



SCILLA GROWING GUIDE



Common Name: SPANISH BELLS Also known as Scilla & Blue Bells
Botanical Name: Hyacinthoides hispanica **Family Name:** Hyacinthaceae

Plant Type: Bulb **Size:** 40-45cm H x 10cm W

Planting Time: Autumn **Planting Width:** 10cm **Depth:** 8cm

Flowering: Late Spring **Positioning:** Will do best in a shaded area, or in a position that receives morning sun and afternoon shade.

General Information: Suitable for temperate and Mediterranean climates. Does best in cooler climates with temperatures down to 0°C.

Watering: Requires regular soakings in spring, but during summer can be kept dry.

Fertilising: Work compost, leaf mold or rotted manure through the soil before planting, this will increase fertility and improve drainage, then fertilise every winter when foliage appears. **Soil:** Well drained, rich in organic matter.

Lifting & Storage: Generally a carefree plant that you can forget about, Spanish Bells enjoy being left to thicken into clumps. Digging may be necessary every 2-3 years or so to divide clumps into smaller groups. If digging is required do so in January.

Pests: Pests and disease are rare.

Tips: To tell which way to plant them, look for scales folded around each other, this is the top and should be planted

with the top facing up. Once you have planted them, add a 10cm thick layer of mulch to insulate. Each spring remove

spent flower stems. One of the latest Spring flowering bulbs.