

# Canada 150 Tulips: Mixed Results?

The tulips weren't blooming yet in late April when we had to send the Summer issue to the printer, so this is the first chance we've had to show some of the plantings you did last fall.

Highly anticipated for this year of celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with images of the tulips looking like they would have red maple leaves in their petals, these flowers initially seemed to disappoint people. They bloomed late in the season, came up smaller than expected, and some at first had yellow, not red streaks.

In time, though, they did "show the flag" to varying degrees, that all of us had waited so long to see. Here are some of the Canada 150 tulips in bloom.



▲ Caron Mailloux of Erin shared this photo of her densely planted bed, noting "Here's our Canadian dog Brodie with the Canada 150 tulips."

▼ Next to cheap grocery-store-bought tulips that bloomed early, were tall and deep red, the Canada 150 tulips in this garden north of Georgetown were late, small and slightly yellow. In time they did turn a darker red, but did not make a good companion planting with the earlier full reds.

► In May Mike Davis spotted some Canada 150 tulips blooming on Manitoulin Island. These were at Centennial Museum, Sheguiandah.



► Mike found this row of tulips in flower at the Visitor Centre in Little Current. In the upper left corner you can see the top of the Swing Bridge.

