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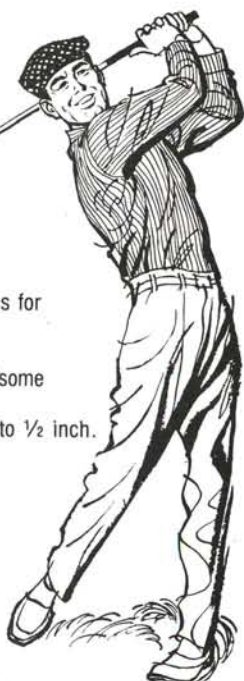
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Are you confused by all the different bulbs sold at garden centers? More than 4,000 varieties of tulips are available but, to make your selection easier, they are grouped into several classes, says James A. Fizzell, University of Illinois Horticulturist in Cook County. Some common types of tulips and their characteristics include:

Darwin tulips, which are late flowering and probably the most favored, growing 22 to 30 inches tall and producing large, deep-cupped, solid-colored flowers on strong stems.

Parrot tulips, with blooms featuring twisted petals with featherlike edges, and which grow 20 to 28 inches tall, and are late flowering.

Cottage tulips, long-stemmed varieties with slender buds and long, pointed petals, growing 16 inches to nearly 3 feet tall and blooming in May.

Kaufmanniana tulips, which are early flowering and are sometimes referred to as "water-lily" tulips because their pointed petals open horizontally like those of water lilies, growing only 4 to 8 inches tall, and excellent for rock gardens.

Fosteriana tulips, which grow 8 to 20 inches tall and have blossoms as large as 4 inches. These were crossed with the Darwin tulips to procure the Darwin Hybrids, which grow 22 to 30 inches tall and are the largest and most spectacular of all the tulips.

Double Late tulips, sometimes called peony-flowered because of their resemblance to peonies, growing 18 inches to about 2 feet tall and are very attractive.

To most gardeners, spring bulbs mean tulips, crocuses and daffodils. But there are a number of other "minor" bulbs available that provide color in the garden and fill in among rocks gardens and borders, continues Fizzell. One of the more common small bulbs is Anemone or windflower. This bulb grows 5-12 inches tall and blooms in March or April. Its flower colors are purple, red, blue, white and pink.

Galathus or snowdrops are among the first flowers to open in the spring. They grow only 6 inches tall and look best when at least 25 bulbs, 4 inches apart.

Muscari or grape hyacinth have tiny, sweet-scented blossoms that appear on spikes in mid-April. They are attractive in rock gardens and borders, among shrubs and under trees, adds Fizzell. Plant the bulbs 3 to 4 inches deep and 3 to 4 inches apart.

Allium or flowering onion varies in height from 9 inches to 5 feet. Allium blooms in May, June and July, with white, yellow, red or pink flowers. Plant the bulbs 2 to 3 inches deep, and 6 to 15 inches apart in clumps of 6 to 12 bulbs. The Allium genus is best known for its edible members - onion, garlic, cloves and leeks--but it also contains many ornamental species. All ornamental allium make excellent cut flowers and can also be dried for use in flower arrangements, concludes Fizzell.

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