ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION

For garden purposes, daffodils are classified in thirteen divisions. Division number indicates form, while letters indicate color. For example, 2 Y-YYO is a large-cupped daffodil, all yellow except for an orange rim; 1 W-Y is a trumpet daffodil with white perianth (petals) and yellow corona (trumpet).



Division 1

Trumpet Daffodil Cultivars One flower to a stem; corona (trumpet) as long as, or longer than, the perianth setments (petals)



Division 2

Large-cupped Daffodil Cultivars One flower to a stem; corona (cup) more than one-third but less than equal to the length of

the perianth segments (petals)



Division 3

Small-cupped
Daffodil Cultivars
One flower to a stem; corona (cup) not more than one-third the length of the perianth segments (petals)



Division 4

Double Daffodil Cultivars One or more flowers to a stem, with doubling of the perianth

segments or the corona or both



Division 5

Triandrus Daffodil Cultivars Characteristics of N. triandrus clearly evident: usually

two or more pendent flowers to a stem; perianth segments reflexed



Division 6

Cyclamineus
Daffodil
Cultivars
Characteristics of
N. cyclamineus
clearly evident:

one flower to a stem; perianth segments significantly reflexed; flower at an acute angle to the stem, with a very short pedicel (neck)



Division 7

Jonquilla and
Apodanthus
Daffodil
Cultivars
Characteristics
of Sections

Jonquilla or Apodanthi clearly evident: one to five (rarely eight) flowers to a stem; perianth segments spreading or reflexed; corona cup-shaped, funnel-shaped or flared, usually wider than long; flowers usually fragrant



Division 8

Tazetta Daffodil Cultivars Characteristics of Section Tazettae clearly evident: usually three to

twenty flowers to a stout stem; perianth segments spreading, not reflexed; flowers usually fragrant



Division 9

Poeticus Daffodil Cultivars Characteristics of the N. poeticus and related species

clearly evident; perianth segments pure white; corona very short or disc-shaped, not more than onefifth the length of the perianth segments; corona usually with a green and/or yellow center and red rim, but sometimes wholly or partly of other colors; anthers usually set at two distinct levels; flowers fragrant



Division 10

Bulbocodium
Daffodil Cultivars
Characteristics of
Section Bulbocodium
clearly evident;

usually one flower to a stem; perianth segments insignificant compared with corona; anthers dorsifixed (i.e. attached more or less centrally to the filament); filament and style usually curved

Division 11

Split Corona Daffodil Cultivars Corona split—usually for more than half its length



a) Collar Daffodils Split-corona daffodils with the corona segments opposite the

perianth segments;

the corona segments

usually in two whorls of three



b) Papillon
Daffodils
Split-corona
daffodils with the
corona segments
alternate to the
perianth segments;

the corona segments usually in a single whorl of six

Division 12

Other Daffodil Cultivars
Daffodil cultivars which do not fit
the definition of any other
division.



Division 13

Daffodils Distinguished Solely by Botanical Name

All species and wild or reputedly wild variants and hybrids