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Hyacinthoides hispanica

[Synonyms : *Endymion campanulatus*, *Endymion hispanicus*, *Endymion patulus*, *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* subsp. *hispanica*, *Hyacinthoides racemosa*, *Scilla campanulata*, *Scilla hispanica*]

SPANISH BLUEBELL is a bulbous perennial. Native to south-western Europe it has small scentless, violet-blue (less often pink, purple or white) flowers.

It is also known as Cuckoo, Cultivated Spanish squill, Endymion, *Escila* (Spanish), Garden bluebell, Giant bluebell, Hispanic hyacinthoides, *Scilla d'Espagne cultivée* (French), Spanish squill, *Spansk klockhyacint* (Swedish), and *Xi ban ya lan zhong hua* (Chinese).

Hispanica means 'of or from Spain'.

The Spanish bluebell is not only far sturdier than its British counterpart (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) but it also has a much stronger colour.