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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 segments (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 flowers to a stem; perianth segments spreading or reflexed; corona cup-shaped, funnelshaped 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 fragrant



Division 9

Poeticus Daffodil Cultivars Characteristics of the N. poeticus group: usually one flower to

a stem; perianth segments pure white; corona very short or disc-shaped, usually with a green and/or yellow center and a red rim, but sometimes of a single color; flowers usually fragrant



Division 10

Bulbocodium Daffodil
Cultivars
Characteristics of
Section Bulbocodium
clearly evident;
usually one flower to a
stem; perianth
segments insignificant

compared with the dominant 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 Splitcorona daffodils with the corona segments opposite the perianth segments; the corona segments usually in two whorls of three



b) Papillon
Daffodils Splitcorona 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