

Chessington

Care & Advice

Cyclamen

A bright tuberous perennial providing colour often when little else is flowering, particularly in late winter or early spring. Hardy cyclamen species and cultivars are ideal for naturalising under trees, on banks or in a shady border and planted in association with other early-flowering woodland plants such as snowdrops, winter aconites and primroses.



Common name: Sow bread
Botanical name: Cyclamen
Group: Tuberous perennial
Flowering time: Mostly autumn and winter
Planting time: Autumn, winter (when ground is not frozen) and early spring
Height and spread: 5-13cm (2-5in) by 8-15cm (3-6in)
Aspect: Partial shade
Hardiness: Fully to frost hardy
Difficulty: Moderate



Care

Cyclamen are not difficult to grow in the garden, provided the site is not overly dry or sunny.

Some cyclamen species flower from September to December, others from December to March. They grow well near the base of trees, if you want to keep them in a pot make sure you don't over or underwater with plenty of drainage.

When you water the plant, water from below the leaves so that the water doesn't touch the stems or leaves. Water on the stems and leaves can cause them to rot. Soak the soil thoroughly and let any excess water drain away.

Only fertilize once every one to two months with water soluble fertilizer mixed at half strength.

This guide has been put together to give a brief outline of the care needed. If you require any further information, please ask our plant advisors who will be very happy to help.



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