

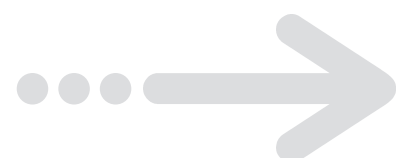


Bulbs for Naturalising

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. Now you can, with our Bulbs for Naturalising factsheet. Bulbs can naturalise in grass, woodlands and borders creating a blanket of blooms that will bring a smile to your client's 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 coronaria Pink/Purple Mix	A mix of pink and purple flowers	30cm	May - June
Anemone De Caen	Mixed colours	25cm	June
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 St Brigid	Double flowers. Mixed colours	25cm	June
Camassia leitchlinii Alba	Tall spires of white star shaped flowers	120cm	June - July
Camassia leitchlinii Caerulea	Tall spires of blue star shaped flowers	120cm	June - July
Crocus chrysanthus Cream Beauty	Species Crocus with soft cream fragrant flowers	15cm	Jan - Feb
Crocus Grand Maitre	Large flowers of lavender blue. A popular choice	15cm	Feb - March
Cyclamen hederifolium	Ivy-like patterned leaves and deep pink flowers in the autumn	10cm	Aug - Sept
Fritillaria meleagris	The ever popular, delicate, bell-shaped fritillary. In mixed mauves, whites and purples	25cm	March - April
Galanthus nivalis	Common Snowdrop. Delicate white nodding flowers	15cm	Jan - Mar
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	English Bluebell. Blue, bell-shaped flowers. Fragrant	10cm	April- May
Muscari latifolium	Dark blue spikes with light blue tops. Quite unusual	20cm	March - April
Muscari azureum	Soft blue flowers. Fragrant	15cm	March - April
Muscari latifolium Grape Ice	Dark purple flowers with a striking white tuft	15cm	March - April
Muscari armeniacum Night Eyes	Violet-blue flowers with white tips. Fragrant		March - April





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Muscari botryoides Album	Soft white flowers	15cm	March - April
Narcissi Camelot	An abundance of large golden cup shaped flowers on short strong stems	40cm	March
Narcissi Fortune	Yellow outer part of flower, orange cup, paler at base	45cm	March
Narcissi Ice Follies	White outer part of flower, large flat creamy lemon cup	40cm	March
Tulip clusiana	Yellow flower flamed red on outside of petals	20cm	April - May
Narcissi Pheasant Eye	Pure white reflexed petals with an orange red cup resembling an eye of a pheasant. A superb old fashioned variety. Fragrant		May
Puschkinia scilloides libanotica	Silver-blue striped blooms. Fragrant	20cm	March - April
Tulip clusiana	Yellow flower flamed red on outside of petals	20cm	April - May

Bulb Planting

A good rule of thumb for planting bulbs for naturalising is to drop the bulbs from a height of about 1m and plant where they land for a natural scattered look.

- Plant all bulbs in holes that are two to three times the depth of the bulb itself
- Ensure the tip of the bulb is facing upwards
- Plant using Bulb Starter Empathy with Rootgrow, a mixture of vermiculite and Mycorrhizal fungi designed to promote a healthy strong root system for rapid establishment and improved flowering. It's simple to use - place a small amount in the bottom of the planting hole, then the bulb and backfill. Available in easily sealable pouches of 250g and 500g

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