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Flowers are so unique, people will be forced to stop

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Tigridia (Tiger flower)

Tigridia's triangular-shaped flowers with beautifully speckled centres are extraordinary.

The white, yellow, orange, pink, lilac or red flowers can grow separately, or in clusters on 50 cm tall stems. Blossoms only last for one day, but the flowers keep succeeding each other so that the flowering period really lasts through the months of July and August.

White and yellow Tigridia are gorgeous when combined with green, white and yellow flowers; the orange ones are

lovely in a green, yellow and orange combination; and the lilac, pink and red ones are pretty when mixed with pink, purple and blue blossoms.

As the leaves of the Tiger flowers are broad and grass-like, they contrast nicely with the leaf shapes of other flowers.

It is preferable to plant Tigridia tubers among low ground covers which can also be annual



Tigridia works well in the garden.

as: blue Lobelia and Brachicome, grey-leaved Senecio, purple or white Lobularia or the delightfully scented, yellow-green Reseda. Tigridia are also ideal for container plantings where their beauty can be viewed up-close-and-personal.

Note: None of the preceding four plants are entirely winter-hardy. So if you can't provide the bulbs with a

good winter covering, it is better to lift and store them in a dry, frost-free location for the winter.

Alternatively, you could plant the bulbs, corms or tubers in plastic pots which you then sink, pot and all, into your summer garden. Then in the fall, all you need to do is dig out the pot, and store it (with the bulb, soil and all) in a dry, frost-free location for the winter to be replanted in the garden next spring.

This article was submitted by The Netherlands Flowerbulb Information Centre.

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