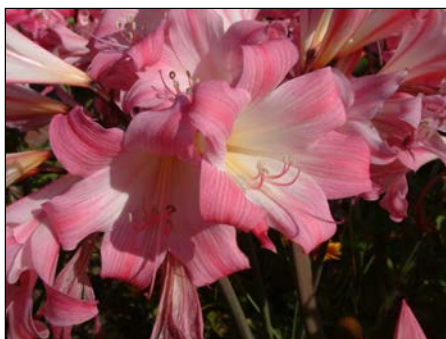




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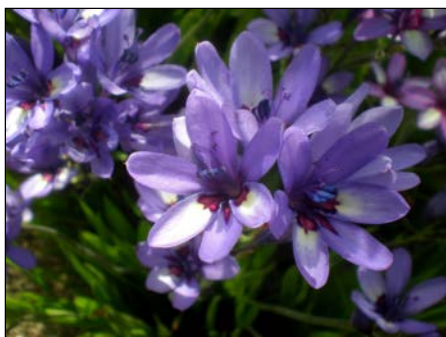
UC Marin Master Gardeners - Bulbs and corms



Botanical Name: *Amaryllis belladonna*
Common Name: Naked Lady, Belladonna Lily
Plant Type: Bulb
Sun: Full, Half, Shade
Water: Very Low

This South African native has bold, strap-like leaves in clumps 2-3" wide in the fall and winter. Leaves fade away in late spring and summer. Clusters of trumpet-shaped rosy/pink or white flowers blossom on top of bare stalks that are 3' tall in summer. It looks a bit odd with no foliage! It is long lived and drought tolerant.

Plant Height: 1-3'
Flower Color: Pink, Multi-Colored
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Dark Green
Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Babiana stricta*
Common Name: Baboon Flower
Plant Type: Perennial, Bulb
Sun: Half
Water: Low, Medium

Babiana stricta (Baboon Plant) has purple, blue, white or yellow flowers with stems overtopping the leaves and centrally placed dark anthers. It grows on clay soils. This South African bulb is great for any garden. Foliage appears in December blooming dark purple flowers in Spring through the Summer. Full Sun to half day sun is ideal. Drought tolerant in the ground once established. Cut to the ground once leaves brown out (do not pull out bulbs). Attracts bees, hummingbirds and butterflies.

Plant Height: Under 1'
Flower Color: Blue, Lavender, Purple, Multi-Colored
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Green
Flower Season: Winter, Spring



Botanical Name: *Camassia cusickii*
Common Name: Cusick Camass
Plant Type: Bulb
Sun: Full
Water: High, Extra in Summer

The camassa has star-like, slender-petaled blossoms, which are carried on spikes during the late spring and early summer. Its basal leaves are like grass, and dry quickly after bloom. Most species of this plant are native to moist meadows, marshes, and fields in the northwest and in northern California.

Plant Height: 1-3', 3-6'
Flower Color: Blue
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color:
Flower Season: Spring, Summer



Botanical Name: *Camassia leichtlinii* 'Blue Danube'
Common Name: Blue Danube Wild Hyacinth
Plant Type: Perennial, Bulb
Sun: Full, Half
Water: Medium

Plant Height: 1-3'
Flower Color: Blue
Attracts Wildlife: Birds
Leaf Color: Green
Flower Season: Spring

This native of the Pacific NW has dense grassy drifts of foliage with tall spikes of dark blue flower. Camassia is excellent for planting into heavy clay soils.



Botanical Name: *Crocsmia X crocosmiiflora*
Common Name: Montebretia
Plant Type: Bulb
Sun: Full, Half
Water: Low

Plant Height: 3-6'
Flower Color: Orange
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Green
Flower Season: Summer

Montebretia is a bulb, closely resembling gladiolus. Vertical, strap like leaves grow to 3' tall. Brilliant red, coral/apricot, red, red-orange, or bright yellow flowers sit on top of arching stalks during the summer. Plants may wither in winter but come back in spring. It requires sun to part shade. Once this plant is established, it requires little or no summer watering. This plant performs well in containers as it is considered invasive in some areas.



Botanical Name: *Crocus vernus*
Common Name: Crocus
Plant Type: Bulb
Sun: Full, Half
Water: Medium

Plant Height: Under 1'
Flower Color: Purple
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Green
Flower Season: Spring

Crocus blooming is the signal for spring's arrival. It can be planted in borders, rock gardens, and even in the midst of a lawn. After flowering, the foliage must be left intact until it withers. Purple is the main color but they also come in white, lilac, or white stripes. Very early blooming; naturalizes in lawn. Provide full sun to light shade and average, well-drained soil.



Botanical Name: *Dichelostemma capitatum*

Common Name: Blue Dicks

Plant Type: Bulb

Sun: Full

Water: Very Low

Native to most of California, this delightful native wildflower grows from vigorous corms to about 30 inches tall, and blooms from Feb. to May. Handsome, metallic, purple bracts hold the tight heads of purple to blue funnel-shaped flowers on stiff single stems. The leaves are grass-like and may wither by bloom time. Long lived and dependable, it will naturalize easily as long as you plant it in well drained soil in the sun. Blue Dicks are edible too! The flowers are a pretty edition to salad and the corms have a sweet flavor, raw or cooked. Reseeds!

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue, Lavender, Purple

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Winter, Spring



Botanical Name: *Freesia X hybrids*

Common Name: Freesia, Improved

Plant Type: Perennial, Bulb

Sun: Full

Water: Medium, Extra in Summer

These perennials will grow 1'-1.5' high and have slender, light green leaves. The plant produces double blooms in a variety of colors that are lightly fragrant. It comes in a wide variety of colors: lavender, purple, red, yellow, white and multi-colored combinations. The corms need full to light sun in a well protected, frost free area that is fertile, well watered and well draining. Plant in fall to enjoy blooms in spring. In cooler climates, grow in containers.

Plant Height: Under 1', 1-3'

Flower Color: Yellow, Multi-Colored

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Gladiolus hybrids*

Common Name: Gladiolus

Plant Type: Bulb

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium

Gladiolus produces thin, grasslike foliage that appears before gracile spikes of many color flower varieties that bloom in late spring. Its flowers are intensely fragrant at night. It makes a superb container plant. It tolerates full sun in coastal areas and afternoon shade in warm inland valleys. Little or no summer watering when plant goes dormant.

Plant Height: Under 1'

Flower Color: Pink

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Hyacinthus orientalis*

Common Name: Garden or Common Hyacinth

Plant Type: Annual, Bulb

Sun: Full

Water: High

This small perennial will grow to about 12" tall and 6" wide. It has large, dark green, strap-like leaves with blue, red, yellow, pink, or purple flowers that bloom in spring. This plant has very fragrant blooms! Bulb and all parts are poisonous. It does best in full sun with well draining soil. Water after planting bulbs and during growing season. Plants are dormant during summer. Bulbs survive in frost free areas but will need mulching during winter in frost areas. Great in containers and as a house plant.

Plant Height: Under 1', 1-3'

Flower Color: Blue, Pink, Red, Yellow

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Lilium hybrids*

Common Name: Lily Species

Plant Type: Bulb

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium

Lilium (members of which are true lilies) is a genus of herbaceous flowering plants growing from bulbs, all with large prominent flowers. Lilies are a group of flowering plants which are important in culture and literature in much of the world. Most species are native to the temperate northern hemisphere, though their range extends into the northern subtropics. Many other plants have "lily" in their common name but are not related to true lilies.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Yellow, White, Multi-Colored

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Fall, Intermittent



Botanical Name: *Muscari armeniacum*

Common Name: Grape Hyacinth

Plant Type: Ground cover, Bulb

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Medium

In the fall and winter seasons, clusters of narrow, grassy, succulent-like leaves thrive even in snow. Its small, blue, urn-shaped, fragrant flowers appear in early spring, appearing above foliage. Water generously during spring to encourage blooming. Foliage dies back in summer but will re-emerge in fall. To maintain longevity, the bulbs should be lifted and divided when they become crowded. A great plant for containers, near borders, in rock gardens. This plant does best in full sun with well draining, rich soil.

Plant Height: Under 1'

Flower Color: Blue

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Dark Green

Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Narcissus Assorted Varieties*

Common Name: Daffodil

Plant Type: Perennial, Bulb

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Very Low

Narcissus sp. is a spring-flowering bulb. They are permanent, increasing form year to year. Leaves are straight and flat or narrow and rushlike. Flowers are composed of right angled petals surrounding the trumpet in the center. Flowers usually face sun. Keep that in mind when selecting planting place.

Plant Height: Under 1', 1-3'

Flower Color: Yellow, White

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Winter, Spring



Botanical Name: *Narcissus Tazetta Hybrid*

Common Name: Tazetta (strain) Narcissus

Plant Type: Perennial, Bulb

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low, Medium, Extra in Summer

Narcissus sp. is a spring-flowering bulb. They are permanent, increasing form year to year. Leaves are straight and flat or narrow and rushlike. Flowers are composed of right angled petals surrounding the trumpet in the center. Flowers usually face sun. Keep that in mind when selecting planting place.

Plant Height: Under 1'

Flower Color: White

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Winter, Spring



Botanical Name: *Scilla siberica*

Common Name: Siberian Squill

Plant Type: Perennial, Bulb

Sun: Full, Half

Water: Low

Thin, sword-like leaves grow from the base of the plant and arch outward, allowing the flowers to be seen unobstructed. The flowers of Siberian squill are star or bell-shaped, and they nod and droop on short stems. There are three to five stems per plant, providing plenty of blooms.

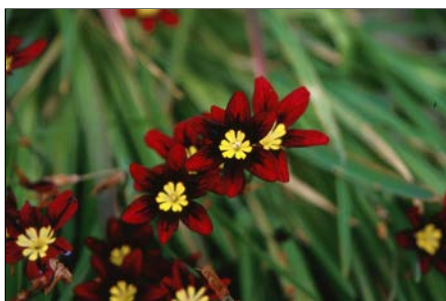
Plant Height: Under 1'

Flower Color: Blue

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Dark Green

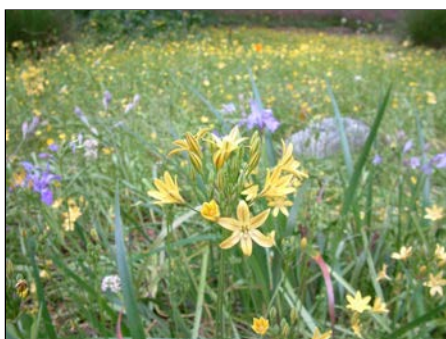
Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Sparaxis tricolor*
Common Name: Sparaxis, Harlequin Flower
Plant Type: Perennial, Bulb
Sun: Full, Half
Water: Low, Medium

Plant Height: Under 1'
Flower Color: Red, Multi-Colored
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Green
Flower Season: Spring

This attractive perennial, grown from bulb, grows about 12" tall and half as wide. In late winter, green, sword-shaped leaves emerge, resembling freesia. During spring, funnel-shaped, upright blooms of maroon-colored petals with yellow eyes appear on thin stalks. This plant does best in full to part sun with well draining, acidic, dry soil.



Botanical Name: *Triteleia ixioides*
Common Name: Pretty Face, Golden Brodiaea
Plant Type: Perennial
Sun: Full
Water: Very Low

Plant Height: 1-3'
Flower Color: Yellow, Multi-Colored
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Green, Grey Green
Flower Season: Spring, Summer

This perennial will grow about 2' tall and has grass-like leaves. Golden yellow tubular flowers with purplish black midribs and veins bloom in spring and summer. Plant corms 2"-3" deep and apart; do not overwater during summer as they prefer dry soil. Great cut flowers! Plant dies back when bloom period is done.



Botanical Name: *Tulipa hybrids*
Common Name: Garden Tulip
Plant Type: Bulb
Sun: Full
Water: Medium

Plant Height: Under 1', 1-3'
Flower Color: Pink, Multi-Colored
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Grey Green
Flower Season: Spring

Tulips are bulb plants that typically bloom in spring, double or single, ruffled or not, in red, pink, white, purple, orange or bi-colored. Grown as perennials or annuals, depending on species. This large group of plants likes full sun in well draining, rich, moist soil. They do best in areas with winter rains and warm summers. Tulips looks best if planted in masses or in containers. Leaves are gray green, lance-shaped or long and narrow. Tulips range in size but can grow 2' tall and half as wide.



Botanical Name: *Watsonia pillansii*

Common Name: Evergreen Watsonia, Bugle Lily

Plant Type: Perennial

Sun: Full

Water: Medium

Watsonia pillansii is a beautiful perennial that grows 2'-3' tall. It does better in full sun. The pink or orange or red-orange flowers are up to 2" across and bloom from spring through fall. These bulb plants have green foliage that are long, sword-shaped and erect. These are low maintenance plants.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Pink

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green

Flower Season: Spring, Summer, Intermittent

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