

**Ara Daffodil***Narcissus cyclamineus 'Ara'*

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 4 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

Add a touch of airiness and softness to early spring beds and borders with lemon yellow trumpets and slightly reflexed snow white petals; a great addition to fresh cut flower arrangements; easy to grow and low maintenance

Ornamental Features

Ara Daffodil has masses of beautiful lightly-scented white trumpet-shaped flowers with buttery yellow throats and yellow centers at the ends of the stems in mid spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Ara Daffodil is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ara Daffodil is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Ara Daffodil flowers
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Planting & Growing

Ara Daffodil will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.