

Oak processionary moth (OPM) mix



Fighting against the oak processionary moth using natural enemies!

The oak processionary moth (OPM) is becoming more of a problem every year. The hot summers and mild winters of recent years are not helping. The caterpillar can be found on Oak trees from mid May onwards. These caterpillars form hairs that can cause itching, irritation to the skin and eyes and in some instance even breathing problems.

Despite being limited primarily to the Greater London area at this moment, this pest is spreading further into the country. It is becoming more important to try to control it. Much has already been done, such as the mechanical removal of nests, chemical treatments and the use of birds which see the caterpillars as a delicacy. Yet, another "nature based solution" is the help of certain parasitic insects that prey on these caterpillars.

Here at Lubbe, we have found a way to attract these specific insects by planting a special "OPM" bulb mix. This mix provides the necessary nectar and pollen, to support these natural predators.



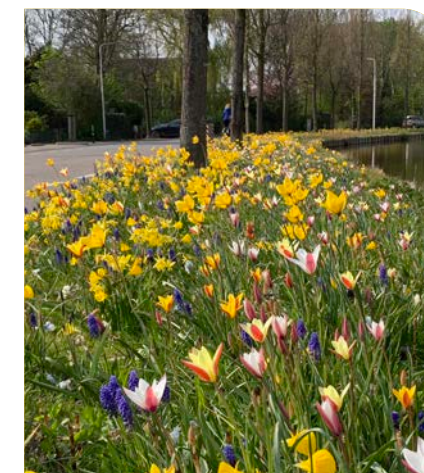
FEBRUARY



MARCH



APRIL



MAY



LUBBE & SONS (BULBS) LTD

c/o Duncan & Toplis | Enterprise Way
Pinchbeck, SPALDING Lincs. | PE11 3YR
Tel: 01775 766205 | Fax: 01775 710512
E mail: info@lubbelisse.nl | www.lubbelisse.nl