

# Candia Tulip Botanical Species



Collector's 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 saxatilis*

- **Use:** Heirloom Tulip classified 1825. 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. Having evolved in rocky soils on the island of Crete, they will not tolerate excess water.

- **Growth:** Measures 10-12" 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 faintly-scented flowers open wide during sunny hours. However the colors will remain more vibrant when grown in partial shade. Fully open flowers have a star-like appearance. Remove flower stems promptly after bloom to prevent seed formation, but leave foliage in place until it yellows.

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