

## Winning Bulb Combos!

The University of Guelph has conducted a 3-year trial on bulb/perennial combinations for the landscape. The trial tested the bulbs longevity, vigour and compatibility with specific perennials. Here are some of their successful pairings for you to try:

❖ **Giant Alliums & *Ligularia dentata***

The large allium blooms hover over the mass of ligularia foliage, which hides the unsightly leaves of the bulb.

❖ ***Crocus* & *Galium odoratum* (Sweet Woodruff)**

The crocus will be in full bloom while the perennial is just emerging in the spring. By late May the crocus leaves will be hidden by the sweet woodruff.

❖ ***Scilla* sp. & *Hosta* sp.**

Scilla will add interest to the bare soil in the early spring before hostas have emerged.

❖ ***Muscari* & *Convallaria majalis* (Lily-of-the-valley)**

The purple blue *Muscari* bloom just before the lily-of-the-valley and add to the overall bloom time.

❖ ***Iris reticulata* & *Polygonatum multiflorum* (Solomon's seal)**

The dwarf iris will finish blooming before the Solomon's seal breaks dormancy. Solomon's seal emerges quickly, and will cover the iris's foliage.

**Make the most of your garden's space by trying out these winning combinations!**