

SPECIALTY BULB LIST 2019



Greetings,

Well here we are another year, another bulb list, I made a brilliant career move back to plants full time and it has felt really great. This summer has been unusually humid, so much so that the Crape Myrtle in the driveway had powdery mildew and I've never seen that before. I'm definitely thankful for a more mild summer although I could also do without the humidity. I've noticed that a few of the fall bloomers seem to want to be flowering early, so don't be surprised if you order a fall bloomer and find it in flower. As always I owe a huge thank you to Jane McGary for stock and advice and most of all inspiration to keep at this through the years. I'd also like to say a huge thank you to Diana Reeck: her work with Erythroniums the last few years has been inspiring to me as well. Of course thank you to the loyal customers -- without you this wouldn't be possible.

I'll probably be done shipping in 2-3 weeks at the most. I'll do my best to update the list as stuff sells out. As always, numbers of some stuff are very limited, so order right away if you see something you want.

The Nursery: Illahe Nursery and Garden is located in the South Salem hills of the Central Willamette Valley of Oregon at 600 feet in elevation. The climate here has been described as Mediterranean, although it really is cooler and wetter. Rainfall occurs here primarily between the months of October and May and ranges between 40 and 80 inches. Temperatures in the winter rarely fall below 20 deg. F in the winter, but the last few winters have seen temperatures as low as 9 deg. F inside an unheated greenhouse. Summers are generally dry. The Jory loam soil here is deep and extremely fertile. Agriculture in the immediate vicinity is mostly Christmas tree production, vineyards, nursery and grass seed production.

To see pictures of the bulbs, please visit the Illahe blog at www.illaherarebulbs.blogspot.com, or try *The Random House Book of Bulbs* by Martyn Rix and Roger Phillips, or the highly recommended Pacific Bulb Society website: www.pacificbulbsociety.org.

Size of bulbs: Bulbs have been selected for large size in hopes of providing flowering in the shortest period possible, but some bulbs are available in smaller sizes and those are noted below. Often newly potted bulbs need a year to settle in before flowering. All bulbs are priced per single bulb, unless otherwise noted.

Hardiness: I'm going to do away with this text section as I have recently delved back into growing some South African and South American species. I'll really have to put this onto the customer to determine hardiness in the local growing area. I will say that I grow primarily in an unheated greenhouse, in western Oregon's Willamette Valley, and I have personally seen temperatures here as low as 9 degrees F., although I will bring tender species into an unheated garage that provides a few degrees of protection, and I commonly use frost blankets in the greenhouse.

Domestic customers:

Ordering: Please send a list by email. All orders are filled in the order received, so get your order to me as quickly as possible for the best selection. Send orders to illaherebulbs@gmail.com

DO NOT FORGET TO TELL ME YOUR SHIPPING ADDRESS.

Shipping: I will bill you for Priority Mail postage.

Payment: DO NOT SEND PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER. All bulbs are available in limited quantities and you may not receive everything you want. You will be billed with your shipment, with a Paypal invoice, so you will receive an invoice in the email and I will ship when you have paid. If the money is not deposited within three days of invoicing your bulbs will be returned to the inventory rack.

International Customers:

Ordering: Send your order via email. All orders are filled in the order received, so get your order to me as quickly as possible for the best selection. Send orders to illaherebulbs@gmail.com.

Shipping: I will bill you for first class postage, rate will be based on your order size. If you desire a faster postage rate please let me know this, and I will let you know the rate when your order is ready to be shipped. **I will bill you for Phytosanitary certification, which costs \$45 per order.** Due to inspection/phytosanitary scheduling I can only offer a few weeks of international shipping so please place your order no later than August 30, 2017. Get together with a garden group and do one big order if you are international and that way we can all save money and time! Seriously, it would help me, you, the plant inspector and the postman if we all consolidated a bit.

Payment: International customers will be required to pay by PayPal. Your order will be filled and inspected, you will be sent an email invoice with the PayPal deposit information. When the money is deposited your order will be shipped. If you must cancel an order, please do so promptly. If the money is not deposited within 3 business days, you will be sent a notification email and your bulbs will be returned to the inventory rack. Your bulb order leaves here with Phytosanitary certificate stating that it is free from pests and diseases and therefore not subject to quarantine; however, I do not have any control over the receiving countries' agricultural inspections, so I cannot offer any guarantee, and the loss should your government hold your bulbs is on you. Please notify me immediately of any issues and I will do what I can.

Remember all bulbs are available in limited quantities, so whether you are domestic or international please realize I sell out of some stuff very quickly, so get your order in as soon as possible. Email is preferred for questions related to bulb purchases.

Please feel free to forward this list to anyone who might be interested.

Thank you,

Mark Akimoff

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Bulbs

Allium falcifolium The scythe-leaf onion, with purple flowers and flat laves, California serpentine dweller. \$3

Allium textile Central United States; clusters of starry white flowers. \$2

***Allium unifolium* 'Wayne Roderick'** Late spring bloomer with electric lavender pink flowers, named for the famous California bulb man who introduced it into the trade. \$3



***Allium unifolium* 'Wayne Roderick'**

Amana edulis China, Korea, Japan. Like a small white Tulip with yellow centers. Edible bulbs \$2

Arum dioscoridis Turkey; wonderful but bad-smelling inflorescence, greenish cream heavily spotted with black. Medium, \$3

Arum byzantinum Balkans-Turkey; greenish white spathe with some purple. \$5

Bellevalia pycnantha Iraq/Iran; deep purple, almost black flowers, formerly Muscari. \$3

Biarum marmarisense Turkey; This wonderful little plant makes a terrific show specimen with its dwarf spathes arising from ground level in the fall. \$5

Biarum davisii Crete; Awesome pinkish-white spathes in the fall. \$5

Biarum tenuifolium ssp. abbreviatum Blackish spathes, flowers late summer. \$4

Biarum tenuifolium ssp. zeleborii Crete, Wonderful purple spathes, great in the rock garden. Very rare. \$6

Brimeura fastigiata Tiny plants with bright lavender fls; hardy to at least 9 deg. F., for containers under protection from excess rain \$4

Brodiaea californica Large lavender fls, early summer, on stems to 30 in. \$3



Calochortus clavatus ssp. clavatus

Calochortus clavatus ssp. clavatus Brilliant yellow flowered species from Southern California's Santa Monica Mountains. Late bloomer adds length to any bulb collection's bloom time. \$7

Calochortus luteus Coastal grasslands to the Sierra foothills of California, stunning yellow mariposa. \$7

Calochortus invenustus Coniferous forest in Central California to the Nevada hills, pale blue-lavender mariposa. \$6



Calochortus invenustus

Calochortus superbus Open grasslands of California's Central Valley. Beautiful pink, heavily marked in yellow, lavender and white. \$7

Calochortus vestae California, Large pinkish-white flowers, striking markings, very showy. \$7

Calochortus obispoensis Endemic to gravelly and sandy soils often on serpentine in San Louis Obispo County, CA. Very interesting flowers. \$7



Calochortus obispoensis

Calochortus uniflorus Moist meadow dweller from Southern Oregon to Northern California, beautiful light pink mariposa. \$6

Chionodoxa 'Valentines Day' Blue-Starry shaped flowers, early, Pair with Colchicum hungaricum 'Valentine', for a great early show in troughs, pots or rock garden \$3



Colchicum



Colchicum 'White Waterlily'

Colchicum autumnale 'Nancy Lindsay' large corms, Fall. \$4

Colchicum autumnale 'Rosy Dawn' large corms, Fall. \$4

Colchicum autumnale alboplenum 'White Waterlily' Huge, double white flowers. large corms, Fall. \$7

Colchicum atropurpureum 'Drakes Form' An old form, known for its sweet, honey and clove scent. \$6

Colchicum bivonae Sardinia-Turkey, large, tessellated pink flowers, dramatic. \$5

Colchicum bivonae 'Apollo' Handsomely tessellated light pink flowers. \$5

Colchicum byzantinum A very old hybrid dating back to the 1500s, obviously a stalwart performer through the years to have lasted in cultivation this long. Pink flowers in the Autumn. \$6

Colchicum baytopiorum Turkey, small species, great in pots. \$5

Colchicum davisii Turkey, a relatively new species, described in 1998, lightly checkered beautiful pale pink. \$6

Colchicum 'Glory of Heemstede' large corms, an old cultivar, with huge pink/lavender goblets. \$4

Colchicum haynaldii Macedonia, Beautiful light pink flowers. \$4

Colchicum laetum Southeastern Russia/Caucasus. Large pink flowers with an open form. \$4

Colchicum pyrenaicum Spain/Portugal, I guess this should be *Merendera montana* now, or *Colchicum montanum*, but whatever you call it it's got wonderful, pink flowers borne in the fall right at soil level. \$3

Colchicum psaridis Southern Greece. Smaller species, great for trough or rockery, flowers bloom at the surface in the fall. \$5

Colchicum hungaricum 'Valentine' Outstanding February bloomer, larger than type, pink. \$3

Colchicum montanum Syn. ***Merendera montana*** Spain/Portugal, fall bloomer, flowers set close to the soil surface. Nice for troughs/pots/raised beds \$4

Colchicum-Fall Starter Mix-This offering is for a mix of 3 large corms propagated from my garden beds. They can be any of a mix of *C. autumnale* hybrids I grow (look at past catalog offerings), and possibly one of the rarer species, for those seeking value and wanting to start or enhance a collection of autumn blooms. 3/\$5.

Crocus



Crocus mathewii

Crocus banaticus. Balkans; once considered its own genus, this Iris-like and unique treasure has some of the most interesting flowers in its group. \$6

***Crocus cartwrightianus* 'Marcel'** Stunning selection by Antoine Hoog, violet-throated, with large stigmata and anthers. \$5

Crocus cartwrightianus Greece/Crete, probably one of the wild precursors of the fabled saffron crocus, it is a fantastic homegrown substitute for those that like paella. \$4

Crocus kosaninii Serbia; lilac fls. \$4

***Crocus kotschyanus* 'Reliance'** fall; A strong-flowering selection of the species, very reliable performer. \$3

Crocus kotschyanus fall; a good performer year to year; if you want a tidy autumn bloomer for the rock garden this is a good one. \$3

Crocus mathewii To quote Janis Ruksans, "among the showiest and most desirable plants of every Crocus collection". Fall-blooming, discovered as recently as 1992 in the Lycian Taurus Mts. of southern Turkey. \$8

Crocus scepusiensis Spring. Lavender. Sometimes considered a form of *C. vernus*. \$3

Crocus thomasii A fantastic fall blooming sativus type, strong saffron fragrance and a great increaser. Adriatic coastal species. \$5

Crocus tournefortii Grecian species with lovely lilac, yellow throated fall blooming flowers. Interestingly one of only three crocus species to keep its flowers open at night, presumably because of a night-flying or crawling pollinator. \$6

***Crocus x leonidii* 'Early Gold'** reticulatus x angustifolius hybrid with brilliant yellow flowers usually opening in February for me. Great in the rock garden. \$3



Cypella herbertii

Cypella herbertii Interesting irid species from South America, with a long summer bloom period. These are in growth, so I'll cut them back and bareroot them. Up to you if you want to dry them down or force them back into growth, for me they bloom all the way up to frost and get overwintered in the shop in sawdust. \$8

Dichelostemma multiflorum Tight heads of purple-blue flowers on long stems, late spring. \$3



***Erythronium* Cascade Sunset Strain**

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Over 20 years ago, Oregon plant breeder Walter Blom created some truly unique *Erythronium* hybrids. He kept only the best, selecting for multiple flowers, vigor, and good increasing qualities. Renowned Plantswoman Diana Reeck has been sorting through them and this is the first group of his hybrids she has released as *Erythronium* Cascade Sunset Strain formerly Pacific Sunset. There are about 8 separate clones in this strain, and they may differ slightly in size or intensity of color, but all have lovely pink flowers with a delicate stain of green at the base, with silvery veined leaves. This is the hottest new *Erythronium* to come out in a long time and with how fast it increases you won't be disappointed at all. \$7 each or 3 for \$18



***Erythronium* "Jeannine"**

***Erythronium* 'Jeannine'** Large sulphur yellow flowers on this vigorous hybrid, said to be a cross of *E. californicum* 'White Beauty' and *E. tuolumnense*, vigorous at clumping as well. \$8

Fritillaria

Fritillaria acmopetala 'Dark Form' Eastern Med; \$6



Fritillaria acmopetala 'Dark Form'

Fritillaria agrestis California, Greenish, stinky bells pollinated by flies and other carrion seekers, \$5



Fritillaria agrestis

Fritillaria affinis My open garden form, dark bells fast increaser, great naturalizer in the open garden. \$5

***Fritillaria affinis* Vancouver island form**, the dragons toothed from I call it because of the nice rippling on the edges of the flowers, a more greenish form. \$5

***Fritillaria affinis* Nicasio Reservoir**, The Wayne Roderick collection that I have been selling as *F. affinis* var. *tristulis* the triploid, although the *F. icones* data base does away with that name, until the

monograph is out, it's the one with the awesome yellow and brown bells and it's a stout, tall handsome plant. \$6

Fritillaria amana Turkey, Yellow bells with some brown, a nice tall specimen for the garden. \$4

Fritillaria bithynica V. Pilous seed collection from Samos Island, Greece. Dwarf species with dusky yellow green bells. \$7

***Fritillaria crassifolia* JJA 17255** From the Archibald catalog: Iran, Kordestan, SW of Daraki (S of Marivan). 2500m. SW-facing limestone slope. #2nd pic (This coll. has to be almost precisely on Wendelbo's Iranian locality for *F. crassifolia* subsp. *poluninii* but this is a big, robust plant about 25cm. \$6



***Fritillaria crassifolia* JJA 17255**

Fritillaria davisii Greece, Short stems, dark pendent bells, increases well. \$4

Fritillaria elwesii Southern Turkey, Beautiful narrow bells with a dusty bloom on the petals. \$4

Fritillaria gracilis Balkans; nice checkering in purple and pale yellow. \$5



Fritillaria gracilis

Fritillaria gussichiae From a V. Pilous seed collection in Sandanski, Bulgaria. Allied to *Pontica*, so a good doer in the garden with lovely green and brown flushed flowers. \$5

Fritillaria ionica Greek Isles, closely allied to *F. pontica* but darker brown bells. \$4

Fritillaria kotschyana Originally from an Archibald collection, in Iran. I'll have to find the number at some point. Large flowers. \$5

Fritillaria latakiensis Syria/Turkey, Reminds me of *F. recurva* but with brown/green bells. Very showy. \$6

Fritillaria meleagris ssp. burnatii subspecies of the snakeshead fritillary from the Alpine grasslands of Italy and France. \$4

Fritillaria orientalis Caucasus, checkered pendant bells, easy grower. \$4

Fritillaria obliqua Greece, rare; blackish bell flowers, and the bulb that started it all for me, you will blow your gardening friends away with this one when it blooms in February. \$8

Fritillaria pontica Tall, pale green broad pendant bells, easy lg. \$4



Fritillaria pontica

Fritillaria pudica Oregon, lovely, yellow, nodding bells, drought tolerant. \$4

***Fritillaria pudica* John Day** Jane McGary's Seed collection of this taller, more robust form along Oregon's geologically unique John Day River region, a very special place for me as I got to take my old black lab on one last river float adventure down the John Day this summer before she passed away. \$4

***Fritillaria pudica* 'Richard Britten'** Comparatively huge yellow flowers, borne on short, stout stalks, great for troughs, show pots. \$7

Fritillaria purdyi x biflora Vigorous strain that arose with Jane; these are clones of F2 seedlings, typically will have purdyi-type black-and-white checked flowers on robust biflora-type foliage and stems. \$5

Fritillaria rhodocanakis Greece; this selection was originally from Hoog and labeled *Fritillaria rhodocanakis ssp. argolica*. Which is a very rare subspecies of an already rare plant, however that ssp. has been disputed and it may be natural variation or hybrid between *F. graeca* or *F. spetsiotica*. Beautiful brown and yellow bells. \$6

Fritillaria sibirnyi Balkans; Very rare, narrow bells, with a wonderful dusky bloom over an almost platinum purple base. \$8

Fritillaria tuntasia From a V. Pilous seed collection on Kithnos Island, Greece. Maybe a subspecies of *F. obliqua* depending on who you listen to, I wish that monograph would come out. Either way the sinister black bells are enchanting. \$6

Ferraria I have had a long-running passion for this genus and a few hard winters in the first few years I was at Illahe taught me a hard lesson about hardiness. But I'm back at it again, with a few provisions for winter protection I've been building up a stock once again. Maybe the climate change I'm seeing happen will open up the Willamette Valley to production.

Ferraria divaricata ssp. arenosa A recent taxonomic treatment seems to have lumped this into *F. divaricata*, but I'll list it as a I got it. Intense green/brown bizarre iris like flowers. \$4

Ferraria schaeferi The starfish lily, yellow flowers with brown blotching and mottling, sweetly scented. From the winter rainfall region of Namaqualand, South Africa. \$4

Ferraria crispa Highly variable species, seed grown corms. Coastal Namaqualand and the Cape of South Africa. \$4

***Geranium macrostylum* 'Talish'** Tuberos species collected by Janis Ruksans in the Talish Mountains of Northwest Iran. \$4

Gladiolus illyricus The hardy European Glad. It's funny because I work in a historic garden and I've been told by a number of old timers that they don't like *Gladiolus* because they remind them of funerals. I don't have that association at all and have always enjoyed them for the summer bloom. \$3

Iris These aren't your average bearded here, be very careful with the large fleshy storage roots when potting up. These are for the more advanced grower.

***Iris aucheri* 'Indigo'** Deep Indigo blue flowers on this Juno species make it a showstopper. \$8

Iris bucharica Afghanistan, Wild Form, stunning, yellow and white flowers. \$8

Iris graeberiana 'White Fall' Scorpiris from Tajikistan, and Turkestan. Stunning iris for the collector and knowledgeable grower. \$9



Iris graeberiana 'White Fall'

Iris vicaria x microglossa 'Marjaneh' A Dr. Seisums hybrid, with intense blue-violet flowers. \$12



Iris vicaria x microglossa "Marjaneh"

Ipheion 'Jessie' South America. Blue starry blooms, sweetly scented. \$2

Pseudomuscari pallens cute little flower stalks, of whitish lavender. \$3 DO YOU MEAN Muscari pseucomuscari? mixup here with next sp.??

Muscari pallens Small species, white to very pale blue flowers, modest increase. \$2

Muscari muscarimi For anyone who appreciates fragrant flowers this is a must. The most fragrant of all grape hyacinths. Warm Vanilla scent. \$5

Narcissus If you are designing a bulb garden to have year around flowers, you must include the genus Narcissus, some especially the hoop petticoats will bloom on there own at Christmas time and a selection of the listed species below will ensure you have nonstop color through the winter into spring.

Narcissus cantabricus ssp. foliosus Midwinter, cream-white hoop fls \$3

Narcissus cuatrecasasii V. Pilous seed collection from Sierra de Cazola, Spain. A beautiful Jonquil similar to *N. rupicola*. Great for the rock garden or pots because of its dwarf stature. \$6

Narcissus hispanicus ssp. bujei Spain, bright yellow trumpet, fast increaser and tremendous garden subject. \$4

Narcissus romieuxii 'Julia Jane' Deep yellow widely flared "hoop petticoat" flowers, Very early. \$4

Narcissus romieuxii The wild type of above, slightly less refined, but stunning and early. \$3

Narcissus obsoletus Fragrant white star flowered, fall bloomer from Israel. \$6

Narcissus x gracilis a presumed hybrid between *N. jonquilla* and *N. poeticus*, you can't really go wrong with those parents, right? \$3

Narcissus wilkommii A deep yellow Jonquilla species with a large corona. \$3

Narcissus x odorus Hybrid between *N. jonquilla* and *N. pseudonarcissus* or perhaps *N. hispanicus*. Since it has been known in cultivation since 16th century, it is surprising the actual parents aren't known. \$3

Notholirion thomsonianum Kashmir/Himalaya. Winter grower. Superb lavender-pink trumpet Fls. \$4

Oxalis engleriana from shaded southern slopes along South Africa's Cape region, pinkish starry flowers. \$3

Oxalis hirta South Africa, beautiful starry pink flowers from South Africa's cape region. \$3

Ornithogalum balansae Starry white flowers, with a green racing stripe. Easy. \$2

Scilla vincentii late, blue or white, small and refined. \$2

Scilla siberica ssp. taurica Siberian Squill, Bright blue flowers in early spring, great in the rock garden. \$3

Scilla mischtschenkoana N. Iran. Large silvery fls, a great naturalizer for the garden. early. \$2

Sternbergia sicula Mediteranean limestone dweller with wonderful yellow fall flowers \$5



Sternbergia sicula

Sternbergia lutea The indomitable Autumn Daffodil, as it's sometimes called, is a beautiful fall bloomer with deep yellow flowers. \$5

Triteleia peduncularis Tall; big white-and-purple fls on very long pedicels, inflorescence can be a foot across; plant deeply \$4

Triteleia ixioides ssp. analina California, Sierra Nevada. Very cool yellow-umbel flowers. \$4

Tulipa didieri Savoy, France. Interesting story on this one, Possibly extinct in the wild, or extremely rare, these Tulips were probably introduced into Europe around the time of the Crusades and naturalized to the point of becoming native, and then wiped out by the development of ski resorts in the mountains. Crimson flowers with a dark center. \$7



Tulipa didieri

Tulipa ostrowskiana. Central Asia, my form of this variable species, tends toward the reddish, orange of the spectrum with small yellow center. \$5

Tulipa sosnowskyi Armenia, deep crimson red, good increaser and loves a hot dry summer. \$5

Watsonia aletroides South Africa, beautiful tall spikes of Red flowers. Fast increaser. \$2

Carnivorous Plants: I have to ship these as bareroots in moistened peat or vermiculite, with the pitchers cut back or folded over. Not sure about the viability of International shipping but I will try if you are willing to pay for it



Darlingtonia californica Oregon's own unique pitcher plant, the Cobra Lily. This form is incredibly stoloniferous, and has been an easy grower given a cool aquatic root run, these will be shipped in pots. \$28.

Sarracenia minor The Hooded Pitcher from pine savannas, North Carolina to Florida. One of the species capable of growing in slightly drier conditions. \$14

Sarracenia leucophylla The White Topped Pitcher plant, from bogs and pine savannas from Mississippi to Alabama, a stunning bug killer. \$14

Sarracenia sp. I think this is ***S. oreophila***, but that is really, really rare.....???? From cultivated source material, as are all the offerings except seeds. \$25
