

Clusiana Botanical Species Tulip



- **Planting density: 2-3 inch apart, 9 per sq. ft.**
- **Planting depth: 2-4 inches to base of the bulb.**
- **Best planted in a mass of 45 or more for dramatic effect.**

Tulipa clusiana

- **Use:** AKA -Clusius's Tulip/ Lady Tulip The teeny tiniest of the tulips, Botanical Species varieties are believed to be some of the closest types to the original tulips found growing in Turkey. Blooms will remain closed tightly in bad weather only to open and play cheerfully to the light of the sun. A novelty amongst the rest of our offerings, these blooms almost appear to resemble wildflowers more so than tulips. They are more perennial than other types of tulips in our hot Georgia gardens. With good drainage and lots of sun, they are especially long-lived.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full-part sun (does best with some afternoon shade). Moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Place a layer of mulch over the bulbs in summer to keep cool and remove again in the fall.
- **Growth:** Measures 3/4 to 1 feet tall.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8 Perennial, Bulb
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. 2 to 5 narrow, linear, smooth, grayish-green leaves up to 6-10 inches long
- **Flower:** These slight, bi-colored blooms most resemble the wild Turkish tulips that became the vibrant, showy tulips we have today. Their playful coloring tells a story, as though whomever planted them had wished for red tulips instead and painted their closed petals with carmine paint, only to find that upon blooming--they sparkle like a blanket of creamy white stars.

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