

FIRST-FLOWERING DATES

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- First-flowering dates are given in brackets following the name of the originator
- For registered cultivars (added to the Classified Lists in or after 1955), the first-flowering date is given only if it is ten years or more before the date of registration
- For pre-1955 cultivars, and later ones too if they are unregistered, first-flowering dates are given whenever possible. The date is sometimes known for certain but is often deduced from the earliest reference the RHS has to the cultivar or from some other associated date, for example the year of death of the originator. If so, the term pre- or c. is used to qualify it

Rationales for first-flowering dates

- Rationales for first-flowering dates are given at the close of many cultivar entries - for example, the entry for 'Aachen' closes with "Added to Class. List in 1928"
- However, many entries close with no rationale

either because the entry is for a registered cultivar, and the registrant can be assumed to have supplied the date of first flowering

or because the rationale for the date of first flowering is evident from the date of an award

or because the rationale may be found in the following list by looking up the first-flowering date - for example, look up a first-flowering date of pre-1877 to find that for a Leeds cultivar it derives from the death of Edward Leeds

1869	Death of William Backhouse
1877	Death of Edward Leeds
1884	Catalogue of the RHS Daffodil Conference in 1884
1907	RHS List of Daffodil Names
1908	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1910	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1913	RHS List of Classified Daffodil Names. Addendum
1914	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1916	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1921	Death of Mrs R.O. Backhouse
1923	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1925	Death of A.E. Lowe
1927	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1929	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1931	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1933	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1937	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1938	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1948	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1950	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1954	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1955	RHS Classified List of Daffodil Names
1960	Death of G.H. Johnstone
1960s	The time when Tom Forster was breeding daffodils

or because the rationale may be found in the following list by looking up the name of the originator - for example, look up the originator name Hancock to find that the first-flowering date for a Hancock cultivar may derive from the last part of the seedling number

Brodie	The last part of the seedling number indicates the date of the cross, which, plus 5 years, is the estimated date of first flowering
Crotty	His seedling numbers of the 1970s and 80s indicate the date of first flowering
Hancock	The last part of the seedling number indicates the date of first flowering
Jackson	The last part of the seedling number indicates the date of first flowering

or because no rationale has been traced - for example, a number of entries with a first-flowering date of c.1966 may have been among many that were adopted by the RHS from the ADS Data Bank but had no background information attached (see page 19 for further notes on the ADS Data Bank)

(See pages 19-24 for explanation of the names and abbreviations in the rationales for first-flowering dates)