

For up to six weeks of tiptoeing through tulips, choose from several classes of them. The hardy species tulips are the earliest to bloom and look like relatives that grow wild in other parts of the world. These flower for more years than do other tulips.

Catalogues often indicate the officially designated tulip class names. Classes vary in appearance and bloom sequence.

### **Early**

- 1) Single early.
- 2) Double early.

### **Mid-season**

- 3) Mendel (up to 20 inches tall).
- 4) Triumph (up to 20 inches tall; sturdier than mendel).
- 5) Darwin hybrid (cross of darwins with wild species).

### **Late or May-flowering**

- 6) Darwin (tall; lower part of flower in rectangular outline).
- 7) Lily-flowered (pointed, curved petals).
- 8) Cottage (also called single late; flower often egg-shaped).
- 9) Rembrandt (brown, bronze, red, black, pink, or purple stripes).
- 10) Parrot (lacy, curled petals).
- 11) Double late (peony-flowered).