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#### Siberian Blue Squill (Scilla siberica) | ↓ (Height) 3-6 inches ↔ (Space) 6 inches ↓(Bulb Depth) 2-3 inches

Early bold blue flowers are present on top of bright green grass-like foliage. **Care Notes:** Tough and hardy. Plant under deciduous trees. Can be seen naturalizing in lawns. Foliage disappears by spring. *Photo by: Ellen Culver* 

#### Grape Hyacinth (Muscari armeniacum) | ↓ 6-9 inches ↔ 3 inches ↓ 3 inches

Fragrant. Deep purple urn-shaped flowers lined with white. Each bulb produces one to three flowering scapes. **Care Notes:** Full sun to part shade. Leaves appear again in the fall and remain green through winter. *Photo by: Zachary Huang, cyberbee.net* 

#### Winter Aconite (*Eranthis hyemalis*) | ↓ 3-6 inches ↔ 6 inches ↓ 3 inches

Pulls viewers into the landscape with bright yellow blooms. Bracts are present under yellow flowers. **Care Notes:** Soak tubers overnight. Plant under deciduous trees. Foliage develops after flowering and dies back later in summer. *Photo by: Kelly Allsup* 

#### Dutch Crocus (Crocus vernus) | ↓ 3-6 inches ↔ 3-4 inches ↓ 2-3 inches

Largest flowering species on top of grass-like foliage. Flowers close at night and on cloudy days but open for sunlight. **Care Notes:** Full sun to part shade. Divide every five years. Leave the foliage for six weeks after bloom. *Photo by: Kelly Allsup* 

#### Garden Hyacinth (Hyacinthus orientalis) | ↓ 6-12 inches ↔ 6 inches ↓ 6 inches

Spikes of fragrant blue, purple, pink, and white. **Care Notes:** Full sun. Grown in Containers. Deadhead to prevent seed production. Short-lived. Allow foliage to fade before cutting back. *Photo by: Zachary Huang, cyberbee.net* 

#### Glory of the Snow (Chiondoxa luciliae) | 3-6 inches $\leftrightarrow 2-3$ inches $\downarrow 3$ inches

Presents purple strapping petals with white center and grass-like foliage. **Care Notes:** Full sun to part shade. Plant under deciduous trees. Foliage fades over time. *Photo by: Zachary Huang, cyberbee.net* 

#### Windflower (Anemone blanda) | 1 6 inches $\leftrightarrow$ 3-6 inches $\downarrow$ 3 inches

Blue, white, pink, purplish daisy-like flowers in April. Plants will naturalize over time. **Care Notes:** Full sun to part shade. Soak tubers overnight. *Photo by: Zachary Huang, cyberbee.net* 

#### **Snowdrop** (Galanthus nivalis) | (-9) inches $\leftrightarrow$ 3 inches $\downarrow$ 2-3 inches

Emerging snowdrops in the late winter let us know soil is warming and spring is coming. Foliage disappears by spring. **Care Notes:** Plant under deciduous trees. Divide clumps after flowering. *Photo by: Elisabeth25 via Pixabay* 



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