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Small Daffodils for Landscapers, Rock Gardeners, Hybridizers

Dear Friends,

Returning April first from the Georgia convention (my 35th) we were impressed anew with the range of gardening conditions in the USA. Long aware of the mild winters and early springs of our southeast, we heard talk of outdoor growing in the far west through fall and winter of many species we used to grow under glass, and then from our north central stalwarts came assurance that till then only a trace of green had appeared for them, while all about us at the national show spread the bounty of mid-land America.

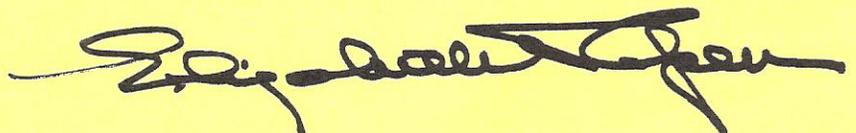
Here, many tiny ones, supported only by the earliest cornus, strove to ameliorate the pervading bleakness. Damage from the 70 year record-breaking cold of December followed in March by the zig-zag of tropic and arctic wiped out that wonderful lavender glow from the *R. mucronulatum* we count on to give us overhead color before the first hint of green from hardwoods. As the season progress a parade of "ever reliables" bloomed not at all or sparsely. No "white forsythia" and of our collection of that dominant golden stand-by, only *F. ovata* was floriferous; all magnolias had but a scattering of flowers – no Bradford pear, while the malus – always on-and-off, made this an off year. We missed the corylopsis, the umbrella over our collection of miniature dafs separated by miniature evergreens. *Prunus Hally Jolivette* tried to make up for the gaps in that genus by putting on an extra splash as later did *viburnum Maresii* and a few of the Gable hybrids and other rhododendron in their turn.

The daffodils made up for the lacks in their framework. Pushing ahead, they made a climactic burst a week early in a ninety degree blast. Close study showed last season's new ones unremarkable, while established ones revealed quality, shades of color never seen here. Too many to name all we noted, but to encourage landscapers, who do not relish hearing that daffodils should be lifted every few years, we counted flowers on a clump of *Lovenest*, a pre-1921 introduction of Mrs. Backhouse's, that I had put in the back of the British pinks in the dogwood area. Untouched for 30 years, this modest clump sported 26 blooms.

Again we are offering a few of our favorites, selected from thousands that have endured a rugged test. We grow on rocky gneissic-based acid soil of fair fertility. In Zone V, temperatures now and then drop to -20°, but rarely reach into the 90's. Generous additions of peat moss even our 40" supply of rain.

While thus we – as in most of gardening America – grow daffodils successfully, we do not – nor do others – have that fine sand, mild climate and high water table that make Holland the choice spot for bulb growing.

So, count on the rare ones being grown here, others in Holland. We appreciate your response to our efforts to help the landscaper and hope you may find something of use to you in this offering.



Species

The wild ones – source of all daffodils.

Unavailable

Hybrids

Crossing standards with the miniature species gave us our small hybrids. Most relish hybrid vigor, and while most are sterile triploids, some occasionally set seed. These are the sine quo non of the small landscapes.

NAME	PER 10	PER 100
TRUMPETS - One bloom to a stem; corona as long or longer than perianth.		
<i>Little Gem</i> - From Jack Gerritsen came this first small yellow one. Sets seeds.	\$4.85	\$36.
<i>Petit Buerre</i> - Also from Mr. Gerritsen with better form. Seeds sometimes. Scarce. <i>Limit one.</i>	\$5. each	
<i>Little Beauty</i> - Again the Gerritsen brush gave us this very early bi-color, generous of bloom and seed.	\$5.35	\$43.
<i>Lilliput</i> - Once more, the same breeder gave us another bi-color, a little better color, rarer, also fertile. <i>Limit one.</i>	\$5. each	
<i>Rockery Beauty</i> - Of better form than either, it was reported lost but survived here by being left alone.	\$8. each	
<i>Alec Gray</i> - The best white trumpet I have yet seen, named for the master with his approval, bred here, is increasing well but is still not ready for the market.		(not available)
<i>Elka</i> - In the meantime, this perky little one, a seedling of Mr. Gray's raised here, blooms well when fertilized.	\$20. each	
SMALL CUPS - One flower a stem. Cup not more than one-third perianth.		
<i>Yellow Xit</i> - The yellow cupped version is strongest for us. Small lemon cup in well-formed perianth.	\$9. each	
TRIANDRUS - Cluster of little bells – white to gold.		
<i>Hawera</i> - New Zealander – pale yellow, a bit careless of form, but so generous of bloom and long lasting it is the one for display and a wonderful edger.	\$3.15	\$21.
<i>April Tears</i> - Mr. Gray's corn yellow of elegant form, blooming a week later.	\$6.45	\$43.
<i>Mary Plumstead</i> - A paler one with up to five blooms for us. A show winner, but slow to increase.	\$20. each	
<i>Dawn</i> - Unique cross of triandrus and poet. Small cup, flyaway wings. We are happy to restore this 12" gem to daffodil fans. <i>Limit three.</i>	\$4. each	

NAME	PER 10	PER 100
CYCLAMINEUS - Cup reflexed – a wonderful group for the north – early and hardy.		
<i>Tête-à-Tête</i> - Now banished to Div. XII, but still a child of Cyclataz. Mr. Gray's favorite, and the public agrees.		
	\$3.15	\$21.
<i>Jumblie</i> - Pod sibling of the above but a true cyclamineus, Jumblie has no equal in the early garden. Beginning with 3-4 six inch stems with 2-3 bright yellow flowers each, it keeps coming to give a month of bloom.		
	\$3.40	\$22.
<i>Mite</i> - Long, narrow cup, petals neatly swept back, adds a new look to the first garden. Sets seeds well.		
	\$9. each	

JONQUILS - Sun-loving group. One to two small cupped flowers. These are the hardy ones.

<i>Sundial</i> - Touch of green adds sparkle to the earliest small golden jonquil. Paired with the next gives a long season of bloom. Sets seed.		
	\$5.25	\$36.
<i>Sun Disc</i> - Precision golden sentinels, each at attention, shields from the eyes the jaded flowers of earlier ones behind.		
	\$5.20	\$35.
<i>Baby Moon</i> - Almost a large rupicola round and gold. Will flirt with June. Scattered among the early little trumpets provides a second show.		
	\$3.15	\$21.
<i>Doll Baby</i> - A pink cupped sport of Demure, appearing here and named for our oldest, so dubbed by a visitor.		
	\$20: each	

Daffodils are wonderful in drifts or sweeps of one variety. Here are some we have so used here. They are a little taller than those listed above but modest in size and can be spread gracefully over a wide area, while still enjoyable in a casual clump.

<i>Jack Snipe</i> - We like this clean cut white-yellow cyclamineus more each year. A casual sweep – a cluster off to one side – or spotted about, it brightens the early scene. This year set seeds.		
	\$4.85	\$39.
<i>Beryl</i> - Everyone's pet – rare cross of a cyclamineus and poet. Chameleon-tinted, its color so bright this year as to fool one who grows thousands of them. Happy in brooklets in Maine, in bog or woodland here.		
	\$5.95	\$47.
<i>Petrel</i> - Grant Mitsch crossed his Quick Step with triandrus albus and produced this small multi-flowered, many stemmed cluster of perfect white bells, so prolific it has reached a gardener's price.		
	\$7.40	\$49.
<i>Canary Bird</i> - This bright medium sized cluster welcomes one to our late season landscape. It is also the only hardy red and yellow tazetta here, and we use it to border plantings of early bloomers, and to echo the early sweep of Jack Snipe.		
	\$6.60	\$44.

We plan to lift ours when they mature and ship as soon as possible. Holland grown come at fall planting time. Planning for local use, we make no minimum, but please send check with your order, and Jerseyites, note our new governor wants to up the sales tax. For those who can collect their bulbs here, we have a sample of Mr. Gerritsen's ice-white Nanus #7, and with others we ask that you add 10% to help with shipping. Discount is applied to all orders over \$100. Cultural directions are included.

We hope these bulbs may brighten your Spring for many years. 🌷