

SPRING BULBS

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The following is a list of spring flowering bulbs that I have used and they have been very perennial for me.

Allium aflatunense

purple color

Makes excellent dried flower seed heads.

Seems to be very hardy and perennial.

Lucy Ball - a cultivar I planted in fall 1994

Allium ostrowskianum

This is a small plant getting around 6" tall.

It has very small bulbs

Mass plant 2" apart for best effect.

Anemone blanda

I have had fair luck with these.

They are very tiny tubers and need a few seasons to get established.

When established will form a carpet of multicolored daisy flowers

Crocus

Very hardy

Plant where they are easily seen in the early spring.

Flower early in the spring, many times through the snow.

Fritillaria imperialis

very regal and unusual

tall 30-36"

Sometimes will disappear for one year than come back the next.

orange or yellow color

Gladiolus colvilli

Tried on one occasion and lost all 100.

Will give them another chance.

Hyacinths

I have had only fair luck at best with these

Seems to be hit and miss.

Muscari (Grape Hyacinth)

Can form thick mats

Will naturalize and can become weedy

They have a very nice blue color.

I have a bed that is a wave of blue in the spring from this plant

Narcissus (Daffodils)

I have used 10-12 different types.

In my opinion, probably the best spring flowering bulb, very perennial and the deer leave daffodils alone.

Unsurpassable - golden yellow

Carlton - yellow /light yellow

Carbineer - bright lemon yellow with orange/red cup

Fortissimo - soft yellow petals with orange cup

Mount Hood - white

Ice Follies - white with yellow cup

King Alfred - most common of Daffodils yellow

Johann Strauss -white with orange cup

Professor Einstein -crepe-paper like pure white cup, burnt orange cup

Tete-a-tete -very popular miniature, 5-6", plant in a small mass

Scilla siberica

A good, aggressive bulb for naturalizing.

Nice blue color

Will jump around the garden.

Tulips

I tend to use the botanic types, since they are the most perennial. I am trading off the more beautiful flowers for plants that are more perennial in the landscape

Kaufmanniana

Stressa - red and yellow, spotted foliage

Hearts Delight - red and pale pink

Fosteriana

Red Emperor - scarlet

White Emperor - white

Greigii

Red Riding Hood - red with red striated foliage

Carioca - orange yellow

Single late

Apricot Beauty- blend of apricot and soft salmon rose color

Queen of the Night-the dark maroon flowers are so dark they look black

Bleu Animable -Very dark blue, has returned for two years

Viridiflora Tulips

Hollywood - green, red and dark red petals