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Harbingers of Spring

BLUEBELLS & DAFFODILS

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THE TWO FINEST SUBJECTS FOR PERMANENT NATURALISTIC EFFECT



Narcissi (*Daffodils*) planted with *Mertensia* (*Bluebells*) create a very beautiful picture which repeats itself from year to year in increased volume.

Exceedingly effective, whether planted together—the *Mertensia* making a lovely blue foil for the *Daffodils*—or planted in separate groupings.

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DAFFODIL Trails



NATURALIZING Daffodils means scattering quantities of them irregularly. They "bring sunshine into shady places" most delightfully. A lightly-wooded bank cov-

ered with these golden flowers with the young fronds of ferns is a charming sight, as is a grove of white birches carpeted with them.

TO DAFFODILS

*"Faire Daffodils we weep to see
You haste away so soone;
As yet the early rising sun
Has not attain'd his noone.
Stay, stay*

*Until the basting day
Has run
But to the even-song;
And having pray'd together, we
Will goe with you along."*

—HERRICK in "Hesperides."

DAFFODIL TRAILS

One of the greatest joys of Gardening is the planting of Daffodils for permanent naturalistic effect. Spangle the forest floors with charming flowers creating long

vistas that will carry the eye to stretches of soft or brilliant color. This effect has great beauty and charm.

*"A host of golden Daffodils,
beside the lake, beneath the trees,"*

It is thus that Daffodils should ever be seen, a fluttering, dancing crowd; a few here, a few there. The borders, the woods,

the orchards, the banks should be alight with them.

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.....	Supreme Mixture.....	\$75.00 per 1,000
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.....	Short-Cupped Mixture	45.00 per 1,000
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MERTENSIA VIRGINICA (Bluebells)

.....	Extra Heavy Flowering Clumps	15.00 per 100
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NARCISSI (Daffodils)

"When Daffodils begin to peer,
With heigh! the doxy o'r the dale
Why, then comes in the sweet o' the year."

—SHAKESPEARE.

The Descent of the Stars

' . . . Daffodils,
That come before the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty; . . . ?

—THE WINTER'S TALE.

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WE LIKE to urge you to order this fine material *NOW* (using the enclosed return postcard), for delivery and planting in September-October, to flower the following spring and for many years thereafter in ever greater profusion. No cost of cultivation or care; leave them undisturbed; they succeed and are absolutely hardy everywhere.

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All charges included except expressage from New York. For named varieties of all Daffodils we respectfully refer to our 1935 Edition of "Beauty from Bulbs." Planting for prompt effect, four bulbs are required per square foot, the better way being to scatter the bulbs and plant wherever they fall.

DAFFODILS NATURALIZED IN WOODS



DAFFODILS NATURALIZED ON A BANK





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MERTENSIA VIRGINICA (Bluebells)

Indispensable in the Garden for Color Effect or for Naturalizing

Herbaceous, with stems nearly erect, simple or somewhat branched; two feet tall from a perennial root.

Flowers porcelain-blue, turning pink with age; showy; about one inch long, in short, pendant clusters; petals united to form a trumpet-like, plaited corolla with slender tube and flaring cup.

Absolutely hardy, multiplies rapidly; for immediate effect, should be planted in strong selected CLUMPS; a clump will produce several flower sprays, as shown above, the first season after planting.

Extra-Heavy FLOWERING CLUMPS: \$1.75 for ten; \$15 per hundred. Single strong roots and smaller clumps can be supplied at correspondingly lower prices, but these are not recommended for immediate effect

In nature grows in considerable shade, prefers some sand, but it adjusts itself to almost any location.

Splendid for the open border or for naturalizing along the woodland path, in the dell, along the brook or pond; flowering as it does from the time the Daffodils are in bloom, continuing while the Mayflowering Tulips are at their best, they form a fine combination with them.

Best time to plant is during the months of June to September, though successful planting may be done up to frost.

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