

SPRINGDALE GARDENS

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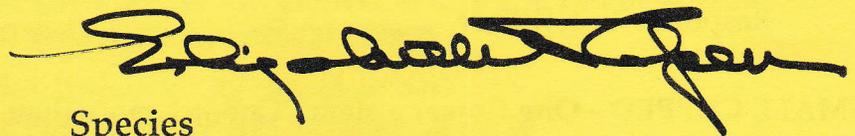
Small Daffodils
for Landscapers, Rock Gardeners, Hybridizers

Dear Friends,

This is a beautiful daffodil season. Beginning the first week in March with minimus, one following another until many thousands have arrived even before our May first peak.

We are offering a few small ones that do especially well here. Some we like in little clumps or patches in the rock garden or lining paths — or splashed in generous drifts over hillside — beside brook — an early stripe behind beginnings of mid-season standards — or hiding the spent remains of early blooming. The rare ones we keep nearby to enjoy close-up.

Perhaps you will find something here to add to your own spring display.



Species

For centuries, wild daffodils have been gathered for gardeners from the fields and mountainsides where they abound, especially the Iberian peninsula. There have been some problems due to the need of gathering the little plants in bloom. Now, in its bureaucratic wisdom, the USDA has decided it is no longer safe for our gardens to have these directly from the home land without USDA testing on the spot. This action stopped all importing last year. We can offer a few proven hardy and satisfactory here.

NAME	PER 10	PER 100
N. asturiensis - "minimus", the tiniest golden trumpet — before a south facing rock will hasten spring's arrival.....	\$5.20	\$41.
N. triandrus albus - The wild little bells like good drainage and ignoring. The white ones come in fascinating variety of shade and shape.....	\$3.80	\$30.
N. triandrus concolor - Tints of yellow, sometimes reversed. We found this year in an old planting one 10" high with 6 cups.....	\$4.20	\$33.

Hybrids

The species, intercrossed and bred with other sorts, have given us a wide variety of cultivars, usually more at home in our gardens. Most of these are 5-7 inches tall and have flowered in north Jersey many years without dividing. Three have recently registered.

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TRUMPETS - One flower to a stem; corona as long or longer than the perianth.

- ✓ *Little Gem* - The first little yellow trumpet. Sets seeds.\$5.20 \$51
- ✓ *Petit Buerre* - A better formed trumpet of brighter yellow. *Limit one.*\$5. each
- ✓ *Little Beauty* - This popular little bicolor makes our first splash. Sets seeds bountifully.\$5.60 \$45
- ✓ *Lilliput* - A newer bicolor of brighter cup. Sets seeds generously. *Limit one.*\$5. each
- ✓ *Rockery Beauty* - The best bi-color — well formed, clear contrast of white and yellow. Strong grower here, so when it was reported to be entirely lost, we were glad to reintroduce it\$10. each
- Alec Gray* - Five inch high white trumpet of classic form named, with his approval, for the originator of most miniatures. Sets seeds but slow to increase. (*Not offered this year.*)
- Elka* - We are introducing a perky little white trumpet, bred by Mr. Gray, observed here for many years, and newly registered. Responds to fertilizer.\$25. each

SMALL CUPPED - One flower a stem. Cup not more than one-third perianth.

- ✓ *Yellow Xit* - We have a few of the popular little white with short, flat yellow cup. *Limit one.*\$15. each

TRIANDRUS - Little bells from white to gold, rather taller and stronger than the species.

- ✓ *Hawera* - Small pale yellow cluster from New Zealand makes great edging in sunny spots. Long lasting.\$2.80 \$22.
- April Tears* - Mr. Gray's golden yellow of classic form - a bit later and accepting some shade. Effective with *Iris cristata* and *Phlox stolonifera*.\$5.65 ~~45~~

- ✓ *Mary Plumstead* - The show-stopper and ribbon-winner of the class. 3 - 5 longer pale yellow bells.\$20. each

Dawn - A rare cross with a poet produced this unique eye-catcher. Small, flat yellow cup with flighty wings. We are happy our cossetting permits its return to daffodil fans. *Limit three.*\$5. each

CYCLAMINEUS - Earliness, hardiness, pose with ears pulled back endear this class to landscapers.

- ✓ *Tête-à-Tête* - The most popular of all miniatures with the public and with its originator, Alec Gray, who found it in a pod of *Cyclataz*. 1 - 3 bright yellow little flowers on a 6-inch stem follow the earliest trumpets.\$4.40 \$35.

NAME	PER 10	PER 100
✓ <i>Jumblye</i> - Pod mate; our favorite of the very early; true cyclamineus - its ears jauntily alert, with new flowering stems prolonging the season. Blooms with Cornus mas.	\$4.80	\$38
JONQUILS - Some of the rush leaved, sweet scented ones prefer the south, but these are hardy and floriferous.		
✓ <i>Sundial</i> - Two or three little golden, green-eyed gems bloom with the very early. Do well in sod.	\$4.65	\$38
✓ <i>Sun Disc</i> - A perfect little circle of gilt comes later to distract attention from spent blooms behind.	\$4.00	\$32
<i>Doll Baby</i> - Many years ago a clump of Demure from Mr. Gray sported here, providing a rare pink-cupped jonquil, which we named for our oldest, as dubbed by a visitor, because she thought she was a doll.	\$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>Little Witch</i> - This half-sized Charity May from the brush of Mrs. Backhouse, stiff little yellow cyclamineus, we use to make an early stripe of color behind mid-season groups.	\$5.80	\$46
✓ <i>Beryl</i> - The chameleon cross of a poet and a cyclamineus by P.D. Williams is everyone's pet. It thrives in hundreds across brooklets in Maine and is equally at home among hardwoods of the hillside.....	\$6.25	\$50
✓ <i>Jack Snipe</i> - another cyclamineus gem, from M.P., son of P.D., is notable for its jaunty stance and its clear contrast of white and yellow, we like it in a swoop up a slope, later hidden by the fronds of the ostrich fern.	\$5.75	\$46
<i>Rippling Waters</i> - Once the show winner of the triandrus class, this one has increased to meet a gardener's price. We use triandrus to front other daffodils, especially on the south side of paths.	\$7.65	\$60

We should appreciate very early ordering; those grown here will be replanted in July. Please, enclose check with order, and Jerseyites, remember the governor wants his 6%.

As this offering has been planned for local use, there is no minimum, and for those who can pick up their order here, we have a very cute little pure white seedling from Mr. Gerritsen. Let us know on your order.

For those from a distance, please include 10% for carriage and packing.

We hope these bulbs will bring you many beautiful springtimes. 🌷