

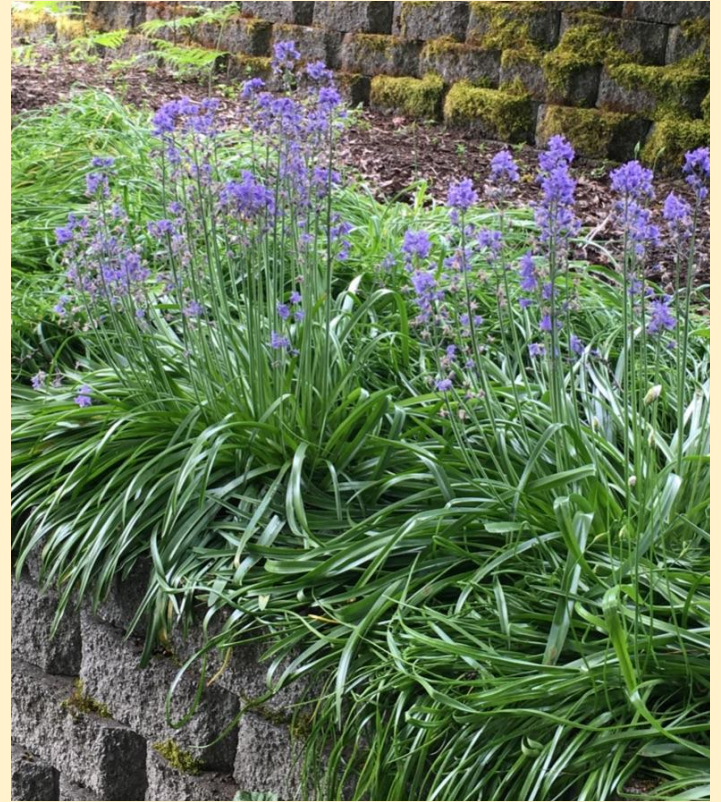
Spring ephemerals In the garden

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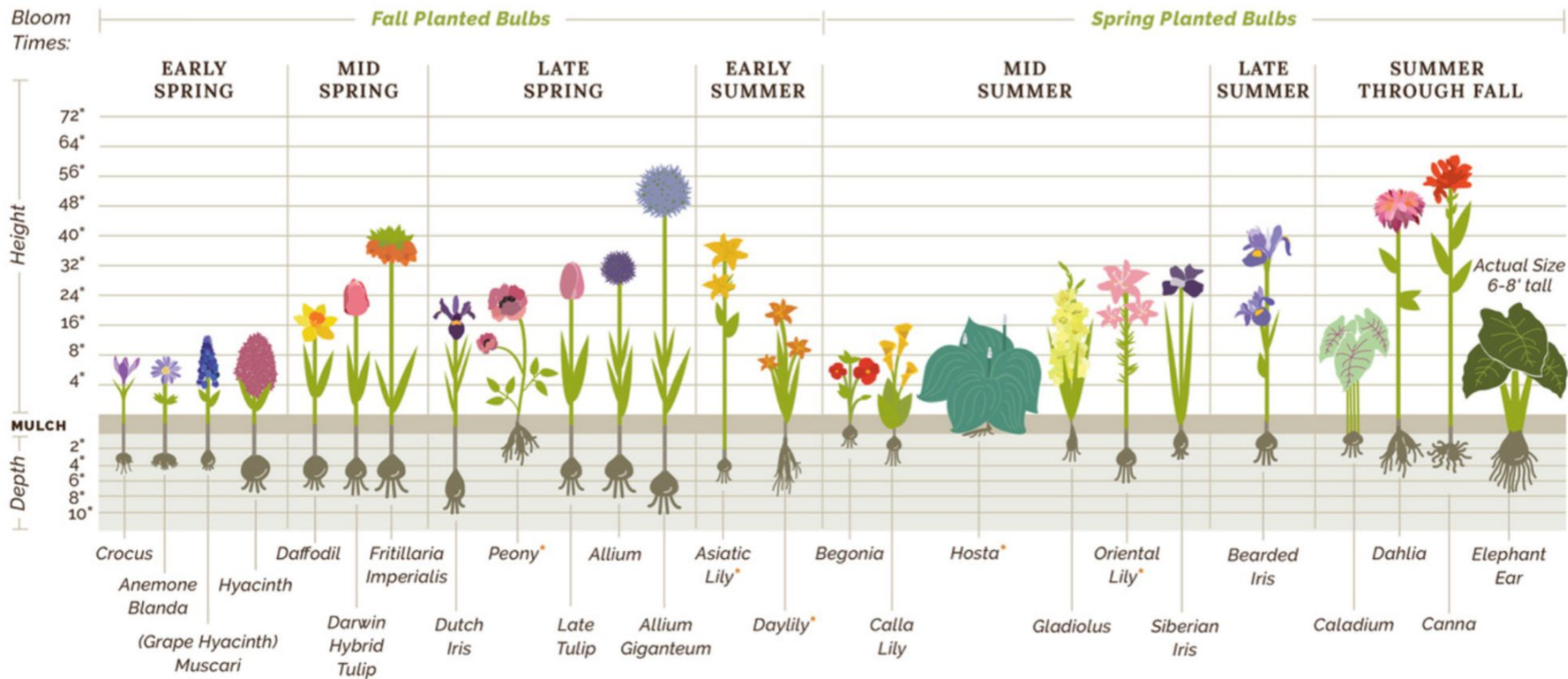
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Most of us are familiar with the common bulbs in the spring, daffodils, tulips, hyacinths. But that is just a few of the many spring ephemerals that are the highlight right now. Ephemeral because they are spectacular for a few weeks in the early winter and spring but start to die back quickly and dormant by the summer. Why consider spring ephemerals?

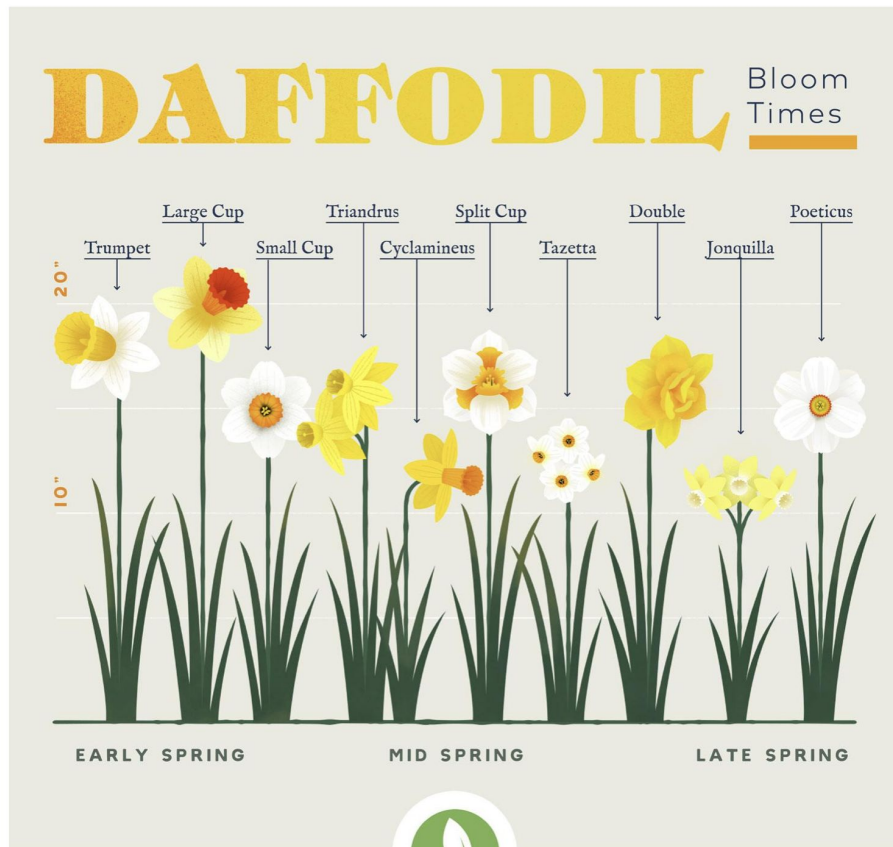
- With these plants going dormant by early summer, you can get at least two seasons of interest in the same spot. You want to look on how to extend your season.
- Provides a food source for wildlife when not much else is blooming.
- Regarding bulbs, they are inexpensive and you can get a lot of bang for your buck.
- And who doesn't need some exuberant and happy plants after the gray winter?



Bluebells, love them or hate them?



Bloom times differ within groups, you can have months of tulips & daffodils if you plan!

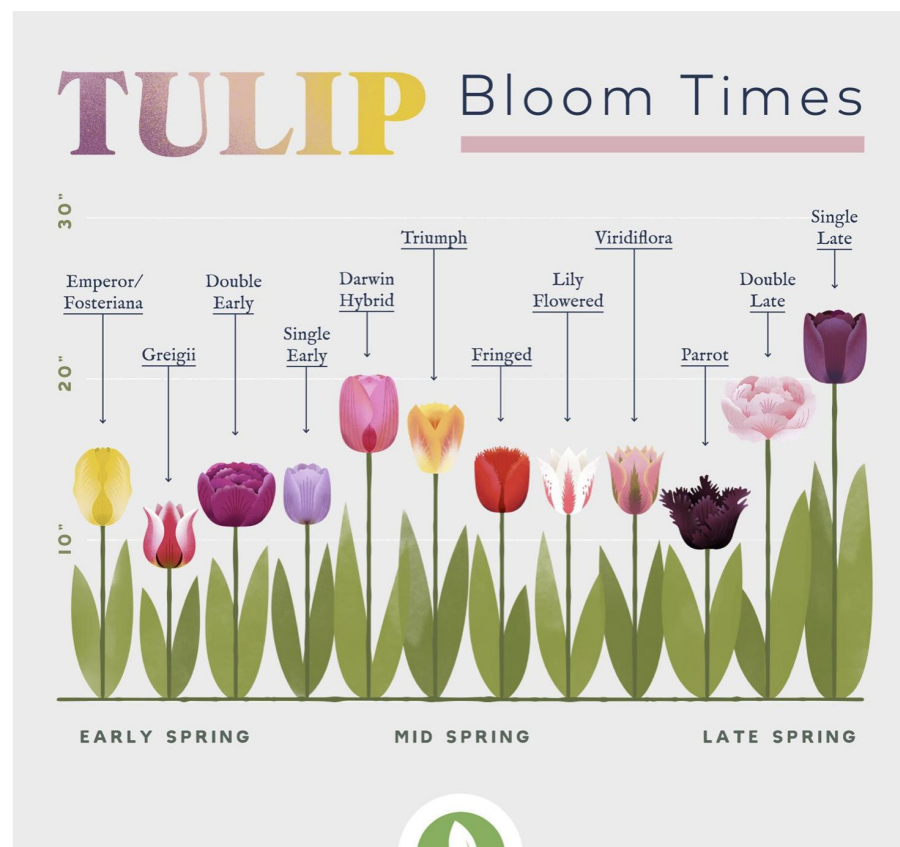


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Galanthus nivalis Snowdrops



NATIVE PLANT



Erythronium oregonum
Fawn Lily





Anemone blanda Windflower
Anemone nemerosa Wood anemone



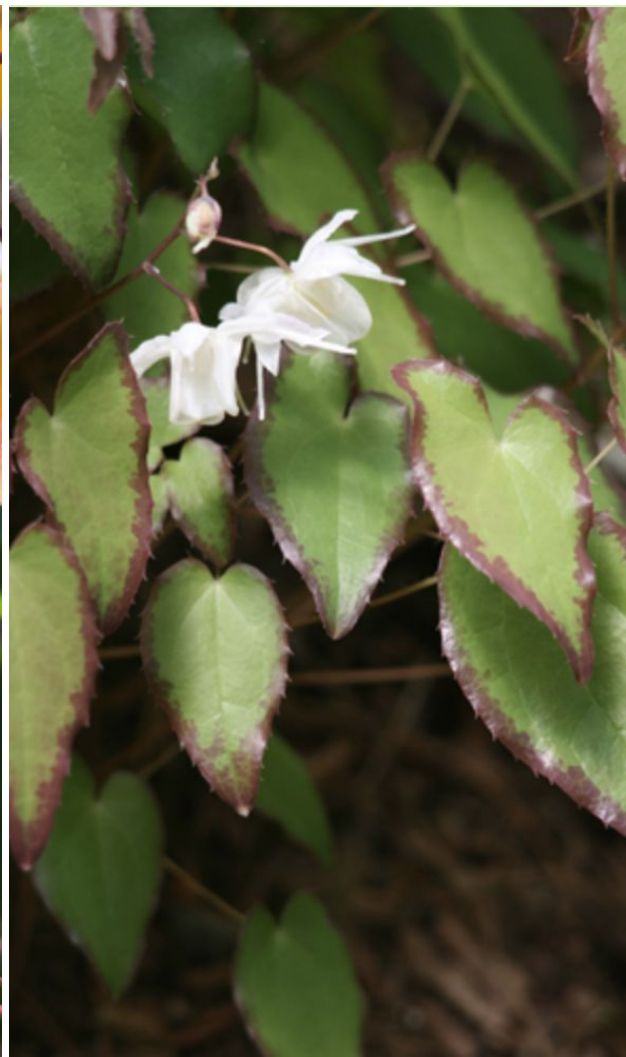


Fritillaria meleagris Checker Lily

**NATIVE PLANT
GARDENER EXTRA CREDIT**



Trillium albidum, Trillium ovatum



Epimediums sp.



Hamamelis x intermedia
Witchazel





Primula kisoana, Primula sieboldii



Cornus mas
Cornelian cherry





Viburnum × *bodnantense* 'Dawn'



Pulmonaria Lungwort



Ompahloides verna
Creeping forget me not

Time to trim those grasses!



Erica carnea Winter heath

RESOURCES

- <https://www.greatplantpicks.org>
- <https://landscapeplants.oregonstate.edu>
- <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org>
- <https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/center-for-urban-horticulture/>
- <https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/washington-park-arboretum/gardens/joseph-a-witt-winter-garden/>