



Suggested Daffodil Cultivars for Iowa

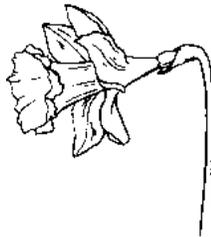
Daffodils are a welcome sign of spring. To enjoy their beauty, gardeners must plant daffodils in the fall. There are several thousand daffodil varieties (cultivars). All daffodils can be placed into one of thirteen divisions based on physical characteristics and genetic heritage.

All of the following cultivars are hardy throughout Iowa (USDA Hardiness Zones 4 and 5), except where noted.



Division I: Trumpet Daffodils

One flower to a stem. The cup or corona is equal to or longer than the “petals.” (The “petals” are actually composed of the petals and sepals and are collectively known as the perianth.)



Suggested cultivars

- ‘Bravoure’—white petals, long yellow “stove pipe” cup
- ‘Dutch Master’—medium yellow flower
- ‘Golden Harvest’—golden yellow flower
- ‘King Alfred’—yellow flower, heirloom introduced in 1899
- ‘Las Vegas’—creamy white petals, yellow cup
- ‘Marieke’—golden yellow flower
- ‘Mount Hood’—white petals, creamy yellow cup fades to white
- ‘Spellbinder’—pale yellow flower, trumpet turns white
- ‘Unsurpassable’—golden yellow flower

Division II: Large Cupped Daffodils

One flower to a stem. The cup or corona is more than one-third, but less than equal to the length of the perianth segments.

Suggested cultivars

- ‘Carlton’—yellow petals, golden yellow cup
- ‘Ceylon’—golden yellow petals, orange cup
- ‘Delibes’—yellow petals, yellow-orange cup with bright orange rim

- ‘Flower Record’—white petals, yellow red-rimmed cup
- ‘Fortissimo’—yellow petals, orange cup
- ‘Ice Follies’—white petals, yellow cup fades to creamy white
- ‘Professor Einstein’—white petals, orange-red cup
- ‘Salome’—white petals, salmon pink cup
- ‘Stainless’—pure white flower

Division III: Small Cupped Daffodils

One flower to a stem. The cup or corona is no more than one-third the length of the perianth segments.

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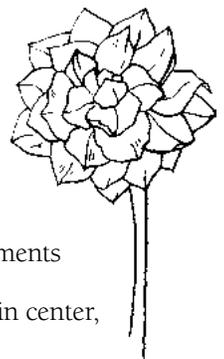
- ‘Barrett Browning’—white petals, orange-red cup
- ‘Merlin’—white petals, red-rimmed yellow cup
- ‘Polar Ice’—all white flower
- ‘Segovia’—white petals, light yellow cup, 6 inches tall

Division IV: Double Daffodils

One or more flowers to a stem. The perianth or corona, or both, is doubled.

Suggested cultivars

- ‘Cheerfulness’—creamy white petals with white and yellow flecked centers
- ‘Manly’—pale yellow with dark orange segments
- ‘Tahiti’—yellow with orange-red markings in center, one flower per stem
- ‘Wave’—white petals, yellow frilled cup
- ‘White Lion’—white with hints of yellow and orange
- ‘Yellow Cheerfulness’—yellow flower, two or three flowers per stem



Division V: Triandrus Daffodils

Two or more pendant flowers to a stem. The perianth segments curve backwards or are reflexed.

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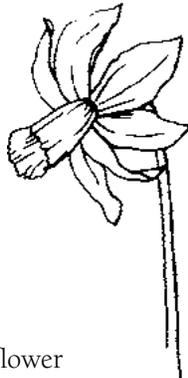
- ‘Hawera’—pale yellow flower, 6 to 8 inches tall
- ‘Petrel’—pure white flower, three to five flowers per stem
- ‘Thalia’—two or three pure white flowers per stem

Division VI: Cyclamineus Daffodils

Usually one flower per stem. The perianth segments curve back away from the cup. The flowers somewhat resemble the cyclamen in appearance.

Suggested cultivars

'February Gold'—yellow petals with darker yellow cup
'Jack Snipe'—white petals, yellow cup
'Jetfire'—yellow petals, orange cup
'Peeping Tom'—all yellow flower



Division VII: Jonquilla Daffodils

Several fragrant flowers per stem. Leaves or foliage narrow and dark green.

Suggested cultivars

'Pipit'—yellow flower, cup fades to white
'Quail'—two to four yellow flowers per stem
'Sweetness'—golden yellow, sweetly fragrant flower

Division VIII: Tazetta Daffodils

Many flowers per stem. Flowers possess a musky, sweet fragrance. This division includes the non-hardy, paper white daffodils, which are commonly forced indoors during winter.

Suggested cultivars

'Cragford'—white petals, reddish orange cup, hardy to zone 5
'Falconet'—yellow petals, orange cup
'Geranium'—white petals, orange cup
'Minnow'—light yellow petals, yellow cup, 6 to 8 inches tall, hardy to zone 5

Division IX: Poeticus Daffodils

Usually one flower to a stem. Perianth segments are pure white. Cup is usually disc-shaped.

Suggested cultivars

'Actaea'—white petals, small yellow cup edged in red
'Angel Eyes'—white petals, chartreuse-yellow cup with orange-red rim

Division X: Bulbocodium Daffodils

Flower consists of small, insignificant petals and a large, prominent corona. Flowers resemble a "hoop petticoat."

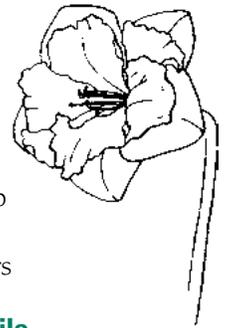
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'Golden Bells'—golden yellow megaphone-shaped flowers



Division XI: Split Corona Daffodils

The corona or cup is split more than half its length. Sometimes referred to as butterfly daffodils.



Suggested cultivars

'Cassata'—white petals, lemon yellow cup fades to creamy white
'Tripartite'—fragrant lemon yellow flowers

Division XII: Miscellaneous Daffodils

All daffodils not falling into one of the previous divisions.

Suggested cultivars

'Jumble'—yellow petals, long yellow-orange cup, two or three flowers per stem, 6 inches tall
'Tête-a-Tête'—yellow petals, yellow-orange corona, one to three flowers per stem, 6 to 8 inches tall

Division XIII: Species, Wild Variants, and Wild Hybrids

All species and wild or reputedly wild variants.

Suggested cultivars

N. poeticus var. *recurvus*—white petals, yellow cup with red rim, commonly known as Pheasant's Eye

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