

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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Grow with knowledge.

A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Narcissus poeticus ‘Recurvus’
Delivery size	10 bulbs for planting · commercial grade 12/14 · no flowering potted plants
Habit	Perennial clump-forming bulb; narrow grey-green leaves and above-ground summer dormancy
Expected height	About 35–40 cm at flowering as garden guidance; not delivery height
Flowering	Late spring, often April to May towards end of daffodil season; weather-dependent
Flower colour	Pure white outer petals; small yellow crown with narrow red rim and green eye
Planting time	Autumn in unfrozen workable soil; early and promptly after delivery if possible
Spacing	At least two actual bulb widths; around 10–15 cm for lasting groups as gardening guidance

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Choose sun or light partial shade giving foliage adequate light.	Late variety must not disappear early beneath dense neighbouring foliage.
Soil	Prepare humus-rich moderately fertile soil with good drainage.	Fresh growing conditions must not become waterlogging.
Planting time	Plant promptly if possible in autumn while soil is workable.	Roots should develop before flowering year.
Depth	About three actual bulb heights as guidance for permanent planting.	Commercial grade and actual height are different dimensions.
Spacing	At least two bulb widths; loose groups about 10–15 cm apart.	Offsets gain room for later development.
Water	Check during prolonged dryness with green foliage and water additionally.	Flowering containers dry faster than established beds.
Feed	Supply by need and label during sprouting.	Nutrients should accompany living leaf phase.
Foliage	Only cut or mow after natural yellowing.	Early leaf removal weakens bulb supply.
Handling	Wear gloves and keep bulbs separate from food.	Daffodils are harmful if eaten and can irritate skin.

Knowledge that grows

A little crown holds attention

Six white outer petals surround remarkably small centre in *Recurvus*. Flat yellow crown has narrow red rim with green eye inside. Slightly curved-back petals animate white surface without creating double flower. Delicate scent and late flowering suit garden path you often pass in spring. Narrow grooved grey-green leaves rise from ground. Developed flowering stem usually carries individual flower rather than large cluster of trumpets.

Recurvus has a long garden history

Poet's daffodil belongs to Amaryllidaceae. Older garden trade often uses *Narcissus poeticus* var. *recurvus*. RHS cultivar register now names long-cultivated garden plant *Narcissus poeticus* 'Recurvus'. Both spellings help find same familiar garden form. Current offer contains ten planting bulbs. Clean shop view shows grown flowering group. Flowering potted plant or fixed delivery height is not included; about 35–40 cm describes later flowering growth in suitable place.

Late flowering determines position

Recurvus opens in later spring, often April to May towards end of daffodil season. Plan position not covered by large perennial leaves before it blooms. Sun or light partial shade work when leaves receive sufficient light. Humus-rich moderately fertile soil can stay fresh during growth but must drain excess. Light lawn edge is possible if you mow there much later. Set group beside mown area instead of path needing constant clearance in May.

Plant bulbs in autumn with tips upward

Plant early in autumn where possible while soil remains workable. Check firmness and unusually soft or mouldy patches. Grade 12/14 is commercial circumference size, not measured bulb width. About three actual bulb heights provides practical depth guidance for permanent garden planting; account for packaging and soil. At least two real bulb widths apart, about 10–15 cm in loose groups, leaves later room for offsets. Watering dry soil helps settle it around bulbs. Wear gloves and keep daffodil bulbs separate from food.

Water and nutrients accompany living foliage

Spring rainfall often suffices in established beds. After prolonged dry weather check soil and water root area while leaves are green. Containers require more frequent checks. Consistently fresh leaf-growing conditions suit better than repeated drying followed by flooding. Feed as needed with suitable product by label, especially in limited container space. Start during sprouting and end additional supply when leaves die back. Stronger feed merely for one missing flower overlooks possible early leaf cutting, shade or crowded group.

After flowers the bed stays green a while

Remove spent heads if seed formation is unwanted and retain foliage. Narrow leaves should not be tied or prematurely cut. They need light to supply bulbs for next season. Resume mowing lawn planting only after natural yellowing. This often takes several weeks after flowering; visible leaf ripening is more reliable than fixed date. Small marker stone recalls planting spot after dieback so group is not accidentally dug up or overplanted in summer.

White group may gradually grow larger

Recurvus is perennial daffodil and may form offsets over time. If group crowds and flowers decline, divide gently after foliage dies back and replant strong bulbs with enough space. New bed likewise needs light and reliable drainage. Container plans include protection from constant winter wetness and entirely frozen small root area. Unusual spots, distortions or soft bulbs merit closer checks instead of treating every flowerless year as normal rhythm. Daffodils are harmful if eaten and can irritate skin; ornamental plants belong beyond chewing pets.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Unchanged clean shop image showing later white flowering with small red-rimmed crown. Delivery reference: 10 planting bulbs · commercial grade 12/14 · no flowering potted plants.



AI-created flower detail based on original shop image. Example of later flowering phase, not promise of current delivery flowers. Setting not included.

Good to know

Is *Recurvus* an early miniature daffodil?

No. Around 35–40 cm and late spring flowering are appropriate garden guidance.

What is delivered?

Ten bulbs for planting. Flowering group in images shows later development.

Why might packaging say *var. recurvus*?

Older garden and trade spelling. RHS register now names long-cultivated garden plant *Narcissus poeticus* 'Recurvus'.

Can leaves be tied after flowering?

Better leave loose. They need light to supply bulb and should only be removed after natural yellowing.

Can variety grow in lawn?

Yes, in suitable bright position. Mow spot only after daffodil leaves naturally turn yellow.

Is daffodil edible or suited to chewing animals?

No. Daffodils are harmful if eaten and can irritate skin. Store bulbs separately from food and use gloves.

The matching offer

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