

ANNA JOHNSON'S TOP 10 BULBS FOR WEST TEXAS

1. **DUTCH MASTER NARCISSUS "DAFFODILS"** – truly a repeat bloomer and naturalizer that is reliable year after year. Plant in full sun to part shade 18-20".
2. **CROCUS**- all varieties are worth trying as this is a hardy spring bloomer. Often featured in January garden magazines as "heralds of spring" these guys are true to their reputation for coming up in the snow and blooming at the first signs of spring. Plant en masse along borders or walkways or get a handful and throw them up in the air and plant them where they fall into your lawn for a nice surprise and natural order this spring. Plant in full sun to part shade 4-6" tall.
3. **LILAC WONDER AND CYNTHIA TULIPS** species tulips that volunteers even after our hot summers. Only 6-8" tall tuck these in PART SHADE! to full sun.
4. **LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD TULIP**- not just because of the perfect name but the perfect nature of this reliable glorious RED tulip. Plant in full sun to part shade 10-12".
5. **IPHEION**– nobody knows the name but everyone wants to know "what is that beautiful blue flower that comes up every year in my garden." Naturalizing to a sea of blue flowers in the springtime this little bulb is really the bang for the buck in terms of reliability and its multiplying nature. Full sun to part shade blooms mid spring 4-8" tall.
6. **CHIONODOXA**- another "no namer" that everyone really should know! This other naturalizing "sea of blue" should be inter-planted with the Ipheion to create bloom-time "layering". This bulb will bloom from early spring to mid spring making it the obvious choice to layer with Ipheion a mid-season bloomer. Full sun to part shade 4-6" tall.
7. **GRAPE HYACINTH, MUSCARI**- an old fashioned favorite that now comes in all kinds of new and unusual shades and shapes. Plant in full sun 4-8" tall.
8. **HARDY CYCLAMEN**- elegant pink, white, or burgundy blooms from early fall on through late spring. Part shade 4-6" tall.
9. **OXALIS**- One of the most prolific bloomers from early spring through light frosts of fall 4-6" tall. Try Adenophylla for an unusual flower-shaped leaf with prolific pale pink flowers. Or wait until spring we carry the giant purple leafed variety and iron cross (a variegated leaf) in addition to the usual dark pink and white varieties.
10. **LADY DIANA TULIP** another beautiful species tulip that pays you back year after year with bright lemon yellow blooms edged in white sunshine. Full sun to part shade 10-12"

BONUS! Last tip, Hybrid Tulips do exceedingly well here if you plant them properly...DEEP plant them 8-10" deep so that they are not affected by our extreme summer temperatures. When you plant these Hybrid Tulips I recommend mostly mid season varieties so you miss the windy days of late spring and the early sporadic freezes of early spring so you can really enjoy your efforts!

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