

Species Tulips

Tulipa sp.

Right: *Tulipa clusiana* 'Tinka'

Bottom right: *Tulipa humilis* 'Little Beauty'

Below: *Tulipa praestans* 'Unicum'



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Tulipa species

Family: Liliaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: herbaceous perennial

Size: 6-18” tall and 4-8” wide

USDA Hardiness Zones: 4-8, varies by species

Leaves: basal, linear to lanceolate, ephemeral

Leaf Color: green, blue-green, varied

Fall Color: none

Flowers: campanulate to rotate, in most colors except blue

Fruit: loculicidal capsule

Light: full sun to part shade

Moisture: dry to medium, well drained

Insect/Disease Issues: few

Nativity: SE Europe to NW China

Location in the Gardens: Shade Garden, South Patio



Culture & Landscape Value:

Early spring bulbs with a wide variety of flower colors and shapes. Species Tulips perennialize reliably, and are more vigorous as they age. There are roughly 75 species of tulips, with ~15 species being the most common. Remove spent flowers to prevent seed formation, but leave foliage until it yellows to keep the bulbs healthy.

Notes:

Tulips bulbs should be planted 3x the height of the bulb.

Tulips are divided into 15 ornamental divisions based on bloom time, flower shape, and other flowering characteristics.

The name *Tulipa* comes from the latinized version of the Turkish name ‘tulbend’, a kind of turban.

Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec