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SUPERIOR VARIETIES
OF FLOWERING BULBS
OF
PROVEN MERIT
FOR OUTDOOR AND
INDOOR CULTURE

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JOHN SCHEEPERS, Inc.
Flower Bulb Specialists
37 WALL STREET, N. Y. 5, N. Y.

"Serving America's Finest Gardens for Over 35 Years"
NOTE: Our prices are based on supplying EXTRA SELECTED DOUBLE NOSED JUMBO BULBS. Smaller size bulbs can be supplied at greatly reduced prices; however, we recommend planting largest bulbs for finest effect.

DIVISION I—TRUMPET DAFFODILS

Trumpet (or crown) as long as, or longer than the perianth segments (petals). (Divided into three classes.)

CLASS A. ALL YELLOW

AEROLITE. Here is a golden Daffodil that is sure to replace many older varieties; the large flower is beautifully proportioned, giving the impression of gracefulness, despite its size; perianth deep primrose with a pure medium-yellow trumpet which is held in bold relief by the broad pointed star formed by the flat opening outer petals, an inch and a half wide; medium early, but remaining until late, and one of the longest lasting of all Daffodils either in the garden or after being cut. $2.05 for 10; $18.00 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.

EMPEROR. Rich, full, yellow trumpet; deep primrose perianth. Splendid for planting in masses and for naturalizing. Extra heavy bulbs. $1.85 for 10; $16.00 per 100.

GOLDEN HARVEST. Here is a giant yellow trumpet. In its perfection it is larger than the famous "King Alfred." Trumpet deep golden yellow, clear yellow overlapping perianth. Received Award of Merit and First Class Certificate in Holland, and always a prize winner on our exhibition tables. $2.05 for 10; $18.00 per 100.

KING ALFRED. Remarkably handsome Daffodil; unrivaled in its particular color. Large, bold, golden yellow flower with deeply frilled mouth, elegantly recurved; of lasting quality both in the garden and when cut. Extra heavy bulbs, $2.05 for 10, $18.00 per 100. SPECIAL STOCK, only limited quantity available. $2.50 for 10; $22.50 per 100.

LORD WELLINGTON. One of the finest of the white Trumpet Daffodils. The enormous flower is of rich golden yellow with broad petals, large trumpet and carried on a tall, strong stem. Though the flower is very large, it is, on account of its perfect form, refined in appearance. $2.25 for 10; $20.00 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.

CLASS B. ALL WHITE OR ALMOST WHITE

BEERSHEBA. Possibly the most popular of the white Trumpet varieties. Perianth and trumpet of magnificent proportions with sturdy foliage and stem. Its color is not pure white, yet is expressive of purity in the highest sense. Deserves to be included in every exhibition collection. $2.75 for 10; $25.00 per 100. See illustration above.

MRS. E. H. KRELAGE. One of the finest of the white Trumpet Narcissi. Excellent for the exhibition table. Large, erect flowers with pure white perianth and soft yellow trumpet. Of great substance. $2.00 for 10; $17.50 per 100.

W. P. MILNER. A miniature with white trumpet and perianth. Splendid for the rockery or for naturalizing in short grass. $1.50 for 10; $12.50 per 100.

CLASS C. PERIANTH WHITE, TRUMPET LEMON, YELLOW OR PRIMROSE (BI-COLOR)

MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE. This famous flower, of delicate distinction, is most unusual and charming in color. Its flaring, informal perianth of ivory-white holds forth a beautiful, finely proportioned, slim, long trumpet of clear pale apricot at the deeply fringed edges. Delicately beautiful but of exceptional substance and long lasting. Like many of the white Trumpets it nods slightly, and the wonderful hue of the trumpet and the partly reflexed perianth make it a most uncommon and delightful Daffodil, one of those treasures which a collector loves to possess. $3.25 for 10; $30.00 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.
CLASS C. (Bi-Color)

PRESIDENT LEBRUN. A new and outstanding variety of exceptional merit. Extra large flower with pure white perianth and large trumpet of soft yellow. Very fine for the garden or for the exhibition table where it will receive much attention. $3.25 for 10; $30.00 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.

SPRING GLORY. Still a great favorite for the garden and for all purposes. Free-flowering, with excellent stem and bearing a large flower of beautiful form and substance. The trumpet is long and of a chrome-yellow with a reflexed brim and a snow-white perianth. Fine for mass planting and permanent naturalizing. Extra heavy bulbs, $2.00 for 10; $17.50 per 100. Special stock, only limited quantity available. $2.25 for 10; $20.00 per 100.

DIVISION 2—INCOMPARABILIS

(Large Chalice-Cupped Daffodils)

Cup measuring from one-third to nearly the length of the perianth segments (petals).

Varieties marked (2a) have a yellow perianth. Varieties marked (2b) have a white perianth.

ABELARD. (2a) Broad yellow cup, orange tint at edge, and showy orange anthers, supported by broad primrose perianth of exceptionally good substance; beautiful in the unfolding bud, and unusually long lasting flower. Award of Merit. $2.05 for 10; $18.00 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.

CARLTON. (2a) A most beautiful variety that is destined to become very popular when more favorably known. Broad overlapping flat perianth with a large expanded cup. The whole flower is of a soft uniform yellow. Very free flowering, of long-lasting quality, early and a strong and sturdy grower. Excellent for the exhibition table. $1.70 for 10; $14.50 per 100.

DEANNE DURBIN. (2b) This is a beautiful variety. Pure white, perfectly round overlapping perianth, cup a deep orange throughout and of perfect shape. A lovely exhibition variety. $1.75 for 10; $15.00 per 100.

DICK WELLBAND. (2b) One of the finest of recent introductions. Very strong grower and exceptionally free-flowering. The perianth is pure white and the cup a brilliant flame-orange. The color does not fade but rather intensifies with age. The flower has unusual lasting qualities. Its greatest beauty lies in the startling contrast between petals and cup which makes it stand out even in the largest collection of Daffodils. An exhibition variety "par excellence." $1.90 for 10; $16.50 per 100. See illustration, next page.

JOHN EVELYN. (2b) One of the finest. Deservedly an international favorite; outstanding among the Incomparabilis hybrids. Flat-opening perianth, 4 to 6 inches across, with a flat cup nearly 2 inches in diameter, densely frilled, the perianth being pure white, without any trace of shading; the cup lemon-yellow and fluted, or shirred to the base; strong grower; free-flowering and a good propagator; one of the great Daffodils of the present day. $1.75 for 10; $15.00 per 100. See illustration above.
MILFORD-HAVEN. (2b) Very attractive flower with cream-white perianth and ruffled white cup, deeply frilled at edge chrome-yellow at base and shading into a rich orange-scarlet. A gorgeous color combination. $1.75 for 10; $15.00 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.

SCARLET ELEGANCE. (2b) Perianth golden-yellow, long cup of intense red. The color contrast makes it stand out in the garden. Very lovely and highly recommended. $1.75 for 10; $15.00 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.

YELLOW POPPY. (2a) A very beautiful Daffodil with large, flat overlapping perianth of clear primrose with wide cup of light orange-yellow and prettily frilled orange margin. $1.60 for 10; $13.50 per 100.

DIVISION 3—BARRII
(Short-Cupped Daffodils)

Cup (or crown) measuring less than one-third the length of the perianth segments (petals), varieties marked (3a) have a yellow perianth. Varieties marked (3b) have a white perianth.

DIANA KASNER. (3b) One of the most valuable show varieties. Pure white perianth with a large fluted yellow cup—frilled blood-red. Very free flowering. $1.65 for 10; $14.00 per 100.

Incomparabilis Narcissus "DICK WELLBAND" (See page 19)

FIRETAIL. (3a) Deservedly popular the world over; broad-petaled creamy white perianth and large orange cup with scarlet-orange frill. First class Certificate. $1.65 for 10; $14.00 per 100.

LADY DIANA MANNERS. (3b) A very fine daffodil with broad white perianth and a large, flat orange crown, broadly margined with deep red. A wonderful show variety. $1.65 for 10; $14.00 per 100. See illustration below.

LADY KESTEVEN. (3b) This is undoubtedly one of the finest Barrii introduced. Words fail to describe this wonderful Daffodil adequately. Suffice it to say that the perianth is pure white, well formed and substantial and that the cup is of the very deepest red ever seen in a Daffodil; the color does not seem to fade in the sun. A wonderful show variety. $3.25 for 10; $30.00 per 100.

MRS. BARCLAY. (3b) Large flower with flat, reflexed, broad-petaled overlapping perianth of pale primrose, changing to pure white; deeply frilled flat cup of primula-yellow, with dainty orange picotee; extremely showy and a great favorite in the garden or for exhibition. $1.75 for 10; $15.00 per 100.

PEGGY. (3b) Very large, flat-opening perfectly formed perianth of a pure poeticus-white, and of exceptional texture; medium-sized cup of lemon-yellow with golden-orange margin. A tall and vigorous grower which belongs in every collection. $1.65 for 10; $16.00 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.

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DIVISION 4—LEEDSII

(Eucharis-Flowered Daffodils)

Perianth white, and cup (or crown) white, cream or pale citron, sometimes tinged with pink or apricot. This group is specially designated by its color. Varieties marked (4a) have a cup (or crown) not less than one-third yet less than the length of the perianth segments. Varieties marked (4b) have a cup (or crown) less than one-third the length of the perianth segments.

DAISY SCHAFFER. (4a) One of the best of the remarkable giant Leedsii types, the flower 4 1/2 inches across, with a trumpet formed cup of nearly 2 inches, it resembles a giant Trumpet, but much more graceful in form. The perfect overlapping perianth is pure white, with cup opening primrose and turning to light canary-yellow, deeper at the mouth with a greenish tint; long lemon-yellow stigma and styles add to the color harmony of this remarkable flower. $1.95 for 10; $17.00 per 100.

GERTIE MILLAR. (4a) Wonderful flower of the new giant Leedsii type with pure white perianth similar to, and as large as, "Van Waveren's Giant," with a beautifully proportioned pale primrose cup deeply fluted and of translucent texture; unusually long pistils and anthers match this color perfectly. $2.00 for 10; $17.50 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.

NETTE O'MELVENY. (4b) Sure the "little people" must have been abroad frolicking in the moonlight when this fairy flower was born; a dancing Daffodil with pure white perianth and a cup of clear lemon-yellow, with orange picotee. Splendid foliage, tall graceful stem and good neck; in every way a delightful flower. $1.65 for 10; $14.00 per 100.

DIVISION 5

TRIANDRUS AND TRIANDRUS HYBRIDS

INCLUDES ALL VARIETIES obviously containing Narcissus Triandrus blood. For grace and beauty they are unsurpassed. We recommend a situation partly shaded by trees, and if a little very fine dwarf grass seed is sown among them, the beauty of their flowers is enhanced. They may remain undisturbed for years.

Varieties marked (5a) are yellow. Those marked (5b) are white.

MOONSHINE. (5b) Very attractive. This variety caused considerable attention at one of our recent exhibits. Perianth and cup creamy white, star-shaped. $2.05 for 10; $18.00 per 100. See illustration at right.

THALIA. (5b) Often called the Orchid-flowered Daffodil. The beautiful pure white flowers are carried three or four to a stem and are most attractive for either indoor decoration or planting in the rock garden. Very attractive. $2.50 for 10; $22.50 per 100.
DIVISION 6

CYCLAMINEUS HYBRID

Includes all varieties obviously containing Narcissus Cyclamineus blood.

FEVERARY GOLD. Beautiful golden yellow, exquisitely formed flower with reflexed perianth, which have aroused much interest in recent exhibitions. Commences flowering in late March. Very refined and beautiful. $2.75 for 10; $25.00 per 100.

Broadcasting Daffodils

"On meadow green, by leafy hedge
In woodland shade and rushy sedge
By little lowly rills;
While yet the north wind blows his blast
Before the storm and sleet are past
Laugh out the Daffodils."
—SHAKESPEARE

DIVISION 7

JONQUILLA AND JONQUILLA HYBRIDS

Includes all varieties obviously containing Narcissus Jonquilla blood.

JONQUILLA SIMPLEX. The true single sweet Jonquil, of light elegant growth, bearing out-of-doors in early May charming clusters of numerous small rich yellow flowers of delicious scent. $1.25 for 10; $10.00 per 100. See illustration above.

TREVITHIAN. A fine companion for "Golden Sceptre," blooming somewhat earlier; cluster-flowering type, well worth growing even if all the flowers came singly; perianth a clear butter-yellow with broad outer petals opening flat like those of a Trillium, with the narrow inner petals curving forward around the moderate sized shapely trumpet of deep jonquil-yellow, with anthers to match. A lovely flower in every way borne gracefully on a very tall stem above attractive green foliage; ideal for cutting as well as for garden display and a strong propagator. $1.65 for 10; $14.00 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.
DIVISION 9—POETICUS
(The True Poet’s Narcissi)

Beautiful when naturalized under the Lilacs.

These “Poet’s Daffodils” have snow-white petals and a small flattened eye or crown, yellow or lemon, edged more or less deeply with scarlet-crimson, and sometimes almost all scarlet. All are sweetly scented. “Poet’s Narcissi” are thirsty souls. They are thankful for a little shade.

ACTAEA. The best of the Poeticus types. Very large, pure white perianth with deep orange cup. Very fine substance. A most beautiful exhibition flower. $1.70 for 10; $14.50 per 100.

RECURVUS. (The Old Pheasant’s Eye). The latest Poeticus to come into flower. Pure white perianth; cap deep orange-red. The best for massing and naturalizing. $1.35 for 10; $11.00 per 100.

DIVISION 10—DOUBLE

For greatest perfection of bloom, the members of this group should be planted in slight shade.

MARY COPELAND. One of the famous varieties of the new semi-double type, this has been termed the most striking double in cultivation; the longer petals are pure cream with a golden ray down the center, interspersed with shorter petals of lemon and brilliant orange, giving a three-color effect; unsurpassed for the garden or the show bench. Very beautiful gardenia-shaped flower. $2.75 for 10; $25.00 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.

TEXAS. A very fine variety. Tall growing and of splendid form. Pale yellow interspersed with brilliant orange. An exceptional show variety. $2.25 per 10; $20.00 per 100.

TWINK. Very attractive flower carried on tall strong stem, artistically formed. This most unusual variety, always standing upright, is semi-double and of a delightful combination of creamy yellow and soft orange. Very unique. $1.75 for 10; $15.00 per 100.
Special Collections of Scheepers' Narcissi

The bulbs supplied in these collections are of the same quality as when purchased by separate variety, EXTRA SELECTED DOUBLE-NOSED JUMBO BULBS. We handle only one grade, "The Cream of Holland's Crop."

ILLUSTRATED EXHIBITION COLLECTION

No. I

Every one an exhibition flower. Highly recommended for flower shows or for select groups throughout the perennial border. See illustrations, Color Guide.

ABELARD (Incomparabilis)                      MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE (Pink trumpet)
GERTIE MILLAR (Leedsii)                        PEGGY (Barrii)
LORD WELLINGTON (Yellow trumpet)              PRES. LERRUN (Bi-color trumpet)
MARY COPELAND (Double)                        ST. AGNES (Poetaz)
MILFORD HAVEN (Incomparabilis)                TREWTHIAN (Jonquilla)

100 EXTRA SELECTED DOUBLE-NOSED BULBS, 10 each of the above varieties, all separately labeled, with full planting and cultural instructions included with each order.

Catalog Value, $22.20                               SPECIAL COLLECTION PRICE, $20.50

No. 1-A

50 EXTRA SELECTED DOUBLE-NOSED BULBS, same as above, only half the quantity, 5 each of the above varieties.

Catalog Value, $11.10                               SPECIAL COLLECTION PRICE $10.50

GARDEN COLLECTION

No. 2

These fine varieties are all highly recommended for border planting or for naturalizing.

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100 EXTRA SELECTED DOUBLE-NOSED BULBS, 10 each of the above varieties, all separately labeled, with full planting and cultural instructions included with each order.

Catalog Value, $15.85                               SPECIAL COLLECTION PRICE, $14.00

No. 2-A

50 EXTRA SELECTED DOUBLE-NOSED BULBS, same as above, only half the quantity, 5 each of the above varieties.

Catalog Value, $7.93                               SPECIAL COLLECTION PRICE, $7.25

"A perfect golden chalice daffodil
Singing in the breeze in warmth and chill,
Symbol of all the lovely things to see
Within your close the blooming days to be."

—Lyman
The Lure of the Little Daffodils

Beautiful in the Rockery and along the Woodland Paths

By “little Daffodils” are meant certain wild species of small stature that are all to seldom seen in gardens but that are, when given proper conditions, no more difficult to grow and to keep than are their prototypes of the later spring.

That they are not more grown is perhaps due to the entirely unfounded belief that prevails in many quarters that these little Daffodils are not hardy. This is not at all the case. They are quite hardy in the face of many degrees of extreme cold, but they do require certain conditions of soil and drainage if they are to be permanent and increase their kind as we would have them do. Moreover the bulbs are so small that they are frequently injured or dug out of the soil through thoughtless use of the hoe or spade in the part of the garden where they live—and this I believe to be the most frequent cause of failure with them. The rock garden offers them the most ideal home; here the soil may easily be mixed to their liking, and they may be assured immunity from interference by the mangling hoe. They may also be grown, however, in half shaded borders or on little shaded woodsly slopes under the eye of a loving and understanding caretaker, and where they are happy they increase and multiply with gratifying freedom.

**BULBOCODIUM CONSPICUUS.** Flowers rich gold yellow, or hoop petticoat form and rush-like foliage; height, 6 inches. Prefers a dampish, sandy peat soil. $1.50 for 10; $12.50 per 100. See illustration, this page.

**CYCLAMINEUS.** The Yellow Cyclamen-flowered Daffodil. This beautiful little Daffodil is the earliest of all and is a charming, elegant little flower of very distinct form; the trumpet is rich yellow, straight and tube-like, elegantly serrated at the mouth, while the perianth is reflexed as in a Cyclamen. A valuable little species for pot culture, edgings, rock-work, and to naturalize in grass and shady nooks, or at the water’s edge; it delights in a dampish sandy peat soil and should be left undisturbed for years. Height, 6 inches. $1.90 for 10; $16.50 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.

**NANUS.** The smallest and dwarfest of all trumpet Daffodils, producing outdoors in early spring dainty little trumpet flowers of a rich full yellow; height about 3 inches. It likes a peaty soil and may be naturalized on rockeries or in grass, or grown in pots or pans. $1.75 for 10; $15.00 per 100.

**TRIANDRUS ALBUS.** An exquisitely beautiful little species, appropriately called the “Angel’s Tears” Daffodil; it is of slender growth, and produces a cluster of elegant little creamy white flowers with globular cup and perianth reflexing as in the Cyclamen; height, 7 inches. The bulbs should be left undisturbed to establish themselves. $1.65 for 10; $14.00 per 100. See illustration, Color Guide.

**W. P. MILNER.** A miniature with white trumpet and perianth. Splendid for planting in the rock garden or for small pans. Extra heavy bulbs, $1.50 for 10; $12.50 per 100.
SCHEEPERS' SPECIALLY PREPARED MIXTURES
FOR NATURALIZING

See illustration, Color Guide

These mixtures have been especially prepared by us to give a maximum performance in a long flowering period. They are all EXTRA SELECTED DOUBLE-NOSED BULBS—the best—and will give a marvelous display. Bulbs look best planted in drifts on hillsides, in the woodland along the paths, under trees out on the lawn, especially White Birch, also in large groups at the back of the perennial border. Fine for the cutting garden, too.

GOLD MEDAL MIXTURE NUMBER ONE. Containing all types to assure a flowering period of from 4 to 6 weeks. $10.00 per 100; $95.00 per 1,000.

GENERAL MIXTURE NUMBER TWO. A special mixture of all types, not as many varieties as contained in mixture number one, therefore not quite as long a flowering period. $9.00 per 100; $85.00 per 1,000.

SHORT CUP MIXTURE NUMBER THREE. This mixture contains only short cup varieties. All extra fine varieties. $8.50 per 100; $80.00 per 1,000.

(Quotations on larger quantities made upon request)
This superb collection is very distinctive and we feel honored in being able to exclusively introduce them to our clients this year. All have been tested and proven to be of very superior qualities. Special awards in Holland will bear out these facts.

DIVISION IA.—YELLOW TRUMPET

DOMINATOR. Enormous in size and with a good strong stem. Perianth is golden yellow and the cup is extra large of pure golden yellow, it is reflexed and serrated to add to its beauty. Award of Merit, Haarlem, 1948. $4.00 each; $37.50 for 10.

DIVISION IB.—WHITE TRUMPET

ADA FINCH. A most beautiful novelty of outstanding merit. Has received highest awards wherever exhibited. Perianth is overlapping, of fine substance and of purest white with a pure white trumpet. Very refined flower, an exhibition variety. $3.50 for 10; $32.50 per 100.

ROMAINE. Very large, pure white wide open trumpet. The trumpet is imbricated, creating a most artistic and refined appearance. Very fine novelty. Award of Merit, Haarlem, Holland. $3.25 for 10; $30.00 per 100.

DIVISION IC.—PINK TRUMPET

ROSY TRUMPET. A Backhouse variety that is well suited for the rockery or in intimate places in the garden. The trumpet is a very deep satin rose and the perianth is star shaped. A very beautiful variety. $3.25 for 10; $30.00 per 100.

DIVISION II.—INCOMPARABILIS

DAINTINESS. A lovely pure white round and flat perianth, with a nicely frilled yellow cup with deep orange-red margin. Extra fine novelty and a prizewinner. Award of Merit, Haarlem, Holland. $5.25 for 10; $50.00 per 100.

DIVISION III.—BARRII

ARANJUEZ. This is a beautiful novelty. The bright yellow perianth is well rounded, the cup is short, deep yellow and delightfully edged red. Always a prizewinner and should be in every collection. $2.25 for 10; $20.00 per 100.

POMONA. Pure white, wax-like perianth, the petals overlapping to form a complete circle. Flat cup of citron-yellow flushed apricot and with a small orange margin. As the flower ages the cup changes from apricot to green, while the margin of orange deepens. The unique beauty is a sight to behold. Offered at a special low price this season. $2.75 for 10; $25.00 per 100.

DIVISION VII.—POETAZ

CRAGFORD. 4 to 5 exquisite blooms on a stem. Pure white perianth with a beautiful large orange cup. The earliest of all Poetaz to flower. It will force readily indoors planted in pebbles and water like “Paperwhites.” Received two highest awards of Merit in Holland. $5.25 for 10; $50.00 per 100.

These beautiful Narcissi all highly recommended for planting in groups throughout the border. They are new and outstanding varieties and would be sure winners at Flower Shows.

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