



Flowering Bulbs Basics and **Natives from the PNW**

2024 Northwest Flower & Garden Festival

Thank you for joining our Flowering Bulb presentation at the 2024 NW Flower & Garden Show! We hope you enjoyed it and learned more about the wonders of flowering bulbs. We also hope you gained new ideas and/or inspo about using native bulbs in your garden.

As with anything, there is always more to learn beyond the “basics” and we’re excited for you to continue on your gardening journey! Below are a few notes from our presentation and other information we thought would be helpful. You can always reach out to us at the contact info listed on the back page. Good luck and happy gardening!

~ Sean and Allison McManus, Spoken Garden

5 types of Bulbs	
True Bulbs	Daffodils, Tulips, Alliums
Corms	Gladiolus, Crocosmia, Crocus, Anemones
Tuberous Roots	Dahlias, Tuberous Begonias
Tubers	Colocasia, Potato, Oxalis
Rhizome	Iris, Canna Lilies



3 Bulb Growing Mistakes to Avoid

- 1) Don't forget where you planted your bulbs and then plant other plants over them. No need for your bulbs to compete with other plants for space, light, or water.
- 2) Don't plant bulbs in poor draining soil or where water pools regularly for more than an hour.
- 3) Don't plant dead or diseased bulbs – do the squeeze test.

Forecasted Frost Dates for Surrounding Area

Bellingham – Last frost date: 4/8 /
1st fall-frost date: 10/26

Seattle (downtown) – Last frost date: 3/21 / 1st fall-frost date: 11/10

Spokane, WA – Last frost date: 5/1 /
1st fall-frost date: 10/7

Tacoma – Last frost date: 3/17 / 1st fall-frost date: 11/7

Boise, ID – Last frost date: 4/30 / 1st fall-frost date: 10/14

Missoula, MT – Last frost date: 5/17 /
1st fall-frost date: 10/26

Portland, OR – Last frost date: 3/6 /
1st fall-frost date: 11/22

10 Native Bulbs You Can Grow Here

1. Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*)
2. Naked Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus nudus*)
3. Great Camas (*Camassia leichtlinii*)
4. Common Camas (*Camassia quamash*)
5. Coast Fawn Lily (*Erythronium revolutum*)
6. Chocolate Lily or Checkered Lily (*Fritillaria affinis*)
7. Douglas Iris (*Iris douglasiana*)
8. Columbian Lily (*Lilium columbianum*)
9. Western Trillium (*Trillium ovatum*)
10. Fools Onion (*Triteleia hyacinthine*)

Online Native Bulb Retailers

[oBrentandbeckysbulbs.com](https://www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com)

[oLongfield-Gardens.com](https://www.longfield-gardens.com)

[oWoodbrookNativePlantNursery.com](https://www.woodbrooknativeplantnursery.com)

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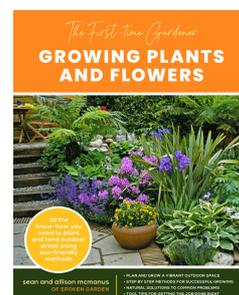
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Dibby Tools: Sold on Etsy and Amazon

Book: "The First-time Gardener: Growing Plants and Flowers," *Cool Springs Press, 2021*



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