Bulbs and Corms

With a bit of planning you can create a colourful garden all year round. I have provided some suggestions below, but there are hundreds of bulbs available for you to choose from, which you can buy from your local garden centre or online. Bulbs require little maintenance as they die down after flowering and usually reappear the following year. Most bulbs can be planted in containers and will look great with evergreens for all-year-round interest.

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tulipa 'China Pink' Height: 50cm. Position: Sunny. Beautiful flaring bright pink petals. Looks great planted with forget-me-nots.				*	*						×	
Narcissus 'Sailboat' Height: 40cm. Position: Sunny or partial shade. Produces 2-3 white flowers per stem with a pale lemon cup. Fragrant.			*	*				×		K		
Fritillaria meleagris Height: 30cm. Position: Sunny or partial shade. Commonly known as Snakeshead. It has white bell-shaped nodding flower heads.				*	*				×	×	×	

Summer

Spring

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Eucomis autumnalis 'White Dwarf' Height: 30cm. Position: Sunny. Spikes with star shaped flowers, topped with a pineapple-like hat.			×				*	*	*			
lxia 'Rose' Height: 40cm. Position: Sunny. Vivid pink with multiple flowers per stem. Plant in the autumn or spring.		×	×			*	*					
Gladiolus 'Plum Tart' Height: 120cm. Position: Sunny. Tall spires of magenta velvet-like flowers. Plant in succession to extend flowering season.			×		×		*	*	*			

Autumn

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nerine bowdenii Height: 50cm. Position: Sunny. Bright-pink lily-shaped flowers. Protect from frost.				Ø	K				*	*	*	
Crocosmia 'Lucifer' Height: 120cm. Position: Sunny. Masses of bright red flowers are produced along the top of the slightly arching spikes.				H				*	*			
Colchicum autumnale 'Album' Height: 10-30cm. Position: Sunny. Goblet-shaped white flowers. Perfect to naturalise in grass. Will flower quickly after planting.							Ø	Ø	*	*	*	

Winter

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cyclamen hederifolium Height: 12cm. Position: Sunny and partial shade. Beautiful heart-shaped marble leaves with pink flowers. Looks lovely planted around the base of deciduous trees and shrubs.	*	*						X	Ø			*
Galanthus elwesii Height: 30cm. Position: Sunny and partial shade. Usually known as the snowdrop – this variety has broad leaves with slender white flowers, marked with green on the inside.	*	*							Ø			
Eranthis hyemalis Height: 8cm. Position: Sunny or partial shade. Commonly known as Aconite. Bright yellow, buttercup-like flowers surrounded by ruffs of fresh green leaves.	*	*							K	K		

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