

FLOWERING ORDER OF SPRING BULBS

Spring can vary from year to year and there is no way of knowing in advance whether we will have green growth in March or April, nor whether the spring will unfold gradually or disappear in a rush between winter and summer.

There is one thing we can count on: the order of bloom from spring bulbs. Whether you garden in Toronto or in Muskoka, the order of bloom will be the same, though the actual dates of bloom may vary from a few days to a month. In a long, slow spring, the difference in blooming times of various bulbs will be considerable, and you can notice the gradual changes. The first to bloom may flower two months before the last. In a short spring the blooming time is compressed, some-times to a matter of two or three weeks. You may wish to plant some of each of the following in hopes of having a long succession of spring flowers, or just a few here and there along the list to cover the high spots. Those planted with a western or southern exposure will appear and bloom as much as a month sooner than those on the north side of a building. Bulbs placed near a heated basement wall will bloom sooner than those some distance away.

1. Eranthis - Winter Aconite
2. Galanthus - Snowdrop
3. Species Crocus - Bunch flowering
4. Garden Crocus - ScillaSiberica "Spring Beauty"
5. Dwarf Narcissus varieties –
6. Anemone Blanda, Chionodoxa
7. Mini-flowering Fosteriana and Greigii Tulips
8. Grape Hyacinth, Blue Spike
9. Novelty and Rock-garden Daffodils
10. Cupped Daffodil varieties
11. Single early Tulips
12. Fritillaria Meleagris
13. Double early Tulips
14. Late Grape Hyacinth Muscari Armeniacum
15. Trumpet and Darwin Hybrid Tulips
16. Poetaz Narcissus
17. Fritillaria Imperialis (Crown Imperial)
18. Darwin and Fringed Tulips
19. Lily flowering and Parrot Tulips
20. Double, late Tulips
21. Scilla Campanulata Spanish Bluebells
22. Iris Reticulata
23. Allium
24. Madonna Lilies, Asiatic and Trumpet Lilies
25. Oriental Lilies
26. Fall-flowering Crocus
27. Fall-flowering Colchicum