

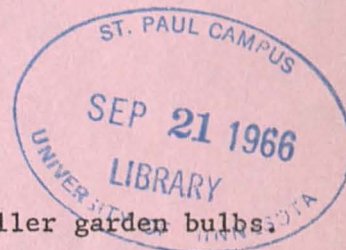
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PLANTING GRAPE HYACINTHS AND CROCUS



Grape hyacinths and crocus are two of the more popular smaller garden bulbs. Because both bloom very early in the spring they provide early interest in the landscape.

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Grape hyacinths and crocus should be planted where they can be readily seen from the indoors. The gardener must consider that in the early season the greatest joy will be from viewing them from the inside of the house or near the front entrance as you are leaving the house.

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Grape hyacinths and crocus both prefer well drained soil of a medium level of fertility. The bulbs should be planted from 2 to 4 inches deep. On lighter soils it is well to plant at the greater depth.

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Usually grape hyacinths and crocuses are planted in groups or clusters. The spacing should be about 4 to 5 inches apart and the minimum diameter of the grouping should be 2 feet. A cluster this large can be seen for considerable distance.

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The bulb planter can be used for planting the bulbs, though for this type it is often quicker to excavate the area to a depth of 2 to 4 inches, place the bulbs in position and then refill the hole. Water after planting the bulbs.

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