



Common Name:
Snowdrops

Plant Type: Bulb

Light Requirements:
Part shade to full sun

Height: 3-16 inches
depending on variety

Bloom Time: early
spring

Hardiness Zone: 3-9

Galanthus (Snowdrops)

Galanthus are small, early blooming perennial bulbs in the Amaryllis family (Amaryllidaceae). They are native to southern Europe and southwestern Asia but have naturalized widely and are very popular in the northern United States. The common name, Snowdrops, refers to the plant's early bloom time in late winter and early spring, when snow can still be present.

Snowdrops have nodding, bell-shaped flowers with six petal-like sepals arranged in two circles. The inner sepals often have green markings. The two most common species of Snowdrops are *Galanthus nivalis* (common snowdrop) which grows 3-6" tall, and *Galanthus elwesii* (giant snowdrop), which grows 14-16" tall. Snowdrops prefer part shade to full sun and well-drained soil that is high in organic matter. Because of their small size, they look particularly good at the edge of a border or woodland area. They can form compact colonies once established. Snowdrops are typically considered deer and rabbit resistant.

References:

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