



Using the Daffodil Identification Guide

The daffodils in this guide are grouped by flowering season to help with identification. The guide includes 24 varieties of daffodil commonly found in the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

This is far from a definite list as over 100 varieties have been discovered so far in the hedgebanks, fields and woodlands of the valley. However, they are some of the more commonly occurring varieties you are like to come across when you are out and about in the valley in the springtime.

Butter and Eggs

Classification:	D4 Y-O [Double]
Season:	Very Early
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Pre 1777
Petals:	In several whorls becoming shorter and narrower at the centre
Trumpet:	Segments are short and broad, sometimes orange or more nearly yellow
Other features:	The common old double English garden daffodil. Faintly fragrant



Magnificence

Classification:	D1 Y-Y [Trumpet Long-Cupped]
Season:	Very Early
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1914
Flower width:	Up to 115 mm
Petals:	Rich golden yellow, oblong and blunt
Trumpet:	Ribbed and deeply 6-lobed



Bath's Flame

Classification:	D3 Y-YYO [Small-Cupped]
Season:	Early to Mid-Season
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1913
Flower:	Width up to 102 mm which is at right angles to the stem or facing slightly downwards
Petals:	Broadly oval and blunt, deep yellow
Trumpet:	Short and broad funnel shape, deep yellow with orange rim and frilled
Other:	Very similar to Barrii 'Conspicuous' but with broader more deeply coloured petals; also resembles 'Brilliancy'



Bernardino

Classification:	D2 W-YYO [Large-Cupped]
Season:	Early to Mid-Season
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1907
Flower width:	Up to 103mm
Petals:	Broadly oval, creamy white
Trumpet:	Short funnel shape and ribbed. Deeply tinged orange- apricot and frilled



Brilliancy

Classification:	D3 Y-YYO [Small-Cupped]
Season:	Early to Mid-Season
Height:	Tall - greater than 67.5 cm
Flower width:	Up to 108mm
Petals:	Narrow and rounded at the end. Clear yellow
Trumpet:	Paler yellow than the petals with a reddish orange rim. Cup edged with deep scarlet
Other:	Scented



Fortune

Classification:	D2 Y-O [Large-Cupped]
Season:	Early to Mid-Season
Height:	Tall - greater than 67.5 cm
Registered:	Yes, before 1917
Flower width:	Up to 108 mm
Petals:	Broadly oval and blunt, brilliant yellow
Trumpet:	Short funnel shape, strong orange getting paler towards the base, lightly frilled



Ice Follies

Classification:	D2 W-W [Large-Cupped]
Season:	Early to Mid-Season
Height:	Tall - greater than 67.5 cm
Variation:	Daffodil colour or division may vary as the bloom reaches full maturity.
Registered:	Before 1953
Flower width:	Up to 95mm
Petals:	Broadly oval
Trumpet:	Opens yellow and matures to white, heavily ribbed with a deeply notched rim



King Alfred

Classification:	D1 Y-Y [Trumpet Long-Cupped]
Season:	Early to Mid-Season
Height:	Tall - greater than 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1899
Flower width:	Up to 98mm
Petals:	Vivid yellow, oblong and twisted
Trumpet:	Smooth and cylindrical, deeper yellow than the petals, rim deeply notched



Lucifer

Classification:	D2 W-YOO [Large-Cupped]
Season:	Early to Mid-Season
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1890
Flower width:	Up to 98 mm, star shaped
Petals:	Oval, creamy white with greenish yellow at base, twisted
Trumpet:	Short funnel shape, ribbed, glowing reddish orange, loosely frilled



Pentewan

Classification:	D2 Y-Y [Large-Cupped]
Season:	Early to Mid-Season
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1927
Flower width:	Up to 90mm, facing slightly downwards
Petals:	Chrome yellow
Trumpet:	Expanded and sulphur yellow with a wide and notched rim



Tete-a-tete

Classification:	D12 Y-Y [Miscellaneous]
Season:	Early to Mid-Season
Height:	Dwarf - less than 32.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1949
Flower width:	Up to 65 mm wide, 2-3 flowers per stem
Petals:	Brilliant yellow and oval
Trumpet:	Darker than the petals, short and cylindrical



Van Sion

Classification:	D4 Y-Y [Double]
Season:	Early to Mid-Season
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Variation:	Daffodil colour or division may vary as the bloom reaches full maturity.
Registered:	Before 1620
Flower Width:	Up to 100 mm
Petals:	Oval and light greenish yellow
Trumpet:	Funnel-shaped, smooth, vivid yellow, slightly paler at base, the cup filled with petal and trumpet segments in whorls
Other:	Doubling varies from partial to completely double



Victoria

Classification:	D1 W-Y [Trumpet Long-Cupped]
Season:	Early-Mid-Season
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1897
Flower Width:	Up to 84 mm
Petals:	Oval, creamy white with green and yellow midrib
Trumpet:	Vivid yellow and with a wide mouth and deep lobes



Actaea

Classification:	D9 W-YYR [Poeticus]
Season:	Mid-Season to Late
Height:	Tall - greater than 67.5 cm
Registered:	Pre 1919
Flower Width:	Up to 87 mm
Petals:	Broadly oval and spreading
Trumpet:	Very shallow, yellow with greenish yellow at the base and a band of orange-red at the rim, which has small crinkles
Other:	Scented



Barrii Conspicuus

Classification:	D3 Y-YYO [Small-Cupped]
Season:	Mid-Season to Late
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1869
Flower:	Flower star-shaped
Petals:	Oval, deep yellow becoming sulphur yellow with slightly white tips and spreading
Trumpet:	Long cup shaped and strongly ribbed, yellow, with orange and bright scarlet-orange at the rim which is tightly frilled



Carlton

Classification:	D2 Y-Y [Large-Cupped]
Season:	Mid-Season
Height:	Tall - greater than 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1927
Flower width:	Up to 120 mm
Petals:	Very broadly oval, blunt tips, sulphur yellow and slightly twisted
Trumpet:	Broad funnel shape, darker than the petals with deep notches



Damson

Classification:	D2 WWY-R [Large-Cupped]
Season:	Mid-Season
Height:	Tall - greater than 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1925
Petals:	Broadly oval, blunt tips, primrose yellow at first becoming creamy white
Trumpet:	Long ball shaped cup, fuchsia red



Emperor

Classification:	D1 Y-Y [Trumpet Long-Cupped]
Season:	Mid-Season
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1869
Petals:	Broadly oval, blunt tips, brilliant greenish yellow with a darker midrib
Trumpet:	Cylindrical at the base becoming slightly flared, vivid yellow lightly frilled mouth



Firebrand

Classification:	D3 WWY-R [Small-Cupped]
Season:	Mid-Season
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1897
Flower:	Star shaped
Petals:	Creamy white with lemon yellow at the base, oval in shape
Trumpet:	Cup shaped, ribbed and brilliant orange-red



White Lady

Classification:	D3 W-Y [Small-Cupped]
Season:	Mid-Season
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1897
Flower width:	Up to 86 mm and forms a double triangle
Petals:	Oval, blunt and spreading, lightly ceased
Trumpet:	Cup shaped, ribbed and pale creamy yellow with six lobes
Other:	Scented



Albatross

Classification:	D3 W-YYO [Small-Cupped]
Season:	Mid-Season to Late
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Registered:	Pre 1891
Flower width:	Up to 127 mm
Petals:	Broadly oval, rounded or squarish at the tip, clear white
Trumpet:	Bowl shaped, ribbed and pale lemon yellow with orange band at the rim, loosely frilled
Other:	Scented



Pheasants Eye

Classification:	Division 12 - Species, Wild Variants
Section:	Narcissus
Season:	Late Season
Registered:	Pre 1951
Petals:	Pure white
Trumpet:	Shallow, greenish yellow cup with a crimson rim
Other:	Very fragrant



White Lion

Classification:	D4 W-WYY [Double]
Season:	Mid-Season to Late
Height:	Tall - greater than 67.5 cm
Registered:	Before 1949
Flower width:	Up to 92 mm
Petals:	In two whorls, broadly oval, creamy white
Trumpet:	Short cluster in the centre interspersed with petals, light yellow



Tamar Double White

Classification:	D4 W-Y [Double]
Season:	Very Late
Height:	Standard - 32.5 to 67.5 cm
Raiser:	Unknown
Registered:	Before 1880
Flower width:	Up to 70 mm
Petals:	In 3-4 whorls opposite one another, broadly oval, white, sometimes green at the tip
Trumpet:	Centre whorl often less than six segments, yellow sometimes green at the base, sometimes white at the tip
Other:	Scented. Double variety of Poeticus or Pheasant's Eye



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How Daffodils are described

Daffodils are separated into 12 divisions:

Division 1 – Trumpet	Division 2 – Large cupped	Division 3 – Small cupped
Division 4 – Double	Division 5 – Triandrus	Division 6 – Cyclamineus
Division 7 – Jonquilla	Division 8 – Tazetta	Division 9 – Poeticus
Division 10 – Wild species	Division 11 – Split corona	Division 12 – Anything else!

The petal and trumpet colours are then identified by their initials so a completely yellow daffodil with a trumpet as long as, or longer than, the petals will be a D1 Y-Y



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