

Mail Order Catalogue **Autumn 2019**



PLANTS AND BULBS TO FLOWER IN THE SPRING

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WELCOME

Thank you for requesting a catalogue, if this is your first time to receive one from us and to all those others (and they are in a big majority) who continue to receive them thank you too, because that means that you have purchased bulbs by mail order from us



recently and hopefully will want to do so again. Our post purchase surveys indicate that we provide a high level of satisfaction, but we are very aware that anyone in business relies on their reputation and customer service and our intention is that both of these will only continue to improve at Avon Bulbs.

The last year has been one of consolidation. Our decision to drop out from the Chelsea Flower Show in 2018 allowed us more time, at a critical moment for gardeners, to grow more ourselves and to improve on our other shows. We did not miss the pressure and disruption that came with that event, so we have probably found a happier path. We continued to make a big effort at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival in May and the photos below show what we provided as a spectacle there, with the aid of Aberystwyth University who provided some microscopic images of structures in the bulbs that we were showing, along the theme of the show "Through the Lens".

In a time of what should be increased awareness of such matters we do keep an eye out on what is our Environmental 'footprint'. We do not claim to be 'organic' in our production but manage with very little in the way of chemical sprays. We reuse as much material as we can and recycle all our broken plastic pots and much of our waste horticultural plastic which go to a business in the UK who make them into other products such as house signs. It is well known that buying bare root or dormant plants (such as bulbs) generates much less waste than that created in buying plants in pots. Some bulb suppliers will tell you that their bulbs are all neonicotinoid free but discussions with colleagues in The Netherlands leaves me sceptical of this claim for bulbs sourced there. We source many of the bulbs that we do not grow ourselves from The Netherlands and although there is a move towards banning such insecticides it has not happened there yet and we are too small to have any influence ourselves. We do keep (healthy) bees and the nursery now probably has a couple of hundred mature trees on it, when we arrived 30 years ago it only had one!

Successful Gardening!

CHRIS IRELAND-JONES



Pollen grains on the sticky surface of a Daffodil stigma showing spores. x1k magnification



Higher power view of a Tulip xylem vessel. x3k magnification

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LATE AVAILABILITY AND WEBSITE

The website now contains a great deal more information about all the bulbs we offer, their history and provenance and more about the planting situations that suit them, as well as a repeat of the planting instructions supplied with the bulbs.

If there is not enough information here for your needs, do have a look there instead. We also mark bulbs as 'Sold Out' on the website when they become Sold Out, so if you are ordering later in the season and want to check on availability you might like to check the website.

Also if we have small numbers of 'special' bulbs to sell we do tend to offer them on the website – check the **Special Offers** pages.

Late Summer 2019

Plants and Bulbs that mostly flower in the autumn, soon after planting, or else items that just prefer early planting.

We aim to deliver orders made from this section mid Aug to early September and will close this section in mid September. Please use the order form at the end of this section.



AMARYLLIS X AMARYGIA PARKERI ALBA



AIBUM



COLCHICUM AUTUMNALE



COLCHICUM SPECIOSUM ALBUM

ACIS

AUTUMNALIS \$\textit{Y}\$ 106-10

Slender wiry green or russety coloured stems, carrying delicate looking white papery bells. They were thought to be autumn flowering forms of the snowflake family but are now in a distinct group of their own, ideal for a trough or container that stays that much drier. Plant the bulbs (only the size of large peas) 3" (7.5cm) deep, nearly touching.

Aug/Sept • 9" (22cm) £7.50 for 5



ACIS AUTUMNALIS

COLCHICUM SPECIOSUM



COLCHICUM INNOCENCE

AMARYLLIS

Amaryllis (and their hybrids) are winter growing, hence with exposed leaves in winter they do need to be planted in a sheltered site where they are likely not to be chilled below about -4°C. A cool conservatory should be fine, with the pots moved outside in the early spring. A summer baking in dry conditions 'ripens and primes' the bulbs for flowering. In favoured spots one may be possible to grow them successfully outside.

XAMARYGIA PARKERIALBA 56-10

A hybrid between Amaryllis and Brunsvigia producing very large bulbs. Flowering with apple-white trumpets with a huge perfume arranged all around a green stem.

Sept/Oct • 20" (50cm) £8.75

COLCHICUM

Easy to grow in good, deep moisture retentive soil, these appear from their summer dormancy without their leaves to flower in the autumn - hence their common name of 'naked ladies'. A pointer to the end of summer, their bright flowers last incredibly well considering their apparent fragility. The leaves appear in the early spring. They need planting 3" (8cm) deep - perhaps a little more for ones with bigger bulbs - and 6" (15cm) apart. They will naturalise effectively, but the mower will have to be restrained until the leaves wither away in June. Please order early - after the end of September they seem to flower regardless of the conditions.

AUTUMNALE 73-05

Softly, satin-sheened in mauve. They naturalise most effectively either in sun or partial shade where they often produce several flowers from each corm. An easy British native known as Meadow Saffron, Wychwood Forest has thousands flowering each autumn.

Sept • 6" (15cm) £12.00 for 3

AUTUMNALE ALBUM Y

The white-flowered form of the species above, although some are pinkish-white. They tolerate full sun but are especially useful in some shade in damper, but not waterlogged conditions.

Sept • 6" (15cm) £9.00 for 3

73-06

BYZANTINUM INNOCENCE \$\footnote{\Pi}\$ 73-25

Thickly textured goblet shaped flowers in white with purple tips to the very ends of the petals and styles. Big bulbs which provide an eye-catching combination when they come to flower.

> Sept • 6" (15cm) £6.00 each or £17.00 for 3

SPECIOSUM Y 73-15

The best of the larger forms for most gardens, and it spreads and naturalises effectively. Stronger stemmed (and later flowering) than C. autumnale with longer flower stems and more richly coloured with thicker, rounded, rosy pink-lilac petals.

Sept/Oct • 8" (20cm) £11.50 for 3

SPECIOSUM ALBUM \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$

73-16

Gorgeous shimmering goblets in pure white. A very special plant which could be the highlight of a carefully chosen planting scheme in fertile soil, ideally where it is not too dark in the spring, but they could help brighten up a shady corner in the autumn. At the end of the 19th Century the famous firm of Backhouse in Yorkshire were selling them for 5 Guineas each! Worth every penny now!

Sept/Oct • 8" (20cm) £13.00 for 3



CYCLAMEN COUM SILVER LEAF



CYCLAMEN COUM



COLCHICUM WATERLILY



CYCLAMEN COUM ROSEUM



CYCLAMEN COUM DARK PINK



CYCLAMEN COUM ALBUM

73-23 WATER-LILY 🕎

A multi-petalled variety which opens out widely in the sun with multiple flower stems, flowering somewhat later than the others. Surprisingly resilient to the weather despite its appearance.

Oct • 6" (15cm) £13.00 for 3

CYCLAMEN

These are all hardy, tough and perennial and once established will seed about. If you can plant them early (as a consequence of ordering from this section) these Cyclamen will arrive dormant and ready to pop in and awake in their new circumstances. You may order them also from the Autumn section, but by then there will probably be some growth visible on them. These are all seed raised in the UK.

SPRING FLOWERING FORMS

COUM Y

51-116

In their first or second flowering season these were not graded for colour in the spring so may be white or pink flowered but will be generally smaller in size than the colour selected forms of C. coum below which are all a year older.

£15.00 for 5

COUM ROSEUM Graded for flower colour in the spring

so these are larger tubered and all will show pale pink flowers with the characteristically darker 'nose'.

£14.00 for 3

COUM ALBUM 51-118

White flowered, but even the white ones have a dark pink 'nose'.

£14.00 for 3

COUM DARK PINK

51-131

Tubers that have been selected for their dark pink flowers.

£14.00 for 3

REPANDUM 51-129

Better in more sheltered conditions and certainly needing more shade and leaf mould in the soil where they need to be planted more deeply. Only properly hardy in the south, though special circumstances may affect that generalisation, small bulbs which need careful handling - I feel that I am using too many caveats! The positives are many - they provide spicily fragrant, deep carmine coloured flowers in late spring and like the others do set seed and spread where happy.

April/May £5.40 each or £15.00 for 3



CYCLAMEN REPANDUM

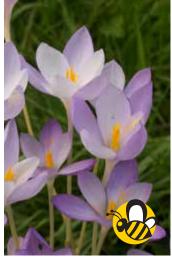
COUM SILVER LEAF 51-119

The rounded leaves are largely silvery patterned so a few tubers planted amongst others with more green leaves increases the variety of the green tapestry, their flowers are mostly pink.

£16.50 for 3



CROCUS BORYI



CROCUS GOULIMYI



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM AI BUM



LIGUSTICUS (MEDIUS)



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM SILVER LEAF

AUTUMN FLOWERING FORMS

HEDERIFOLIUM Y

51-107 These tubers may not have

flowered last autumn so flowering for the first time may be pink or white (the pink will dominate). The petals sweep up and away from the flower and in the spring (and for much of the year after) the ground will be carpeted in their ivy-leaf shaped leaves.

£14.00 for 5

HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$ 51-108

Selected white flowering tubers which are especially good for illuminating darker conditions. £12.50 for 3

HEDERIFOLIUM SILVER LEAF 51-132

The completely ghostly-silver foliage effect is outstanding, literally. £13.00 for 3

CROCUS -AUTUMN FLOWERING

Flowering in the late autumn (except for one that flowers in the very early spring) these bulbs bloom as a reaction to the lowering of the soil temperatures (and the dampening of the soil) in the early autumn. The spring flowering forms (listed in the Autumn section of our catalogue) flower as soil temperatures rise. Some of these are more difficult to grow than others, but what is probably the easiest - C. speciosus, should be a feature of any garden providing a dreamy violet splash of colour in late September and October.

BORYI 77-40

A Mediterranean beauty probably best potted and protected over winter here, that way you can also give them a warm dry summer rest which they need. White flowered with pretty orange style branches. Rare and stock limited.

> Nov • 5" (12cm) £8.00 for 3



CROCUS SATIVUS

GOULIMYI T

Too Grecian in origin for 'ordinary' outdoor conditions in the UK, but in well drained compost in a pot to which you can provide some protection (with a dry summer rest) these are beautiful flowers in both their shape and their soft lilac colouration. Stock limited.

Nov • 5" (12cm) £7.00 for 3

LIGUSTICUS (MEDIUS) " 77-41

Found in the wild at altitude in the southern maritime Alps of France and Italy these are pale purple or lilac in flower with protruding orange feathery stigmas much like those of C. sativus. Suitable for near deciduous shrubs or in light grass.

Oct • 5" (12cm) £5.50 for 10

SATIVUS

The source of Saffron, gathered from collecting the bright red stigmata from each flower, individually tiny (half a million per kilo!) justifying the huge cost of Saffron. They need deep planting in rich soil, in a sunny position and probably need lifting and dividing with regularity to encourage flowering. Their flower production is triggered by suddenly colder nights, our maritime climate sometimes does not provide that, which makes guaranteeing one's own Saffron production a bit uncertain.

Oct • 4" (10cm) £15.00 for 30



SPECIOSUS ALBUS



CROCUS TOURN (FORTII





CROCUS SPECIOSUS CYPRIPEDIUM GISELA HIPPEASTRUM X ACRAMANNII

SPECIOSUS Y 77-26

The best autumn crocus. Dramatically effective, deep lilac to purple hues, with bright yellow anthers. Good in light shade or under deciduous shrubs, or in light grass, planted deeply. They will flower later than suggested in their first year, consequent to them having been out of the soil and dried off in this summer. Do get enough of them! Suggested planting density 15 per sq ft.

Sept/Oct • 5" (12cm) £4.50 for 15 or £13.50 for 50

SPECIOSUS ALBUS 🕎 77-27

All white flowered, great for a contrast amongst the others or a bright creamy white splash all on their own.

Sept/Oct • 5" (12cm) £6.00 for 15

TOURNEFORTII 77-38

Large flowered in pale lavender, sometimes white. Strangely the flowers do not close in dull light or at night. Cretan in origin so they require some shelter.

Sept/Oct • 5" (12cm) £8.00 for 3

CYPRIPEDIUM

GISELA

64-07

Perfect in spring light and summer shade in fertile soil. Hardy orchids are now becoming more widely available and our stocks of these are very good. Some of these divisions will produce several flower spikes in their first spring. They do not need cossetting, they are hardy and in fact they need a cold spell to form their flowers. The price has remained the same this year as our stocks are good, grab a bargain. More growing instructions on the website.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £15.00 or £40.00 for 3

GLADIOLUS

TRISTIS

Native to South Africa, but grown here this is a very special winter growing Gladiolus with a wonderful scent in the evenings. It really needs a sheltered site, providing protection from temperatures lower than about -5°C as they are in leaf through January and February. The 5-20 apple white flowers open progressively up the long rushlike stems, and produce a generous seed set.

> April/May • 3' (90cm) £15.00 for 3



We believe the plants where we have highlighted the name in yellow to be particularly beneficial to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, moths and hover flies.

HIPPEASTRUM

X ACRAMANNII 🕿

56-14

The spelling of acramannii is in some doubt, could it be ackermannii? Having been shown a private greenhouse full of these bulbs in flower many years ago near Taunton and admired them hugely (only later to find that the owner had passed away and his greenhouse had been demolished shortly afterward) it was much later that I was offered a stock from the Isle of Man and jumped at the second opportunity. These multiply well under unheated glass for us, but reading about them I find that others suggest that they are hardier than one anticipates, confirmed by letters from much more northern growers. They are early autumn flowering in red and green and are in leaf all winter, more dormant in summer.

Sept • 18" (45cm) £13.00







IRIS TUBEROSA





HYACINTH PINK PEARL



LILIUM CANDIDUM



HYACINTH DELFT BLUE

PREPARED HYACINTHS

For December/January blooming when potted. These are suitable for forcing for Christmas flowering. To achieve this they need to be potted by the end of September (hence they are sold in this late summer section), and grown in a cool, dark place initially to allow rooting. They can then be brought into more light once they have emerged through the compost. Temperature control is critical as too much heat will make them flop. The process of preparation means that these are not available until early September.

DELFT BLUE \$\footnote{D}\$ 86-05

A compact, pale blue spike set off by the emerging dark green leaves. £4.20 for 3 or £8.80 for 7

PINKPEARL 86-35

Delicately pink, and like the others deliciously fragrant.

£4.20 for 3 or £8.80 for 7

WHITE PEARL 86-34

Strong-growing, broad, gleaming white flowers.

£4.20 for 3 or £8.80 for 7

IRIS TUBEROSA

(HERMODACTYLUS)

103-110

The 'Widow Iris' does better from early planting, and if you have tried before with limited success, we do suggest that you add some of these to a Late Summer order and try again. Alternatively see page 32 of the Autumn Catalogue. Translucent black and jade-green flowers are preceded by long rush-like leaves. They require time to establish and flower better in the spring following a hot summer. They love growing around heat absorbing sundrenched paving, or at the base of a warm wall in the sun.

> April • 6" (15cm) £6.00 for 10

LILIUM

CANDIDUM

Like the Hermodactylus across, a plant that is better started off early, and inevitably the first orders get the pick of the crop, so ordering from this section has its benefits. See page 33 of the Autumn Catalogue for more details.

June • 36" (90cm) £6.50 or £18.00 for 3

107-114

NARCISSUS

Also see the main Autumn Catalogue pages 36-40 for the main listing. These either need early planting (N. cyclamineus) or could provide a very early display from bulbs potted early (Ziva).

CYCLAMINEUS \$\Pi113-179\$

An iconic small species, one that is much loved and sought after by many, but they rarely do well in warm, dry, limey soils. Neutral to acid soils suit them better, moist in spring and more shaded in summer. Grow them where they will be happy and seed about.

> March • 5" (12cm) £3.50



Plants we list which have received the RHS Commendation 'Award of Garden Merit' are now tagged with the trophy symbol. Space does not allow us to add the hardiness

rating - please be aware the award applies to the ease of cultivation excellence and constitution, but not necessarily hardiness.

lling all Galanthophiles.. If you are a Galanthophile do call us to get your name added to the list

to receive our list of rare snowdrops when they are dormant in Aug. This is only sent out as an email. (If you already regularly receive this list there is no need to call!)



NARCISSUS DOUBLE ROMAN



NARCISSUS PAPERWHITE ZIVA





STERNBERGIA LUTEA ANGUSTIFOLIA



SCILLA AUTUMNALIS

TECOPHILAEA C. LEICHTLINII

DOUBLE ROMAN 113-57

These have romped away in an unheated greenhouse where they flower early in the year with a heady perfume. An early flowering and probably ancient form of N. tazetta. They could be grown as an alternative to Paperwhites, but like them will get tall and leggy in low light but the scent is less overpowering.

Jan/Feb • 15" (38cm) £6.00 for 5

PAPERWHITE ZIVA 113-152

Early to flower from being forced; we reckon on about eight to ten weeks to bloom from potting, so work your potting date out from when you want them in flower. White flowered and multi-headed, with a huge room filling perfume. Grow them in good light and at cool temperatures without freezing so they don't get too tall, only bringing them in to admire at room temperatures for their final flourish. Not reliably hardy.

Dec/Jan • 15" (38cm) £7.50 for 5 or £9.50 for 7

NERINE

FLEXUOSA ALBA **Y**

33-23

A winter growing species (all the others we grow are summer growing) so these require a bit more shelter. The frilly white petals however last ages in flower and in sheltered gardens are a treat in the autumn.

> Sept/Oct • 14" (35cm) £8.50 for 3

SCILLA

AUTUMNALIS 125-18

Hardy, but uncommon small bulbed natives of the south-west, these are incredibly long-lasting in flower. Bright blue flowers up a fine wiry stem, lasting ages. They need a sunny, well-drained soil.

Aug/Oct • 5" (12cm) £7.00 for 3

STERNBERGIA

STERNBERGIA LUTEA ANGUSTIFOLIA

126-06

For warm conditions and often found at the base of a wall and under a shrub that provides summer dryness, ours are half under a big Sarcococca. Chalky soil and good drainage suits them perfectly. Brilliant bright green foliage in late summer and winter and late summer flowering in brilliant yellow. The angustifolia group are shorter tubed and a bit less goblet shaped than S. lutea. Home grown stock.

Oct 4" (10 cm) £4.50 or 3 for £12.00

TECOPHILAEA

Chilean bulbs from a high altitude, so one would expect them to be cold tolerant, but where they come from is relatively dry, and our winters are really too wet for them. If you can grow them under some protection (particularly from rain) and you'll be amazed by the depth of colour in the flowers. Their blue is like the dazzling displays produced by some exotic butterflies.

CYANOCROCUS L€ICHTLINII ♥ 128-04

White centred with gentian blue petals.

March • 5" (12cm)

£10.50 for 3



TECOPHILAEA CYANOCROCUS VIOLACEA



TROPA COLUM TRICOLOR

CYANOCROCUS VIOLACEA

128-06

Amazingly brilliant dark blue petalled.

March • 5" (12cm) £10.50 for 3

TROPAEOLUM

A winter-growing form of these climbing plants, they start to grow in late September and flower in late spring. They are not hardy if they experience temperatures below about -5°C, but can be grown in pots with something to climb up and then protected during only the very coldest weather they are actually happier grown somewhere cool rather than too warm.

TRICOLOR Y

Exhibiting shoals of stunning red, black and yellow flowers that last ages in flower. A climber that starts into growth very early in the autumn so early ordering is a must. One of the most spectacular plants that we sell, and a favourite of mine.

Spring • climbing up to 4' (120cm) £4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Order for Late Summer Despatch 2019 Bulbs that need Early Planting this Autumn

Please specify plants and costs here, and complete the other side of the form

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PLANTS AND BULBS TO PLANT IN THE AUTUMN, MOSTLY TO FLOWER THE FOLLOWING SPRING. DESPATCH OF THESE ITEMS BEGINS IN EARLY TO MID SEPTEMBER WITH THE INTENTION OF SENDING EVERYTHING ON YOUR ORDER IN ONE PARCEL. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE THE 'ORDERING FROM AVON BULBS' SECTION AT THE BACK.

ALLIUM

Alliums are always welcome to gardeners in the early summer as the flowers offer height and distinction when most gardens are not quite so colourful. Their exclamation mark shape differentiates them from the plants around them, and those companion plants in turn 'hide' what is sometimes distracting foliage, which (in most of these Alliums) is beginning to yellow at flowering time. They are generally plants of sunny and well-drained soils, and can be used either in dramatic eye-catching sweeps, or else, in a more cottagey style, in isolated small groups to equally good effect.

Everyone seems to love Alliums and, knowing that the beneficial insects and bees are struggling nowadays, it is worth a reminder that Alliums provide a fantastic food supply for those insects, especially the late flowering forms. Our beds of A. angulosum, A.glaucum and A. tuberosum shimmer with activity on sunny summer days. Try out a number of different forms to see which do best in your circumstances? The results of a trial over the past 3 years at Wisley have been published in a useful booklet called the RHS Grower Guide on Ornamental Onions.

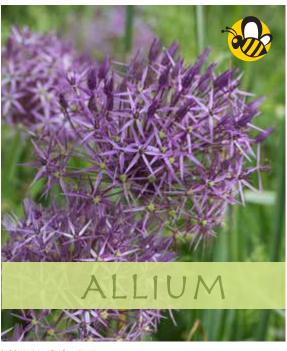
AMBASSADOR \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 53-60

Beginning to flower in late May these flowers should see one through all of June and into July with very tall stems topped by their mid purple heads about 6" (15cm) across. Very big bulbed plants benefitting from deep planting to ensure that the stems remain firmly upright. Good seed heads follow the main flower show.

> June/ July • up to 50" (130 cm) £5.00 or £14.00 for 3



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ALLIUM CRISTOPHII



ALLIUM ANGULOSUM

ANGULOSUM (PYRENAICUM) 53-28

Wonderfully easy to grow plants. Bright glossy green leaved with lots of pale lilac flowers in the height of summer when butterflies and hoverflies jostle to feed on them. We supply small clumps to be planted 9" (22cm) apart, in the sun where it is not too dry. Divide them again when they are thick.

> July/Aug • 12" (30cm) £7.00 for 3 - (divisions, not true bulbs)

CÆRULEUM

Unusual blue flowered drumstick flowers originating from the steppes of Russia and China. They will do best in a well drained sunny spot or rockery where the small bulbs can be planted quite closely, only 1-2" (2.5-5cm) apart.

June • 18" (45cm) £4.50 for 15





ALLIUM CÆRULEUM



ALLIUM AMBASSADOR

CERNUUM 53-04

Dainty chandeliers formed of dozens of small claret pink flowers hanging off the nodding stem so the bees have to hang upside down to get at the flowers, sometimes several heads form in a succession. Easy to grow and seeding themselves in lighter soils in the sun. Delivered as fresh dug flowering size plants rather than bulbs.

Summer • 18" (45cm) £7.50 for 5

CRISTOPHII Y

If you only ever buy two or three Alliums, this must be one of them. Sculptural flower heads, initially greenish purple, are gradually transformed as they are pollenated into metallic silvery-violet coloured spheres about 8" (20cm) across, all borne on quite stocky stems. The round melon sized heads naturally complement the purples of rampant geraniums or the spikier silvery blues of Lavender. Buff coloured seed heads follow. Plant them 8+" (20cm) apart in sunny well drained soils in borders or even rough grass, they will also grow in a degree of shade, but will be taller.

> June • 10-24" (25-60cm) £2.70 for 3, £8.20 for 10 or £14.60 for 20







ALLIUM GLOBEMASTER

ALLIUM HOLLANDICUM

ALLIUM GIGANTEUM







ALLIUM HIS EXCELLENCY

ALLIUM EARLY EMPEROR

ALLIUM GLADIATOR

EARLY EMPEROR 9

The parentage of this hybrid means that while it is still a big flower at about 6" (15cm) across. It flowers rather earlier than the other large headed Alliums and it is not quite so tall. The flowers are rosy lilac with contrasting silvery white stamens providing a halo like sheen.

> May • 30" (75cm) £10.00 for 3

GIGANTEUM

Densely filled heads in pale purple the size of a grapefruit top each tall bare stem. A central Asian species requiring well-drained soils and a sunny site, by the time that they flower the leaves have mostly withered away. Its name is a reference to its impressive height rather than to an enormous flower.

Late June/July • 48" (120cm) £13.80 for 3

GLADIATOR Y

With rounded, slightly domed flowers this is a solid garden worthy hybrid between A. aflatunense and A.macleanii. The flowers are sweetly scented in a pinkish purple shade on strong stems leaving an attractive residual seedhead. Easy, increasing and supplied as big bulbs these always flower and last well.

June • 40" (100 cm) £10.50 for 3



See the Allium Collection on page 58

GLOBEMASTER \$\footnote{\textit{S}} 53-46

Probably the best of the large headed Allium hybrids with exceptionally long lasting flowers. The first array is replaced by another second flush of their deep violet-purple flowers. The insects still love to feed on them, although despite their attentions you'll not be left with a remnant seed head as they are sterile. Tidier leaved than most, even at flowering time. Plant them about 12" (45cm) apart in well drained soils in good light. Great planted with Astrantia 'Roma'

May/June • 40" (100cm) £6.00 each or £16.50 for 3

HIS EXCELLENCY 53-69

Violet purple heads about 5" across (12cm) on clean long tall stems June 48" • (120cm) £9.00 for 3

HOLLANDICUM

Best for bigger gardens, or where ever you might want a more subtle and textured display. They provide that irregularity in colour, height, size and maturity which adds subtlety and charm to any planting, especially one on a bigger scale. Deep lilac to pale purple flowers about the size of an orange. Easy in any free draining soil in the sun, planted about 6" (15cm) apart.

May/ June • 24-36" (60-90cm). £3.80 for 5, £7.00 for 10 or £13.00 for 20



We believe the plants where we have highlighted the name in yellow to be particularly beneficial to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, moths and hover flies.



ALLIUM NICRUM PINK IEWEL



ALLIUM NICRUM



ALLIUM MOUNT EVEREST



ALLIUM IVORY QUEEN



ALLIUM PURPLE SENSATION



ALLIUM HYALINUM

HOLLANDICUM PURPLE SENSATION Y 53-09

An intensely deep purple coloured strain, with heads the size of small oranges. Another of that select group of those 'must have' Alliums. They provide purple polka dots to your planting scheme, adding colour, texture and geometric silhouettes to your borders. Derived from a clone these should all be the same hue. The RHS trial reported on them "an excellent performance and is reliably perennial".

May/ June • 35" (90cm) £4.80 for 5, £9.00 for 10 or £16.50 for 20

HYALINUM

A species from California where it grows on shady canyon slopes in the Sierra Nevada around 1200m. Star shaped flowers in pale pink with grey, rather limp leaves, but very floriferous. They need good drainage and drier summer rest. Naturally small bulbs setting lots of seed. They survived last winter outside and have had no ill effects.

May • 12" (30cm) £6.00 for 10

KARATAVIENSE IVORY QUEEN

A selected form of A. karataviense. These are similarly very broad leaved and grow close to the ground with a pale margin around the leaf and an apple-white flower. Their best use is in full sun on a raised bed or rockery where the foliage provides a very metallic looking and modern effect long before (and after) the flowers.

May/June • 10" (25cm) £4.50 for 3 or £12.60 for 9

MOUNT EVEREST "

Probably the best tall white flowered Allium. Grapefruit sized heads top a tall glossy green stem. The leaves persist, so are not too obtrusive at flowering time. Lovely when combined with other strong coloured flowers such as Gladiolus byzantinus, and ideally planted against a dark backdrop, though some planted in the dappled shade of a Laburnum are great, we suggest that they are planted about 12" (30cm) apart.

May/June • 36" (90cm) £10.50 for 3 or £16.50 for 5

NIGRUM (MULTIBULBOSUM) 53-24

Greeny-black ovaries in the centre of each floret provide the reason for the name, though the suggestion of blackness somehow does not sit so well on what is otherwise a creamy white flower! The flower head shape is less rounded and more flattened and they are easily grown in sunny well-drained soils with a dry summer rest.

June • 24" (60cm) £5.00 for 5 or £9.00 for 10

NIGRUM PINKJEWEL

53-65

A pale pink form of the plant above, one which was much admired in the earlier Allium trials at RHS Wisley in 2014. Large domed pale pink heads with dark centres.

May/June • 36" (90cm) £4.00 each







ALLIUM OBLIQUUM ALLIUM SCHUBERTII ALLIUM POWDER PUFF



ALLIUM PURPLE RAIN

OBLIQUUM 53-26

These are Siberian in origin so are incredibly tough despite being in leaf all winter. They never really seem to be fully dormant. Their flowers are the size of large hens' eggs in June when they eventually straighten from their crook like stature to stand erect, greenishyellow in colour and increasingly 'fluffy'. They set lots of seed as well as forming clumps in time.

June • 24" (60cm) £9.50 for 3

PINBALL WIZARD 53-61

Fully 6" (15 cm) across, these heads are not as densely packed with flowers as those of A.
Globemaster, so the effect is rather more 'fluffy' but they are slightly taller with thick weather resisting stems. The flowers are a mid purple and a bit earlier flowering than most, at their best in mid May

May • 40" (100 cm) £4.50 or £12.00 for 3

POWDER PUFF \$\forall 53-66

A broad leaved allium with violet purple flowers about the size of a tennis ball held on much shorter stems than would normally be expected for an Allium with this size of head. It is a hybrid between A. nevskianum and A. sarawschanicum, both from Central Asia. Great for windy sites. The RHS trial reported on them that they "bulked up well, one of the best in the trial, great for patios or the front of the border".

May/June • 15" (35cm) £4.50 for 3





ALLIUM PINBALL WIZARD

PURPLE RAIN \$ 53-67

A product of the cross between A. Purple Sensation (from which it gains its height and deeper colouration) and A. cristophii (which gives it the open structure) with heads about 6" (15cm) across. With such popular and eminent parentage these should be superior and indeed they performed superbly well in the Allium trials at Wisley and were judged "the best in the trial".

June (later than Purple Sensation) 34" (85cm) £3.50 for 5, £6.30 for 10 or £11.50 for 20

SCHUBERTII 53-31

Spectacular and eccentric. Emerging early in the late winter these are at some risk in extreme winters but when planted in a warm sunny garden and given a dry warm summer rest following their flowering they can be fabulous. Like a tumbleweed, the long spokes are what they might roll away on when dry, the seeds held on the shorter extensions. A vegetable explosion or firework caught mid burst!

June • 18" (45cm) £10.50 for 3



NECTAROSCORDUM SICULUM



ALLIUM TUBEROSUM



ALLIUM UNIFOLIUM



ALLIUM SPHÆROCEPHALON



NECTAROSCORDUM TRIPEDALE

SPHÆROCEPHALON Y STIPITATUM VIOLET

Butterflies love these egg shaped heads (and at their peak they are about the same size). They emerge as tight deep green buds in June, turning purple from their tips through July and swaying in the summer breezes on long wiry stems. Woven through a summer border, often as rivers of colour, they visually 'tie things together'. Easy and inexpensive for the effect that they provide, just do plant enough of them for a generous display. We always supply bigger bulbs than are generally available, ensuring that the flowering will be better as a result. Plant them 3" (7cm) apart or 10-15

per square foot. Summer • 24" (60cm) £4.00 for 15, £7.50 for 30 or £11.00 for 50

BEAUTY Y

A dusty violet colour with flowers 4" (10cm) in diameter, spherical except that the base is flattened. This one also did exceptionally well in the RHS Allium trial where its usefulness as a cut flower (it has a light fragrance) and its increase over the three years of the trial impressed.

May/June • 27" (70cm) £4.00 for 5 or £7.20 for 10

TUBEROSUM 53-38

As much a herb as a bulb (as are chives) but with a long flowering period through the summer, the white flowers displayed over lush foliage on very wiry stems which persist as dry straw-like markers through the winter. They are multifaceted plants, and brilliant insect feeding stations too.

Aug/Oct • 24" (60cm) £7.00 for 3 (small clumps)

UNIFOLIUM Y 53-40

Shell pink heads of quite papery and long lasting flowers, about 15 contained within each head. Easy to grow in any sunny and well drained spot, especially the rockery. The small bulbs should be planted quite close together where their massed effect is very attractive.

May • 10" (25cm) £6.50 for 30

NECTAROSCORDUM

Much like the Alliums, with the same 'oniony' scent when the leaves are crushed, and with very similar looking bulbs armed with a small spike. Because of their strong similarities we list them after the Alliums but out of strict alphabetic order.



ALLIUM STIPITATUM VIOLET BEAUTY

SICULUM 53-32

Tall stemmed (with a pronounced keel - think of the seam in a pair of tights) leading upwards to dozens of hanging green and burgundy marked bells pendulously arranged in a loose head. They enjoy more shade than most true Alliums and seed about in conditions that they like and have strongly garlic scented foliage when crushed. The bees love them. The dry seed heads look like models of multiturreted fairy castles.

Early summer • 30" (75cm) £3.50 for 5 or £6.30 for 10

TRIPEDALE 53-25

Like N. siculum above, but with more numerous flowers in a gorgeous soft pink, which emerge like hatchlings from their translucent sheath. Happy in sun or part shade and not as difficult to grow as the price suggests, but uncommon and very select. Persistent and increasing in our heavy loam in some summer shade. How should one say the name? I am not sure, but hope that it should be 'tripi- dali' rather than 'tripe-dale'.

June • 36" (100cm) £8.00 or £21.00 for 3







ANEMONE APENNINA

ANEMONE BLANDA PINK STAR

ANEMONE WHITE SPLENDOUR





ANEMONE BLANDA BLUE

ANEMONE APENNINA

ANEMONE

The spring flowering anemones should follow the crocuses in late March for their turn in the limelight. They mark that moment when the weather is on the turn for the better and the stronger light of spring is accentuated by the shiny wet foliage resulting from scudding showers and windy conditions. This is just what Anemones love. And they open wide in the sunshine though if the light is only dappled by dint of still bare branches on the trees they won't mind. They are not all alike even when 'resting': the bulbous (A. blanda) forms come as hard, wizened corms, which need an overnight soak before planting and will take a long hot summer in their stride. The rhizomatous forms (A. apennina and A. nemorosa) need a cooler, shady (but also dry) rest after they have flowered, so they prefer more shaded, woodland-like conditions and hating exposure to air will be damp packed in coir when despatched by us.

APENNINA 🕿 57-11

An excellent and very pretty plant, I wish it were more easily produced as I think it more attractive than A. blanda in British conditions, but it is not a commercialised plant. White or shades of blue flowered plants with many deeply cut petals on flowers held well above soft mounds of leaves. Ideal under big deciduous trees following snowdrops and flowering with the early daffodils. The colours combine very naturally. Plant the small stick-like rhizomes in small groups 6" (15cm) apart where they will thereafter seed about. Home grown and dug-to-order from under trees here the damp packed rhizomes are inevitably rather variable in size.

March/April • 8" (20cm) £6.50 for 3

BLANDA BLUE 57-07

Low growing in shades of blue, that unconformity adding to their attractiveness, with flowers which shimmer close to the ground, unaffected by the March winds and shaking off the rain. Easy in any summer shaded spot where the more angled light (and moisture) of spring penetrate through.

March • 4" (10cm) £2.40 for 10, £5.50 for 25 or £10.00 for 50

BLANDA PINK STAR

Pale pink flowered plants of the same stature.

March • 4" (10cm) £5.00 for 10

57-08

BLANDA WHITE SPLENDOUR ST 57-12

Gleaming white petals surround a hub of golden stamens, which when ruffled by the wind, show off their pink tinged backs. Opening widely in direct sunshine, their flowering is a sure sign that spring has arrived. Compared to the blue forms slightly warmer soils and more direct light suit them better, in too much shade they get rather leggy. They grow from larger hard irregular corms, which you will receive whole - many providers sell these cut into smaller pieces.

March • 5" (12cm) £4.00 for 10, £9.50 for 25 or £18.00 for 50



ANEMONE VIRESCENS



ANEMONE NEMOROSA LYCHETTE



ANEMONE NEMOROSA BLUE EYED DOUBLE



ANEMONE RAN. FLORE PLENA



ANEMONE NEMOROSA

NEMOROSA 57-20

The wild wood anemone. The simplest looking low white flowers which derive from stick-like rhizomes. For woodland situations, in shade with leafmold rich soils. As with many 'wild' plants they often take a while to settle in and take off.

April • 4" (10cm) £4.50 for 5

NEMOROSA BLUE EYED DOUBLE 57-36

Full double petalled with a deep blue centre on established plants, I doubt that you will get the full effect the first year but be patient.

April • 4" (10cm) £4.50 for 5

NEMOROSA LYCHETTE

57-23

With white flowers that are larger and fuller than the more 'ordinary' wood Anemone.

April • 4" (10cm) £4.50 for 5

NEMOROSA ROBINSONIANA \$\frac{7}{2}57-24

Large flowered in lilac- blue with contrasting yellow stamens.

April • 4" (10cm) £4.50 for 5

NEMOROSA VIRESCENS "

For us the most productive of all the Anemone nemorosa forms, many of which sulk after being moved and take ages to get going again. These do not have flowers in the conventional sense, but frothy green heads full of bracts that last much longer than flowers might.

April • 4" (10cm) £4.50 for 5

RANUNCULOIDES FLORE PLENA Y

A European native with bright yellow double petalled flowers, the tubers underground are thicker and less stick-like than those of the Anemone nemorosa. Easy in light spring shade conditions amongst the other March and April flowering woodlanders.

April • 4" (10cm) £5.50 for 3



ANEMONE NEMOROSA ROBINSONIANA

ANTHERICUM

LILIAGO MAJOR Y

58-05

Pretty white flowered perennials from southern Europe. They grow from an agapanthus-like crown of thick fleshy roots when dormant in the autumn, providing for splendid, informal looking plants that thrive in moisture retentive soil in good light. When settled, each plant will carry ten or more flower stems piercing upward each carrying a dozen or more flowers looking like little flared trumpets with yellow stamens, opening sequentially up the stems. Border plants for good fertile soils in the sun. Plant 24", (60cm) apart.

May • 24" (60cm)

BOMAREA

SALSILLA Y 10-04

Mexican and South American climbers that one might imagine require protection from severe cold, but recent winters here have left them untouched, buried as they are deep in the ground. Long lasting pink flowers crowd on the ends of thick tangled stems with quite succulent foliage, sometimes the heads look down, or up, but never the same way! They seem happy with either full sun or part shade but you will need to provide support for them to grow over.

Summer flowering • 30" (70cm)

BONGARDIA

CHRYSOGONUM 67-04

A rare bulb with coppery yellow flowers and attractive grey-green leaves marked with red, best suited to somewhere sun-baked and dry in the summer, As well as being fully hardy they are also hugely drought resistant and love a hot dry soil. Very special members of the Berberis family with pretty, hard, nut-like tubers.

> April/May • 9" (22cm) £4.70 or £13.00 for 3

CAMASSIA

Very hardy bulbs of North American origin that love that heavy, often rather poorly drained soil that many bulbs find too tough to cope with. If your soil is too heavy and the summers too wet to get repeat flowering from your Tulips some of these might be a suitable (and more sustainable) alternative, albeit with a narrower colour palette? Suitable for borders or in grassland where one could achieve a full six weeks of interest using a few different varieties.



ANTHERICUM LILIAGO MAJOR



BOMARIA SALSILLA



BONGARDIA CHRYSOGONUM



CAMASSIA LEICHTLINII ALBA



CAMASSIA LEICHTLINII CAERULEA



CAMASSIA MAYBELLE

LEICHTLINII ALBA

70-07

Ivory-cream in flower, standing out brilliantly against any dark backdrop and a good contrast plant for the Alliums in May. They spread their seed around freely, and in time sow themselves through the herbaceous border in good cottage garden style. They do not naturally make as big a bulb as the blue C. caerulea and often flower from quite small bulbs, these planted about 9" (22cm) apart. These generally flower about 10-14 days later than the 'standard' blue form of C. 'caerulea'

May/June • 36" (90cm) £5.00 for 3 or £14.00 for 9

LEICHTLINII CAERULEA

70-06

Especially valuable and happy in heavier soils and a feature plant for the border in late spring where they make magnificent shows with many erect stems of deep lavender blue flowers, curving skyward from thick clumps when established. They set no seed, only increasing as the bulbs split up. Longer lasting flowers result from planting in some shade and they love clay soils that hold the moisture. Ideal partners might be Polygonatum x hybridum, Maianthemum racemosum or Tellima grandiflora. We supply big bulbs that should be planted with 5" of soil over them, 9" (22cm) apart.

April/May • 32" (80cm) £6.20 for 5 or £11.00 for 10

LEICHTLINII CAERULEA MAYBELLE 70-16

These flower two or three weeks later than the one above, are more compact and the flower colour more blue and less purple than those of the plant above. Late May can be a time when one is noticeably short of colour in the garden so these really fill a gap and extend the Camassia display, and being somewhat shorter may suit more exposed sites?

May • 24" (60cm) £6.60 for 5



CAMASSIA AVON'S STELLAR HYBRIDS



CAMASSIA SEMI PLENA



CHIONODOXA LUCILIAE



CAMASSIA BLUE HEAVEN



CAMASSIA SACAIAWEA



CHIONODOXA PINK GIANT QUAMASH (ESCULENTA)

The shortest of all the Camassia. suitable for naturalizing in rough, very late mown grass, or to dot in groups informally in the borders. Much smaller bulbed than all the forms above, these give rise to rich, dark purple-blue flowers with startling yellow stamens. A true meadow plant. The bulbs are often pitted and marked when dormant, though this seems to make no difference to their growth, plant them 3-4" (10cm) apart.

May/June • 12" (30cm) £3.50 for 10 or £8.00 for 25

70-05

BLUE HEAVEN 70-17

Paler blue than all the other Camassia that we sell and of shorter stature again. This is the result of a crossing of C. cusickii and C. leichtlinii, and a considerable improvement on the pale blue C. cusickii which I think gives the other Camassia a bad name - they do not flower well after the first year (but being widely and cheaply sold are often people's first disappointing introduction to the family). This hybrid form is considerably better at repeat flowering.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £6.60 for 3

LEICHTLINII AVON'S STELLAR HYBRIDS 70-11

A seed raised form, these are the result of hybridisation and selection work done here. The plants exhibit widely varying colours, combinations of purple blue, mauve, greyish, purplish, green and pale pink. We cannot guarantee what you might receive, it is 'pot luck' but many are individually eyecatching and from the seed that they in turn produce, who knows what you might raise yourself! The bulbs also vary somewhat in size.

May • 36" (90cm) - colours will vary £7.50 for 3

LEICHTLINII SACAJAWEA 70-15

Carrying cream coloured flowers these are a variegated form with a bold cream coloured edge to the leaf, this nicely accentuates what is (in Camassia generally) not very interesting foliage. The name honours a native American Indian woman who saved the starving explorers on the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1805 as they crossed America east to west (and back again) for the first time feeding them the native 'quamash' bulbs. Again 10-14 days later into flower than C. caerulea.

May/June • 36" (90cm) £9.50 for 5

LEICHTLINII SEMI-PLENA 70-08

A tall tower of full petalled, almost fluffy looking, cream coloured flowers. A sterile form of the cream flowered plant that is the species: C. leichtlinii alba. But the benefit of sterility for gardeners is a longer flowering season. Better where they receive more sun than shade and better still where the soils are damp all through spring and early summer.

June • 36" (90cm) £7.00 for 3

CHIONODOXA

Our 'friends' the nomenclature police are about to merge the Chionodoxas into the Scilla family. On such matters we are slow adopters of the new! The bigger spring bulbs exhibit a huge range of bold shapes and strong colours. As a result if one does not follow a theme or stick to a limited pallet I feel that the whole effect can look a bit haphazard. A way to help with this is to use a range of the 'little blue bulbs' to create a more unifying backdrop. This ties the louder colours together and provides a steadying consistency. Any of the Chionodoxa, Muscari, Scilla and Anemone are the sorts of bulbs that do just this, but you could use other non bulbous plants as well such as Brunnera or Mysotis (Forget-me-not).



QUAMASH (ESCULENTA)

LUCILIÆ

Multifunctional small bulbs, they can go into your beds of perennials or be allowed to seed about in rock gardens in the sun or part shade, where they combine well with the daffodils, grape hyacinths, crocuses and other small spring bulbs. They can also be naturalized in grass (though mowing too early or too short needs to be avoided). Brilliant blue with white centres. Buy lots, planting densities need to be generous, though they will seed about in time. You'll initially need about 30-40 per square ft.

Feb/March • 4" (10cm) £4.00 for 20 or £9.00 for 50

FORBESII PINK GIANT 72-10

With a spike of very pretty pale pink flowers, this is a taller and slightly earlier flowering alternative to the more common blue shades. Being taller it needs to receive more light to avoid it getting too leggy and flopping over. Plant about 1"-2" (2.5-5cm) apart, or 15 per square foot.

Feb/March • 5" (12cm) £3.00 for 10 or £6.80 for 25



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS HARDWICK HALL



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS FERNWOOD'S GOLDEN SLIPPERS



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS ROSEA



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS HOFHEIM



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS FORTINS GIANT



CHIONODOXA BLUE GIANT

FORBESII BLUE GIANT 72-11

Larger flowered than the C. luciliae above with a more noticeable central white throat. The photo was taken of them in a pot of tulips that were yet to flower and the C. Blue Giant were flowering their socks off, providing a very good early show.

March/April • 6" (15cm) £4.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 25

CONVALLARIA

Lilies of the Valley. Spring flowering plants of woodland origins with stringy rhizomes under the soil. They like humus rich soil and part shade but everyone's experience of growing these is different and (as is reported to us) they will grow in the most unlikely places. But the critical commonality is that they do need patience to begin with and tales of them taking 2 or 3 years to settle abound. They are all about 6" (15cm) tall when in flower in Mav.

MAJALIS FORTINS CIANT Y 75-05

Larger flowered and taller than the 'common' white Lily of the Valley but equally scented. For sun or shade but in the former they need a more moisture retentive soil. Good, strong, fresh-dug rhizomes (stringy roots) to plant horizontally about 2" deep (5 cm) and double that apart.

MAJALIS HARDWICK HALL 75-09

Wide leaved with a creamy coloured margin to the leaf, providing a feature of interest even before they flower. The flowers are large, white and scented.

£8.00 for 3

MAJALIS HOFHEIM 75-12

A creamy yellow edge to the otherwise plain green leaf marks these out, these marginal highlights are considered rather stronger in this form than it is in C. Hardwick Hall, the flower is creamy white and scented.

£10.00 for 3

MAJALIS FERNWOOD'S GOLDEN SLIPPERS 75-11

A startlingly golden leaved form, particularly in the early spring before the flowers appear. They appear perfectly stable as there has been no reversion to green. There is an ongoing argument regarding the name, should it be Verwood, Fernwood or what? We obtained the initial stock from the late Stephen Taffler (inveterate variegated plant addict) who used to live nearby. £6.00 for 3

MAJALIS ROSEA 75-07

Like small and very exclusive pink pearls, a vigorous form which we know to be tough and productive with lovely pale pink fragrant flowers, Best in dappled light or part shade, direct bright sunshine tends to burn out the pink. As with any Convallaria you'll need a degree of patience before they thicken up.

£8.00 for 5



CORYDALIS BLUE DRAGON



CHRYSANTHUS CREAM BEAUTY



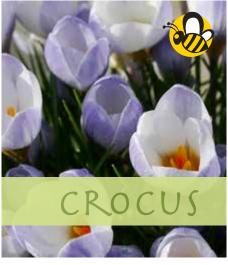
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CORYDALIS CHINA BLUE



CHRYSANTHUS BLUE PEARL



CHRYSANTHUS ARD SCHENK

CORYDALIS

A family with snapdragon like flowers of which we sell pot grown 'flexuosa' forms. These do not derive from a true bulb so are supplied as growing plants in small pots ready to plant out. These need 'encouragement' to grow away from the compost in which they are currently established, tease out the roots a bit, break up the pot shape root ball and firm them in to your soil so that they root across that boundary.

FLEXUOSA CHINA BLUE 76-22

Exhibiting beautiful pink-fringed juvenile foliage when planted in some sunshine and startling pale blue flowers, this still remains a 'buy on sight' plant. Sold by the potful. Spring/Summer • 6" (15cm)

FLEXUOSA BLUE DRAGON 76-12

Bronze purple foliage, its colour heightened when planted in some direct sunshine, particularly in the early spring, with deep purple-blue flowers. Sold by the potful.

Spring/Summer • 6" (15cm)

CROCUS (SPRING FLOWERING)

The C. tommasinianus forms are perfect for planting in light grass or borders, self-sowing and increasing where happy and potentially getting everywhere. The bees love them and their opening is always a certain sign of spring arriving. The hybrid forms of the species C. chrysanthus in particular have been raised for garden use but need more particular situations than do the 'tommies'.

They are palatable to mice and squirrels as are some other small carbohydrate rich bulbs. Mesh baskets (as offered on the back cover of this catalogue) are a great help (with the addition of a home-made wire lid). These buried containers mostly thwart those opportunistic raiders. The bigger and later flowering C. vernus or 'Dutch' forms of Crocus are much bigger bulbed and seem to both persist better and are less affected by rodents.

CHRYSANTHUS ARD SCHENK 🌄 78-72

Very early flowering with pure white petals marked by a vellow throat inside. Glistening in the early sunlight. £4.20 for 20 or £9.50 for 50

CHRYSANTHUS BLUE PEARL Y 78-12

A lovely goblet shaped flower with a soft lavender-blue exterior, pale silvery blue inside, and bronzing at the base.

£4.20 for 20 or £9.50 for 50

CHRYSANTHUS CREAM BEAUTY Y

Elegant, with pale-cream petals brushed with charcoal on the reverse and bright orange stigmas when open wide in the sun.

£4.20 for 20 or £9.50 for 50

CHRYSANTHUS DOROTHY

Bronzy yellow throughout, the open flowers mirroring the sun with a shiny sheen. Bright and cheery.

£4.20 for 20 or £9.50 for 50

CHRYSANTHUS PRINS CLAUS 78-70

A slightly bigger two tone flower with ivory white within and a smoky purple blue reverse to the petal. Grouped together one seems to frame their neighbour and so they show themselves off magically.

£4.20 for 20 or £9.50 for 50



CROCUS IMPERATI DE JAGER



KOROLKOWII JANUARY GOLD



TOMMASINIANUS YALTA



TOMMASINIANUS RUBY GIANT



MINIMUS SPRING BEAUTY



TOMMASINIANUS WHITEWELL PURPLE

IMPERATI DE JAGER 78-73

Flowering in the very early spring when the delicacy of these flowers is more than welcome, the outer petals are biscuit buff with purple stripes, the inside lilac to purple. From Western Italy and needing a well drained sunny rockery.

Jan • 5" (12cm) £6.50 for 3

KOROLKOWII JANUARY GOLD

Flowering so early this requires a sheltered sunny spot, or probably to be grown in a pot where you can admire it up close. The species is Afghan in origin and has some subtle differences from its more western cousins such as more leaves and a subterranean seed capsule. Shiny and golden within the flower, more dusted on the reverse.

£2.70 for 5

MINIMUSSPRING 78-59 BEAUTY

Lovely lilac petals open wide in the sun, but notice their backs, richly feathered along their length on a much paler background they really enhance that lilac.

£4.20 for 20 or £9.50 for 50

TOMMASINIANUS RUBY GIANT

Deep pinkish-silvery purple flowered with contrasting yellow anthers. Excellent for naturalising and an ideal accompaniment to the early dwarf daffodils and to follow the Cyclamen coum. Don't be deceived by the deceptive naming, they are neither Ruby nor Giant, just 'chubbier' and darker than Whitewell Purple below.

£4.20 for 20 or £9.50 for 50 or £17.00 for 100

TOMMASINIANUS WHITEWELL PURPLE

Free-flowering with silvery mauvepink flowers and bright yellow anthers, this form is a little finer and paler in hue. They are ideal to plant with the intention of allowing them to seed about and naturalise. They don't last long in blazing March sunshine so try them in dappled shade. Don't mow till the leaves have gone if planted in grass and, if you remember, look out for the seed-heads at soil level in June.

£4.20 for 20 or £9.50 for 50 or £17.00 for 100

TOMMASINIZAMMOT YALTA 78-64

A hybrid between a 'tommy' and a large hybrid, perhaps C. vernus Vanguard so a bit larger and slightly later. Some left over bulbs have survived in some rough grass under a birch and done quite well here so come recommended, our heavier soil generally does not suit the smaller crocus, though the 'tommies' do brilliantly. Alternating deep purple and silvery backed petals contrast nicely.

£4.20 for 10 or £9.50 for 25



See the Crocus Collection on page 58





CROCUS PICKWICK



CROCUS QUEEN OF THE BLUES



CROCUS REMEMBRANCE CROCUS GOLDEN YELLOW

CROCUS VERNUS 'DUTCH' HYBRIDS

Selected over the centuries, originally from C. vernus these are useful for planting in grassed areas to provide an early spring show (though in February and March the grass will hardly be growing) and being bigger bulbed they can be planted more deeply and would cope with rougher grass cover than lawn grasses. Each corm produces multiple flowers. Flowering into the early Daffodil season they can be an effective contrast to the sea of yellow in the March garden. Plant them 4-6" (12-15cm) apart, or roughly 7- 12 per square foot. They do not quite all flower together (which is a benefit) so choose a few varieties to provide a slightly greater spread of flowering. Late February and early March flowering 5" (12cm) tall.

FLOWER RECORD 78-71

The deepest purple form, providing that darker contrast in a mixed planting

£5.25 for 15, £9.60 for 30 or £16.80 for 60



PICKWICK

Strongly striped and feathered in violet over a white background. A larger flowered and vigorous crocus, generally with several flowers per corm

£5.25 for 15, £9.60 for 30 or £16.80 for 60

GOLDEN YELLOW \$

Bright golden yellow flowers. Either use them alone or in combination with the purple forms (it flowers fractionally earlier). It has been found not to be a true C. vernus form at all but a triploid hybrid between C. vernus and C. angustifolius.

£4.40 for 15, £7.80 for 30 or £14.40 for 60

JEANNE D'ARC

A superb goblet shaped white crocus (occasionally with purple flecking) with strong stems. Great planted alone or else supporting a mix of other colours. But also nice with late snowdrops or as a foil to any of the Greigii tulips which flower at the same time. One could try a combination of your own of any of the 'Dutch' crocus and any Greigii tulip in pots?

£5.25 for 15, £9.60 for 30 or £16.80 for 60



CROCUS FLOWER RECORD



CROCUS JEANNE D'ARC

QUEEN OF THE BLUES 78-68

Lavender blue, with a whiff of purple in some lights but with an incredible depth of colour and slightly shorter stemmed.

£5.25 for 15, £9.60 for 30 or £16.80 for 60

REMEMBRANCE 78-63

The deep purple blue, and again slightly shorter stemmed. Brought back into our list by popular demand. £5.25 for 15, £9.60 for 30 or £16.80 for 60

CYCLAMEN

Cyclamen tubers tend to do best in drier sites in lighter soils that have benefitted from the addition of some humus or leaf-mould. Here they seed through and pop up in our heavy soils even in grass. Though not cheap to begin with (these are often 4 years old already) they can be expected to live many years and the autumn flowering forms can reach dinner plate size and a great age. These are all in leaf throughout the winter and spring months so do take their attractive foliage into account and aim for that varied green tapestry that a mix of the spring and autumn flowering forms provides. They are all completely hardy except C. repandum which will need more careful placement, although Mary Keen in the Telegraph wrote that they too had survived recent winters deeply planted in the Cotswolds. We would suggest you plant them all about 5' (12cm) apart.

Cyclamen coum flowers in the early spring with slightly chunky flowers with foliage that is smooth edged and rounded, Cyclamen hederifolium flowers in the early autumn with more elegant flowers and distinctively heart or arrow shaped foliage. The two foliage types complement each other well, though the flowering is about 5 months apart. They can be successfully planted together.

These are all nursery grown in the UK from seed and may be ordered for either Late Summer or Autumn despatch. In the autumn the tubers start back into growth and so where orders are despatched after mid-September the leaves and roots may be showing, though this causes no harm.

SPRING FLOWERING FORMS

COUM ST 51-16

Plump tubers throwing what are mosty pink flowers with hugely varied leaf markings around the silvery 'Christmas tree' outline within the rounded leaf. I think they are the perfect companions to the early spring display of winter aconites, dwarf crocus and snowdrops under trees or shrubs, perhaps with one of the deliciously fragrant Sarcocca? These will be about 3 year old tubers from seed, but even at that age, a year younger than the colour selected forms below.

Jan/March £15.00 for 5



CYCLAMEN COUM





CYCLAMEN COUM DARK PINK



CYCLAMEN COUM ALBUM



CYCLAMEN COUM SILVER LEAF



CYCLAMEN COUM ROSEUM

COUM ROSEUM 51-17

Pale pink flowered, the easiest colour to combine with those other early spring gems. A year older than those above as they were graded by colour when they flowered last year, they will have bigger tubers and so will produce more flowers in their first year. Jan/March £14.00 for 3

COUM ALBUM 51-18

Always showing a pink 'nose' but the flower is otherwise white, the petals twisted and swept back. Ideal to provide a bit of contrast amongst other pink ones, or planted with your snowdrops, to maintain an all-white theme.

> Jan/March £14.00 for 3

COUM DARK PINK 51-31

These exciting forms have more strongly coloured carmine pink flowers. The leaf markings will vary enormously from all matt green to largely silver etched forms.

Jan/March £14.00 for 3

COUM SILVER LEAF 51-19

Demonstrate a silvery sheened leaf, still outlined within a deep green edge. When planted with the other forms one builds up a low 'tapestry' of interest created from the leaves alone, the flowers could be any colour.

Jan/March £16.50 for 3

REPANDUM 51-29

Better in more sheltered conditions and certainly needing more shade and leaf mould in the soil where they need to be planted more deeply. Only properly hardy in the south, though special circumstances may affect that generalisation, small bulbs which need careful handling - I feel that I am using too many caveats! The positives are many - they provide spicily fragrant, deep carmine coloured flowers in late spring and like the others do set seed and spread where happy.

April/May £5.40 each or £15.00 for 3



DICHELOSTEMMA PINK DIAMOND



DISPORUM FLAVENS



DICHELOSTEMMA IDA MAIA



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM

AUTUMN FLOWERING FORMS

H€D€RIFOLIUM \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$ 51-07

The toughest and most enduring of all cyclamen, with long petalled (and mostly) pale pink flowers in the autumn (when flowering without their foliage) followed by glossy dark green heart-shaped foliage through winter, often beautifully marked. These will be three or more years old and will get better and better over the years, their tubers eventually becoming very large and corky.

Aug/Oct £14.00 for 5

HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM **Y** 51-08

White flowered tubers of the form above, these were selected by colour when they flowered last autumn. Use just a few to provide an interesting contrast, or alone as a beacon in October to lighten up a dark corner.

Aug/Oct £12.50 for 3

DICHELOSTEMMA

Allium-like bulbs of North West America with nice stories to go with them. They are obviously very unusual plants to be found in UK gardens but they are hardy and tough enough to grow in lighter and free draining soils. They grow much as any Allium but flower later. The sap from cut stems can be caustic to the skin.

CONGESTUM 82-04

From the far west of America, producing a compact, hens egg sized flower head much like an Allium, formed of very long-lasting lilac-purple flowers, on a slender but very wiry stem. They will grow where one would expect Alliums to thrive.

June • 24" (60cm) £4.00 for 5 or £7.50 for 10

IDA-MAIA 82-05

Spectacular red, yellow and green coloured flowers, shaped like cigars, opening at the tip of a wiry stem. Named after the daughter of a Californian stage coach-driver and pollinated (in the wild) by humming-birds! Grown much as any Allium.

June • 18" (45cm) £3.50 for 5 or £6.50 for 10



DICHELOSTEMMA CONGESTUM

PINK DIAMOND 82-06

A naturally occurring sport of D. Ida-maia with bright pink flowers with white tips.

June • 18" (45cm) £3.50 for 5 or £6.50 for 10

DISPORUM

FLAVENS

30-06

Soloman's Seal -like plants with soft yellow flowers at the ends of their stems in the spring. Korean in origin they are not very well known but understated plants for shade.

June • 18-24" (45-60cm) £6.0Ó



ERYTHRONIUM DENS CANIS SNOWFLAKE



ERYTHRONIUM REVOLUTUM



ERYTHRONIUM PAGODA



ERYTHRONIUM OLD ABERDEEN

ERYTHRONIUM

The Dog's Tooth Violet is the only European form (that common name referring to the shape of the bulb) The others are all American species or hybrids where the common name for them in America is the Trout Lily (due to the markings on the leaves). They grow best where they have cool humus rich soil conditions in the spring, usually grown in dappled shade, with a drier resting phase in what will be deeper shade in the summer. They all have interesting leaves and look great with Dicentra, Trilliums, Epimedium and the wood Anemones. Knightshayes Court, or The Garden House at Buckland Monachorum, both have good displays.

DENS CANIS 84-08

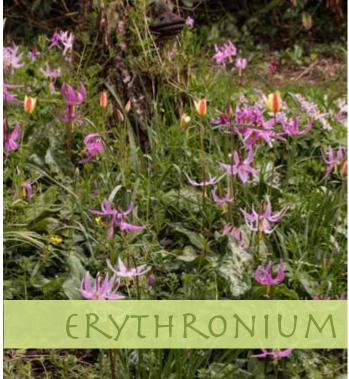
The European Dogs Tooth Violet with magically mottled leaves with brown and purple markings. The flowers are pale pink through to lilac or purple. They benefit from good spring light but with shade from about April. Plant them 3-4" (7-10cm) apart.

March • 4" (10cm) £5.50 for 3



ERYTHRONIUM KNIGHTSHAYES

ERYTHRONIUM DENS CANIS



ERYTHRONIUM REVOLUTUM

DENS CANIS OLD ABERDEEN Y 84-09

Noted for their exceptionally dark leaf markings the flowers are also more deeply coloured than the standard E. dens canis. First named (I believe) by Carol Scott whom I met and stayed with 30 plus years ago near Glasgow. They should increase quite rapidly but E. dens canis is never in flower for long, so the great foliage is a strong reason to grow these.

March • 4" (10cm) £4.00 or £10.50 for 3

DENS CANIS SNOWFLAKE 84-11

A white flowered selection, worth a closer look when in flower (though this can be awkward as they are very close to the ground) in order to admire the extraordinary mauvepurple stamens.

March • 4" (10cm)

PAGODA 🌄 84-17

A more vigorous hybrid first discovered in the late 19th Century, it is a bigger plant altogether, with creamy yellow flowers. They are easier to grow than any of the others and one starts with a big finger sized tuber. Ideally planted in some shelter from spring gales (the large leaves tend to crack in strong winds) and ideally in humus rich soils where they will clump up. Plant 7" to 9" (16-20cm) apart.

April • 12" (30cm) £5.00 for 3 or £10.50 for 7

REVOLUTUM 84-21

The 'wild' pink flowered Erythronium, originally from the western seaboard of North America, right through from California to Vancouver now a welcome highlight in woodland gardens here. More subtle and refined than E. Pagoda, but if you can grow that one then these are a definite possibility. They seed around quite vigorously and mix in very naturally with wood anemones, Anemone apennina, and all those low growing gems of April. A cool April is a blessing, otherwise they are too quickly over. Some will be marked with lovely brown flecks on the leaves.

April • 8" (20cm) £12.00 for 3

REVOLUTUM KNIGHTSHAYES

84-13

Named after the garden in which these abound in Devon, this strain has even more heavily marked leaves with pale pink flowers, but do handle the tubers carefully, they are long and brittle.

April • 8" (20cm) £5.50 or £15.00 for 3



ERYTHRONIUM WHITE BEAUTY



FRITILLARIA WILLIAM REX



FRITILLARIA IMPERIALIS LUTEA



ERYTHRONIUM TUOLUMNENSE



FRITILLARIA RASCAL CHOPIN



FRITILLARIA ELWESII



FRITILLARIA ACMOPETALA

TUOLUMNENSE 84-24

Early flowering plants with larger bright plain green leaves and bright yellow flowers. A native of the Sierra Nevada in California they are perfectly hardy in the UK. Pagoda is a hybrid deriving from this species, it is later and paler flowered, has more marked leaves, and is quicker to increase.

April • 8" (20cm)

WHITE BEAUTY Y 84-15

Probably the best Erythronium in Britain for more formal small gardens and a favourite, if you have visited Knightshayes in Devon in early April you'll know why. A very neat and compact hybrid with mottled leaves and creamy white flowers, often multi-stemmed on established plants. The whole plant is nicely proportioned. Pamper them with deep leaf mould rich soils in the summer shade of trees or shrubs. Plant 5" (12cm) apart.

April • 8" (20cm) £5.50 or £15.00 for 3

FRITILLARIA

The plants listed below are illustrative of the amazing diversity of the family, from small bulbs of moist riverine meadows to giants of near desert like locations. Sadly few of the many species of Fritillaria are well suited to 'ordinary' garden conditions in Britain but, particularly if you can invest some effort into their planting and exercise judgment in where to plant them, the following are to be recommended. Our website does provide more detail on all of them.

ACMOPETALA \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 85-04

A native of the Eastern Mediterranean with one or more hanging jade green bell shaped flowers, reflexed at the opening, with chocolate brown markings. Grow them in a little shade in fairly well drained conditions out of the strongest wind.

> April/May • 12" (30cm) £6.00 for 3 or £9.20 for 5

ELWESTI.

Dark stemmed with narrow, more tubular, slate and green flowers covered in a fine bloom held atop a fine stem. They hail from southern Turkey and will happily survive our cold winters, but would do better for a dry summer rest, so that calls for well drained soils

April • 15" (35cm) £7.00 for 3

85-07

IMPERIALIS WILLIAM REX 85-20

Deeply coloured orange-red flowers which surround a strong dark stem. A selected and named form of the Crown Imperial Lily. A top knot of green leaves above the flower makes them look quite exotic. For rich sunny soils, well-watered in spring but well drained in summer, sheltered from wind and planted 6-8" (15-20cm) deep.

April • 30" (75cm) £6.00 or £16.50 for 3

IMPERIALIS RASCAL CHOPIN 85-23

The Rascal series is the result of years of interbreeding F imperialis and F.raddeana to produce bulbs that flower younger, aiming (eventually) to bringing the cost down, but they are still relatively new! I like their daintier stature, their less regimental stance and the earlier flowering which ought to allow more time for them to 'put on weight' before going dormant again, a requirement if they are to flower well in future years.

March/April • 30" (75cm) £6.00 or £16.50 for 3

IMPERIALIS LUTEA

85-21

Bright yellow flowered on a pale green stem, no more difficult to grow than the red flowered form. Both grow very rapidly in the early spring and needing to quickly replenish that effort, we suggest that they benefit from liquid feeding whilst in growth to encourage flowering in subsequent years.

April • 36" (90cm) £6.00 or £16.50 for 3



FRITILLARIA PALLIDIFLORA



FRITILLARIA MICHAILOVSKYI



FRITILLARIA PERSICA



FRITILLARIA PERSICA ALBA





FRITILLARIA MELEAGRIS



FRITILLARIA RADDEANA

85-37

MELEAGRIS Y 85-27

FRITILLARIA PONTICA

The ever popular Snakeshead Fritillary. Serpent like with darkly chequered nodding bells, a smattering of which may be paler or even white. In Elizabethan times it was widespread - typically in damp, grassy, late-cut meadows and in moist alluvial soils. So aim for these conditions to have them increasing and self-seeding yourself. They are best ordered early to allow for timely planting. Plant 4" (10cm) deep in drifts, 4" (10cm) apart (10-15 per sq ft.)

March/April • 12" (30cm) £3.90 for 15, £12.00 for 50 or £21.00 for 100

85-31 MICHAILOVSKYI

A striking small plant with a yellow band around the rim of the chunky, reddish brown, bell shaped flower. These need a well drained soil to persist in the ground, otherwise growing them in a pot in the protection of something such as a bulb frame to keep them drier, particularly in summer, is advisable. March / April • 8" (20cm) £3.00 for 3

PALLIDIFLORA Y

85-36

Pale straw green bells, speckled within the bell with darker flecking. Usually the broad leaves and relatively large flowers act as a sail and the stems becomes more S shaped. This actually makes it easier to see inside the flower! None too difficult and charming in a raised bed or in well drained soils.

April • 12" (30cm) £4.20

PERSICA

We grew these with ease and to great proportions 30 years ago on the limestone brash at Bradford on Avon. That indicated their surprising preference for good light, and good drainage. Our heavier soils here seem to suit them less well, but they are impressive all the same with bell shaped flowers like grapes with a similar bloom.

April/May • 24-30" (60-75cm) £6.00 or £16.50 for 3

PERSICA ALBA

A form in which the dusky black flowers have lost their pigmentation and instead are a fresh matt green. April/May • 24-30" (60-75cm) £10.00 each

PONTICA Y

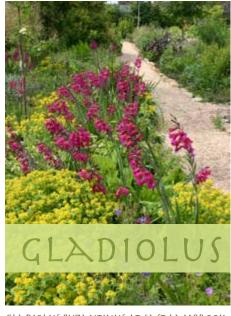
Bell shaped flowers (hardly showing any of the flared lip that you see in F. acmopetala) with green and brown markings. Shorter too and more suited to a bit more shade, seeding freely where happy.

April/May • 9" (25cm) £2.50 or £7.00 for 3

RADDEANA 85-41

Closely related to the Crown Imperials above but rather shorter and less formal arrangement of flowers in yellowish green. They root early in the autumn and then emerge early and race up to flower quickly. They will need a bit of shelter from the wind and good light, though are very cold tolerant.

Mar/ April • 18" (45cm) £7.50 or £19.50 for 3



GLADIOLUS BYZANTINUS AT EAST LAMBROOK MANOR GARDENS



GLADIOLUS NYMPH



GLADIOLUS MIRELLA



GLADIOLUS ATOM GLADIOLUS NATHALIE



GLADIOLUS THE BRIDE



GLADIOLUS

BYZANTINUS \$\footnote{\Pi}\$ 88-04

Rich magenta coloured flowers with white flashes. These are free flowering plants with large strongly coloured flowers, and generally infertile as the plant is tetraploid. They are lovely, persisting colourful cottage garden plants for the early summer, but the leaves do emerge early in the year and in very cold gardens (or in the north) they may need a mulch over winter. There is skulduggery about regarding what is sold under this name. A poor relation to what we sell is G. byzantinus ssp. communis which is often passed off as the same plant and is a good deal cheaper. The two are like chalk and cheese. For sun or slight shade. Plant 4" (10cm) apart.

June • 24" (60cm) £5.00 for 3 or £10.00 for 7

The 'named' dwarf gladioli flower in the early summer. Short enough not to need staking, they do not tower over the garden as do the larger forms. These make particularly good cut flowers too. They also grow away early, and this may result in the foliage being susceptible to severe late frost, so mulching is a possible requirement in very cold gardens. Plant them in a sheltered site in well-drained soil, 6" (15cm) deep, 4" (10cm) apart on a bed of sharp sand. The winter dormant hybrid forms are also sold in the spring, if yours is a cold garden buy them then instead.

MOTA

88-18

Dusty orange-red flowers, each petal margin enriched by white piping, which highlights their individual shape. This is particularly effective where the petals overlap one another. Best in well drained soils and in the sun.

July • 30" (75cm) £5.50 for 10 or £10.50 for 20

MIRELLA

88-17

Flowers in pillar box red (though around here the post boxes badly need a new coat) with good upright stems. Clean and bright.

July • 30" (75cm) £5.50 for 10 or £10.50 for 20

NATHALIE

88-19

Predominantly pink flowered with the bottom petals on each marked with a darker rose and cream coloured flash, pretty and easy to fit into the summer colour theme.

July • 30" (75cm) £5.50 for 10 or £10.50 for 20

NYMPH

88-11

White flowered, but clearly marked with luscious pink and purple lipstick kisses on the lower petals. Much less formally upright, the bigger flowers bending the stems this way and that, so they weave through surrounding plants with an appealing informality.

May/June • 24" (60cm) £5.50 for 10 or £10.50 for 20

THE BRIDE

Starry, tapered, gleaming white flowers tinged with green at the throat, a strong-growing favourite of ours and our customers. Do ensure that the soil is well drained and if you have failed before, try them again planted in deep pots protected from the worst of the cold till spring and then plant these out into your sunny border.

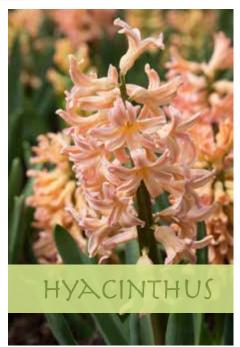
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HYACINTHOIDES NON SCRIPTA ALBA BRACTEATA



HYACINTHOIDES NON SCRIPTA PINK



HYACINTHUS GIPSY QUEEN



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HYACINTHUS CARNEGIE



HYACINTHUS DELFT BLUE

HYACINTHOIDES

The family name that covers all the varied 'Bluebells'.

NON SCRIPTA 125-10

The English Bluebell. Violet-blue nodding bells which glisten in damp shady glades. Always in demand and providing that perfect moment in April when the woods turn violet. Self-seeding, so increasing steadily once established. Plant 4" (10cm) deep and 4" (10cm) apart, working on up to 15 per sq. ft.

April/May • 12" (30cm) £5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25

NON SCRIPTA ALBA

Wild populations of English Bluebells are nearly all violet-blue, but rarely white flowered plants occur and it is from those that these derive. They will stand out in a sea of blue. These will always stay white and will increase below ground, though their seedlings will almost certainly be blue.

April/May • 12" (30cm) £8.00 for 3

125-12

NON SCRIPTA ALBA BRACTEATA 125-26

White flowered with a pair of long whiskery bracts alongside each flower node. A quirky oddity.

April/May • 12" (30cm) £8.00 for 3

NON SCRIPTA PINK

A pale pink clone that is distinctly pink on first opening but fades to near white, we have built these up from a few bulbs over the years.

April/May • 12" (30cm) £8.00 for 3

125-34

HYACINTHUS

The 'prepared' bulbs in the Late Summer section (Page 5) are more suited to forcing for very early indoor display or if planted out will flower in early March. The ones below can be potted for use in the house, where they will flower in March and look equally magnificent in pots, or can be planted directly into the garden to flower in March and April. All are tremendously fragrant. They prefer very well drained and sunny situations, reaching a height of 12" (30cm).

CARNEGIE

Dense glossy white flowered spikes with a hint of yellow in the buds before they open

£3.60 for 3 or £8.00 for 7

86-12

DELFT BLUE \$\footnote{D}\$ 86-11

Compact spikes of purple-blue with a darker stem.

£3.60 for 3 or £8.00 for 7

GIPSY QUEEN " 86-36

Neither yellow nor salmon, but not pink either. Quite a refreshing colour in the spring when there is likely to be so much yellow about.

£3.60 for 3 or £8.00 for 7



HYACINTHUS WOODSTOCK



HYACINTHUS MULTIFLORA WHITE



IPHEION CHARLOTTE BISHOP



HYACINTHUS ANASTASIA



IPHEION ALBERTO CASTILLO



IPHEION FROYLE MILL

WOODSTOCK 86-17

Deep beetroot purple, one of the most dramatic. It makes a smashing twosome planted with Carnegie.

£3.60 for 3 or £8.00 for 7

MULTIFLORA ANASTASIA 86-20

The forms above are looked on as being a bit 'chunky' and soldierly by some, the multiflora forms below are more slender, less dense and more informal in appearance and maybe less dominating of the little flowers with which they bloom so early, this is the prettiest deep blue with dark stems.

£6.00 for 3 or £9.00 for 5

MULTIFLORA WHITE

86-09

Simply white when fully open but quite yellow in bud. Slighter and somehow simpler than the 'standard' orientalis forms.

£2.80 or £8.00 for 3

IPHEION

These little bulbs often start pushing up one or two stems very early with pretty star shaped flowers, but their main display is reserved for late March and April. They are easy in any reasonably well drained soils and a moderately sunny site and although the leaves can be burnt off in a heavy frost (with an associated garlic smell) they seem to recover in weeks. The named forms are better and more interesting than the species forms which are widely available but tend to be more invasive (and which we do not stock). The biggest bulbs of the first one are the size of a small clementine segment, but the others are much smaller.

ALB€RTO CASTILLO ♥ 97-09

Vigorous, with very white starry flowers over grey green foliage smelling of onions when crushed. Longer stemmed, which raises the flowers well above the foliage and they pick well for small posies but to prevent those longer stems from flopping you must plant them in fairly good light.

March/April • 9" (22cm) £3.30 for 7

UNIFLORUM CHARLOTTE BISHOP

97-10

A pretty pink flowered form, dark pink on opening, fading gracefully in the sun. In well drained soils they are vigorous and will increase.

March/April • 6" (15cm) £3.80 for 5

UNIFLORUM FROYLE MILL ♥ 97-08

First selected in Hampshire which explains the name, with starry, velvety-violet flowers, similarly vigorous in sunny conditions.

March/April • 6" (15cm) £3.80 for 5

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IRIS APOLLO



IRIS RED EMBER



IRIS BLUE MAGIC





IRIS LION KING IRIS PROF BLAAUW IRIS SILVERY BEAUTY

IRIS X HOLLANDICA

These are hybrid forms of Iris xiphium that florists use lavishly in the late spring and summer, but the bulbs are reasonably inexpensive and you could easily grow your own? In the garden they are likely to last far longer than cut flowers too! These would be planted 4-6" (10-15cm) apart in sunny conditions and in lighter soils.

APOLLO

99-04

On sturdy plants the broad yellow falls (the three lower part of the iris flower looking like a tongue) the colour of free range egg yolks contrast with the creamy white, even blue tinted, standards (the three upright parts).

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm) £3.30 for 5 or £9.20 for 15

BLUE MAGIC \$\fomage 99-12

A deep violet-blue flower with a yellow signal marking (edged in white) on the lower petals. They increased well at the RHS trials and were awarded an AGM.

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm) £3.30 for 5 or £9.20 for 15

LION KING \$\PT\$ 99-13

Deep reddish violet and greenybrown petals, a combination that should sound pretty enticing? Dark leaved as well providing additional contrast, late flowering. Slightly smaller bulbed than the other forms.

June • 18-24" (45-60cm) £3.00 for 5 or £8.00 for 15

PROFESSOR BLAAUW ♥ 99-08

The deepest of rich blues with a yellow flash. You should really expect two flowers per stem, and will observe the pregnant swelling of the buds within the stems before they burst open.

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm) £3.30 for 5 or £9.20 for 15

RED EMBER 99-10

Rust coloured, though in some lights they also have a deeper tinge of purple on the standards, altogether an unusual hue.
Recommended at the trial of these bulbs at Wisley

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm) £3.30 for 5 or £9.20 for 15

SILVERY BEAUTY ♥ 99-11

Simply fresh and somehow a bit 'lighter' this is probably my favourite form with white and pale violet flowers above leaves that display the silvery sheen implied in the name. Roundly admired at Wisley.

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm) £3.30 for 5 or £9.20 for 15









IRIS KATHARINE HODGKIN

IRIS GEORGE

IRISKATHARINE'S COLD









IRIS PAULINE

IRIS PIXIE

IRIS SPOT ON

IRIS LADY BEATRIX STANLEY

DWARF IRIS

These are derived from plants native to the Middle East and do best in well drained conditions with a warm dry summer rest. In UK conditions with our summer rain this is not easy to achieve so they sometimes do not do well year on year. It helps to plant them deeply 5" (12cm). The best situation would be a raised bed in the sun with well drained soil conditions. There you'll be able to admire them up close, and smell the scented ones. 15 bulbs will nicely fill a 9" (20cm) planter or pot filled with sharply draining compost for an early spring treat.

HISTRIOIDES

GEORGE ST 101-06

Broad, ripe plum-purple petals with a yellow and white blotch on the falls, at flowering time the leaves are undeveloped so that you can get your nose close for that glorious scent which is unmissable in warm sunshine.

> Early Feb/March • 6" (15cm) £4.50 for 15 or £6.90 for 25

HISTRIOIDES LADY BEATRIX STANLEY

101-22 A velvety blue flowered form with

pale flecking on the lips and with a yellow stripe down the length of the falls, scented of violets. Flowering before the leaves extend so these are not too evident at flowering time.

Feb/March • 6" (15cm) £3.80 for 5 or £7.00 for 10

HARMONY

Flowering with amazingly intense gentian blue flowers, only marked with a small yellow and white crest on the falls. The most popular of all the forms

Feb/March • 6" (15cm) £4.00 for 15 or £6.25 for 25

KATHARINE HODGKIN T

101-07

An utterly distinct hybrid raised by EB Anderson in the 1960s. Predominantly yellow with blue and sea-green veining and markings over the wide petals. Probably the most persistent and perennial form when planted in a rich, gritty soil in a sunny site.

Feb/March • 6" (15cm) £3.00 for 5 or £5.00 for 10

KATHARINE'S GOLD 101-24

Creamy coloured predominantly with flecks of darker yellow and blue on the falls. Visually quite startling so early in the year.

Feb/March • 6" (15cm) £5.50 for 5

PAULINE 101-13

Narrower petalled with dark velvety purple flowers with bright white highlights on the falls. Midseason flowering.

Feb/March • 6" (15cm) £4.00 for 15 or £6.25 for 25

PIXIE 👺

Closer to I. George in appearance these are similarly wide petalled but these are of the deepest of blue, not purple, and are equally scented.

Feb/March • 6" (15cm) £4.00 for 15 or £6.25 for 25

101-23

SPOT ON 101-25

Raised by Alan McMurtrie in Canada this hybrid is evidently the result of crossing I. reticulata Pauline x I. reticulata bakeriana. It appears and grows much like the others but is slightly smaller though the white throat markings are distinct and outstanding surrounded as they are by the rich purples.

Feb/March • 6" (15cm) £3.80 for 5 or £7.00 for 10







IRIS UNGUICULARIS ALBA



IRIS BUCHARICA



IRIS TUBEROSA (HERMODACTYLUS)



IRIS UNGUICULARIS WALTER BUTT



IRIS UNGUICULARIS MARY BARNARD



IRIS UNGUICULARIS MARONDERA

IRIS UNGUICULARIS (STYLOSA)

A firm favourite for the winter garden. They need a sunny site and are often found growing in rubble right up against the house wall or in very poor soils but they will perform even better if the growing conditions are not too harsh. Avoid the inclination to shear off the untidy foliage in the summer, instead rake out some of the dead leaves in the early autumn and give the plant some water and a liquid feed at the same time. It is then that they make their new roots and are initiating their flower buds so that should result in more flowers in the following winter. New divisions need careful planting and firming in, regular watering till established and possibly some protection in their first winter.

MARY BARNARD \$\frac{n}{2}\$ 102-05

The darkest of them all and a glossy marvel in the winter. Tissuelike velvety purple blue flowers with white and golden markings on the falls, the foliage shorter and darker than the other forms. Discovered by E.B. Anderson near Algiers in 1962.

Feb/March • 15" (32cm) £7.50

MARONDERA

Bigger flowered than the 'ordinary' unguicularis and slightly darker, this is a strain that goes back to a garden in the town of that name in Zimbabwe. It is as good and tough as all the others, and goes back a long way. Sadly a wedding present to us from New Zealand has not survived, though its name remains etched in my memory - Starkers Pink.

Feb/March • 15" (32cm) £6.50

WALTER BUTT 102-06

Palest of pale ice blues with some fine purple veining, drawing ones attention to the fact that they are not white. Longer leaved and with more upright, paler, foliage. The first form to flower with the largest flowers and the most scented too.

Nov/Feb • 18" (45cm)

UNGUICULARIS 102-04

The species plant with pale mauve flowers, the standards slightly paler and more silvery. A tough survivor even in poor soil conditions

Feb/March • 15" (32cm)

UNGUICULARIS ALBA 102-11

Narrower petalled with all white flowered except for the yellow markings at the throat. Reportedly slightly less tough than its sisters but they have grown apace despite the cold winter

Feb/Mar • 15" (32cm)

IRIS (OTHER TYPES)

BUCHARICA T 103-09

Easy to grow in any sunny border or a well drained sunny site where little else seems to do well. They originate from Central Asia with bright glossy leaves, creamy white and yellow flowers over low, bright, shiny foliage.

March/April • 12" (30cm) £3.30 for 3

TUBEROSA (HERMODACTYLUS) 103-10

Translucent black and jade-green flowers on rush-like leaves known as the Widow Iris, more kindly it is also known in the Mediterranean as Hermes' finger after the shape of the tubers. Requiring time to establish, plant them in full sun where they love growing near heat absorbing sun-drenched paving out of too much wind. Do try and order early for early autumn planting or you could include some on a Late Summer order (see page 5).

April • 6" (15cm) £6.00 for 10



IXIOLIRION TARTARICUM (LEDEBOURII)



LILIUM MARTAGON CLAUDE SHRIDE



LILIUM MARTAGON FAIRY MORNING



EUCOJUM GRAVETYE GIANT



LILIUM CANDIDUM



LILIUM MARTAGON SUNNY MORNING



LILIUM REGALE

IXIOLIRION

TARTARICUM (LEDEBOURII) 104-04

Originally from the steppes of Central Asia, the grass - like foliage hides flowers which become more star like as they open more widely. The colour varies slightly from violet -mauve to lilac. Free draining soil in a sunny situation would suit them best and they look better from quite close planting

April/May • 9" (20cm) £3.50 for 10 or £8.00 for 25

LEUCOJUM

ÆSTIVUM GRAVETYE GIANT 🖫 106-07

The Loddon Lily, also known as Summer Snowflakes, with white, hanging, bell-shaped flowers and often confused with snowdrops despite them flowering later (but not really in summer). Strings of emerald-tipped white bells hang from bare upright stems above glossy green daffodil-like foliage. Particularly happy in damp, even winter-flooded situations, but they will do anywhere where the soil is heavier and more moisture retentive. Daffodil-like bulbs, planted 5" (12cm) deep and 6" (15cm) apart.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £4.00 for 3 or £8.50 for 7

LILIUM

Lilies would have to come near the top of any list of most gardeners favourite bulbs. For stature, grace and perfume they are unbeatable, but to ensure longevity it helps to get things right. Unless it says otherwise (in the text below) do incorporate plenty of organic matter in the area to be planted, having chosen a site that is of good, probably rich soil, not too dry in summer, and possibly shaded - many lily flowers will last longer in cooler shade. Plant at least 5" deep (except L. candidum). If planting in the confinement of a container, try to ensure regular watering. Lily beetle are a problem in warmer parts. Readily seen as red and black beetles they eat any foliage of the Liliaceae (which includes the Fritillaria) These beetles drop off and hide on the ground if you alarm them, but sneakily picking off the adults and cleaning the messy black 'eggs' off the foliage is moderately effective (and squashing them satisfies a lust for retribution) although Provado used systematically seems to reduce future generations more effectively. Please Note: The martagon lilies are usually not ready for despatch till mid-October so if you include them on your order it may affect the delivery time of your whole order (we do try to save costs and have your order all come at once)...

CANDIDUM 107-14

The 'Madonna Lily' often depicted as a religious icon in early Christian paintings. Large, loose scaled and slightly shaggy bulbs are typical of this plant. They grow away early and bulbs may already have begun to leaf up before they are despatched. Satin white flowered with a delicious fragrance. They need shallow planting in a warmer sunny spot and seem to do better in relatively poor soil (also available from the Late Summer Section, on page 5). Best ordered before mid September.

June • 36" (90cm) £6.50 or £18.00 for 3

MARTAGON CLAUDE SHRIDE 107-41

A dark mahogany red selection of the martagon lily with yellow fleckling at the throat. The species plants from which these derive (and which are more variable) is now not grown commercially and we have had to withdraw them from sale. These are grown by micro propagation initially so will be identical plant to plant.

> June/July • 36" (90cm) £6.50

MARTAGON FAIRY MORNING 107-46

Paler than Claude Shride with marmalade shades of orange and yellow coloured flowers speckled with darker spots.

June/July • 36" (90cm)

MARTAGON SUNNY MORNING 107-45

Golden orange flowered plants with deeper mahogany speckles

June/July • 36" (90cm)

REGALE ST 107-04

Familiar and much loved favourites with ivory-white trumpets, flushed with pink on their backs, providing great wafts of beautiful scent. Accommodating in most gardens, either in borders or large deep pots. Autumn planted L. regale bulbs always seem to do better than spring planted ones. With longer to root over the winter before they flower that would be logical?

July • 36" (90cm) £8.00 for 3 or £12.50 for 5



MATHIASELLA GREEN DREAM



MAIANTHEMUM BIFOLIUM KAMTSCHATICUM



MAIANTHEMUM BIFOLIUM



MUSCARI BLUE MAGIC



MUSCARI AZUREUM



MUSCARI OCEAN MAGIC

MAIANTHEMUM

BIFOLIUM 110-04

An unusual native of northern England. Plants with leaves that look a bit like small Hostas. These are plants for shade with ground covering possibilities in nice, leafy, damp, dappled shade where they can then form a dense mat. The leaves open in the spring with a welcome fresh greenness growing from the small wiry roots. The flowers are like small white plumes.

May • 4" (10cm) £4.50 for 5

BIFOLIUM VAR KAMTSCHATICUM

110-05

Much larger than the European form, these are native to the Pacific rim. In leaf very much earlier than the form above and a bigger plant with bright green foliage and shiny sculptured leaves with tassle-like white flowers

May • 8" (20cm) £4.50 for 5

MATHIASELLA

A Mexican umbellifer which was first described only in 1954. These are architectural plants and seem to do well in full sun or part shade with green foliage in spring, and in autumn pink and purple tints. They are sterile and consequently last for several months in flower, lime green when they first open but coloured with purple later in the year.

BUPLEUROIDES GREEN DREAM 69-04

Unfamiliar plants to many which look to have some of the characteristics of some other well known garden plants - Hellebores, Angelica and maybe even Euphorbia, so one can see how these have become desirable. Plants from 9cm pots that ought to settle in this winter and flower in 2020

May • 24" (60cm)

MUSCARI

The 'Grape Hyacinths', and as the name implies some are heavily scented. All do well in the drier, sunny conditions provided under deciduous shrubs in the early spring, with summer shade later in the year. Part of the group of 'Little Blue Jobs', that create the backdrop and provide the 'chorus' to the spring display. Two may be better in warmer and more protected situations (see the individual entries below). The common and weedy 'ordinary' Grape Hyacinth (M. armenaicum) is undoubtedly best avoided - it gives the well behaved Muscari a bad name. Plant them 4" (10cm) deep and 2" (5cm) apart.

AZUREUM T 111-15

Probably the easiest to grow and not at all invasive. Tightly packed powderblue flowers, flared open at their tips, emerging initially cone shaped but becoming more rounded as more flowers open. For a well-drained sink or rockery or in light soils at the front of a spring border.

March • 5" (12cm) £4.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 25

AUCHERI BLUE MAGIC 111-20

Bright blue with white rims to the mature flowers. These selected colour forms are derived from the species which is native to alpine turf in Turkey, they will not be invasive here.

> April • 5" (12cm) £3.50 for 10 or £8.00 for 25

AUCHERI OCEAN MAGIC 111-21

Dark blue at the base of the flower spike, but those flowers spiralling above these are sea blue with pale tips like white bubbles on the surf line, I suspect a possible source of the inspiration for the name?

April • 5" (12cm) £4.70 for 10 or £10.50 for 25



MUSCARI WHITE MAGIC



MUSCARI BABY'S BREATH



MUSCARI GOLDEN FRAGRANCE



MUSCARI BOTRYOIDES ALBUM



MUSCARI MUSCARIMI

111-06



MUSCARI VALERIE FINNIS

AUCHERI 111-14 WHITE MAGIC

The aucheri forms are less vigorous, (and by implication not invasive) so suited to smaller gardens. This selection has attractive pale green flower buds opening white, initially quite pointed but rounded when in full flower.

April • 5" (12cm) £5.50 for 10 or £13.00 for 25

BABY'S BREATH (JENNY ROBINSON) \$\frac{1}{2}\$

This form of M. neglectum was found by Jenny Robinson, the then holder of the National Collection of Muscari in Cyprus. Opening from lime green buds the flowers are in the palest of blues with a wonderful scent.

April • 6" (15cm) £4.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 25

BOTRYOIDES ALBUM

A smaller form with pale leaves,

certainly no thug, with neat strings of little pearls strung on pale stems. Scented.

April • 6" (15cm) £4.70 for 10 or £10.50 for 25

MACROCARPUM GOLDEN FRAGRANCE

A form of M. macrocarpum, which was evidently selected from the species for its cold tolerance. Grow this where you can enjoy its heavenly banana-like perfume, growing in a sunny sheltered spot where it gets dry in the summer whilst they have a rest. These have thick and fleshy roots to anchor them into difficult niches. Violet flowers, turning yellow as they age.

April • 7" (18cm) £5.00 for 3

MUSCARIMI 111-11

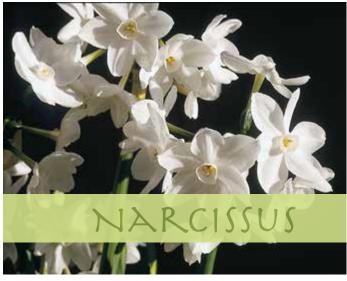
Outstandingly sweetly musk scented, a strong and lovely perfume from a creamy yellow flower that fades to a gunmetal blue-grey colour. A sunny scree bed or a sheltered rockery may do. They will need a warm sunny dry spot to thrive, but do it just for the perfume.

April/May • 6" (15cm) £4.70 for 3

VALERIE FINNIS

Tightly packed ropes of scented powder blue flowers, best grown in open sunny conditions. It arose in Valerie Finnis' garden in Northamptonshire (by then she was Lady Scott).

March • 7" (18cm) £5.50 for 10 or £13.00 for 25



NARCISSUS PAPERWHITE ZIVA



NARCISSUS BATH'S FLAME



NARCISSUS DESERT BELLS

NARCISSUS (DAFFODILS)

The highlight of the April garden in a 'normal' year, though some earlier ones are often welcome and the last will flower in May. Do plant them really quite deeply with 4-6" (10-15cm) of soil over the biggest bulbs, where they will remain cool and moist in the spring and safe from gardening activity above them in the summer. Do not be tempted to cut back or tidy the foliage after flowering - this period of replenishment of the bulb's starchy food reserves is critical to future flowering. A liquid feed whilst the leaves are still green will benefit clumps in poorer soil, but generally feeding is unnecessary. I would suggest that you plant in groups (and particularly any that you 'naturalise') resulting in swathes of the same variety and not a iumbled crowd - the effect is generally better. Most should clump up from being planted about 4-6" (10-15cm) apart, further apart for more 'relaxed' planting.

Divisions: The number in brackets after the name represents the type of flower expressed by the divisions within the Narcissus family: 1= trumpet, 2= large cupped, 3= small cupped, 4= double flowered, 5= triandrus forms, 6= cyclamineus types, 7= jonguilla forms, 8= tazetta forms, 9 = poeticus types, 10= bulbocodium types, 11= split corona, 12 = miscellaneous, 13= species and wild variants (more suitable for naturalising).

The suggested flowering month should be used as a guide only annual variation can be great, as this spring has shown.

Flowering height that we suggest is the height at which the first flowers open, the stems often extend thereafter.



NARCISSUS CORDUBENSIS



NARCISSUS ANGEL'S BREATH



NARCISSUS ELKA

NARCISSUS -PROTECTED

For indoor or very protected situations. These are best suited to forcing in pots for indoor display with a huge scent. They do need lots of light and only protection from actual frost, so nothing too warm. They are also available for even earlier planting if you order from the Late Summer section.

PAPERWHITE ZIVA (8) 113-52

These flower very early, and grown under protection from frost inevitably seem to race up to flower. We work on about eight to ten weeks to first bloom from potting, it can be quicker if warm. White and multi-headed with a huge perfume. Plant them shallowly in the compost and in good light so they don't get too tall. Not reliably hardy outside. Big bulbs.

Dec/Jan • 15" (38cm) £7.50 for 5 or £9.50 for 7

NARCISSUS -GARDEN VARIETIES

ANGEL'S BREATH (5) 🏆 113-99

A selected named form of jonquil with several pale yellow bells with fractionally darker cups hanging off clean stems supported by narrow foliage. Best in well drained soils in sheltered conditions, perhaps use them as part of a melange of such treasures in a sunny trough?

> April •10" (25cm) £6.50 for 5

BATH'S FLAME (3) 113-07

Pre 1913. One of the many forms that supported the Cornish cut flower trade up to WW2, raised by Rev. Engleheart. Long stemmed with petals that are wide and thin so that they dance in the breeze, more modern ones are far more 'rigid', excellent for picking. Primrose yellow with an orange cup.

April • 20" (50cm) £8.00 for 5

CORDUBENSIS (13)

113-103

A small bright yellow jonquil with what I think of as a jaunty attitude. Generally with several small gleaming fragrant flowers on each stem and narrow grass like foliage. A raised bed in the sun is a likely requirement for it to increase happily. Naturally small bulbs.

April • 10" (25cm) £6.50 for 10

DESERT BELLS (7)

Multiheaded with pale yellow flowers that gradually fade to a crisp white, the trumpets fading more slowly so that at any moment one might have all the stages showing together which is nice.

April • 10" (25cm) £6.50 for 5 or £11.00 for 10

ELKA (1) 🕎 113-61

A perfectly proportioned pale bicoloured miniature with a relatively long cream coloured trumpet and milk white petals. It was raised by Alec Gray, a Cornish flower grower and distinguished daffodil hybridiser of the 1940s and 50s.

> March/April • 6" (15cm) £6.50 for 10



NARCISSUS HAWERA



NARCISSUS JULIA JANE



NARCISSUS EXOTIC MYSTERY



NARCISSUS MITE



NARCISSUS MARTINETTE



NARCISSUS MINNOW



NARCISSUS FEBRUARY GOLD

EXOTIC MYSTERY (11) 113-20

Until now I have not been a great fan of the split corona group, usually with large flowers, but this is a smaller flowered form with slightly downcast heads in the most magical soft primrose which looks lovely with pale Muscari blue. They seem to last ages in flower.

April • 15" (38cm) £6.50 for 5 or £11.00 for 10

FEBRUARY GOLD (6) \$\foatin{a} \Pi \] 113-09

Dating back to 1923. Early flowering but, despite the name, only opening in late February in very mild winters. A long lasting, upright, golden yellow garden favourite with slightly swept back petals and a good stature, also good for pots or tubs.

Feb/March • 12" (30cm) £5.50 for 10, £12.50 for 25 or £23.00 for 50

HAWERA(5)113-38

Small clear lemon-yellow flowers with prominent cups and narrow deep green foliage typify this plant. It is much happier in a drier and sunnier site than many of its cousins. Shorter and more wind tolerant. Pack them in quite tightly for a mass of colour on a rockery. First bred in New Zealand.

> April • 10" (25cm) £6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.00 for 50



See the **Narcissus Collection** on page 58

JULIA JANE (10) 113-101

Soft pale yellow with billowing skirts, a named form of N. bulbocodium romieuxii, the species which derives from high on the Atlas mountains. Charmingly petite and early flowering they look better and flower for longer if protected from too much wind and rain, but are totally hardy with regard to the cold. In the summer they should stay dry. Small bulbs as you would expect.

Feb • 6" (15cm) £3.50 for 5

MARTINETTE (8) 113-84

Brilliant yellow with several flowers on each stem, the centres darker, with a small, more orange coloured cup with an enormous scent. Narrower leaved and taller, not one for the shadier garden.

March • 14" (35cm) £3.50 for 5 or £9.50 for 15

MINNOW(8)113-51

Multi-headed, with many small primrose yellow flowers held flat only just above the top of the foliage, the small cup rather darker when they first open. It also needs more sunny conditions and to be grown in better drained soils, but is one that I wouldn't be without.

> March/April • 12" (30cm) £3.90 for 10 or £9.00 for 25

MITE (6) \$\P 113-34

This is one of the most charming of the small daffodils with dainty proportions and a long slightly flared trumpet. The flowers are deep yellow and it flaunts its cyclamineus parentage with sharply swept back petals flying back from the relatively long trumpet.

March • 9" (25cm) £6.00 for 3







NARCISSUS MOSCHATUS

NARCISSUS NIVETH

NARCISSUS PIPIT



NARCISSUS MORE AND MORE



NARCISSUS OXFORD GOLD



NARCISSUS RIKKI



NARCISSUS RIJNVELD'S EARLY SENSATION

MORE AND MORE (7) 113-104

Although I can't say that I like the name very much I can see how it occurred to someone, these produce many flowers! Each bulb produces 4 or 5 stems each with several flowers each. Low growing and late flowering ideal for a rockery or in a planter. Naturally small bulbs.

April • 9" (25cm) £3.00 for 5 or £8.00 for 15

MOSCHATUS (13) ♥

113-94

Palest creamy-white with a flower that always seems downcast in the way that it hangs - some describe it as swanlike? They seem to prefer damper soil in more shade than most daffodils, but the pale colours show in shadier conditions perfectly.

April • 12" (30cm) £6.00 for 3

NIVETH (5) 113-85

Glistening white with broad petals behind a flared trumpet. Pleasantly scented and nicely proportioned, an old variety dating back to 1931, another winner from the Backhouse stable

> April • 12" (30cm) £3.80 for 5 or £6.80 for 10

OXFORD GOLD (10) 🏖

113-92

A selected form of N. bulbocodium (the hoop petticoat forms) with masses of large, butter yellowblooms which flower quite early with a great scent. The foliage is narrow and needle-like, indicating that they would prefer a sunnier situation.

April • 6" (15cm) £4.50 for 5 or £8.00 for 10

PIPIT(7)113-32

A multiheaded form called a 'reverse' bicolor. These flowers open with all parts a sharp lemon yellow and then fade outwards to a paler, creamier colour from the centre of the flower (most bicolors fade from the tips of the petals inwards) Tough enough to plant in rough grass.

April • 12" (30cm) £3.70 for 5 or £6.80 for 10

RIJNVELD'S EARLY SENSATION (1) ♥ 113-44

Bright yellow throughout with a short flared trumpet. So far not so unusual for a daffodil. But this variety's real star quality is that it really does flower in the garden around New Year, sometimes earlier. It is going over when the main daffodil season begins. They provide a blast of spring in the middle of winter, even before the snowdrops. Plant them where they might be a bit protected from wintery gales.

Dec/Feb • 10" (25cm) £5.50 for 5 or £10.00 for 10

RIKKI (7)

113-73

Emerging all yellow the petals fade to cream resulting it the flower becoming more bicolored. Another one that was raised by Alec Gray.

April • 8" (20cm) £6.50 for 5 or £11.00 for 10







NARCISSUS SECOVIA

NARCISSUS SWEETNESS

NARCISSUS SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL











NARCISSUS SAILBOAT



NARCISSUS THALIA

SAILBOAT (7) 💯 113-89

NARCISSUS SILVER CHIMES

Pale and interesting with a pleasant perfume, the white petals fly back from the slightly flared pale yellow trumpet on flowers which seem to hold their chins up! Keep calm and carry on flowering?

March/April • 14" (35cm) £2.80 for 5 or £8.00 for 15

SEGOVIA (3) ♥ 113-87

These have a flattened pale lemon trumpet that sits squarely against the bright white petals which flare back slightly. The whole effect is fresh and bright with narrow leaves, so it would like a brighter spot in which to grow.

April • 6" (15cm) £4.00 for 5 or £7.00 for 10

SILVER CHIMES (8)

113-41

A lovely multi-headed tazetta form which would best be planted in slightly warmer conditions where it is not too wet. Broad leaved with pure white petals around a pale primrose cup with a huge scent. Big bulbs.

April • 12" (30cm) £5.00 for 5 or £9.00 for 10

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL (4) \$\Price2\$

113-97

Frilly white petals mix with splashes of sulphur yellow to produce a frothy and exuberant flower with a huge scent. They are quite tall and late flowering. Reliable, with several stems per bulb and each of these multiheaded.

April • 18" (45cm) £3.00 for 5 or £8.50 for 15

SWEETNESS (7) ♥ 113-24

Sturdy, simple, bright yellow and deliciously scented with narrow foliage that does not get in the way, everything a daffodil ought to be!

March • 14" (35cm) £3.80 for 5 or £7.00 for 10

τετε-λ-τετε (12) \$\footnote{\Pi}\$

113-16

Widely grown since it was raised soon after WW2 and many people's favourite small daffodil. Very short when first in flower, extending in stem length as it matures and long lasting in cool conditions. Deep golden yellow and multi-headed from the biggest bulbs.

Feb/March • 6" (15cm) £4.50 for 10, £10.25 for 25, or £19.60 for 50

THALIA (5)

Raised in 1916. A national treasure, refined and elegant and a perfect foil for all those March yellows with a greeny-white, multiheaded, scented flower. A wellknown classy favourite.

> March/April • 14" (35cm) £3.20 for 5, £9.00 for 15, or £16.50 for 30



NARCISSUS W.P. MILNER



NARCISSUS LOBULARIS (PSEUDONARCISSUS)



NARCISSUS TOTO



NARCISSUS WHITE LADY



NARCISSUS POETICUS RECURVUS



NARCISSUS OBVALLARIS

TOTO (12) ♥ 113-90

Gorgeously pale and simple flowered, the trumpet just a shade darker than the petals and early enough to overlap with that blue phase in the garden when the Anemones, Muscari and Chionodoxa are at their best, the combination is wonderful.

March/ April • 12" (30cm) £4.60 for 3

W. P. MILNER (1) 113-47

Attributed to Henry Backhouse' breeding in Yorkshire pre 1869 and evidently named after William Pashley Milner his brother in law. Pale yellow throughout with sweptforward petals, beyond which peeps the shy trumpet. Long lasting and good for naturalising being smaller in stature.

> March/April • 9" (22cm) £4.00 for 5 or £7.50 for 10

WHITE LADY (3) 113-65

Another form raised by Rev. Engleheart pre 1897 and another made famous as a major cut flower variety pre WW2, now sadly rather more rare. Taller stemmed with soft, more tissue-like white petals around a small yellow cup, sweetly scented.

April • 18" (45cm) £7.00 for 5

NARCISSUS -NATURALISING FORMS

These would be the first choice of varieties to naturalise in the true meaning of the name - to use to create a wild effect, where they might increase and multiply gently on their own. But they could equally well go into your borders, where they would do the same with little need for attention.

LOBULARIS (PSEUDONARCISSUS) (13)

A dwarf form entirely suitable for naturalising. They only make small bulbs compared to many of the others, and need time to settle in. Moreover they do not always flower well in their first season, but in our experience improve year on year and will fill in the gaps between

bulbs with flowering seedlings within about 8 years. Best in cooler, moisture retentive soils, north facing banks or in part shade. White petalled with a darker trumpet.

March • 8" (20cm) £6.00 for 10 or £13.50 for 25

OBVALLARIS (13) \$\frac{17}{2}\$

113-30

The daffodil that grows wild in South Wales is the Tenby daffodil, this looks just like it with a neat and tidy all yellow flower (though some doubt as whether it is exactly the same plant). Perfect for planting into rough grass to provide 'bombproof' simple yellow daffodils.

March • 9" (22cm) £2.80 for 5, £8.00 for 15, or £15.00 for 30

POETICUS RECURVUS (13) \$\frac{13}{2}\$ 113-28

The Pheasant's Eye daffodil. Wild in high alpine meadows in Europe and found gracing old gardens and orchards here. White with slightly swept back petals, highlighted by a stubby, burgundy rimmed cup. One of the last daffodils to flower and deliciously fragrant too. Better planted in dappled shade in grass, or in a cool border amongst other plants.

May • 15" (35cm) £4.50 for 5, £12.50 for 15, or £23.00 for 30



SANGUINARIA CANADENSIS



ORNITHOGALUM MAGNUM MOSKOU



PARADISEA LUSITANICA



ORNITHOGALUM NUTANS



ORNITHOGALUM PYRENAICUM



ORNITHOGALUM UMBELLATUM



PIMPINELLA MAJOR ROSEA

ORNITHOGALUM

The 'Star of Bethlehem' family. Silvery white and green flowered and generally tough and accommodating, many are perfect for naturalising.

MAGNUM MOSKOU

117-16

I have these successfully growing in some rough (late cut) grass to follow some Camassias and they are doing well, but they could also add to a border. Tall, white flowered with dozens of flowers circling a stiff stem.

June • 24" (60cm) £6.50 for 3

NUTANS \$\text{Y}\$ 117-09

Very pretty, soft silvery grey-green flowers, bluebell-like in stature and long lasting when picked. They probably should be grown in light shade. If dry or stressed in May the foliage tends to naturally begin to yellow at flowering time. Plant irregularly, about 3" (8 cm) apart, 10-15 per square foot

May • 9" (22cm) £3.00 for 10, £7.00 for 25, or £13.00 for 50

PYRENAICUM 117-11

Tall, slim, waving wands tipped with starry pale green flowers. A naturalised native in the area of Bath, and hence called the 'Bath Asparagus'. Easy to grow in free draining limey soil, planted 12" (30cm) apart.

June • 18" (45cm) £10.00 for 3

UMBELLATUM 117-13

A sun lover and excellent in thin grass from what are unpromising looking bulbs. Clumps of them in sunny conditions really hug the ground and they are especially useful for carpeting a sunny bank with white in April with their greygreen leaves and white flowers. Plant about 4" (10cm) apart, 10 per square foot.

April/May • 4" (10cm) £5.30 for 10, or £12.00 for 25

PARADISEA

LUSITANICA 140-04

This species comes from Northern Portugal and Spain where it grows in damp meadows. Dormant their thickened fleshy roots look a bit like those of a dormant Agapanthus crown. In flower they provide elegant spires of bright white flowers providing impressive uprights in the herbaceous border, and a great accompaniment to the Alliums. Supplied as fresh dug divisions, to be planted 4" (10cm) deep in moisture retentive soil in sun or part shade.

May/June • 36-48" (90-120cm) £6.50 each or £17.00 for 3

PIMPINELLA

MAJOR ROSEA 28-01

Cow Parsley - like plants with flat flower heads comprising of many tiny pale pink flowers over several weeks in late spring through to early summer. Best in a little shade and in soils that are not too dry. A clump forming hardy perennial. Plants in 9 cm pots.

May - June • 24-36" (60-90cm)

SANGUINARIA

CANADENSIS 124-04

Bone hardy plants from North America which love the same conditions as Erythroniums, Trilliums and Uvularia in humus rich shade where the rhizomes will increase slowly. The emerging stems come up clasped in a single leaf with red flower stems, from which they get their 'common' name, the 'Bloodroot'. Simple white flowers in April.

April • 6" (15cm)





SCILLA BIFOLIA

SCILLA LILIO-HYACINTHUS

SCILLA LILIO HYACINTHUS ALBA







SCILLA BIFOLIA ALBA

SCILLA BIFOLIA ROSEA

SCILLA MISCHTSCHENKOANA (TUBERGENIANA)

SCILLA

The blue Scillas are part of that group of blue flowered plants such as Anemones, Muscari and Chionodoxa that enhance and embellish the spring display created by the bigger bulbs. The smaller ones, often sold in larger multiples, are often not used as star performers, but they are the unmissable and necessary chorus, supporting the prima donnas so you shouldn't be without them. Their preferred situations do vary widely.

BIFOLIA Y 125-05

An easy dwarf species with starry purple-blue flowers and waxy leaves. Naturalises under shrubs or in light grass in summer shade where the massed heads really create an early purple haze, flowering with the anemones and early daffodils. Small bulbs that you need to be generous with, plant them 2-3" (5-8 cm) apart, 15 per square foot.

Feb/Mar • 6" (15cm) £3.50 for 10, £8.00 for 25, or £15.00 for 50

BIFOLIA ALBA 125-04

The white flowered form.

Feb/Mar • 6" (15cm) £3.50 for 10, £8.00 for 25, or £15.00 for 50

BIFOLIA ROSEA 125-06

The pale pink flowered form

Feb/Mar • 6" (15cm) £3.50 for 10, £8.00 for 25, or £15.00 for 50

LILIO-HYACINTHUS 125-28

Broad and tidy leaved, with pretty, delicate racemes of soft pale blue. Neat looking mounds of foliage and a joy when in flower. The bulbs are formed of loose lily-like scales which dislike being dried out. Clump forming and best in some shade. A great addition to the early spring tapestry. Do please order these early, they 'move' better in September rather than too far into October.

Mar/April • 8" (20 cm) £10.00 for 3

LILIO-HYACINTHUS ALBA 125-29

This pretty form has all the attributes of the blue but the flowers are white and the leaves are slightly paler than those of the blue flowered form above. Best grown in some shade.

> Mar/April • 8" (20 cm) £10.00 for 3

MISCHTSCHENKOANA (TUBERGENIANA) T

The earliest pale-blue gem. They seem to ignore the winter cold and emerge especially early to flower at the same time as the Cyclamen coum and the winter aconites - far earlier than other similar plants. Very hardy and well suited to the rockery or a border.

Feb • 4" (10cm) £5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25







TRITELEIA CORRINA

TRITELEIA SILVER QUEEN

RITELEIA FOXY







SCILLA PERUVIANA

SCILLA SIBERICA SPRING BEAUTY

TRITELEIA RUDY

PERUVIANA 125-11

Suffering from an unfortunate confusion when they first arrived which led to their unlikely name (they are of Mediterranean origin) the low broad, fleshy, near evergreen leaved plants produce a big architectural flower head of bright blue flowers, especially dramatic in bud. Easy in good soil but they must be in full light and planted deeply, they do also flower better in the spring following a warm summer.

May /June • 10" (25cm) £4.90 or £14.00 for 3

SIBERICA SPRING BEAUTY 125-14

Bone hardy, these hail from the Black Sea area. The Prussian-blue flowers piercing through the cold ground in advance of their leaves, especially happy on sandy soils in summer shade.

Mar/April • 6" (15cm) £5.00 for 10 or £11.25 for 25

TRITELEIA

Early summer flowering bulbs, also known in the past as Brodiæa but now more accurately Triteleia. They come from northwest America. So often we are told that they look like miniature Agapanthus, to which they are unconnected. Their papery flowers are a lasting pleasure, with up to 25 flowers per stem. Plant in well-drained soil – in good light, 4" (10cm) deep and 2" (5cm) apart.

CORRINA

68-06

A dark flowered form, creating a haze of deep blue when viewed from a distance. Wiry stemmed and a deep blue that anticipates the Agapanthus season to come.

June • 18" (45cm) £3.00 for 15 or £4.50 for 25

RUDY 68-07

The same shape and stance as T. Corrina but white flowered with a broad violet blue stripe down the centre of each petal. Very eyecatching and 'different' with a long vase life for when you feel that you have enough to pick.

June • 18" (45cm) £4.00 for 5 or £11.00 for 15

FOXY

68-15

White flowered with a purple blue marking up the centre of each petal, effectively more striped than Rudy which shows more blue. Carol Klein loved them at the Gardeners' World Show in 2017.

June • 18" (45cm) £4.50 for 5 or £12.50 for 15

SILVER QUEEN 68-13

White with a green rib, perfect for the garden, or to use as cut flower? Just the thing to plant in a sunny border ahead of a summer wedding, given a bit of advance warning?

June • 18" (45cm) £4.50 for 5 or £12.50 for 15



TULIPA BATALINII BRONZE CHARM



TULIPA BAKERI LILAC WONDER



TULIPA BATALINII HONKY TONK



BATALINII SALMON GEM



TULIPA CLUSIANA PEPPERMINTSTICK



TULIPA CLUSIANA CYNTHIA

SPECIES TULIPS

The species types tend to have small bulbs, typically about the size of an almond. They are particularly grown for their bright bold colours in late April and early May and due to the fact that in the right conditions some persist from year to year and even increase better than do the bigger hybrid forms. In villages nearby there are various forms that I see growing and spreading. They are sun lovers and don't want it too wet, particularly in the summer when the bulbs are resting. They are attractive to mice and squirrels looking for the high levels of the carbohydrates that they contain in the autumn, if that might be a problem there is mention (under the Crocus heading) of a way of keeping them protected and the same applies here. They should be planted quite close together. The quantity in the first pack size for each item would be suitable for a 5-6" (12cm) pot or an equivalent area of garden.

BAKERI LILAC WONDER ST 131-53

Silvery pink with a yellow bull's eye in the centre of each flower, most of which are multi headed and held above broad, deep green, glossy leaves. A dependable sun loving plant closely related to T. saxatalis.

Late April/early May • 6" (15cm) £3.50 for 10 or £8.00 for 25

BATALINII BRONZE CHARM 131-08

Apricot yellow with increased bronzing on the petals in sunnier conditions. Grey-green leaved. A really endearing small tulip with poise and character. Gravelly soils or planted into a well-drained rockery would be perfect.

Late April/early May • 10" (25cm) £3.40 for 5 or £9.45 for 15

BATALINII SALMON GEM

Pinkish red within the flower with a contrasting paler, dusty pink reverse to the petal. Grey- green leaved. A relatively new hybrid for well drained conditions in good light.

Late April/early May • 10" (25cm) £4.80 for 5 or £13.20 for 15

BATALINII HONKY TONK 🏆 131-03

Pale yellow flowered above greygreen foliage. The Tulipa batalinii group are closely related to the red flowered T. linifolia types, and may be botanically indistinguishable.

Late April/early May • 10" (25cm) £2.80 for 5 or £7.80 for 15

CLUSIANA CYNTHIA Y 131-167

These are growing and flourishing in some rough grass here somewhat to my surprise, but given good light and a drier summer rest they have performed well. This form is yellow behind the pink flush.

April • 10" (25cm) £3.00 for 5 or £8.50 for 15

CLUSIANA PEPPERMINTSTICK \$\footnote{\text{T}} 131-02

The furled petals look like a little stick of edible rock which, when open, are ivory white inside with a violet eye, the backs of the petals are blushed cerise pink. The whole effect is lovely but remember that all the clusiana forms have reasonably large flowers on quite slender stems so plant them in sunny conditions where it is not too windy.

April • 10" (25cm) £5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25 or £24.00 for 50



TULIPA HUMILIS PERSIAN PEARL



TULIPA LITTLE BEAUTY

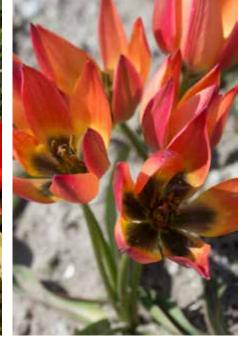


TULIPA PRAESTANS SHOGUN









TULIPA HUMILIS LILLIPUT

TULIPA LINIFOLIA

131-26

TULIPA LITTLE PRINCESS

131-05

HUMILIS LILLIPUT

Almost flowering at ground level and in flower thereafter for ages as the stem length increases slightly. A glossy, deep crimson red with a dark centre.

March /April • 4" (10cm) £2.50 for 5 or £6.75 for 15

131-15

HUMILIS PERSIAN PEARL 131-12

The species T. humilis of which this is a selected form comes from Turkey and eastwards, all the family has low leaves nearly flat to the ground and colourful flowers. They need full sunlight to stay compact. Deep magenta rose coloured flowers with silvery backed petals

April • 4" (10cm) £6.00 for 10 or £14.00 for 25

LINIFOLIA T

A crimson- red flowered, low growing small tulip with red margins to the wavy edged leaves suitable for any sunny well drained garden site.

May • 6" (15cm) £4.00 for 15 or £6.00 for 25

LITTLE BEAUTY T 131-27

Growing wild in much the same area as T humilis these have shockingly bright crimson-pink flowers which open wide in the sun to reveal white and blue centres which is slightly startling . For a sunny well drained site again.

April • 5" (12cm) £4.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 25

LITTLE PRINCESS \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$

Of complex parentage but similar to the humilis forms above these exhibit fiery coppery-orange coloured flowers, goblet shaped before opening fully in the sun, the flowers are on short stems so are pretty resilient, a really cracking good dwarf tulip for a sunny spot.

April • 5" (12cm) £4.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 25

PRAESTANS SHOGUN

131-07 Not as dwarf as most of the other

bulbs in this section but earlier to flower than any of the hybrid forms that follow. A remarkable colour for a tulip, multiheaded in a clear pale Marigold orange.

March/April • 14" (35cm) £3.50 for 10

SPRENGERI T 131-35

Wonderful in early summer if you can get shafts of light to pick out the rich gold, verdigris and crimson colours. They will naturalise in many situations, either in shade or sun, but resent disturbance as young plants. They are an enigmatic and emblematic tulip, but we are always short of them so do order early.

April • 12" (30cm) £5.50 each







TULIPA TURKESTANICA TULIPA PURISSIMA TULIPA TARDA









TULIPA WHITTALLII

TULIPA SYLVESTRIS

TULIPA EXOTIC EMPEROR

TULIPA ORANGE EMPEROR

SYLVESTRIS 131-37

Easy to grow, and possibly the only one that will persist in some shade, but naturally a bit shy to flower. We have some that have increased happily under an Amelanchier for 10 years or so, flowering intermittently as seems to be their nature, I am not sure why they do not flower more profusely. The flowers are sulphur yellow and fragrant.

April • 12" (30cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

TARDA 🖫 131-38

A perennial performer with larger, very rounded bulbs which produce multiple flowers from each bulb, all crammed together, honey scented in a deep golden yellow, edged in white. Pretty bulbs to plant in a sunny site. Easy and persisting.

April • 5" (12cm) £3.00 for 10 or £6.75 for 25

TURKESTANICA "

131-134

Ivory and cream coloured within the flower with dark anthers contrasting with the petals, greenish tinged on their backs. It is widespread in its natural range from SE Europe through to Iran and Russia. Growing away early and quite tall they need bright conditions out of too much wind.

April • 9" (20cm) £3.00 for 10 or £6.75 for 25

WHITTALLII

131-42

Named after Edward Whittall, a plant collector extraordinaire who collected many such treasures of around Izmir in Turkey where there is still a famous garden named after him. These are a gorgeous bronzy orange with a dark centre and would love sunny conditions in a raised bed or rockery.

April • 12" (30 cm) £3.80 for 5 or £10.50 for 15

FOSTERIANA

(Group 13) Earlier flowering than the main Tulip display, large flowered on sturdy stems and available in lovely pastel colours. They need planting about 5" (12cm) apart and are equally suitable for containers or borders.

EXOTIC EMPEROR 131-100

Double petalled in white and when about to flower somewhat roselike with the white buds clasped by intriguing green bracts. Where we have seen it in gardens it has persisted for years on thin stony soil.

April • 18" (45cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

ORANGE EMPEROR \$\footnote{\Pi}\$ 131-72

One of my favourites with quite long flowers in pale orange with pretty green shading at the base. Good for bold contrast and a great combination planted with Purissima below for an early flowering twosome

> Mar/April • 16" (40cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25, or £26.50 for 50

PURISSIMA Y 131-16

Opening a pale primrose yellow, about which we receive a number of phone calls wondering whether a packing mistake has occurred, they turn through creamy shades to pure white and then in late March sunshine they open wide to reveal dramatic mascara black anthers. Strong stemmed over bright green leaves,

Mar/April • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50



TULIPA ANNIE SCHILDER



TULIPA BROWN SUGAR



TULIPA CALGARY FLAMES



TULIPA CALGARY



TULIPA COULEUR CARDINAL



TULIPA BARCELONA

MID SEASON TULIPS

These Triumph (Group 3) and Darwin (Group 4) tulips all have roughly the same flowering season - we used to say mid to late April and early May, but in our fickle climate this is just a guide, some years they are early and the frequency of that happening seems to only increase. These would be planted about 5" (12cm) apart and are very well suited to the open garden in borders, or containers. Some suggested tulip combinations that look good together for this purpose are offered under each entry.

ANNIE SCHILDER 131-135

Warm rose orange when in bud then the flower opens and pales to a lighter shade with some yellow at the petal edges. Broadly bowl shaped with a lovely perfume that seems to come with many of the orange tulips. Dating back to the 1920s this is one that has been around a while.

> April • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

🕹 With Ballerina, Paul Scherer and Havran

BARCELONA V 131-159

Outstanding at Keukenhof when I visited with strong stems and a very vibrant pink flower. It made the shortlist straight away.

April • 18" (45cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

♣ With Hotpants, Merlot or Honeymoon

BROWN SUGAR 131-142

Difficult to pin down in colour terms, bronzed apricot or coppery pink perhaps with some purple on the reverse, tall and strong stemmed with a beautiful perfume.

April • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

❖ With Pieter de Leur, Queen of Night or Firework

CALGARY ST 131-48

Very short and compact with waxy white flowers that are brilliant in exposed conditions, shrugging off any wind and rain, lasting brilliantly. We use them at the edges of exhibits and you could use them in the same way in the garden or containers.

> April • 9" (22cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

& With Prinses Irene, Orange Princess, Flaming Flag or purple hyacinths

CALGARY FLAMES \$\Preceq\$ 131-136

A variant on the Calgary model with a prominent yellow flush to the outer petals, we find them invaluable at flower shows as with such short stems they do not flop over during the show, so at the front of borders or close to the edge in big pots these too could lift your display?

April • 9" (22cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

♣ With Prinses Irene, Orange Princess or Calgary

COULEUR CARDINAL 131-126

Intensely crimson red with darker more plum coloured marking on the outer petals, famously scented and long lasting, first named in 1845.

April 16" (40cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

With Paul Scherer, Hotpants or Shirley









TULIPA FLAMING FLAG

TULIPA HAVRAN

TULIPA JAN REUS







TULIPA HEMISPHERE

TULIPA GRAND PERFECTION

TULIPA HOTPANTS

FLAMING FLAG 131-168

White with broad raspberry flames from the base. The white with a crimson mix is like an expensive ice cream, absolutely perfect in combination with the pink and white apple blossom that is out at the same time. A few of these tulips go a long way.

April • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

& With Paul Scherer, Shirley, Queen of Night

GRAND PERFECTION Y 131-123

Exhibiting broad flashes of red over what is, when they first open, quite a yellow background, but this soon turns white for a stronger raspberry and vanilla contrast. Reminiscent of the tulips illustrated in the paintings by the Dutch Masters at the height of the Tulip mania.

> April 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

& With Nightclub, Couleur Cardinal or

HAVRAN

Darker than plum in some lights, with a grape like bloom dusting the petals, these are not quite as dark as Queen of Night but are a slightly more pointed shape and would open earlier, so these could start off your dark theme. Quite often they have more than one flower to a stem

> April • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

🕹 With Flaming Flag, City of Vancouver or Jan Reus

HEMISPHERE

131-137

There are few tulips that do this, although Shirley and Hotpants are others. These change colour as the flowers mature so the effect is one of gradual evolution, each flower developing its freckling and faint stripes at a slightly different rate. The whole result is a range of warm colours from white through to raspberry. Most tulips are pretty uniform, these are less so, which I like. They do look better en masse.

April • 18" (45cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

🕹 With Flaming Flag, Flyaway or Havran

HOTPANTS 131-161

These are a little bit similar to Hemisphere and Shirley too, yellowy white to begin with the rim darkens with red and crimson edges which broaden into the petals. Multistemmed and multi headed.

April • 20" (50cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

🕹 With Barcelona, Shirley or Tres Chic

JAN REUS

131-62

Deep purple-red when first open they fade to a ruby red with petals that shimmer in the sun atop a dark strong stem that adds to the impact. They combine with just about everything, especially the acid green foliage of emerging Euphorbia.

April • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

& With City of Vancouver, Havran, Negrita or nearly everything else



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TULIPA PRINSES IRENE



TULIPA NEGRITA





TULIPA SHIRLEY

TULIPA PAUL SCHERER TULIPA MISTRESS

MISTRESS

131-162

A clear strong pink with simple flowers they remind me of an old favourite now unobtainable called Douglas Bader which also showed very well.

April • 20" (50cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

❖ With Honeymoon, Foxtrot or Angelique

NEGRITA

131-149

One might imagine Negrita to be darker than the name suggests? This is a lovely purple tulip with beetroot veining running through the petals, strong stemmed too.

April • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

& With Paul Scherer, Honeymoon or La Belle Epoque

PAUL SCHERER Y

131-107

Strong stemmed, with slightly greygreen foliage contrasting with the exceptionally dark cup shaped flowers. I love the possibilities that tulips provide to play with colours in a way that no other plants allow. As dark as Queen of Night and probably with a stronger stem these are better than dark chocolate.

April • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

& With Honeymoon, Shirley, Couleur Cardinal or Sanne

PRINSES IRENE \$\text{T} 131-10

An earthy mix of oranges, marmalade and purple, but unlikely as it seems they work brilliantly together. This is a great favourite, with low reddish marked leaves and on short stem it is less affected by poor weather and adding in a huge scent, one can see why it is so popular. See also 'Orange Princess' which is a double form of the same tulip, page 54.

> April • 15" (38cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

Try it with Calgary or Calgary Flame for a low duo, or maybe with its double flowered cousin Orange Princess

SANNE ST

131-122

Pale apricot when they first open with a pinkish tinge added to the mix as they mature, the tips of the petals always slightly paler. Soft, feminine and subtle with a great shape.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

With Pacific Pearl, Jan Reus or Paul Scherer

SHIRLEY 131-56

Great fun and ever-changing, and in that regard like T. Hemisphere or Hotpants. Pale cream throughout when first they open, then they gain a purple margin to each petal with some additional freckling and gradually this spreads and darkens till the petals are suffused purple all over what is now a white background.

April/May • 24" (60cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

& With Antoinette, Pacific Pearl or Havran.







TULIPA WHITE PARROT



TULIPA ROCOCO



TULIPA SUNNY PRINCE



TULIPA BLACK PARROT



TULIPA ANTOINETTE

SUNNY PRINCE 131-143

Bright butter yellow within the flower, slightly paler on the backs of the petals, this is a relatively short, sturdy form seemingly filled with happiness.

April • 14" (34cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

& With Lambada, Queen of Night or Prinses Irene

UNIQUE DE FRANCE 131-121

Amazing petals - shiny and gleaming like a newly painted pillar box, certainly one of the most vibrant coloured tulips but most unique for its foliage, the leaves are deep green and very waxy, quite different from any other tulip's foliage. Good for the garden or containers where they will be noticed!

> April • 16" (40cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

Solution Outstanding on its own.

PARROTTULIPS

(Group 10) Exuberance is the greatest asset of this group, with flowers that seem to be overflowing with frilled or fluted petals. Dramatic is the best way to describe them I feel. Wonderful to use as part of a fantastical flower arrangement. Big and heavy headed, best in good light and in some breeze which will shake the rain from the multitudinous petals.

BLACK PARROT \$\fomale 131-17

The unopen flower buds seem to be clutched in a green fingered grip and when it escapes to flower the dark chocolate purple petals seem to erupt in a cockscomb of frilled excess, a dark favourite indeed.

April/May • 20" (50cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

& With White Triumphator, Groenland or Spring Green

ROCOCO

131-127

Earlier than most other Parrot tulips with short stems, these are deep velvety red with the reverse of the petal marked with green, the petals tightly crimped as though they had been gripped too tight in the bud, very suitable for pots.

April • 12" (30cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

🕹 With Jan Reus, Paul Scherer or White Parrot for vivid contrast

131-64 WHITE PARROT

Large flowered, the whole head bursting full of crimped petals, like clouds of egg white about to become meringue, the outermost ones with a tinge of creamy green.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £7.70 for 10, £18.00 for 25 or £33.00 for 50

With Queen of Night, Sanne or Backpacker

SINGLE LATE

(Group 5) These have simple, elegant cup or goblet shaped flowers and longer stems, flowering after the mid season tulips (but overlapping with them).

ANTOINETTE 131-153

A chameleon tulip which starts greenish-yellow then fades to creamy-yellow with a hint of pink and finally turns salmon pink with a touch of orange. With a multi headed nature this provides lots of flower and continual development and interest.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

🕹 With Firework, Nightclub or Angelique



Suggested planting companions







TULIPA CITY OF VANCOUVER

TULIPA QUEEN OF NIGHT

TULIPA NIGHT CLUB









TULIPA BALLERINA

TULIPA FIREWORK

TULIPA GREENSTAR

TULIPA FLY AWAY

CITY OF VANCOUVER 131-156

Pale creamy yellow and turning paler as they age. Simply gorgeous.

April/May • 20" (50cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

& With Queen of Night, Pacific Pearl or Mistress

NIGHT CLUB 131-154

A multi headed variety with a strong plum red colour. With more flowers ready to emerge as the first reach their peak they seem to have a greater longevity of flowering. Rest assured they neither flash, nor is there a deep bass rumble.

April/May • 20" (50cm) £7.30 for 10, £17.00 for 25 or £32.50 for 50

& With Negrita, Couleur Cardinal or **Foxtrot**

QUEEN OF NIGHT 131-58

One of the darkest delights, and justifiably one of our best sellers. Though not quite black, only Paul Scherer comes close. The deepest hue shows on bulbs in direct sunlight, in more shade they are deep purple and often taller.

April/May • 24" (60cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

♣ With City of Vancouver, Honeymoon or Pacific Pearl

LILY FLOWERED TULIPS

(Group 6) Characterised by their longer stems and that refined 'hour glass' shape to the flower, waisted when in bud and opening up in the sun with pointed tips. They are great in flower borders, and in tall containers which seem to exaggerate the stem length.

BALLERINA T 131-65

Soft tangerine coloured flowers, though different lights and differing levels of UV light seems to result in some variation in the shade from year to year. One of my favourites (and in that I am not alone), I particularly love its scent when warmed in the sun. The tangerine hue also goes perfectly with all the leafy greens, altogether very eyecatching with a heady perfume.

> April/May • 20" (50cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

With Queen of Night, Sanne or Firework

FIREWORK 131-163

A bright and zingy combination of strong yellow petals with a bright red flare up the centre of each petal, Not particularly tall so perhaps a better choice for windy sites?

April/May • 16" (40cm) £7.30 for 10, £17.00 for 25 or £32.50 for 50

🕹 With Foxtrot, Hemisphere or Groenland

FLY AWAY 131-164

Much more apparently 'Lily flowered' with the typically pointed silhouette, the band of yellow is narrower and the red rather more pronounced.

April/May • 22" (55cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

🕹 With Firework, Unique de France or Hemisphere

GREENSTAR 131-165

I saw these at Keukenhof on a busy day there, it was heaving with people and I had trouble getting close to take a shot of these tulips without people in the way because everyone else was taking selfies in front of them. They were evidently the right background for everyone else. They are extraordinary, very angular, vase shaped and strongly green marked.

April/May • 20" (50cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

🕹 With Groenland, Flyaway or White Parrot



TULIPA PIETER DE LEUR



TULIPA MADALYN



TULIPA TRES CHIC



TULIPA WHITE TRIUMPHATOR



TULIPA MERLOT



TULIPA HONEYMOON

131-46

MADALYN 131-166

Most impressively coloured with vibrant pink over most of the petal and a base of green, the flowers splay open very dramatically and widely. It was also being hugely admired in Holland. New, and I think it will be in heavy demand.

April/May • 20" (50cm) £7.30 for 10, £17.00 for 25 or £32.50 for 50

With Barcelona, Pieter de Leur or Pacific Pearl

MERLOT 131-130

Tall and elegantly poised with flowers that mimic a wine glass in both shape and content, there is no doubt about how the name arose.

April/May • 28" (65cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

With Barcelona, Havran or Pieter de Leur

PIETER DE LEUR 131-150

Glistening, vibrant, deep vermilion red, almost opalescent as a ruby tiffany lamp, not a tulip for the faint hearted but then these are showy tulips doing what they do best! My father's favourite with his dimming eyes.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

With Spring Green, Groenland or White Triumphator

TRÉS CHIC 131-66

Creamy white when in bud, becoming white with faint green tips to the pointed petals as they open properly, sometimes with pink as well. Much shorter in stature which in exposed gardens or some planters may be an advantage, a tulip that lives up to its name.

April/May • 12" (30cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

With Unique de France, Mistress or Negrita

WHITE TRIUMPHATOR "

All white with long clean green stems. An iconic and popular tulip, but not so typically lily flowered in its shape. They seem always more dramatic when provided with a stronger background against which to view them.

April/May • 20" (50cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

Safe as houses, goes with everything!



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FRINGED TULIPS

(Group 7) First popular in the florist shops these are fringed by frills along the edges of the petals, they are not just frivolous though, they provide a contemporary twist.

HONEYMOON 131-95

Creamy white, sometimes with a tinge of green and edged in a sparkling white frosted fringe. A cracking tulip that looks as though it has just been drawn from the ice bucket.

April/May • 15" (38cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

With Mistress (which might seem a bit unconventional?), or anything else!



Suggested planting companions





FRINGED TULIPS

TULIPA LAMBADA







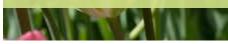
TULIPA ANGELIQUE

TULIPA PACIFIC PEARL









TULIPA SPRING GREEN

TULIPA GROENLAND

TULIPA ARTIST

LAMBADA 131-151

A fringed apricot - rose coloured tulip with perhaps a hint of orange as well. A bit shorter with rather a smaller head

> April/May • 18" (45cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

& With Sunny Prince, Artist or Brownie

PACIFIC PEARL 131-152

Gorgeous against the light when the richness of the colour shows at its best, and the frilly edge means that you can mix them with any of the other unfringed ones and find that they complement each other hugely.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

🕹 With Lambada, Honeymoon or City of Vancouver

VIRIDIFLORA TULIPS

(Group 8) Multi-coloured tulips with vertical colour banding, most often in green. Some of these exhibit complicated colour patterning, like an artist's mixing palette. In the borders they provide great opportunities to create subtle combinations.

ARTIST 🕎

131-155

Shorter in stature, one of the early forms of viridiflora with salmon and green coloured petals.

April/May • 12" (30cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

🕹 With Lambada, Greenstar or Night Club

GROENLAND

131-44 A subtle combination with pink

and green coloured flowers shot with cream, the effect is calming and unfussy and the colours are easy to mix with any pink or green combinations.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

🕹 With Sanne, Madalyn or Greenstar

SPRING GREEN T 131-51

Pale apple-white petals marked with wispy green brush strokes on the back of each petal. Often less 'regular' in height and flower shape compared to many other tulips but ideal for separating strong colours in the border or for flower arranging. One of the alltime favourites.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

🕹 With everything, and they all look better for it!

DOUBLE PETALLED TULIPS

(Group 11) Also known as the Paeony flowered forms. These tend to be late flowering with more spherical buds and rounded flower shapes, filled with deep layers of petals.

ANGELIQUE V

Often multi-headed, the flowers filled with ruffled petals in delicate shades of pink, genuinely paeonylike from a distance, somewhat shorter in stature than most. Late flowering beauties for borders as well as cut flower.

April/May • 16" (40cm) £6.80 for 10, £15.80 for 25 or £29.00 for 50

♣ With Backpacker or Hemisphere

TULIPA BACKPACKER



TULIPA ORANGE PRINCESS



TULIPA LA BELLE EPOQUE





TULIPA FOXTROT TULIPA BROWNIE

UVULARIA GRANDIFLORA

BACKPACKER 131-157

I have been looking for a better tulip than Blue Diamond, the colour of which is fantastic, but the stem is less strong. These seem to be better and are nearly the same hue, a mauve through to violet purple pom pom.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

🕹 With Angelique, La Belle Epoque or Unique de France

BROWNIE 131-169

A coppery coloured double with a relatively short stem which is advantageous as the heads become heavy with any rain and so long stemmed doubles tend to bend a lot.

April • 14" (35cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

& With Foxtrot, Queen of Night or

FOXTROT \$\text{Y}\$ 131-147

An early flowering double in old rose pink which deepens in colour as the flowers age. Tidy and neat and much earlier than the similar Angelique.

April • 12" (30cm) £6.30 for 10, £14.50 for 25 or £26.50 for 50

& With Sunny Prince, Havran or Orange Princess

LA BELLE EPOQUE

131-104

Another colour that is difficult to describe: pinkish or even pale tearose coloured, turning more apricot as the flower develops, a more subtle colour that goes well with the pinks and lilacs that are often prevalent in tulips.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £7.70 for 10, £18.00 for 25 or £33.00 for 50

With Ballerina, Brownie or Sanne

ORANGE PRINCESS \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$

131-140

I was tempted to list this alongside Prinses Irene, it is after all a double form of that favourite tulip. But being a double this is where it fits best and if you love the single form you will recognise the similarity and perhaps be tempted to try them? I find the encircling green tipped petals rather appealing.

April/May • 16" (40cm) £7.30 for 10, £17.00 for 25 or £32.50 for 50

🕹 With Firework, Calgary Flames or Annie Schilder



UVULARIA

Bombproof but quite slow growing woodland plants of N. America needing cool leaf-mould rich soils in part shade. Quite slow growing but established clumps are quietly impressive, but easy to achieve in time in the right conditions, brilliant with other choice shade plants like Trilliums, Sanguinaria and Erythronium.

GRANDIFLORA T

133-05

Known as the Merrybells in the eastern USA. Deep yellow flowers hanging from arching stems. Soft foliage but completely resistant to our coldest weather.

April • 12" (30cm)

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This catalogue covers the period May 2019 to December 2019. It costs £2. Prices are given at the end of each plant description; prices are for a single bulb or plant unless stated otherwise.

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All plants and bulbs are offered subject to availability. Stocks we anticipate being saleable as we write the catalogue in April sometimes fail before their due despatch season in Sept - Nov, but that's gardening. We do not make substitutions, but a list of alternative bulbs that might be acceptable helps greatly.

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Seeds from Avon Bulbs

We have a seed box which travels to the shows and from which customers can pick out seed packets that they might like to purchase. The range is small and generally reflects the plants that we have grown and are showing to associate well with the bulbs on the display (but the annuals flower from seed very much more quickly than bulbs)

But many of our mail order customers do not see us at the shows and may like the chance to buy a packet or two? Availability may be limited depending on the demand at the shows!



Allium cernuum

Claret pink flowered plants of reasonably well drained locations in full sun. Of North American origin and hardy in the UK, self sown seedlings spreading and thickening one's clumps. Summer flowering about 18" (45 cm) tall with leaves that persist for much of the year. The flowers are good for beneficial insects. They may take 3 years to flower from seed, some will flower in their 2nd year



Camassia leichtlinii 'Avon's Stellar hybrids'

Hardy North American plants, Camassia all like heavy soils in sun or part shade. They flower in late April or early May, (after the blue flowered forms which produce little or no seed). The flowering plants are 24-26" tall (60-90 cm). Colours will vary - pink, lilac, blue, cream and green.



Average seed contents: 15

Cerinthe major 'Purpurascens'

A hardy annual from the Mediterranean region, known as Honeywort. An aristocratic border plant which is beautiful and versatile. It is adored by bees and is much favoured as a cut flower. It has glaucous leaves with interesting purple bracts and bell shaped flowers from May to September.



Dahlia coccinea var palmeri

Single orange-red flowers in late summer on a plant which exhibits very dissected 'frothy' foliage. The plant can be large, the seed was collected from an established plant about 7' tall. Dahlias like a rich fertile soil and need planting in the sun. They may need a mulch (or to be lifted) in cold gardens, but the species forms seem hardier than the hybrids. These should flower in their first season



Gladiolus tristis

A beautiful South African species that flowers in April/May in Britain with wonderful pale straw coloured flowers with pretty green highlights and a good perfume in the evenings. 3-4' (30-40 cm) tall. They will need a sheltered situation in cold gardens or cold districts, but if they can be grown in a favoured spot they will set seed and increase. They are in leaf through much of the winter when they will cope with temperatures down to -3°C.



Nicotiana mutabilis (Ornamental Tobacco)

A striking tender plant up to 5' (1.5m) with showers of white flowers which turn through pink to a deep magenta as they mature. The effect is spectacular with both colours present on the plant together. Flowers in the late summer. If a plant is overwintered (in frost free conditions) flowering is much earlier and more profuse the second year.





Nectaroscordum siculum

Closely related to Alliums (the ornamental onion), originally from Asia minor and Mediterranean these have tall smooth stems on which there open dangling bell shaped flowers in pink, purple and green. When dry they stand erect. The whole plant is very garlic scented when handled. They grow best in lighter soils in sun or part shade and are happy growing in grass. They flower in the early summer about 30' (75cm) tall.



Nigella papillosa 'African Bride' and 'Midnight'

The species is an annual and native to southern Spain and southern France and is synonymous with N. hispanica. These are collected oddities with greatly enlarged and contrasting stamens. White flowered plants with purple-black stamens as well as deep blue flowered plants with blue stamens. A lovely mix that flowers over the typical 'Love in the Mist' foliage which is fine and fennel-like.



Orlaya Grandiflora 🖫 (White Lace Flower)

A plant of meadows, vineyards and olive groves in the Mediterranean. Fern-like foliage and lace-like white umbels, with the outer petals larger than the inner, 18-24" tall (45-60cm). An easy to grow annual setting seed that you can collect and grow.



Pimpinella major rosea

Deep pink umbels of small flowers, they look like a pink flowered cow parsley. Blooms in May/June, ideally in the sun or light shade, 40" (100cm) tall. Sow the seeds in the autumn in ordinary garden soil or gritty compost (as they require chilling to break the dormancy) and overwinter the seed tray outside. They may not germinate until the spring. Prick out into small pots when the seedlings are large enough to handle and when these plants are large enough themselves plant into their final position.

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More seeds from **Avon Bulbs**









Double Black



Papaver somniferum Fully double flower heads of various colours. June flowering about 36" (90cm) tall. May need staking in windy gardens. They are plants of open, sunny situations in well drained soil and are hardy, but annual, so you will be reliant on falling (or collected) seed for future years. Self fertile, but some slight variation in flower colour may occur.

Double Shiraz

Lunaria annua Chedglow

Hardy biennial flowering April to early May with wonderful chocolate leaves and lilac flowers, growing to 3' (1 m) or a bit more. Decorative seed heads persist with translucent discs that can be used in dried arrangements.

Lunaria **Corfu Blue**

Hardy biennial, flowering in the spring often earlier than other Lunaria, with purple-blue flowers on purple flushed stems, growing to 3' (90cm) tall and a spread of up to 30" (75cm). The seed cases are distinctive as papery silvered seed heads. These may hybridise with other Lunaria close by. The leaves are browsed by rabbits.

Lunaria **Somerset Marble**

Hardy biennial, flowering in the spring with purple flowers and wonderful marbled leaves, often edged in red, growing to 3' (90cm) tall. The seed cases are like translucent discs that can be used in dried arrangements. Sow two seeds per single pot outside



Double Pink

Blackcurrant Fizz

in a shady sheltered spot and plant out into the border in full sun or part shade when large enough.



Tagetes patula

Varying from deep red through to yellow a gloriously warm mix of colours on well branched and bushy plants. A well known and loved annual that flowers all summer, even from seed sown as late as June to fill in some bare patches. Sow them thinly in sunny fertile soils that have warmed up from March to June and water in.



Tulbaghia cominsii x violacea

Long flowering perennial of South African origin. Long thin leaved foliage, onion scented when crushed. Purple – pink flowers from June to October, 18-24" (45-60 cm) tall. Seedlings may vary, due to the hybrid nature of the plant. Plants flower in their second year. Very good patio plants in planters, enjoying warm conditions and very drought tolerant. In cold areas mulch plants in the ground in winter and protect pots from extended freezing temperatures. Hardy outside to about -10°C.



Tulipa sprengeri 🏻

May flowering species tulip, now unknown in the wild. Red flowered, often verdigris marked on the outside with contrasting golden anthers. About 18" (40cm) tall. May take 3-4 years to flower, but avoid disturbance in the area. Once flowering will self seed. Bulbs flower when grape sized or larger.



Glove sizing: If unsure this is a guide - finger to wrist, or right round the palm, whichever the larger measure - under 8" we think the Small (7) size is likely to fit best, over 8" our Medium (10) may be better.

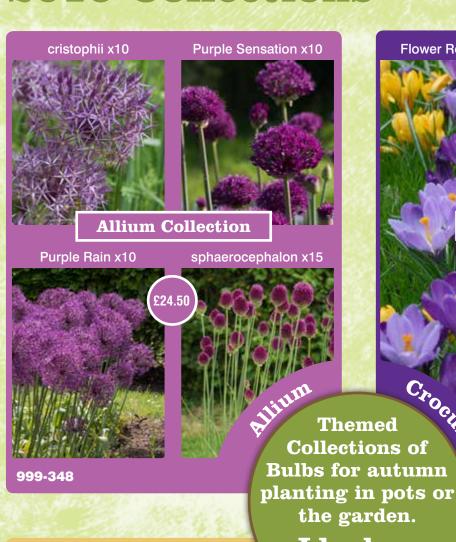
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If you have seen a plant, or read about it somewhere and want to order it, but it is 'Out of Season' you can 'Register an Interest' by putting in your email address and the next time that we have that plant ready to order you'll get an email to say that you can look again with a view to ordering that item.

There is also a **Quick Order Form** function. If you have found items that you wish to order in the catalogue you just need to put their code number (as printed alongside every item in the catalogue ie Iris bucharica 103-09) into the **Search** field and then go to the **Selection Option** (below that) to be shown the pack sizes which you might order and then **Add** them. Once you have completed your list go to **Add items to your basket** and they will do just that. Easy!

You can buy our Gift Tokens through the website: Just click on **Shop** to access the **Gifts and Vouchers** section where you can make an order. The recipient can equally easily redeem the voucher that will be sent to them against a purchase, either on the website by phone or even at a flower show that we attend.



Mesh Pots

We have long suggested the use of aquatic baskets to contain special bulbs in the garden. This helps to keep them from 'wandering', means that you can move them all at once without excessive disturbance (and your own homemade lid) offer protection from pests. The plants within can root out into the surrounding soil but not escape. Good for small bulbs and special snowdrops. These are rugged and long lasting pots from the Finofil range.

We can offer 2 sizes, both cylindrical:

668-02 14 cm diameter x 10 cm deep (1 litre)

669-03 23 cm diameter x 13 cm deep (3.5 litre) £2.00 each or 3 for £5.00

3 for £4.00

If undelivered please return to sender: Avon Bulbs Burnt House Farm Mid Lambrook South Petherton Somerset TA13 5HE

