

GOOD GARDEN VARIETIES FOR METRO ATLANTA & NORTH GEORGIA

These GDS member-recommended daffodils grow well year after year.

For general bulb merchants carrying a good variety of daffodils, and specialty daffodil growers, visit the American Daffodil Society's web page <http://daffodilusa.org/growing-daffodils/bulb-sources-ordering-tips/general-bulb-merchant/>

Daffodils are coded by their general shape (the numeral) and then by their petal color (or "perianth") followed by the cup ("corona") color. Thus 1Y-Y translates to a trumpet (Division 1 type flower) yellow petals – yellow cup. A W-YYR flower has white petals and a mostly yellow cup with a red rim.

Color codes: G - green O - orange, P - pink, R - red, W - white, Y - yellow.
(For an explanation of the Division codes and associated flower forms, please visit the ADS web site.)

'Accent' 2 W-P Mid to Late Season – 1960 this was a break through flower for white-pink daffodils, developed by renowned American hybridizer Grant Mitsch. A rewarding garden flower.

'Actea' 9 W-YYR Mid to Late Season – An historic “pheasant eye” that never fails!

'Avalanche of Gold' 8 Y-Y Early to Mid Season – A sunny, fragrant addition to the garden. Long blooming and long lasting. A good multiplier, too.

'Barrett Browning' 3 WWY-O Early to Midseason – A joy in the garden! Very striking colors and a good multiplier.

'Berceuse' 2 W-P Mid Season - A lovely and long lasting White/Pink

'Bravoure' 1 W-Y Early to Midseason – Like its name it is big, bold and vigorous.

'Cassata' 11aW-W Mid to Late Season – This split cup (corona) beauty is floriferous and vigorous. Its ruffled yellow cup quickly turns to a milky white – a real attention-getter.

'Ceylon' 2 Y-O Early to Midseason – Vivid Yellow and orange. An eye-catcher in the landscape and show bench

'Cheerfulness' 4 W-Y Early to Midseason – A steadfast garden flower that also does well on the show bench. Heavily fragrant!

'Cragford' 8W-O Early to Midseason – Robust and reliable, its snow white petals and strong orange cup always delight. The large florets hold for a long bloom.

'Delibes' 2Y-YYO Early to Midseason – This yellow-orange flower always attracts attention and blooms with abandon.

'Dutch Master' 1Y-Y Early Midseason – A robust dependable yellow trumpet, a backbone flower for public plantings.

'Early Splendor' 8 W-O Mid to Late Season - Multiple blooms to a stem; good multiplier; fragrant.

'February Gold' 6Y-Y Early to Mid Season – A very early bloomer that forms clumps with numerous graceful flowers in February, when its bright yellow is most welcome. Its windswept look has been a favorite since 1923.

'Fortune 2Y-O Early to Mid Season – A long-lasting flower, its intense orange cup contrasts nicely with its broad yellow petals. Very dependable!

'Fortissimo' 2Y-o – Mid Season to Late Mid – A popular Classic group variety (1964), It is a consistent mid season bloomer. Its large size and bright color makes it a good landscape choice when planted en masse.

'Ice Follies' 2W-W Early to Mid Season – One of the most widely grown daffodils, it is also one of the most industrial in constitution and excellent for naturalized large drifts or public plantings. It opens with a yellow frilled cup that matures to creamy white against white petals.

'Jack Snipe' 6W-Y Early to Mid Season – This darling miniature daffodil has been adorning gardens since the mid 1940's.

'Minnow' 8W-Y Midseason – Another reliable Classic miniature, its pert florets provide a longer bloom period. Ideal for smaller garden spaces.

'Mount Hood' 1W-W Mid Season – There are other white trumpet daffodils with more refinement and grace, but none performs as well in Georgia. Introduced in 1937, it has been a best-seller ever since. The trumpet opens creamy yellow but matures to white.

'Pacific Rim' 2Y-YYR - This beauty has clear, vibrant yellow petals and a cup edged in striking orange-red. Never failing to win in shows and gardens, Pacific Rim is a born perennializer that produces loads of easy-care blooms year after year.

'Pink Charm' 2W-WWP Midseason – The other stalwart pink for the garden by Grant Mitsch. It's white throat sets off its Chinese coral pink rim.

'Pueblo' 7Y-Y Mid Season to Late Mid – VERY long lived flower! Does well in shade.

'Salome' 2W-PPY Mid to Late Season – Fragrant, beautifully shaped blooms combine creamy-white petals with large cups that turn apricot pink when mature. Mid-spring flowers last up to 18 days!

'Sailboat' 7W-W Late Midseason – A lovely jonquil of refined form, it performs well with full sun and happy neglect. The yellow cup fades to white, its jonquil narrow foliage adding to its gracefulness.

'Tete-a-Tete' 12Y-Y - Probably the most popular miniature daffodil. Its name comes from the frequency with which it produces two nodding florets per stem.

'Unsurpassable' 1Y-Y – Though never a "show" flower, it is extremely showy in the garden where its giant yellow trumpet stands out even from a distance.

Species and Species Hybrids:

***N. pseudonarcissus* 13Y-Y** – Its common names include "Early Virginia" and "Lent lily." As the most widely distributed wild species across Europe, it comes as no surprise that it is the most common species found in the South, as immigrants brought their daffodil bulbs with them. Short, graceful and an ancestor of modern trumpets, it was immortalized in Wordsworth's poem.

***N. obvalaris* 13Y-Y** – Better known as "Tenby," it was considered a wildflower from Wales. Related to *N. pseudonarcissus*, it is an all-yellow trumpet but with a slightly darker color and a more square look to its shorter trumpet. Its distinctive look garners it a devoted following.

***N. jonquilla* 13Y-Y** – Often called "sweeties," these little yellow flowers with their unruly rush-like foliage are the ancestor of all "jonquils," giving them its characteristic fragrance, deep yellow color, and multiple florets to a stem. A number of "strains" are commercially available, varying slightly in appearance and blooming time.