



BULB CALENDAR FOR CANBERRA AND SIMILAR CLIMATES

Name & common name	Planting season:	Plant		Flowering season
		cm deep	cm apart	
Allium (Onion Flower)	Autumn	8	10	Late Spring and Summer
Alstroemeria (Peruvian Lily)	Autumn - Winter	10–12	30	Late Spring and Summer
Amaryllis (Belladonna Lily)	Late Autumn - Winter	Neck at soil level	25	Late Summer – early Autumn
Anemone	Autumn	3–5	20	Spring
Babiana (Baboon Flower)	Autumn	15–20	10	Late Spring
Brodiaea or Tritoleia	Autumn	6	7	Late Spring
Bulbinella floribunda (Cat's Tail)	Nov – Dec	Crown at soil level	In groups	Late Winter & early Spring

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Canna	Winter – early Spring	5	50	Summer & Autumn
Chionodoxa (Glory of the Snow)	Early Autumn	5–10	10	Early Spring
Clivea (Kaffir Lily)	Autumn	Crown clear of soil	50	Late Spring
Colchicum (Autumn Crocus)	January	5–8	10	Autumn
Convallaria majalis (Lily of the Valley)	Winter	5	15	Spring
Crocasmia (Monbretia)	Early Winter	10	15	Summer
Crocus	Feb-March	5	10	Spring
Cyclamen	Late Summer to Autumn	9	In groups	Autumn to Spring, depending on variety
Dahlia	Oct – Nov	8–10	75	Autumn
Dierama (Wand Flower)	Early Winter	10	15	Summer
Eranthis (Winter aconite)	Jan-Feb	8	10	Early Spring
Erythonium (Dog's tooth violet)	Autumn	8	10	Spring
Eucomis (Pineapple lily)	Winter	Top at soil level	30	Summer
Freesia refracta	Autumn	5	5–8	Spring
Fritillaria	Autumn	10	30	Spring
Galanthus (Snowdrops)	Autumn	8–10	Clumps	Spring
Galtonia candicans (Cape hyacinth)	Winter	5–10	20–25	Summer
Gladiolus	Spring to Dec	10–12	15–20	Summer – Autumn

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Gloriosa (Climbing lily)	Oct	5–8	30	
Hemerocallis (Day lily)	Autumn – Winter	10	30	Summer
Hippeastrum	Winter	Neck above soil	30–40	Spring
Hosta (Plantain lily)	Winter	Crown at soil level	30–50	Spring & Summer
Hyacinthoides (Bluebell)	Autumn	5–8	Clumps	Spring
Hyacinthus (hyacinth)	Late Summer	10–15	15	Spring
Hymenocallis (Spider lily)	Early Spring	Neck at soil level	20, in clumps	Late Summer
Ipheion uniflorum (Spring star)	Autumn	5	5	Early Spring
Iris, Bearded	Early December	Top just above soil	40–50	Late Spring
Iris, Japanese	Autumn	Top at soil level	30–40	Early Summer
Iris, Louisiana	Late Summer	5–8	30–50	Late Spring
Iris, Californian	May – June	Just below soil level	40	Late Spring
Iris, Siberica	Late Winter	Crown just below soil	40	Late Spring
Iris, Spuria	Autumn	3–5	40	Early Summer
Iris, Stylosa	Early Spring	2	40	Winter
Iris, Crested (I. Japonica)	Early December	Top just above soil	40–50	October
Iris, Dutch	Autumn	10–12	15	Mid-Spring
Ixia (African Corn lily)	Autumn	5–8	8	Late Spring
Kniphofia (Red hot poker)	Autumn – Winter	10	50	Summer & Autumn

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Lachenalia (Cape cowslip)	Autumn	8–10	5–10	Spring
Lapeirousia laxa (Scarlet freesia)	Autumn	5	2–5	Early Summer
Leucojum (Snowflake)	mid-Summer to Autumn	5–10	5–10 in clumps	Late Winter / early Spring
Lilium	April – July	5–20 depending on variety	45 max, depending on variety	November – February
Lycoris (Spider lily)	Winter	Soil cover twice length of bulb	10	Autumn
Moraea (Peacock iris)	Autumn	5	5	Spring
Muscari (Grape hyacinth)	Autumn	10	10 in clumps	Early Spring
Narcissus (Daffodils and Jonquils)	Autumn	Soil cover twice length of bulb	10–20 in clumps	Spring
Nerine (Spider lily)	Winter to early Spring	Neck above ground	15	Autumn
Ornithogalum (Star of Bethlehem)	Autumn	10–15	15	Spring
Polygonatum (Solomon's Seal)	Autumn - Winter	5–8	25–30	Spring
Ranunculus asiaticus	Autumn	5	15	Spring
Rhodohypoxis	Autumn	2	2	Summer
Scilla (Squill)	Autumn	5–8	5–8	Spring
Sparaxis (Harlequin flower)	Autumn	5–8	10	Spring
Sprekelia formosissima (Jacobean lily)	Late Winter to early Spring	Neck at soil level	15	Summer

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Sternbergia lutea (Autumn crocus)	Jan to Feb	8–10	10–12 in groups	Autumn
Tigridia pavonia (Tiger flower)	May – August	5–10	15	Summer and Autumn
Trillium (Wake Robin)	Autumn	5–10	30	Spring
Tulipa (Tulip)	Late Autumn	5–8	10–15	Spring
Watsonia (Bugle lily)	Autumn	8–10	15–20 in clumps	October – November
Zantedeschia (Arum lily, Calla lily)	Late autumn	10–15	30–40	Spring / Summer
Zephyranthes (Zephyr flower)	Winter to early Spring	5–10	10 in clumps	Autumn