



BULB LOG 52.....28th December 2011



Thrushes eating berries



A few weeks ago I was disappointed that so many of the berries had been blown from the trees before the big flocks of thrushes, mostly Red Wings and Fieldfares, arrived for their winter feed. This last week we have had between 50 and 100 birds enjoying the berries that remained on the trees. Some were foraging in the leaf litter and the fallen berries but I suspect they were looking for some live food rather than the berries.



Looking back at what sort of a year 2011 has been for the bulbs brings mixed emotions. The cold winter and warm April gave us the best flowering we have ever had of many of the cold loving bulbs such as *Erythronium sibiricum* which rose up and flowered beautifully on elegant stems. The other side of the equation is looking at all the pots of (mostly) Crocus we have lost – frozen to death- in the long cold winter of 2010/11. Growers need to have a philosophical outlook and see those losses in perspective as part of the long journey of gardening and knowing and appreciating that far more pots of bulbs survived than died gives a good positive attitude.

This winter has started very differently with unusually mild temperatures, Aberdeen was the warmest place in the UK on Christmas Day with temperatures of 14C recorded – the maximum in our garden was 12C. Every year is different and brings new highs and lows and I look forward to see how the garden and bulbs grow in 2012.

Next week I will start the tenth year of the bulb log and to mark the occasion I have adopted a different format for the rest of this week's bulb log.

It is in the format of a calendar – feel free to print it out and pin it to your wall or give it to friends.

Bulb Log



Leucojum vernum

Ian Young

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Bulb Log



Eranthis pinnatifida

Ian Young

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

Bulb Log



Fritillaria stenanthera

Ian Young

MARCH 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Bulb Log



Erythronium dens canis

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APRIL 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Bulb Log



Tecophilaea cyanocrocus

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MAY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Bulb Log



Tulip

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JUNE 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Roscoea humeana alba

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JULY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Bulb Log



Nomocharis

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AUGUST 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Bulb Log



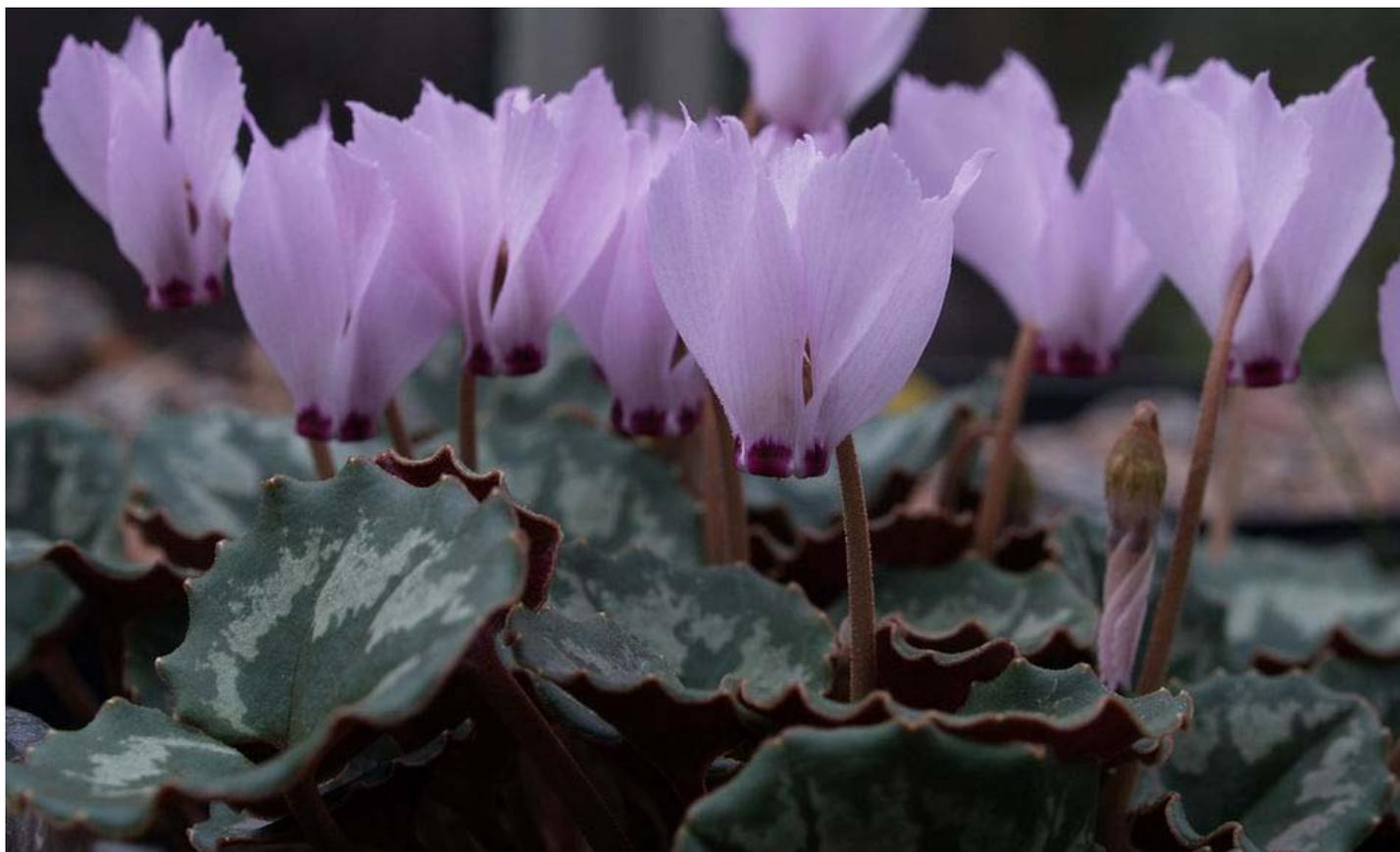
Crocus speciosus subsp. *xantholaimos*

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SEPTEMBER 2012

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Bulb Log



Cyclamen mirabile

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OCTOBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Crocus banaticus

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NOVEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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Narcissus romieuxii JCA 805

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DECEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29