

Spanish Bluebell

Hyacinthoides hispanica



Habitat: Terrestrial, shaded woodlands
Family name: Asparagaceae



Spanish Bluebell woodland stand

Description: Spanish Bluebells is a bulb forming perennial plant that can aggressively compete with native spring-blooming wild flower species.

It can spread rapidly by sending out underground



Spanish Bluebell Leaves

runners, where new bulbs form or spreading by seed.

The Spanish Bluebell is native to Spain and Portugal, and parts of Africa



Spanish Bluebell leaves

There are many different types of bluebells. Spanish Bluebells may be identified by:
 Each plant has 4-8 leaves, linear or oblong

in shape, often with a blunt tip.

Leaves are 20-40 cm long and up to 3 cm wide, Stalks can grow up to 45 cm tall.

Flowers borne on short stalks, (*raceme*), each with 6-8 conical or bell-shaped flowers with spread out tips that hang when in bloom
 Pale blue-purple



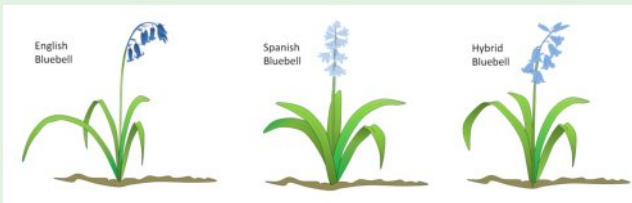
Flower with blue anthers

flowers, oblong to strap-shaped, under 2.5 cm long.

Flowers develop on all sides of upright stem, usually nodding
 flowers have almost no scent usually with blue anthers.



Spanish Bluebell Flowers



Blue Comparisons

Bluebells may vary in colour (*from deep blue, to white and pinkish purple*).



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Hyacinthoides non-scripta tend to have smaller, tube-like flowers (often with the tips curled back) that flower on one side of the stem only, and more narrow leaves (about 1 cm wide). Other bluebells may have a distinct scent.

The roots also transform insoluble organic and mineral matters from the soil into more soluble states.



Spanish Bluebell seed pods



Spanish Bluebell bulbs & roots

Vegetative reproduction of the plants occurs rapidly via root suckers.

The oval or lightly roundish fruits grow in compact grapes varying from pale yellow to dark orange containing a higher amounts of vitamin B12 than other fruits.



Spanish Bluebell seeds & bulbs