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PINEAPPLE YARD & VISITOR CENTRE

Tulips in pots

PEPPERMINT STICK

Species tulip

This small species tulip looks just like a stick of rock with its contrasting red and white petals. Standing at only 25cm high, it usually flowers in April.

WHITE TRIUMPHATOR

Lily-flowered

This elegant white lily-flowered tulip is a heritage variety from 1915. Its tall sturdy stems make it an excellent flower for a border.

LITTLE BEAUTY

Species tulip

Standing at only 10cm tall, this tiny red species tulip opens to reveal a striking white and dark blue centre.

Head Gardener's favourite



BLACK PARROT

Parrot

This May-flowering tulip has ruffled petals in a sumptuously dark shade of purple.

MENTON

Single late

This very tall tulip blooms in delicate shades of light pink and apricot but the colour changes with the light, giving its petals an iridescent rosy glow.

Daffodils in beds

BELISANA

Division 2

This large cup daffodil was bred in the 1940s – the soft orange stands out against the white making a bold but elegant statement of colour.

WALLED GARDEN

In the long borders

SPRING GREEN

Viridiflora

This pretty white and green tulip contrasts well with darker flowers and foliage in a mixed border.

FLAMING SPRING GREEN

Viridiflora

This fiery version of the Spring Green tulip makes an excellent cut-flower. It lasts well in a vase and its red-flamed petals make it stand out in any bouquet.

GROENLAND

Viridiflora

This elegantly tall green and baby-pink tulip mixes well with shorter plain pinks.

HOLLYWOOD

Viridiflora

Just like the stars of the silver-screen, this glamorous ruby red tulip is the centre of attention in any border!



In the potager beds

QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

Single late

This late, almost black tulip stands at an impressive 60cm, making it a perfect companion for shorter ground-cover border planting.

BLEU AIMABLE

Single late

It is a testament to the quality of this tulip that it is still in production over a century after its introduction in 1916.

BALLERINA

Lily-flowered

The warm red and orange shades of this late lily-flowered tulip make it an excellent choice for adding a pop of colour into any border.



WALLED GARDEN

Around the pond

CLAUDIA

Lily-flowered

This pinky-purple lily-flowered tulip opens to reveal a contrasting white centre.

In the crab apple borders

PURISSIMA

Fosteriana

This creamy white tulip beautifully compliments the backdrop of irises and apple blossoms.

In the pavilion bed

ORANGE EMPEROR

Fosteriana

Set atop a buttery yellow base, the bright orange petals of this tulip give it an energetic glow. It makes an excellent cut flower and is particularly popular in the Netherlands.



In the cutting beds

In our cutting beds we have planted tulip varieties that make perfect cut flowers for our gardeners to use in arrangements for the Castle. The height, stem strength and vase-life of these tulips make them perfect candidates for a beautiful bouquet.

SALMON IMPRESSION

Darwin hybrid

IVORY FLORDALE

Darwin hybrid

AD REM

Darwin hybrid

AMERICAN DREAM

Darwin hybrid

DORDOGNE

Single late

ALI BABA

Greigii group

ARTIST

Viridiflora

TORONTO

Greigii group

ANGELIQUE

Double late

WEST POINT

Greigii group

Daffodils in the Walled Garden

Daffodils have a long history in Northern Ireland, they thrive in our climate and bulbs naturalise well. Throughout the Walled Garden we have planted many varieties of daffodils that have been bred in Northern Ireland. Check the slate labels to find out which variety is which – the names are as memorable as the flowers!

NARRATIVE

Division 2

SIGNET RING

Division 3

FLAME GUN

Division 2

OH WOW

Division 3

HOLLOW BRIDGE

Division 3

PRATINGOLE

Division 3

JAMMIN

Division 3

PANDEMONIUM

Division 3

SILVER SHADOW

Division 3

VIDEO KID

Division 3

TREASURE HUNT

Division 2

DORCHESTER

Division 4

CAMARADERIE

Division 2

SURPRISE PACKET

Division 2

TEMBA

Division 1

CAUSEWAY TORCH

Division 2

AMAZING GRACE

Division 2

CAUSEWAY WINNER

Division 2

HONEY ORANGE

Division 2

*We have planted a native species
Narcissus Pseudonarcissus
in the Orchard.*



WOODLAND AREAS

Our woodland areas are full of bulbs that have naturalised and come back every year, check the labels in each area to find out the mix or variety.

Daffodil mix

This is a mix of lots of varieties of daffodils in a broad range of colours, it flowers from February through to April.

Three Musketeers mix

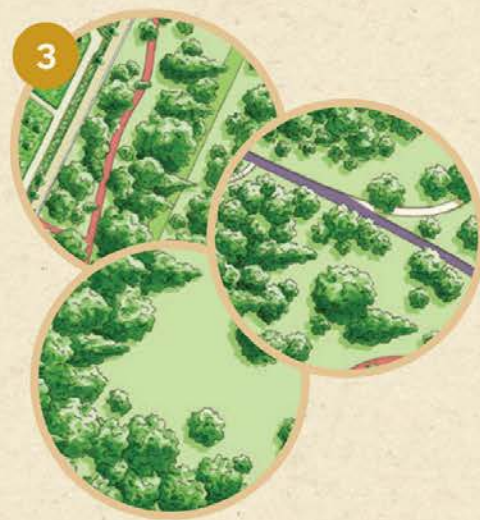
From February to April this simple mix starts with yellow crocuses which are replaced by blue chionodoxa as they start to fade, before ending in a beautifully scented display of Narcissus Thalia.

Double Pleasure

This mix of early flowering yellow and late flowering white dwarf narcissus lasts from February to April.

Bee Surprise mix

This mix of crocuses, camassia, daffodils, tulips and scilla stretches a long season from February to June, changing colour as each flower takes its turn – starting with blue and yellow, giving way to red and yellow and finishing back with blue.



CARLTON

Division 2

This short, large cup daffodil has been in cultivation for around a hundred years. It flowers in April.

GOBLET

Division 1

The bright yellow trumpet of this daffodil stands proudly against its white petals. Growing to only 35cm, it is a good choice for both pots and exposed sites.

GOLDEN HARVEST

Division 1

This beautiful yellow flared trumpet daffodil is an old hybrid created from Golden Spur and King Alfred.

Tip Recommended by our gardeners as 'a good do-er'

DUTCH MASTER

Division 1

This dependable yellow trumpet daffodil has been given an RHS Garden Merit Award – a good addition to any garden.

FORTUNE

Division 2

This is another old daffodil that has stood the test of time, it is a fine large cup variety that was selected before 1915 by W. T. Ware, a nurseryman famed for his daffodils.

Daffodil fact

All cultivated varieties of daffodil are classified from Division 1-12, wild daffodils are classified under Division 13.

Divisions are based on shape, flowering period and genetic make-up.



MERCER'S HILL

This beautiful blue river has been created using *Muscari armeniacum*, commonly known as grape hyacinth on account of its blue flowers which look like tiny bunches of grapes! *Muscari* are wonderfully easy flowers to grow – they are not fussy about conditions and they spread quickly. They are perfect for spring pollinators and are particularly attractive to several species of bee.



YEW TREE WALK

Daffodils on Yew Tree Walk

This daffodil mix blends the warm tones of the colour spectrum to create a dreamy painterly effect - elegant whites and creams meet delicate apricots and lemons, punctuated by bold yellows and oranges.



JUBILEE PARTERRE

Tulips

PINK IMPRESSION

Darwin hybrid

This tall, elegant tulip blushes deep rose in the centre of its petals and fades out to a softer pink. It is a long-lived variety, which makes it a great choice for planting in borders.

MAYTIME

Lily-flowered

The tapered petals of this lily-flowered tulip really make it stand out. Its bright colour and unique shape give this tulip a real sense of fun!

BIG CHIEF

Darwin hybrid

This is a big strong bloom, when in full sun its petals open up to reveal a bright yellow centre marked against jet black stamens.



Daffodils

MOUNT HOOD

Division 1

This white trumpet daffodil is over a hundred years old and has received an RHS Garden Merit Award.

Daffodil fact

This year a new daffodil has been named Hillsborough Castle, it was bred by Brian Duncan and will be on display during Spring Spectacular.

Tulip fact

Tulips do not naturalise well in the Northern Irish climate so are best planted fresh each year.



STATE DINING ROOM TERRACE & GRANVILLE GARDEN



Tulips

FRINGED ELEGANCE

Fringed group

The frayed edges of this tulip look like an unstitched hem, giving it a beautifully raw elegance!

YELLOW EMPRESS

Fosteriana

At just 45cm tall, this Fosteriana tulip is a great front of border flower, and it works well in pots too. It is sturdy enough to withstand the wind and rain.

YOKOHAMA ORANGE

Triumph

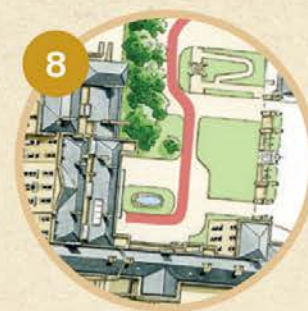
This Triumph tulip has a flared goblet shape and is smaller than most, making it a good choice for a narrow border.



Tulip fact

In the 1630s, Tulip Mania hit the Netherlands as demand for tulip bulbs saw their prices soar to extraordinary heights. In the Winter of 1637, a single bulb was purchased for 5,200 guilders, which was approximately 20 times the annual income of a skilled craftsman.

STATE ENTRANCE



Hyacinth Blue Jacket

This beautifully fragrant hyacinth was introduced in 1953 and has been popular ever since. Its single dark blue flowers have a deep purple stripe on each petal.

Crocus Remembrance

Appearing from late winter, this crocus brings a very welcome sprinkling of colour to the gardens when little else is in bloom. Its white striped foliage compliments its dark purple petals. This variety was introduced in 1925, the same year Hillsborough Castle became a royal residence.

Allium Globemaster

This giant allium grows up to one metre tall, making it a perfect choice for adding height to a mixed border. Its many star-shaped violet flowers are clustered together to form large globes that are attractive to bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

Daffodils

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

Division 12

With its cheerful yellow blooms bobbing about in the breeze, this charming little daffodil never fails to raise a smile. It is no surprise that this is one of the most popular daffodils worldwide. Its small size makes it perfect for pots.



STATE ENTRANCE

Tulips

DOUBLE PRICE

Double early

This beautiful ruffly tulip opens up into a large bowl-shape that is almost peony-like. Its short, stout stem makes it ideal for a windy location.

ATTILA

Triumph

This beautiful egg-shaped magenta tulip is a useful flower to grow, not only does it stand strong against winds and rain, but it also has a long vase-life.

PINK DIAMOND

Single late

This tulip is appropriately named – its pastel pink petals take on a shining lustre as sunlight passes through them. Its long sturdy stem makes it a good cut flower.



ROYAL ACRES

Double early

This tulip's tightly packed petals fall somewhere between bright magenta and royal purple, making it a majestic addition to the mid-spring garden.

VAN EIJK

Darwin Hybrid

Van Eijk's striking scarlet petals stand out in any planting scheme, but it is this tulip's remarkable resistance to wind and rain that makes it so impressive.

ARABIAN MYSTERY

Triumph

This white-edged purple tulip is almost jewel-like and works well when mixed with other rich colours such as reds, plums and pinks. It prefers a sheltered sunny position.

DOUBLE CARNAVAL DE NICE

Double late

Few flowers grab the viewer's attention like the Carnaval de Nice tulip. Its berries and cream colour combination conjures up images of summer and gives it a real sense of fun.

DOUBLE MIRANDA

Double late

The pale lemon base of this double tulip contrasts beautifully with its romantic red petals. It blooms in late spring and gives off a delicate fragrance.

LEEN VAN DER MARK

Triumph

This tulip was raised by Jan Ohms, one of the most prominent Dutch bulb growers of the 20th century. He named this cheerful cherry coloured tulip after his uncle.

SINGLE ALBERT HEIJN

Fosteriana

This apricot-pink single tulip stands strongly upright, making it a good cut flower. On a sunny day, its petals open up to bask in the light.

DONNA BELLA

Greigii group

This late-spring flowering tulip was bred in the Netherlands in 1955. Its petals are carmine red, edged with broad bands of cream.

Tulip fact

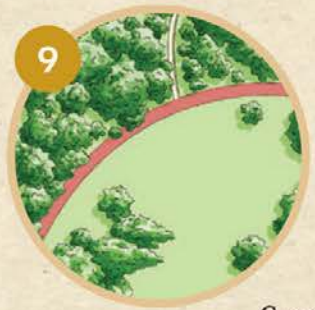
The Netherlands is the largest producer of tulip bulbs worldwide, it exports over 3 billion bulbs every year!



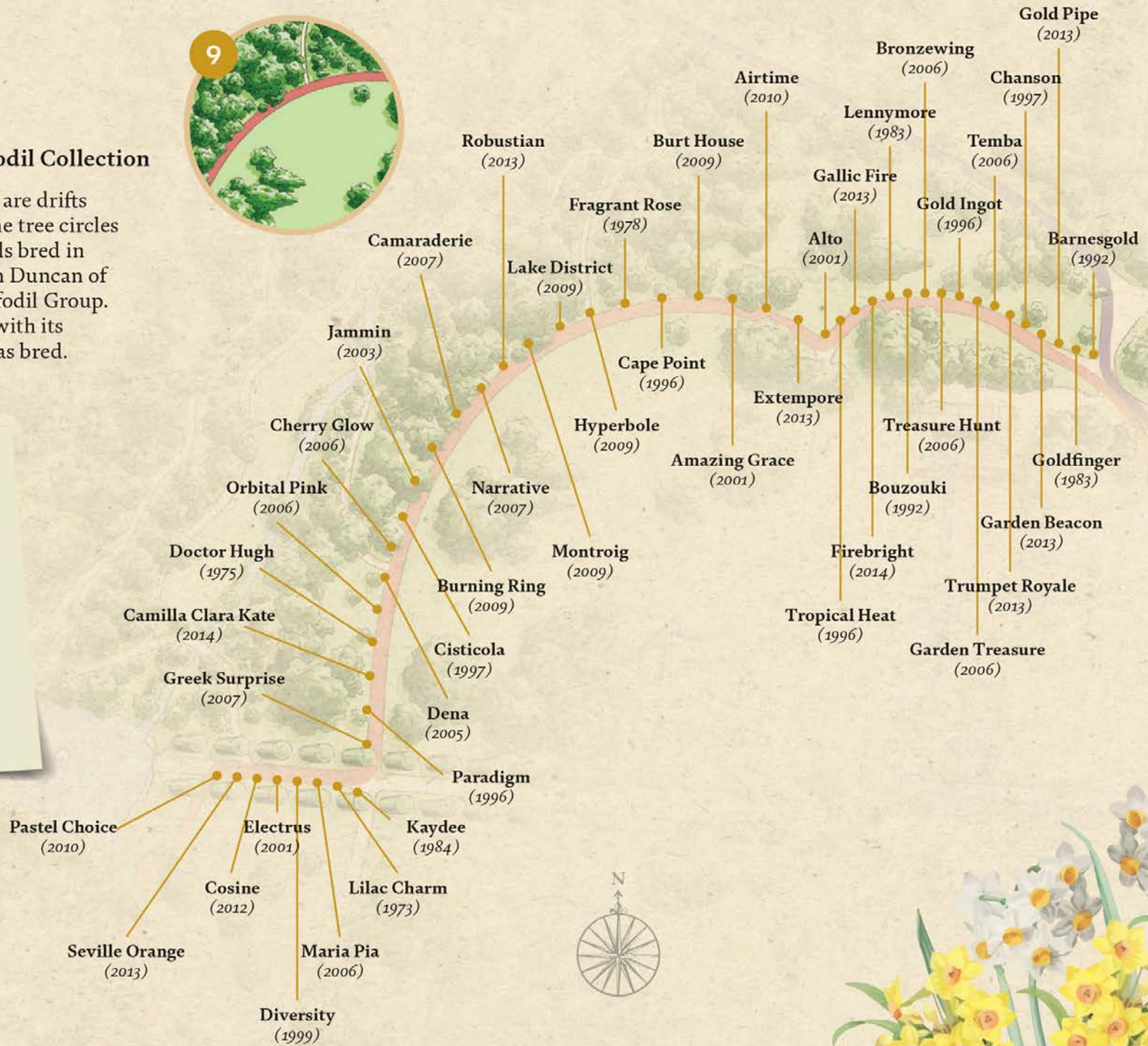
WEST LAWN

Northern Ireland Daffodil Collection

Bordering the West Lawn are drifts of naturalised bulbs. In the tree circles are a collection of daffodils bred in Northern Ireland by Brian Duncan of the Northern Ireland Daffodil Group. Each is labelled by name with its division and the date it was bred.



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This drawing shows the order the daffodils are planted in but locations are approximate.

