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Sternbergia lutea

[Synonyms : *Amaryllis lutea*, *Sternbergia aurantiaca*]

AUTUMN DAFFODIL is a bulbous perennial. Native to south-eastern Europe it has yellow flowers.

It is also known as Autumn crocus, Common sternbergia, Lily of the field, *Lužanka žlutá* (Czech), Winter daffodil, Yellow amaryllis, and Yellow star flower.

The leaves reach their full length (about one foot) as the flowers die.

Warning – the bulbs are poisonous.

Lutea means ‘deep yellow’ with reference to the flowers.

This is yet another species that is said by some to be the ‘Lily of the field’ referred to in the *Christian Bible*.

Autumn daffodil is believed to have been introduced to Britain in 1596.