maroon feathery markings on the outside of the petals. <b>Fragrant</b>	10cm	February – March
Crocus chrysanthus Cream Beauty	<b>Species</b> Crocus with soft cream flowers. <b>Fragrant</b>	15cm	January - February
Crocus Grand Maitre	Large flowers of lavender blue. A popular choice	15cm	February - March
Crocus Large Flowered Mixed	Mix of Crocus for early colour. Pink, purple, white and yellow	15cm	February - March
Cyclamen hederifolium	Ivy-like patterned leaves and deep pink flowers in the autumn	10cm	August - September
Fritillaria meleagris	<b>Snakes Head Fritillary.</b> The ever popular, delicate, bell-shaped fritillary. In mixed mauves, white and purples	25cm	March - April
Galanthus nivalis	<b>Common Snowdrop.</b> Delicate white nodding flowers	15cm	January - March
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	<b>English Bluebell.</b> Blue, bell-shaped flowers. <b>Fragrant</b>	10cm	April - May
Muscari armeniacum Night Eyes	Deep violet-blue flowers with white tips. <b>Fragrant</b>	15-20cm	March - April
Muscari azureum	Soft blue flowers with a darker central stripe. <b>Fragrant</b>	15cm	March - April

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Muscari botryoides Album	Soft white flowers	15cm	March - April
Muscari latifolium	Dark blue spikes with light blue tops. Quite unusual	20cm	March - April
Muscari latifolium Grape Ice	Dark purple flowers with a striking white tuft	15cm	March - April
Narcissi Camelot	An abundance of large golden cup shaped flowers on short strong stems	40cm	March
Narcissi Canaliculatus	White flowers with bent perianth and deep yellow cup. <b>Fragrant</b>	15cm	March – April
Narcissi Fortune	Yellow perianth, orange cup, paler at base	45cm	March
Narcissi Ice Follies	White perianth, large flat creamy lemon cup	40cm	March
Narcissi Pheasant Eye	Pure white reflexed petals with an orange red cup resembling an eye of a Pheasant. A superb old-fashioned variety. <b>Fragrant</b>	35cm	May
Puschkinia scilloides libanotica	Silver-blue striped blooms. <b>Fragrant</b>	20cm	March - April
Tulip clusiana	<b>Yellow flower flamed red</b> on outside of petals	20cm	April – May



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