

Tazettas that don't go dormant -?

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All,

Some years I've observed true tazettas (not poetaz) that do not go fully dormant for months after their companions are long, long gone. I think they are always bicolors - 'Early Pearl', maybe Nx italicus, and others, I've never paid too close attention. But these are single bulbs, here and there.

This year however, there is a fall-blooming/early winter bicolor where the entire clump is still 1/3 green as of Aug. 15. Granted the bed is in light shade, but everything else went dormant by end of May. This is in Tallahassee, where the winter tazettas start sprouting roots by early Sept.

I haven't looked at the long-range forecast for the fall, but as we're due for an active hurricane season i don't imagine there will be an 8-week crushing heatwave in Sept. and Oct. like last year to impact root production.

What happens when bulbs don't really go dormant, or their dormancy period is, comparatively speaking, really short?

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