## Early divisions and groups

The group names in the synonymy of many of the earlier daffodils in the Register are listed below. They were part of a scheme of classification drawn up by the Royal Horticultural Society's Daffodil Conference of 1884 when "New Daffodils" as opposed to the species were brought under review for the first time. It was resolved that these and all future new garden varieties should carry "fancy" names in the modern language, not pseudo-botanic names in Latin form.

The newly named daffodils were listed in groups and divisions to show their affinities with J.G. Baker's classification of the species (1869, amended 1875; 1884, amended 1888). Some of the groups paralleled Baker's, some more were devised by the Conference committee (on the initiative of T. Moore and Peter Barr). The groups were put into Baker's three divisions: Magnicoronati, Mediicoronati and Parvicoronati.

Baker's three divisions were later subsumed in a scheme of seven put forward by the RHS in 1908 and in the 12-division scheme adopted in 1910 that remained current until 1950. The group names were for the most part abandoned after the Conference, though some re-emerged as division names in the 1910-1950 scheme.

## Division 1 Magnicoronati

Pseudonarcissus Group Pseudonarcissus Abscissus Group Pseudonarcissus Lobularis Group Pseudonarcissus Nobilis Group Pseudonarcissus Major Group Pseudonarcissus Bicolor Group Pseudonarcissus Lorifolius Group Pseudonarcissus Moschatus Group

## Division 2 Mediicoronati

Calthinus Group Incomparabilis Concolor Group Incomparabilis Leedsii Group Incomparabilis Sulphureus Group Incomparabilis Albidus Group Incomparabilis Pallidus Group Incomparabilis Albus Group Incomparabilis Giganteus Group Barrii Group Barrii Sulphureus Group Barrii Albidus Group Barrii Albus Group Leedsii Group Humei Group Backhousei Group Poculiformis Group Macleayi Group Nelsonii Group Bernardii Group Tridymus Group Odorus Group

## Division 3 Parvicoronati

Burbidgei Group Poeticus Group Gracilis Group Tazetta Group