









## **NOTES ON BULBS**




- \* The more well-known bulbs such as narcissus, tulips, crocus and most other spring bulbs will not be dealt with here in detail but will be allowed and welcomed in our Condo 5 gardens.
- \* Rhizomes such as iris and hemerocallis (day lily) were included in the perennials list as they are not tender bulbs and are treated as perennials.
- \* There are many types of bulbs:
  - o "Major" or true bulbs, such as daffodil or tulip
  - o "Minor true bulbs", such as scilla, (bluebells), muscari (grape hyacinth), snowdrops, etc.
  - o Corms, such as crocus and gladiolus
  - o Rhizomes, such as iris and Canna lily
  - o And tubers such as anemone and begonia
- \* Size matters! Buy the biggest, best bulbs available and avoid any desiccated, withered, or mouldy ones.
- \* Plant deeply enough to support the plant and to protect it from predators such as squirrels and from overly zealous gardeners.
- \* Bulbs should only be planted in our gardens proper, as opposed to naturalizing them in the lawns.
- \* The following list shows a few of the lesser known but very interesting bulbs.

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COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	EXPOSURE: SUN/SHADE SOIL	SIZE: HEIGHT WIDTH	BLOOMING SEASON	BLOOM OR FOLIAGE COLOUR	SPECIAL OR SEASONAL INTEREST	NOTES
CYCLAMEN	<i>Cyclamen neapolitanum, or heredifolium</i>	Shady location, Moist, humus- rich soil	Diminutive plants to 6" tall	Some bloom in spring, others in fall	White, pink	Leaves ivy-shaped with silver markings	For front of garden Perfect miniature of cyclamens sold in flower shops Hardy for our zone but needs protection
							
LILIES	<i>Lilium</i>	Sun or shade, Prefers cool organic, rich soil	Varying sizes from as little as 2' to 8'!	Depends on the type of lily	Virtually all colours	Some flowers face up, others down, or out	The nine categories each with different height, blooming time, size, etc. are: <i>asiatic, martagon, candidum, longiflorum, formosanum, aurelian (trumpet), oriental, American species,</i> as well as unclassified types
							

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LILY CANNA	<i>Canna generalis</i>	Full sun, Likes humus- rich soil	Up to 6', but dwarf variety called "Phitzer Dwarf" is only 3'	Summer	Variety including white, pink, oranges, red	Leaves range in colour from green to bronze.	Lends a tropical feel to the garden. Leaves resemble banana leaves. Used in floral arrangements. Tender bulb Lift out bulb in fall and re- plant in spring.	
								

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<b>MONTBRETIA (UK), also known as COPPERTIPS or FALLING STARS (USA)</b>	<i>Crocasmia</i>	Full sun, Well-drained soil Will not tolerate soggy conditions	25" to 35" tall	Early to mid-summer	Foliage: tall narrow sword-shaped leaves Blooms: red, orange, and yellow shades Red on red hybrid called ' <i>Lucifer</i> ' is <i>very hardy, but not at all evil!</i>	Attractive to hummingbirds Deer resistant! Gracefully arched sprays of blossoms, airy delicacy of form	There are over 400 cultivars worldwide of this Victorian garden species related to gladioli. Good cut flower Arched sprays add colourful highlights to floral arrangements. Great for pots, tubs, or urns
							



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ONION Family	Allium	Full sun to light shade	From diminutive rock garden plants to 5' specimens	Spring and summer	White, rose, purple, yellow blooms atop a single stalk	Spherical flower is common, but many other fine bloom types available.	Large genus numbering up to 700 species: <i>Drumstick Allium</i> , <i>Schubert onion</i> , <i>German garlic</i> are but a few examples of this fascinating and decorative species.  Dried flower heads are a favourite for floral arrangements.  Plant to a depth measuring 3 times the bulb's height.	
								

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WINDFLOWER GRECIAN	<i>Anemone blanda, coronaria, nemerosa</i>	Sun or part shade Likes humus- rich, moist soil	<i>Blanda</i> is 4" tall. <i>Coronaria</i> and <i>nemerosa</i> are up to 12" tall.	Early spring, Close at dusk and in bad weather.	White, rose, purple daisy-like flowers	Dainty fern-like foliage Low spreading habit	Smaller species such as blanda are good for front of garden. Plant in spring 4" deep, spaced 3" apart. Treat as tender bulb in our zone and lift and store tubers over the winter.
