## Bulbs for naturalising

Some of the most beautiful sights of spring are carpets of bulbs: anemones, crocus, camassias, narcissi and lily of the valley, not in borders but in self-seeding, self-perpetuating drifts through grass or shaded areas. This act of 'naturalising' can give the garden a feeling of scattered, easy maturity. As bulbs for naturalising are becoming increasingly popular and gardeners are very aware of the term 'rewilding' and letting nature take its course in one's garden, here at Sarah Raven we have an enormous range to cater to everyone's desires.

Our collection includes our best tried and tested narcissi including the <u>new Narcissi</u>, <u>Blushing Lady</u>. Remember to plant lots of these to fill your garden with beautiful, early spring cheer. They are the most perennial bulb we grow, with clumps getting bigger and better each year, making them brilliant value over 10 or even 50 years. <u>The Successional Narcissi Collection</u> will provide a long-lasting display of Narcissi from February to May whilst also being very fragrant.

<u>Our Bulbs for Naturalising Collection</u> contains the easiest spring naturalising bulbs to get established. Alternatively, <u>Bulbs for Bowls Collection</u> includes our first February flowers - a scented crocus and ice blue scilla. These tend to get muddy growing in the ground in our wet Februarys, so look their best crammed into a pot as tight as you can and put up on a table or plant theatre.

<u>Tulips to Naturalise Collection</u> includes Sarah's three favourite species of tulips which gradually bulk up and self-sow to naturalise throughout their patch of the garden as well as being scented.

If you want to add some colour and scent to your garden that will continue to get better year on year, bulbs for naturalising are a perfect option.

Sarah Raven is a woman of many talents; she has worked as a doctor at the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton and is now a broadcaster, teacher and writer. Since the publication of her first book, The Cutting Garden, she has led the way over the last two decades, in introducing a new kind of productive gardening which fuses intense colour, elegance and ease of growth. Bridging all kinds of gardening from dark rich dahlia glories to subtler smoky modern colours of poppies, roses, sweet peas, and all kinds of vegetable deliciousness, Sarah also runs her own gardening and cookery school at Perch Hill in East Sussex, and is the author of many books. She is currently working on a book on colour.