KEY TO SELECTED DAFFODIL CULTIVARS LIKELY TO BE FOUND OUTSIDE GARDENS IN BRITAIN.

Please note: there are literally thousands of cultivars, and many of them are extremely difficult to determine with any level of certainty. You should treat your determinations with cautious scepticism. What you can say is that you have found a cultivar “close to” such-and-such. For the common cultivars like ‘Ice Follies’ and ‘Tete a Tete’ you can be much more confident than for all-yellow Division 1 cultivars, which are notoriously difficult. In any case, enjoy yourself. Please let me have suggestions for improvements to the key.

Habitats: churchyards, cemeteries, village greens, roadside banks and waste ground in towns. Often mass-planted in civic schemes (‘Ice Follies’, ‘February Gold’ and the very early ‘Rijnveld’s Early Sensation’ are the favourites for this). A few of the species are capable of naturalizing by seed, but most individuals originate from bulbs that were planted, either intentionally or unintentionally. Spread by fly tipping of garden waste and in dumped soil.

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Species Narcissus like N. bulbocodium and N. cyclamineus are all assigned to Division 10.

The Divisions of daffodil cultivars are determined as follows:

1. Flowers single
2. Flowers 2 or more per stem

1. Flowers with a distinct trumpet, bowl or cup
2. Flowers double (flore pleno)

3. Trumpet more than 1/3 as long as the petals
4. Trumpet less than 1/3 as long as the petals

5. Trumpet upright, broadly overlapping
6. Trumpet reflexed, overlapping only at the base

5. Trumpet as long or longer than the petals
6. Trumpet shorter than petals

6. Trumpet split and flat against the petals
7. Trumpet small but intact, not split

7. Trumpet tricoloured, 3 anthers exerted
7. Trumpet not tricoloured, anthers equal                      Division 3
8. Flowers double (Flore Plena)                                Division 4
8. Flowers with a distinct (if small) trumpet                 9.
10. Trumpet less than half the petal length                   Division 5
10. Trumpet more than half the petal length                   Division 12
11. Leaves narrow and rush-like, stem rounded                Division 7
11. Leaves broad, stem stout                                  Division 8

Start here: Key to the Keys

1. Flowers double (D4) or split corona (D11), 1 or more per stem                      Key A  p.2
1. Single flowers with a distinct trumpet- or cup-shaped corona; 1 or more per stem     2

2. Flowers 1 per stem                                                                                                        3
2. Flowers 2 or more per stem                                                                                                 5

3. Flowers all yellow, but the petals often paler than the trumpet                              Key B  p.4
3. Flowers with some white, orange, red or pale yellow floral parts                                                             4

4. Petals white or pale yellow                                           Key C p.7
4. Petals yellow or deep yellow                                           Key D p.12

5. Multiple flowers per stem with white or pale yellow petals                           Key E p.14
5. Multiple flowers per stem with yellow petals                               Key F p.15

Key A: Double or split-flower daffodils, flowers 1 or more per stem

1. Flowers 1 per stem                                                                                                        2
1. Flowers 2 or more per stem                                                                                                 15

2. Outer petals deep yellow                                                                                                   3
2. Outer petals white or pale yellow                                                                                         7

3. Petals all yellow, golden yellow or greenish yellow                                                                     4
3. Petals or trumpet other colours (white or orange)                                                                           7

4. Petal segments ragged, greenish yellow                                                                                 5
4. Petal segments in neat, overlapping tiers, golden, no obvious trumpet                                                    6
5. Petal segments all narrow, diffuse (‘punk hair-do’) N. ‘Rip van Winkle’
5. Outer petal segments ‘normal’, inner broader, densely packed N. ‘Telamonius Plenus’

6. Flowers 110 mm wide with many layers of pointed segments N. ‘Golden Ducat’
6. Flowers 30mm wide, fragrant, sometimes 2 per stem N. ‘Pencrebar’

7. Outer petals white N. ‘White Marvel’
7. Outer petals yellow or pale yellow N. ‘Pencrebar’

8. Flowers all white, 87 mm wide N. ‘White Marvel’
8. Flowers with some yellow or orange petal segments in the centre N. ‘Pencrebar’

9. Inner petals deep golden yellow pressed flat against the outer (D11) N. ‘Belcanto’
9. Flowers double, not split-cup N. ‘Belcanto’

10. Neat white outer petals, deep orange inner segments N. ‘Acropolis’
10. White with yellow centres N. ‘Acropolis’

11. Double-flowered sport of Ice Follies, white petals with yellow centres N. ‘Ice King’
11. Densely ruffled white double daffodils with some yellow in the centre N. ‘Ice King’

12. Flowers 92 mm wide, all white but for yellow petal bases in the centre N. ‘White Lion’
12. Flowers 85 mm wide, numerous tiny, densely packed petal segments, the outer white, the smaller inner petals lemon yellow N. ‘Irene Copeland’

13. Split-cordona with pale lemon yellow petals and coronas, fading white N. ‘Cassata’
13. Double flowered daffodils with pale yellow outer petals and darker centres N. ‘Cassata’

14. Flowers 110 mm wide, regular rounded butter yellow petals mixed with orange segments in the centre N. ‘Tahiti’
14. Flowers 85 mm wide, small, much dissected pale yellow petals mixed with lemon yellow segments in the centre (like a pom-pom) N. ‘Irene Copeland’

15. Flowers 2 or more per stem, outer petals yellow N. ‘Yellow Cheerfulness’
15. Flowers 2 or more per stem, outer petals creamy white, centres golden, surrounded by white and gold petaloid segments crumpled with hooded tips N. ‘Yellow Cheerfulness’

16. Flowers 19 mm wide, inner petal segments orange at the margin, half as long as the outer petals. Late. N. ‘Yellow Cheerfulness’
16. Flowers 30 mm wide, fragrant, sometimes 2 per stem N. ‘Pencrebar’

17. Flowers 40mm wide, earlier flowering N. ‘Bridal Crown’
17. Flowers 55 mm wide, trumpet distinctly double, later flowering N. ‘Cheerfulness’
Key B. All-yellow cultivars with 1 flower per stem (D1, D2, D6, etc.)

1. Petals reduced to linear or narrowly triangular segments, dwarf plants  
   **N. bulbocodium**
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1. Petals broad, usually overlapping, dwarf or larger plants

2. Petals shorter than trumpet or equal in length (D1 and D6)  
   3

2. Petals longer than trumpet (D2, D7 & D12)  
   19

3. Petals broadly overlapping, trumpet not parallel sided (D1)  
   4

3. Petals narrower, reflexed, trumpet parallel sided (D6)  
   17

4. Flowers larger (more than 60 mm wide), hypanthial tube 15-25 mm  
   5

4. Flowers smaller (less than 61 mm wide), hypanthial tube < 15mm  
   6

5. Flowers uniformly deep golden yellow, D1 to 120 mm wide, comprising many difficult cultivars (below)  
   **N. pseudonarcissus** subsp. **major**  
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5. Petals much paler than the trumpet, often twisted and forward pointing, up to 70 mm wide  
   **N. pseudonarcissus** subsp. **pseudonarcissus**

6. Trumpet 16-25 mm, stems short (less than 25cm), winter flowering (11-2)  
   **N. minor**

6. Trumpet 30-40 mm, stem 20-30 cm, petals forward-pointing, flat, yellow, spring flowering (2-4), trumpet uniformly golden yellow  
   **N. pseudonarcissus** subsp. **obvallaris**

7. D1 YY cultivars keying out as **N. pseudonarcissus** subsp. **major**
   Flowering in January  
   **N. ‘Rijnveld’s Early Sensation’**  
   8

7. Flowering later than this

8. Flowers more than 70 mm wide  
   9

8. Flowers less than 71 wide  
   14

9. Flowers more than 100 mm wide  
   10

9. Flowers between 71 and 100 mm wide  
   13

10. Flowers 113 mm wide, petals inflexed at the base and reflexed at the apex (like Napoleon’s hat), inner petals ribbed and twisted, prominently white mucronate. Trumpet narrowly cylindrical or slightly funnel shaped (35 mm long), much deeper yellow, mouth widely expanded (50 mm wide), rim deeply notched and crenate. Common, one of the earliest of the big D1 YYs  
    **N. ‘Golden Harvest’**  
   11

10. Sepals flat or inflexed (not both inflexed and reflexed)
11. Flowers 125 mm wide (one of the biggest of the common D1 YY). Petals smooth, deep golden yellow, the inner segments square-shouldered at the base, plane or a little twisted. Trumpet slightly flared with a roll at the mouth. 40 cm tall. 

   N. ‘Arkle’

11. Flowers between 100 and 115 mm wide (there are 4 choices at this point) 12

12. Flowers 108 mm wide (like a bigger ‘King Alfred’; see 13). Trumpet smooth and cylindrical with a broad widely flanged rim. Very early. 

   N. ‘Unsurpassable’

12. Flowers 109 mm wide, petals brilliant greenish yellow, flat or only slightly inflexed or concave, overlapping 1/3, trumpet vivid deeper yellow, mouth expanded, rim a little rolled and deeply and regularly notched. 45 cm tall. 

   N. ‘Dutch Master’

12. Flowers 111 mm wide. Petals broad, vivid yellow, the inner narrower, shouldered at the base, inflexed and slightly twisted. Trumpet ribbed, rich golden yellow, mouth expanded and slightly frilled, rim flanged, deeply notched and crenate. 45 cm tall. 

   N. ‘Kingscourt’

12. Flowers 115mm wide rich golden yellow. Trumpet ribbed, funnel-shaped, mouth expanded and deeply lobed. Early. 

   N. ‘Magnificence’

13. Rim very conspicuous, broad, rolled-back (4mm wide). Flowers 98 mm wide. Petals of strong substance, inflexed, sometimes twisted, especially the inner petals. The trumpet is slightly deeper in tone, with rim regularly and deeply notched. 

   N. ‘King Alfred’

13. Rim less conspicuous. Flowers 95 mm wide. Petals very broad, smooth, plane, waxy, rich golden yellow, overlapping half. Trumpet slightly darker yellow, mouth expanded and heavily ribbed, rim flanged notched and crenate. 40 cm tall. 

   N. ‘Arctic Gold’


   N. ‘Bob Minor’

14. Flowers less than 60mm wide 15

15. Flowers 15-30 mm wide, pale yellow with darker trumpets. To 15 cm tall. 

   N. minor

15. Flowers more than 35 mm wide 16

16. Dwarf plants, 14 cm tall. Flowers 42 mm wide, vivid yellow. Petals strongly inflexed, the inner with wavy margins. Trumpet cylindrical, slightly constricted near the middle, darker yellow at the rim. 

   N. ‘Little Gem’

16. Taller plants (20-30 cm). Flowers 40 mm wide. Concolorous golden yellow, with flat, forward pointing petals. 30-40 mm tall. 

   Tenby Daffodil

   N. pseudonarcissus subsp. obvallaris

17 Plant small (stem less than 20 cm), flowers delicate, nodding, with petals reflexed back to 180 degrees 

   N. cyclamineus

17. Plant larger (stem more than 20cm), flowers robust, trumpet long, slender and distinctly parallel sided, petals reflexed or backward curved 18
18. Trumpet parallel-sided but not prominently rimmed. Petals clear yellow, curved reflexed (very common, often mass-planted) N. ‘February Gold’
18. Trumpet extremely long and thin, mouth rolled back into a prominent rim, petals very narrow N. ‘Peeping Tom’

19. D7 daffodils with 1–several flowers per stem, flowers c. 70 mm wide 20
19. D2 or D6 daffodils 21

20. Petals luminous lemon yellow. Trumpet fading white. D7 YW. N. ‘Dickcissel’

20. Petals and trumpet pale sulphur yellow, paling to white at the base. D7 YYW-W N. ‘Pipit’

21. Bigger D2 YY cultivars, flowers more than 60 mm wide 22
21. Dwarf plants with small spreading deep yellow petals, and short, deep yellow or orange trumpets, flowers single or 2-3, less than 60 mm wide. Trumpets parallel-sided. D12 YY or YO, offspring of a single N. ‘Cyclataz’ 24

22. Flowers 90 mm wide, facing downwards, petals thin and translucent, lightly creased with a prominent yellow midrib. Trumpet slightly funnel shaped, 25 mm long and 25 mm wide, loosely ribbed, deeper yellow and less greenish than the petals, mouth flared and closely ribbed. N. ‘California’ (correctly known as N. ‘Pentewan’) 22
22. Flowers more than 95 mm wide 23

23. Petals strongly creased with vertical lines. Flowers 120 mm wide. Petals sulphur yellow, conspicuously paler than the trumpet. Inner segments with wavy margins. Petals slightly twisted, inner petals with wavy margins. Trumpet deep yellow, with mouth expanded and frilled, and rim deeply and repeatedly notched and crenate. Mid season. N. ‘Carlton’

23. Petals remarkably flat. Flowers 100 mm wide, petals golden yellow with a white mucro, flat with a ‘neatly ironed’ look. Trumpet cylindrical, smooth, darker in tone than the petals, mouth only little expanded, rim flanged, deeply notched and minutely crenate. Early. 45 cm tall. N. ‘St Keverne’

24. Petals strongly reflexed. Flowers 2 or 3 per stem, 30 mm wide. Petals deep golden yellow. Trumpet cylindrical (16 mm long and 10 mm wide at the mouth), sometimes constricted near the mouth, ribbed, orange yellow (YO or YY). 17 cm tall N. ‘Jumblie’
24. Petals spreading or less strongly reflexed 25

25. Flowers 30 mm wide. Petals soft sulphur yellow, flat, spreading to slightly reflexed. Flowers 1-3 per stem. Trumpets short, frilled, golden yellow cups. From 16 to 40 cm tall. N. ‘Quince’

25. Flowers 50 mm wide, 1-3 per stem (typically 1). Petals spreading at c. right angles, brilliant yellow with a slight white mucro. Trumpet cylindrical, held horizontally, broadly angled, slightly constricted at the mouth, distinctly darker and more vivid (more orange) than the petals, mouth slightly expanded, 6 lobed with crenate rim. Very early. Dwarf, 15 cm tall. Very common. N. ‘Tete a Tete’
Key C. Flowers 1 per stem, petals white or pale yellow, trumpets yellow, orange, white, green or pink

1. Trumpet disc-shaped, often rimmed red, *Pheasant’s Eye*, *N. poeticus*, and its D9 cultivars
   1. Trumpet longer, not red-rimmed, stamens of one kind, not D9

2. A broad band of green inside the cup
   2. Cup without conspicuous green band
   N. ‘Cantabile’

3. All 6 stamens protruding, petals very narrow, not overlapping, strongly recurved
   3. Cup without conspicuous green band
   *N. poeticus* subsp. *radiiflorus*

4. Petals upright, broad, overlapping to half, flowers 87 mm wide
   4. Petals recurved, narrow, overlapping only at the base
   ‘Actaea’

5. Flowers all white (or fading to white)
   5. Trumpets yellow, orange, green or pink, with white petals
   *N. poeticus* var. *recurvus*

6. All white single flowers belonging to D1
   6. Other divisions with all white single flowers

7. D1 WW flowers wider than 112 mm
   7. D1 WW flowers narrower than 113 mm

8. Flowers 127 mm wide, forming a double triangle, ivory white, trumpet long, slender, broadly and smoothly ribbed, flared
   8. Flowers 115 mm wide, petals green at base, spreading, flat, trumpet narrow, rim flanged and bluntly dentate.
   N. ‘Beersheeba’

9. Inner petals incurling at the tip. Flowers 102 mm wide, petals creamy white, inner petals more narrowly acute, angled at the shoulder with wavy margins, trumpet smooth darker cream fading to white, mouth flared, rim flanged and regularly crenate. 45 cm tall.
   9. Inner petals incurling at the base. Flowers 110 mm wide, outer petals plane, trumpet darker tone, mouth expanded and lightly frilled, rim rolled and shallowly crenate. 40 cm tall.
   N. ‘Mount Hood’

10. D2 or D3 cultivars with white (or fading to white) trumpets
    10. Other WW divisions
11. D2 WW, flowers 120 mm wide, pale creamy white, forming a double triangle, inner petals overlapping to almost ½ trumpet somewhat funnel shaped, mouth expanded and even, rim rolled and crenate.  
N. ‘Canisp’
11. Flowers smaller than this
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12. D2 WW with flowers 95 mm wide, bowl-shaped trumpets
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12. D3 WW with spreading petals and very small cup-shaped trumpets
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13. Trumpet bowl-shaped, broad, ribbed, bluish white.  
N. ‘Stainless’
13. Trumpet frilled, very widely expanded, heavily ribbed, lemon yellow fading to white. 40 cm tall (very common).  
N. ‘Ice Follies’

14. Petals overlapping ½, a little reflexed, trumpet a narrow cup, green inside at the base, mouth straight, tightly frilled, rim minutely crenate. Flowers 83 mm wide  
N. ‘Portrush’
14. Petals narrow, widely separated forming a double triangle (star-shaped), and a narrow, short yellow cup-shaped trumpet. Scented. Flowers 86 mm wide  
N. ‘White Lady’

15. Plants with greatly reduced petals (like a white N. bulbocodium)  
15. Plants with strongly or slightly reflexed white petals (D6, D10)
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16. Flowers 36 mm diameter, petals brilliant sparkling white, leaves rush like trumpet funnel shaped, stamens slightly shorter than the trumpet (anthers included)  
N. cantabricus
16. Flowers smaller (27 mm diameter), leaves bigger (2mm wide not 1mm) and longer (to 35 cm, not 15cm), anthers exserted. A close relative of N. cantabricus, and hybrids with it are fertile.  
N. romieuxii subsp. albidus

17. Trumpet an egg-shaped cup, narrower at the base and the tip. Flowers 60 mm wide, with strongly reflexed petals, and short, cup-shaped, rounded trumpets, D10 WW  
N. triandrus
17. Trumpet parallel sided
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18. Leaves grass green, 9 mm wide. Stems to 20 cm. Flowers 40 mm wide, lemon yellow trumpet, later flowering  
N. ‘Jack Snipe’
18. Leaves blue green, 13 mm wide. Stems to 30 cm. Flowers 65 mm wide, long clear lemon trumpets fading white, earlier flowering  
N. ‘Jenny’

19. Trumpets yellow  
20. Trumpets orange or pink
21

20. Petals pale yellow or white, daffodils of D1 (both dwarf and robust)
21. Petals pale yellow
24
20. Other divisions of WY (D2, D3, D6, etc.)
22

21. Petals pale yellow
21. Petals white
22. Trumpet also pale yellow, expanded and lobed. Pedicel 3-10mm.  
* N. pseudonarcissus * subsp. pallidiflorus

22. Petals often twisted and forward pointing, much paler than the trumpet 23

23. Tall plants. Flowers up to 100 mm wide

* N. pseudonarcissus * subsp. pseudonarcissus

23. Short plants (15 cm tall). Slightly nodding flowers, 35 mm wide, pale yellow petals and deep yellow trumpets. V. similar to * N. minor.  
* N. ‘Lobularis’ * is a hort. synonym of  * N. nanus *

24. Very striking D1 WY daffodil, flowers 120 mm wide, trumpet yellow with a touch of white at the rim, 40 mm long.  
* N. ‘Bravoure’ *

24. Flowers smaller than this 25

25. Flowers more than 80 mm wide 26

25. Flowers less than 80 mm wide 29

26. Petals narrow, acute, inflexed, twisted, forward pointing, sulphur white, overlapping only at the base. Flowers 95 mm wide. Trumpet narrowly funnel shaped, loosely ribbed, rich yellow, paler at the base, mouth expanded and more strongly ribbed, notched and dentate.

* N. ‘Princeps’ *

26. Petals not twisted and forward pointing 27

27. Trumpet pale primrose yellow. Flowers facing slightly downwards, petals creamy white, with a frilled and expanded mouth.

* N. ‘Ptolemy’ *

27. Trumpet rich yellow 28

28. Trumpet narrow funnel shaped, ribbed, rich yellow, mouth expanded and 6-lobed, rim flanged and crenate. Later-flowering than ‘Horsfieldii’.

* N. ‘Empress’ *


* N. ‘Horsfieldii’ *

29. Dwarf with elegant flowers 65 mm wide, with slightly forward-pointing rounded petals, white with yellow bases, and smooth cylindrical trumpet, a flared, parallel sided lemon yellow trumpet, coarsely 6-lobed recurved margin frilled with dentate rim, like an earlier flowering ‘Little Beauty’ or a larger * N. nanus *

* N. ‘Topolino’ *

29. Sturdy dwarf, 14 cm tall, flowers 30 mm wide, greenish white petals inflexed, twisted with margins recurved, the inner petals more distinctly twisted, trumpet vivid yellow, paler towards the petal colour at the base. Trumpet mouth ribbed, rim flanged and deeply and closely notched.

* N. ‘Little Beauty’ *

30. D2 WY, trumpets shorter than petals but longer than 1/3 petal length 31
30. Other Divisions of WY (D3, D6, etc.)

31. Sturdy D2 daffodil, flowers 95 mm wide, with a frilled, very widely expanded trumpet. Petals white, spreading, with a very shallow trumpet, initially lemon yellow, fading to white, with a frilled, deeply notched and minutely crenate rim. 40 cm tall (very common).

31. Trumpet cylindrical or funnel-shaped, not wide spreading

32. Trumpet primrose yellow

32. Trumpet deep yellow or lemon yellow, petals creamy white

33. Flowers 90 mm wide, star-shaped, facing slightly upwards. Petals milk white slightly stained at the base, ribbed, of thin substance. Trumpet funnel shaped, ribbed, mouth straight. **N. ‘Lady Margaret Boscowan’**

33. Flowers 107 mm wide. Milk white, spreading. Trumpet widely expanded, narrowly ribbed, with a straight, wavy mouth. **N. ‘Mitylene’**

34. Flowers 100 mm wide, forming a double triangle. Petals flat. Trumpet funnel shaped, smooth, brilliant yellow, paler at the base, rim rolled. **N. ‘Brunswick’**

34. Trumpet large, expanded, lemon yellow, paling to sulphur yellow at the base, neatly frilled. **N. ‘Empire’**

35. D3 daffodils with white petals and yellow cups

35. Daffodils of Division 6 with longer trumpets

36. Slender D3 daffodil, flowers 86 mm wide, star-shaped, with narrow white petals forming a double triangle, and a narrow, short yellow cup-shaped trumpet. Scented. **N. ‘White Lady’**

36. D3 WY daffodils with wider, overlapping petals (almost *N. poeticus* in shape)

37. Petals white, trumpet pale apricot yellow, darker at the rim. Flowers rounded 90 mm wide. Petals broad becoming yellowish white. Trumpet small, flat, pale apricot yellow tinted whitish yellow, darker at the rim. **N. ‘Aircastle’**

37. Petals cream, trumpet light greenish yellow, of good substance. Flowers 90 mm wide. Trumpet light greenish yellow, slightly darker tone at the rim. **N. ‘Woodland Prince’**

38. Petals narrow, overlapping 1/3, spreading or slightly reflexed, creased, margins wavy. Inner petals narrower, twisted. Flowers to 50 mm wide, like ‘February Gold’ in form. Trumpet long, slender, cylindrical (30 mm long, 20 mm wide across the mouth), bright yellow, broadly ribbed, mouth expanded with 6 overlapping lobes. Early. 30 cm tall. **N. ‘February Silver’**

38. D6 WY daffodils with shorter trumpets (less than 30 mm)

39. Mouth widely expanded. Flowers hanging at first but at right angles to the stem at maturity. Petals strongly reflexed. Trumpet lemon yellow, fading to milk white,
cylindrical, the mouth widely expanded and even, rim notched, crenate and slightly rolled.  

39. Trumpet more or less cylindrical, only slightly expanded at the mouth

40. Leaves grass green, 9 mm wide. Stems to 20 cm. Flowers 40-70 mm wide, at an acute angle on the stem. Petals creamy white, flushed pale yellow at the base, reflexed with incurved margins. Trumpet lemon yellow, cylindrical, ribbed, brighter tone at the mouth which is very slightly expanded and a little frilled. Later flowering.  

N. ‘Tracey’

40. Leaves blue green, 13 mm wide. Stems to 30 cm.

41. Flowers 98 mm wide. Petals milk white, reflexed, smooth. Trumpet cylindrical broadly ribbed, soft lemon yellow fading to ivory white, mouth flared and frilled, rim notched and crenate.  

N. ‘Surfside’

41. Flowers less than 91 mm wide

42. Trumpet cylindrical, parallel-sided. Flowers 65-90 mm wide, 25 mm long. Petals smooth, reflexed, a little twisted, margins recurved, the inner more strongly twisted. Trumpets clear lemon trumpets fading white. Mouth of trumpet more strongly ribbed and a little flared. Earlier flowering. Unpleasant smelling.  

N. ‘Jenny’

42. Trumpet narrowly funnel shaped. Flowers 76-85 mm wide. Petals broad, creamy white with conspicuous midrib, overlapping 1/3 to ½. Trumpet clear lemon yellow, mouth very slightly expanded  

N. ‘Dove Wings’

43. Trumpets orange or red

43. Trumpets pink

44. D2 WO or WR with longer trumpets

44. D3 or D6 WR with short, bowl-shaped trumpets

45. Flowers 108 mm wide. Petals creamy white, yellowish at the base. Trumpet deep bowl shaped, lightly ribbed, vivid orange, deep yellow at the base, with some green in the tube. D2 W-YOO

N. ‘Kilworth’

45. Flowers 90 mm wide. Petals white, broadly spreading, ovate, smooth, a little concave. Trumpet disc-shaped, loosely ribbed, orange red, mouth widely expanded and a little frilled. D2 WR

N. ‘Avenger’

46. Petals white with yellow at the base

46. Petals white throughout

47. Flowers 89 mm wide, petals spreading, plane, mucronate, white, with vivid yellow base. Trumpet bowl shaped, ribbed, darker than strong orange at the mouth, paler within. Mouth expanded, rim closely and minutely frilled. Very early.  

N. ‘Barrett Browning’

47. Flowers 75 mm wide. Petals yellow fading white, but remaining yellow at the base, reflexed with midrib showing, slightly downward-facing. Trumpet narrow cup-shaped, red-orange with yellow base, mouth straight and even.  

D6 W-YYR

N. ‘Beryl’

N. ‘Rockall’

48. Trumpet reduced to a disc

49. Trumpet brilliant yellow with an orange red rim with wavy margins. Flowers 74 mm wide. Petals very broad and rounded. D3 W-YYR  

N. ‘Merlin’

49. Trumpet deep red. Petals broad, rounded. D3 WR  

N. ‘Woodland Star’

50. Trumpets of several banded colours, with pink at the mouth

51. Trumpets more uniformly pink, but sometimes with a green ‘eye’

51. Trumpet cup-shaped, smooth, white with a green base and a pink rim, mouth expanded, rim slightly flanged. Flowers 112 mm wide. Petals very broadly ovate, the inner narrower, shouldered at the base. D2 W-GWP  

N. ‘High Society’

51. Trumpet funnel shaped lightly ribbed, white with a broad orange-pink band at the mouth, not green at the base, mouth wavy rim slightly flanged Flowers 100 mm wide. Petals pure white somewhat concave, the inner with wavy incurved margins. D2 W-WWP

N. ‘Rainbow’

52. Trumpet funnel shaped, becoming orange pink, with a brilliant yellow rim, only slightly expanding. Flowers 90 mm wide. Petals broadly ovate, spreading, the inner slightly inflexed and concave. 45 cm tall . D2 W-PPY

N. ‘Salome’

52. Trumpet without a brilliant yellow rim

53. Trumpet amber pink with a green eye at the base, with little flare at the mouth. Flowers 80-120 mm wide. Petals ivory white. 45 cm tall

N. ‘Satin Pink’

53. Trumpet cylindrical, pale apricot pink, darker at the rim, without a green eye at the base. Flowers 97 mm wide. Petals broadly ovate, mucronate, slightly twisted, the inner inflexed., with mouth slightly expanded and loosely frilled, rim crenate.  

N. ‘Mrs R.O. Backhouse’

Key D. Single flowered, yellow petalled cultivars with orange, red or white trumpets.

1. Yellow-petalled daffodils with white trumpets (a very unusual combination)  

2. Flowers 1-3 per stem, 70 mm wide. Petals luminous lemon yellow. Trumpet fading white. D7 YW.  

N. ‘Dickcissel’

2. D1 daffodils with white trumpets with yellow rims, and yellow petals.  

3. Petals brilliant greenish yellow throughout. Flowers 112 mm wide. Petals spreading, somewhat twisted overlapping up to ½, inner petals more strongly twisted, trumpet
cylindrical fading to white from base, with a line of greenish yellow at the rim, flanged deeply and irregularly notched. D1 Y-WWY
N. ‘Spellbinder’

3. Petals deep lemon yellow, white at the base. Flowers 120 mm wide, forming a double triangle. D1 YY-WWY
N. ‘Trumpet Warrior’

4. Fragrant flowers with pointed petals and darker trumpets
N. x incomparabilis

4. Petals not pointed

5. D2 YO or YR daffodils

6. D6 or D7 YO or YR daffodils

5. Flowers 95 mm wide with yellow-orange petals with a white mucro, spreading, faintly ribbed. Midrib prominent. Inner segments less mucronate, margins incurved at apex. Trumpet orange, short funnel shaped, widely expanded, mouth straight and even.
N. ‘Ambergate’

6. Petals yellow or deep yellow, but not orange.

7. Trumpets orange

8. Petals pale yellow

9. Flowers 80-110 mm wide. Petals butter yellow, spreading, overlapping ½, slightly mucronate. Inner petals somewhat creased, with margins nicked. Trumpet funnel shaped, 28 mm long, broad, smooth, warm orange, paler towards the base, mouth straight, 25 mm wide, with deeply overlapping lobes. Lightly frilled.
N. ‘Fortune’

N. ‘Holywood’

10. Flowers 94 mm wide. Petals vivid yellow, smooth, regular, slightly mucronate, overlapping ½. Trumpet cup-shaped, lightly ribbed, vivid orange yellow, with rim slightly flanged.
N. ‘Pinza’

10. Flowers 100 mm wide or more

11. Flowers 100 mm wide. Petals vivid yellow with a metallic sheen and a white mucro, spreading or slightly inflexed. Inner petals often with a ‘thumb’ sticking from the margin. Midrib showing. Trumpet short funnel shaped, narrow, vivid orange.
N. ‘Ceylon’

11. Flowers 111 mm wide. Petals vivid yellow, distinctly pointed, with margins slightly incurved. Trumpet ribbed, vivid orange, mouth expanded, rim regularly toothed. Fragrant.
N. ‘Home Fires’

N. ‘Shining Light’

12. Petals deep yellow or golden yellow
13. Trumpet red, short, and widely expanded to 32 mm. Flowers 87 mm wide.  
   N. ‘Scarlett O’Hara’

13. Trumpet red, narrow cup shaped, smooth vivid or strong orange, lighter towards the base, widening only slightly to a jagged mouth. Flowers 94 mm wide. Petals rounded, smooth, rich golden yellow, broad, blunt, with a very small mucro.  
   N. ‘Vulcan’

14. Flowers 1 or 2 (D7), scented, primrose yellow petals, trumpets broad  
   N. ‘Suzy’

14. YO daffodils belonging to D6  
   N. ‘Jetfire’

15. Petals strongly reflexed. Flowers 2 or 3 per stem, 30 mm wide. Petals deep golden yellow. Trumpet cylindrical, 15 mm long and 8 mm wide at the mouth, sometimes constricted near the mouth, ribbed, orange yellow (YO or YY). 17 cm tall  
   N. ‘Jumblie’

15. Petals spreading or less strongly reflexed  
   N. ‘Quince’

16. Flowers 75 mm wide (like a larger version of ‘Tete a Tete’) with cylindrical bright orange (but fading) trumpets, 25 mm long and 18 mm wide at the mouth, the trumpets downward-pointing (not horizontal), constricted near the mouth, and petals more strongly reflexed, creased, with wavy margins  
   N. ‘Jetfire’

16. Flowers smaller than this  
   N. ‘Paper White’

17. Flowers 30 mm wide. Petals soft sulphur yellow, flat, spreading to slightly reflexed. Flowers 1-3 per stem. Trumpets short, frilled, golden yellow cups. From 16 to 40 cm tall.  
   N. ‘Quince’

17. Flowers 50 mm wide, 1-3 per stem (typically 1). Petals spreading at c. right angles, brilliant yellow with a slight white mucro. Trumpet cylindrical, held horizontally, broadly angled, slightly constricted at the mouth, distinctly darker and more vivid (more orange) than the petals, mouth slightly expanded, 6 lobed with crenate rim. Very early. Dwarf, 15 cm tall. Very common.  
   N. ‘Tete a Tete’

Key E. Several flowers per stem, with white petals

1. Flowers all white  
   N. papyraceus most commonly  
2. Up to 10 glistening all-white flowers, 15 mm wide, with tiny white trumpets and golden ‘eyes’ of stamens in the centre, strongly scented. Very early. 35 cm tall.  
   N. papyraceus most commonly N. ‘Paper White’

3. Dwarf plants (10-25 cm tall) with 1-6 nodding cream flowers, 60 mm wide, with strongly reflexed petals. Angel’s Tears  
   N. triandrus

3. Taller plants (to 35 cm) with more milky white flowers and less strongly reflexed petals (D5 WW)
4. Petals narrow, separated, slightly twisted, reflexed. 2-4 milk-white downward-facing flowers, 50 mm wide. Trumpet rather short, cup-shaped, ribbed mouth straight, wavy rim crenate.  
   *N.* ‘Thalia’

4. Petals broad, overlapping, more or less strongly reflexed. 2-3 white flowers 40 mm wide. Trumpet longer, straight-sided but rounded to the base, lightly ribbed to 2/3 length of the petals, with a straight slightly wavy mouth.  
   *N.* ‘Ice Wings’

5. Trumpets yellow or orange  
   6

5. Trumpets pink. Flowers 2-3 per stem, 65 mm wide. Petals opening pale buff yellow, fading to ivory white. Late.  
   *N.* ‘Bell Song’

6. Trumpets orange or deep yellow  
   7

6. Trumpets pale yellow  
   10

7. Numerous (3-15) small (<40 mm wide) fragrant flowers (D10 WO or WY), leaves glaucous, erect, broad, twisted, keeled. Stout stem, 20-45 cm tall. Trumpet twice as wide as long (6-11 mm x 3-6 mm). *N.* *tazetta* often represented by *N.* ‘Canaliculatus’

7. Fewer (2-6) larger (40 mm or more wide) flowers  
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8. Two (sometimes 1 or 3) fragrant WY flowers, 40 mm wide. Trumpet 4-5 mm wide and 9-12 mm long, bright yellow. Leaves flat, glaucous. 35-45 cm tall. *N.* poeticus *x* *N.* *tazetta* is ‘Primrose Peerless’ a synonym of  
   *N.* *x* medioluteus

8. Flowers larger (c. 57 mm wide), usually more than 2 per stem  
   9

9. Flowers 1-6 per stem, 55 mm wide. Petals glistening white, broad with a squarish apex, spreading or slightly reflexed. Trumpet bright orange-red cups, bowl-shaped ribbed, yellowish orange overlaid with strong orange. 35 cm tall. Scented.  
   *N.* ‘Geranium’

9. Flowers 4-5 per stem, petals creamy white, very broad, spreading. Inner petals not mucronate. Trumpet shallow bowl shaped, ribbed, bright orange yellow (WO or WY) with a wavy mouth.  
   *N.* ‘Laurens Koster’

10. Flowers 33 mm wide, c. 10 per stem,. Petals blunt, ribbed, overlapping, reflexed. Trumpet cup-shaped, brilliant greenish yellow or lemon yellow. Strongly scented. 35 cm tall.  
    *N.* ‘Avalanche’

10. Flowers 50 mm wide, 5-7 (up to 10) per stem, nodding, scented. Petals creamy white, broadly oval, mucronate, spreading, overlapping. Inner petals narrower. Trumpet small, cup-shaped creamy white or pale primrose yellow. Scented. Late. 30 cm tall.  
    *N.* ‘Silver Chimes’

**Key F. Several flowers per stem, with yellow petals**

1. Trumpets as shallow cups  
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1. Trumpets longer  
   12
2. Leaves rush-like, dark green, narrow and inrolled (D7 Jonquils)  3
2. Leaves broad and flat (D8 Tazettas)  9

3. Trumpets orange,  D7 YO, 2-3 per stem, Scented.  4
3. Trumpets yellow,  D7 YY  5

   N. ‘Suzy’
4. Flowers 71 mm wide petals broad, clear primrose or soft lemon yellow, with prominent white mucro, inner with margins incurved or wavy. Trumpet short, broadly funnel shaped, much darker in tone, mouth straight. 45 cm tall.  
   N. ‘Trevithian’

5. Trumpets yellow fading to white. Flowers 1-3 per stem, 70 mm wide.  6
5. Trumpets yellow, not fading white  7

   N. ‘Pipit’
6. Petals not streaked white, lemon yellow. Trumpet fading white.  
   N. ‘Dickcissel’

7. Flowers 35 mm wide. Sundial  D7 YY  1 or 2 flowers Petals blunt, brilliant yellow, reflexed overlapping half. Trumpet a very shallow bowl, ribbed, darker in tone. Early.  
   20 cm tall. Stems to 20 cm.  
   N. ‘Sundial’
7. Flowers more than 40 mm wide  8

8. Trumpet funnel shaped. Flowers 57 mm wide, 2-4 per stem. Petals with prominent white mucro, spreading, flat, inner petals with margins strongly incurved, lightly ribbed, slightly deeper in tone with a straight, wavy. 30 cm tall. The cultivar name refers to the wrinkled cup of this N. x odorus, Campernelle Jonquil  D7 YY  
   N. ‘Rugulosus’
8. Trumpet cup shaped. Flowers 1 or 2 per stem (usually solitary), 40-50 mm wide. Petals of heavy substance, spreading, mucronate, rich gold, Trumpets of thick substance, darker in tone with mouth straight and wavy, rim lightly crenate. Stems to 40 cm, stiff. Frangrant.  
   N. ‘Sweetness’

9. Trumpets orange, scented  10
9. Trumpets yellow  11

10. Flowers 10-20 per stem, 43 mm wide. Petals rounded, flat, spreading, brilliant yellow, with a long white mucro. Trumpet deep orange, a shallow cup. Very early.  
    N. ‘Grand Soleil d’Or’
10. Flowers 4-6 per stem, larger (50 mm wide) petals rich primrose yellow, inflexed, inner petals loosely twisted. Trumpet shallow, widely expanded, vivid reddish orange with green showing clearly at the bottom of the tube. 35 cm tall.  
    N. ‘Scarlet Gem’
11. Flowers 2-5 per stem, 27 mm wide. Petals pale creamy yellow, rounded and strongly mucronate, spreading, flat. Contrasting trumpet a shallow cup, smooth, darker vivid yellow. 18 cm tall, D8 YY.  
N. ‘Minnow’

11. Flowers 6 to 8 per stem, 40 mm wide. Petals narrow, slightly reflexed, pale canary yellow, prominently mucronate. Trumpet a shallow cup, *paler* than the petals. Scented, dwarf, D5 YY Slender plants 18 cm tall. Late.  
N. ‘Hawera’

12. Trumpets widest in the middle (cigar-shaped). Flowers 2 per stem, 90 mm wide. Petals prominently mucronate, spreading, brilliant greenish yellow. Trumpet short cigar-shaped, very broadly ribbed, mouth constricted and slightly wavy, shallowly 6 lobed. 30 cm tall. D5 YY  
N. ‘Liberty Bells’

12. Trumpets parallel-sided. D12 YY or YO, offspring of a single N. ‘Cyclataz’  

13. Petals strongly reflexed. Flowers 2 or 3 per stem, 30 mm wide. Petals deep golden yellow. Trumpet cylindrical, sometimes constricted near the mouth, ribbed, orange yellow (YO or YY). 17 cm tall  
N. ‘Jumblie’

13. Petals spreading or less strongly reflexed  

14. Flowers 30 mm wide. Petals soft sulphur yellow, flat, spreading to slightly reflexed. Flowers 1-3 per stem. Trumpets short, frilled, golden yellow cups. From 16 to 40 cm tall.  
N. ‘Quince’

14. Flowers 50 mm wide. Petals spreading at approx. right angles, brilliant yellow with slight white mucro. Flowers 1-3 per stem (typically 1). Trumpet cylindrical, broadly angled, slightly constricted at the mouth, held more or less horizontally, distinctly darker and more vivid (more orangey) than the petals, mouth slightly expanded, 6 lobed with crenate rim. Very early. Dwarf, 15 cm tall. Very common.  
N. ‘Tete a Tete’
NARCISSUS DIVISIONS
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