



EMBRACING THE WINTER GARDEN



The snowdrop, Galanthus, is a bulbous perennial that is part of the Amaryllis family.

Its tiny white flowers are poking through the frozen ground and are the true harbingers of spring.

- Winter can mean a period of downtime in your garden for many parts of the world.
- While you might bundle up for an occasional tramp through the yard to break the icicles off the tool shed or shovel the snow, you're probably tucked away inside where it's warm most of the time.
- Of course, with an Indoor Garden, you can garden all year!



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- Although the leaves have dropped from the trees and the garden is down to its bare bones, there is still much to admire outdoors.
- If the weather is too harsh to go outside, pull up a seat at the window for some “sofa gardening”.
- We can still look for the natural winter beauty in many plants and trees.



THINGS TO NOTICE DURING WINTER



Stately trees silhouetted
against a blue winter sky



UNEXPECTED EARLY FLOWERS POP UP



Early flowering bulbs and corms such as ***Crocus tommasinianus***, also known as ‘Tommies’ vary in tone from lilac to deep purple. Tommies are one of the smallest of the crocus species, growing to just about 2 inches high.



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The red, fringy flowers of witch hazel, blooming in the dead of late winter, add fun pops of color to a landscape.



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- Pay attention to bare twigs and branches
- You may see dried seed pods, colorful or twisted stems, frosted leaves or frozen fruits.
- Notice the texture of the peeling bark on tree trunks; the icy glaze on sharp thorns; and the fading plumes of ornamental grasses.
- Use your binoculars to spot nests of birds and squirrels that are usually hidden in summer's greenery.