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PRICE LIST

OF

# CALIFORNIA BULBS,

CARL PURDY,  
\* COLLECTOR AND DEALER \*  
WHOLESALE ONLY.

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# STANDARD VARIETIES.

500 at 1,000 rate.

The following list includes the best species for the general trade.

1st. Because supplies can be depended upon. I handle these species in large quantities. The bulbs I send out are of extra quality, carefully selected, of even grade, and including no small or imperfect ones. This is made possible by the quantities I handle.

2d. In beauty the species in this list will compare with the best. Supplies are kept on hand until January 1st. Prices are with postage paid. 500 at 1,000 rate.

To florists wishing to select a short list of Californian bulbs, I would especially recommend those species marked with a dagger, as the best for their purpose.



BRODIEA COCCINEA

## BRODIAEAS.

**Brodiaeas** have narrow, grassy leaves, proceeding from the ground, slender stems, and a head or umbel of lily-like flowers. All are easily grown and forced, doing well in clayey, rather moist soils, but should be dried off at time of blooming.

**Section 1.** In this section the flower stem is erect, bearing an umbel of trumpet shaped blossoms on stems an inch to three or more inches long. Often a bulb throws up several stalks. These are closely related to the Mexican, *Milla biflora*, and were first called *Milla* by botanists; also *Tritelia*.

	Per 100.	1000
X + <i>Brodia grandiflora</i> —Has few, very large, glossy, purple blossoms	\$1 00	6 65
X <i>Ixiodes</i> —Low, many light yellow blossoms, banded with green	1 00	6 65
X <i>laxa</i> —Tall, many large, blue flowers	1 00	6 65
X <i>lactea</i> —Eight inches to a foot; flowers milky white, banded with green	1 00	6 65
X + <i>stellaris</i> —The handsomest of all Brodiaeas; very low, flowers rich purple with white center, in a star like cluster	1 50	10 00

**Section 2. Slender. Flower stalks bearing a lense head of flowers.**

X	<b>Brodia Capitata</b> —Twelve inches; purple .....	1 00	6 65
X	<b>congesta</b> —Two to four feet high; purple .....	1 50	10 00
X	<b>multiflora</b> —Low, six inches; several slender stalks from bulb, flowers purple .....	1 50	10 00
X	<b>Section 3. Brevoortia.</b>		
	† <b>B. coccinea</b> (Floral fire cracker)—Tall grass like stem, two or three feet high, bearing a pendent umbel of blossoms one to three inches long, rich blood crimson, tipped with greenish white. A great novelty, and appropriately named .....	1 50	10 00
X	<b>Mixed Brodias</b> .....	90	6 00

**CALOCHORTUS.**

**Section 1. Mariposa or Butterfly Tulips.**

Erect cup like flowers of large size and of the richest and most brilliant colors; borne on stiff slender stalks eight to twenty inches high; from a few to fifteen or twenty on a stalk. Highly recommended for winter flowering, and gaining great popularity in the East and Europe. Each species has great variations in coloring



**C. PULCHELLUS.**

X	<b>C. splendens</b> —Lustrous purple .....	3 00	20 00
X	† <b>venustus ocellatus</b> —White ground inside, with eye like spots richly colored; reddish brown outside, exceedingly showy and one of the very best .....	1 50	10 00
X	<b>venustus citrinus</b> —Same, but citron yellow .....	1 50	10 00



X	†venustus roseus—Creamy inside, with rose colored blotch at top of petal, a beautiful, tinted eye in center, and silky gland at base; rich carmine on back: a perfect gem	2 40	16 00
X	venustus purpurascens—Rich, purplish lilae, with eye like spots on petal	2 25	15 00
X	luteus—Yellow, low growing	1 50	10 00
X	†Gunnisonii or C. Nuttallii—Tall, large creamy, white flowers, banded on back with green; strong growing; one of the very best for popular culture	1 50	10 00

This species is really C. Nuttallii, but has been widely sold as C. Gunnisonii and is better known by that name.

**Section 2. Star Tulips.**

A single long shiny leaf, often a foot long, slender drooping stems bearing many flowers, some species open bell shaped, others closed and globular.

X	†C. albus—Strong growing; the flowers are nearly white globes, lined with silky hairs. Often an inch in diameter.	1 80	12 00
X	maurandus—	I 50	10 00
X	caerules—} Delicate open bells, white, lined with silky blue hairs		
X	lilacinus—Erect cups, light lilac; fine; one of the easiest cultivated and most satisfactory	1 50	10 00
X	†pulchellus—The same as C. albus, but rich yellow; one of the hardiest and most beautiful	1 50	10 00
X	Mixed Calceolus	1 20	8 00

I put up a selection of the hardiest varieties, very fine, and sure to give satisfaction



**ERYTHRONIUMS.**

X	† Erythronium grandiflorum—A beautiful flower; grows in shaded places, in rock and mold. The leaves are broad and richly mottled in brown, green, and white. Flowers recurved like a lily; straw colored, two to ten to a stalk	1 50	10 00
X	E. Smithii—In habit like the last. Flowers opening pure white, often changing to purple	2 25	15 00

**VARIOUS BULBS.**

<i>Camassia esculenta</i> —Many glossy base leaves, erect stalk ten to fifteen inches high; fine purple blossoms; lily shaped.....	1 20	8 00
<i>Fritillaria lanceolata</i> —Tall, flowers greenish yellow.....	3 00	20 00
† <i>F. recurva</i> var. <i>pluri flora</i> —Like <i>F. recurva</i> , but much larger and stronger. The immense <i>F. recurva</i> that I have sent out for some years are really this. The difference from <i>F. recurva</i> lies in different leaves, stronger growth, and more profuse flowering.....	3 00	20 00

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**TIME OF DELIVERY.**

Bulbs of the preceding varieties become dry like crocus or narcissus when ripe. Most species are ripe by June 1st. All excepting *C. Gunnisonii* can be shipped in ordinary seasons by July 1st. *C. Gunnisonii* in August or early September. They are light, easily handled, and can be sent by mail readily. Prices include postage and packing.



FRIILLARIA RECURVA.

## OTHER CALOCHORTUS, BRODIAES, ETC.

One-Third off on 500 of a Sort.

These species are uncertain of supply. Trained collectors make long trips, usually but once a year, into the out of the way places in the mountains and deserts of the Pacific Slope or Great Basin. Dry seasons, forest fires, sheep grazing a country bare, or the arrival of the collector a little too late to find the bulb, or too early to dig, may disappoint him after a journey of hundreds of miles. I usually secure nearly all of these species, but occasional disappointment is inevitable, and time of delivery uncertain, but usually by August 1st. I carry small stock of many of them but not enough to meet demand. Dealers wishing to offer any of these in their fall lists, can place their orders with me with instructions to cancel if not delivered by a set date, early enough to allow omission from lists.

	Per 100.	1000
X <b>Bloomeria aurea</b> —Is a genus nearly related to Brodiaes; tall with flowers as in Brodiaea ixioides .....	\$4 50	---
X <b>Clevelandii</b> —Similar to B. aurea .....	5 00	---
<b>Brodiaea Orcuttii</b> .....	5 00	---
X <b>peduncularis</b> —Flowers glossy purple on long stems; rare....	2 25	---
<b>terrestris</b> —Closely resembling B. stellaris .....	2 25	---
<i>Small supply</i> X <b>volubilis</b> —(Stropholirion Californica). A great novelty. The flower stalks climbing like a honeysuckle. Pink.....	4 50	---
X <b>capitata var alba</b> —The same as B. capitata but pure white ..	2 40	---

### CALOCHORTUS.

#### Sec. 1. Mariposa Tulips.

<b>Calochortus aureus</b> —Golden, one of the loveliest .....	10 00	/---
X <b>Leichtlinii</b> —The Sierra form of C. Nuttallii; low growing, lovely creamy white flowers, banded with green on back of petals .....	2 25	---
X <b>macrocarpus</b> —A stout tall species, lilac flowers, banded purple .....	3 00	---
<b>Kennedyii</b> —The rarest species, brick red .....	10 00	---
<b>lugens</b> —A fine species from Utah .....	10 00	---
<b>flexuosus</b> —Clear lilac; very rare .....	10 00	---
X <b>Weedii</b> —Very large orange yellow flowers, delicately dotted with brown, and covered with silky hairs; very fine. ....	6 00	---
<b>Palmerii</b> —White .....	7 50	---

#### Sec. 2. Star Tulips.

X <b>nudus</b> —Between C. ilaevinus and C. maweanus; rare and fine .....	4 50	---
X <b>uniflorus</b> —A large flowered species, similar to C. lilacinus; white ..	4 50	---
X <b>Benthamii</b> —A yellow form like C. maweanus in habit .....	3 00	---

### FRITILLARIAS.

X <b>Fritillaria biflora</b> —Tall, flowers mottled in green and brown. ....	3 00	---
X <b>lilacea</b> —A very fine variety, low growing; white .....	3 00	---
X <b>pubica</b> —Similar, but yellow. ....	3 00	---
<i>Can get yet coming.</i> X <b>recurva</b> —A beautiful species, about 6 inches to a foot high, with a raceme of bright scarlet bells. See F. recurva var. pluriflora in standard list. ....	3 00	---
<b>parviflora</b> —Yellow .....	4 50	---



# LILIES.

250 at 1,000 rate.

X	Lilium Humboldtii—Large and tall; orange red flowers	10 00	70 00
X	L. pardalinum—Hardy and very handsome, prefers a rich moist soil.		
	Flowers crimson with black spots	7 50	50 00
X	parvum—Low growing; flowers bell like, crimson, bulb small	7 50	50 00
	maritimum—Similar to last; very rare. Blood red	10 00	70 00
X	Washingtonianum—Very large and strong; fragrant white flowers	10 00	70 00
X	Washingtonianum—(Shasta Lily) Last season I found a strain of this beautiful lily which seems to be to it what L. Columbianum is to L. Humboldtii. They are quite floriferous, two to three feet high, but with bulbs only weighing from one to three ounces	6 00	40 00
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X	Chlorogalum pomeridianum—Soap root. Tall pearly white flowers.		
	Very large bulb	4 50	---
X	Trillium Sessile var. Californica—A lovely lily-like flower, two or three inches across. Set in three large dark leaves. Large bulbs	3 00	---
X	T. ovatum Flower pure white, changing to wine purple, very fine	3 00	---

Prices are for good sound bulbs of medium size, packed ready for shipment. L. pardalinum, L. parvum, L. maritimum and L. rubescens are light and best shipped by express or mail. L. Washingtonianum and L. Humboldtii weigh from forty to fifty pounds per 100, packed for shipment, large ones still heavier. These had better go by freight.

L. pardalinum and L. Humboldtii are ripe and can be shipped in latter part of August. L. rubescens should by no means be dug before October 1st, as if dug before ripe, decay quickly sets in. L. Washingtonianum is usually ready to dig early in October. L. maritimum is collected in July, but is best not shipped until cool weather sets in. L. parvum is usually ripe in September.

I will lay Lilies down in San Francisco. From San Francisco to New York freight on bulbs is \$4.20 per 100 pounds. Express \$15.00 per 100 pounds. Orders for L. rubescens and L. maritimum are taken subject to contingencies of supply. Supply of others is reliable.

## TERMS.

*All accounts become due on January 1st following sale, and are subject to Sight Draft after that date. Liberal discount for cash.*

*C. venustus roseus*  
*C. venustus purpurascens,*

GALLOCHORTIS.  
*C. venustus ocellatus.*  
*C. pulchellus.*

*C. venustus citrinus.*  
*C. albus.*

