



Mail Order Catalogue **Autumn 2016**

PLANTS AND BULBS  
TO FLOWER IN THE SPRING

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## WELCOME TO THE AVON BULBS AUTUMN CATALOGUE 2016

This is the 30th year that we have been operating under the same ownership – so we have now done 30 years at Chelsea and this is my 30th effort on this catalogue. Those of you who go back a while will remember a time when we only produced one catalogue a year, though now I wonder how I managed that with any accuracy! It is now a very different publication in a changed world: communications (particularly email), delivery methods (the advent of carriers in competition with the Royal Mail), digital photography, computing and websites just to mention a few. Many of the plants have changed too, though there are lots that we sell now that we were selling in 1987, and astonishingly we recently found some where the prices had changed very little.



CAMASSIA STELLAR HYBRIDS

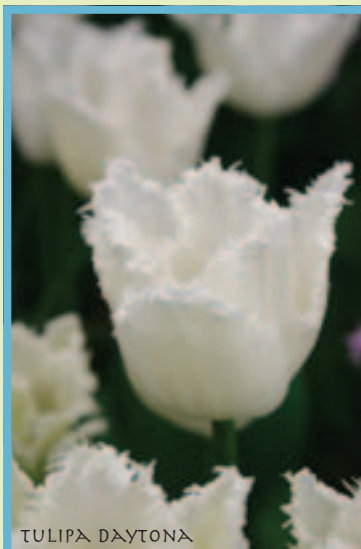


TULIPA CUMMINS

Writing the catalogue introduction after Chelsea (which was a novelty forced upon me last year, one that caused no evident problem then and is somewhat easier to manage, so continues) allows me to quickly report on that show. It was a year when one had to be very quick (and watch a lot of the show coverage on TV to

see us for all of about 30 seconds in I think episode 17 of the show coverage, or should that be coverage of The Gardens?) The pictures (on the back cover) do not do the exhibit (which won a Gold medal) full justice as it was very difficult exhibit to photograph with a background that could not be disguised. A bee hive (with some locally made wicker bees on willow wands) nestled in a valley of shorter bulbs rising up to two banks of taller Alliums, Poppies and Camassia. Especially admired were some of the fringed tulips, Cummins and Daytona particularly and a group of our Camassia Stellar Hybrids actually opened and performed better than expected after we very nearly sent them home on Sunday as we thought that the flowers would not open by the Monday, judging day! And in a year when that show was scheduled to be as late as it can be the weather stayed reasonably cool and very little looked sad by the end – as good as it gets for us at Chelsea!

CHRIS IRELAND-JONES



TULIPA DAYTONA

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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 2016

## PLANTS AND BULBS TO FLOWER IN THE AUTUMN

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

Delivery from this section will be made mid-August to early September. Orders close from this section in mid-September.



ACIS AUTUMNALIS



AMARYLLIS X AMARYGIA PARKERI ALBA



AMARYLLIS X TUBERGENII



COLCHICUM AGRIPPINUM

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### ACIS

#### AUTUMNALIS 🏆 106-10

An autumn flowering form of the snowflake family, forming distinct tussocks once happy and undisturbed in a warm dry, sunny soil (a rockery or scree bed are ideal). Slender wiry green or russet coloured stems, supporting several small white papery bells. Plant the bulbs (only the size of large peas) 3" (7.5cm) deep, nearly touching. Previously called Leucojum autumnale.

Aug/Sept • 9" (22cm)  
£7.00 for 5

### AMARYLLIS

*Amaryllis (and their hybrids) are winter growing, hence with exposed leaves in winter 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 PARKERI ALBA 56-10

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

Sept/Oct • 20" (50cm)  
£8.00

### XAMARINE TUBERGENII 56-11

Unusual hybrids between Amaryllis and Nerines, and looking like both in some way. Bright cerise pink flowered and winter growing so a little tender so requiring some protection.

Sept/ Oct • 15" (38cm)  
£4.00 each

### COLCHICUM 🐝

*Easy to grow in good, deep moisture retentive soil, these appear from their summer dormancy denuded of leaves to flower in the autumn – hence 'naked ladies'. A pointer to the end of summer, their bright flowers last incredibly well considering their apparent fragility, their leaves only properly appearing in the 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.*

### AGRIPPINUM 🏆 73-19

Very different from the larger goblet shaped forms below, the flowers on these open almost flat, with broad, pointed petals, in pinkish-lilac, heavily chequered with darker markings. Narrow, wavy-edged leaves appear after flowering, less noticeable in the spring than their bigger cousins. These increase in well composted soil, in an open sunny site. Possibly better in a raised bed or trough as these are more petite. . Tough for all of that and increasing in sunny conditions.

Sept • 4" (10cm)  
£15.00 for 3



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.



#### RHS Perfect for Pollinators.

The RHS Perfect for Pollinating insects mark is only given to plants that support pollinating insects in gardens. Bees, butterflies, moths, hoverflies and many others visit flowers to feed on nectar and pollen; while doing so they transfer pollen and increase seed set and fruit development. Find out more at [rhs.org.uk/plants](http://rhs.org.uk/plants)

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COLCHICUM SPECIOSUM



COLCHICUM AUTUMNALE



COLCHICUM SPECIOSUM ALBUM

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COLCHICUM WATER LILY



COLCHICUM AUTUMNALE ALBUM

### AUTUMNALE 73-05

These naturalise most effectively either in sun or partial shade. Soft, satin-sheened mauve. Often producing many flowers from each corm. An easy British native "Meadow Saffron", Wychwood Forest has thousands in flower each autumn.

Sept • 6" (15cm)  
£10.50 for 3

### AUTUMNALE ALBUM 73-06

The white-flowered form of the species above, sometimes they are pinkish-white, these would all tolerate full sun or some shade in damper, but not waterlogged conditions.

Sept • 6" (15cm)  
£10.00 for 3

### SPECIOSUM 73-15

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

Sept/Oct • 8" (20cm)  
£10.50 for 3

### SPECIOSUM ALBUM 73-16

Gorgeous shimmering goblets in pure white. A very special plant which could be the highlight of a carefully chosen planting scheme in well composted soil, ideally where it is not too dark in the spring, but they could brighten up what is 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)  
£5.50 or £15.00 for 3

### WATER-LILY 73-23

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

Oct • 6" (15cm)  
£4.00 or £11.50 for 3

## CYCLAMEN

*Hardy, tough and persisting and then seeding about. If you can plant them early (as a consequence of ordering from this section) these Cyclamen will arrive 'properly' 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.*



CYCLAMEN COUM

## SPRING FLOWERING FORMS

### COUM 51-116

This will probably be their first year of flowering, so were not sorted for colour last spring, shades of pink and white.

£14.00 for 5

(CREDIT: CLIVE NICHOLS)



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM



CROCUS GOULIMYI



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM



CROCUS IMPERATI DE JAGER

**COUM ROSEUM** 51-117  
Second year flowering, so the tubers a year older and will produce more flowers, all pale pink flowering corms.

£13.00 for 3

**COUM ALBUM** 51-118  
Second year flowering, white flowered, always with a small pink 'nose'.

£13.50 for 3

**COUM DARK PINK** 51-131  
Second year flowering, deep pink shades.

£13.50 for 3

**COUM SILVER LEAF** 51-119  
Mostly pink flowered, but the leaves are additionally largely silvery patterned, great as part of the winter leaf tapestry.

£15.00 for 3

## AUTUMN FLOWERING FORMS

**HEDERIFOLIUM** 51-107  
Pink (or occasionally white) flowered with petals that sweep back from the flower. Ivy shaped leaves.

£12.00 for 5

**HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM** 51-108  
Flowering for their second year with white petals.

£10.50 for 3

## CROCUS – AUTUMN FLOWERING

*Flowering in the late autumn (except 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 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.*

**GOULIMYI** 77-36

Too Grecian really for ordinary outdoor conditions here, 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 shape and in their soft lilac colouration. Stock limited.

Nov • 5" (12cm)  
£7.00 for 3

**IMPERATI DE JAGER** 77-39

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 some protection or a well drained sunny rockery.

Jan • 5" (12cm)  
£7.00 for 3



CROCUS SPECIOSUS



CROCUS SATIVUS



CROCUS SPECIOSUS ALBUS



CROCUS PULCHELLUS



CROCUS TOURNEFORTII

**PULCHELLUS** 🏆 77-35

Pale sky-blue with darker veining, and a central yellow throat. This is a meadow plant of northern Greece and Turkey, very pretty and delicate looking but quite possible to grow in light grass in sun or part shade.

Oct • 4" (10cm)  
**£4.00 for 10 or £10.50 for 30**

**SATIVUS** 77-20

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 flowering is triggered by suddenly colder nights, our milder maritime climate sometimes does not provide that, which makes reliance on one's own Saffron production a bit hazardous.

Oct • 4" (10cm)  
**£5.00 for 10 or £11.30 for 25**

**SPECIOSUS** 🏆 77-26

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 late in their first year, but consequent to them having been out of the soil and dried off in this summer they will flower later than usual this year. Do get enough of them! Suggested planting density 15 per sq ft.

Sept/Oct • 5" (12cm)  
**£3.25 for 15 or £10.25 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)  
**£8.00 for 15**

**TOURNEFORTII** 🏆 77-38

Large flowered in pale lavender, sometimes white, strangely the flowers do not close in dull light or at night. White anthered and with prominent orange stigmas. Cretan in origin so requiring some shelter.

Sept/Oct • 5" (12cm)  
**£7.50 for 3**



CYPRIPEDIUM GISELA



ERANTHIS SCHWEFELGLANZ



ERANTHIS GRUNLING



GLADIOLUS TRISTIS

## CYPRIPEDIUM

### GISELA 64-7

Some of these divisions will produce several flower spikes in their first spring. They need a cold spell to form their flowers. Flowering this spring was consequently poor after a warm winter. Perfectly hardy and really quite easy to grow in spring light and summer shade, with some slug protection. Some of these may be a yellower flowered variant of C. Gisela, but they are just as good. Hardy orchids are now becoming more widely available and our stocks of these are very good. More growing instructions on the website.

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
£19.50

## ERANTHIS

*These are named forms of the Winter Aconite, usually in flower before the snowdrops in the spring, with their characteristic flowers surrounded by a ruff of green, on account of which my mother in law calls them 'Choirboys'.*

### SCHWEFELGLANZ 81-01

Pale sulphur yellow, a clean clear but distinctly different colour from the bright yellow one expects of Aconites. Easy and increasing. No more difficult and a great accompaniment to the early snowdrops and strangely they 'come true' from seed.

February • 4" (10cm)  
£5.00

## GRUNLING 81-02

Deep yellow (as E. hyemalis) but each petal marked with a broad green band.

February • 4" (10 cm)  
£5.00

## GLADIOLUS

### TRISTIS 88-15

Native to South Africa, this is a winter growing specie Gladiolus with a wonderful scent in the evenings. It really needs a sheltered site, or protection from temperatures lower than about -5°C as they are in leaf at the time. The 5-20 greeny white flowers open progressively up the long rush-like stems.

April/May • 3' (90cm)  
£5.00 or £12.00 for 3



HELICODICEROUS MUSCIVORUS



HYACINTH DELFT BLUE



HIPPEASTRUM X ACRAMANNII



HYACINTH WHITE PEARL



HYACINTH PINK PEARL

## HELICODICEROS

MUSCIVORUS 63-01

Possibly the strangest plant for which we sell the bulb? A weird and wonderful aroid with a dinner plate sized flower which looks very flesh like. They actually do resemble the tail end of a pig, and flies are attracted to pollenate them by a foetid smell. Nature is quite amazing. They increase and flower well for us under glass with no heat.

April • 18" (45cm)  
£5.00

## HIPPEASTRUM

X ACRAMANNII

56-14

The spelling of acramannii is in some doubt, could it be ackermannii? Having once seen a greenhouse full of these bulbs in flower many years ago near Taunton and admired them hugely (only later to find that the owner had died and the greenhouse had been demolished shortly afterward) it was many years 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 others suggest that they are hardier than I first suspected. They are early autumn flowering in red and green and in leaf all winter, dormant in summer.

Sept • 18" (45cm)  
£12.00

## PREPARED HYACINTHS

*For December/January blooming under the correct conditions. These are suitable for forcing for Christmas flowering. For this they need to be potted by the end of September (hence they are sold in this late summer section), and initially kept in a cool, dark place to allow rooting. They can then be brought into more light once they have emerged. Too much heat will make them flag and flop. The process of preparation means that these are not available until early September.*

DELFT BLUE  86-05

A compact, pale blue spike set off by the emerging dark green leaves.  
£3.30 for 3 or £7.00 for 7

PINK PEARL 86-35

Delicately pink, and like the others deliciously fragrant.  
£3.30 for 3 or £7.00 for 7

WHITE PEARL 86-34

Strong-growing, broad, gleaming white flowers.  
£3.30 for 3 or £7.00 for 7





IRIS TUBEROSA



LATHRAEA CLANDESTINA



NARCISSUS CYCLAMINEUS



LILIUM CANDIDUM



NARCISSUS PAPERWHITE ZIVA



NERINE FLEXUOSA ALBA

## 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 33 of the Autumn Catalogue. Translucent black and jade-green flowers, preceded by long rush-like leaves. Requires time to establish and flowering better after a hot summer; plant in full sun. Loves it around heat absorbing sun-drenched paving, or at the base of a warm wall.

April • 6" (15cm)  
£4.50 for 10

## LATHRAEA

CLANDESTINA 71-05

Purple toothwort, a parasite mainly of willow, poplar hazel and alder (though rarely seeming to cause any harm to its host). The slightly orchid like flowers are all one sees above ground when they flower in the spring, a true parasite having no chlorophyll. Plant these divisions close up against the bole or shallow roots of a mature host.

April • 3" (8cm)  
£5.00 or £13.00 for 3

## LILIUM

CANDIDUM 107-114

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

June • 36" (90cm)  
£5.00 or £13.00 for 3

## NARCISSUS

*These Narcissus will be ready to be sent out in mid-September and, if you are after a very early display of Scented Daffodils, may be ordered from this section to be sent early with any other plants. Also see the main Autumn Catalogue pages 36 - 42.w.*

CYCLAMINEUS 113-179

An iconic small species, one that is loved and hankered after by many, but they rarely do well in 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)  
£5.50

## PAPERWHITE

ZIVA

113-152

Early to flower from being forced; we reckon on about eight to ten weeks to bloom from potting. 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 room temperatures for their final flourish. Not reliably hardy.

Dec/Jan • 15" (38cm)  
£6.00 for 5 or £11.00 for 10

## NERINE

FLEXUOSA ALBA 33-23

A winter growing species so these require a bit more shelter than the more familiar N. bowdenii. The frilly white petal however last ages in flower and in sheltered gardens are a treat in the autumn.

Sept/Oct • 14" (35cm)  
£7.50 for 3



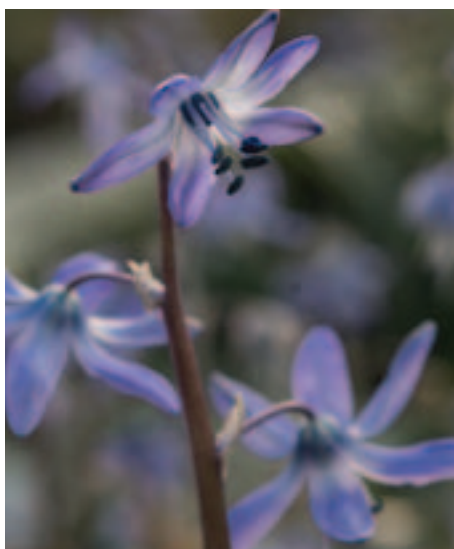
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SCILLA GREILHUBERI



SCILLA LILIO HYACINTHUS ALBUS



SCILLA LILIO HYACINTHUS

## ORNITHOGALUM

### CAUDATUM 117-17

A large bulbed plant from which can erupt small bulbils through the surface of the bulb, consequently this has a common name of the Pregnant Onion (although it is not an Allium, more accurately it is probably an *Albuca*). Easy to grow in a conservatory or outside in the summer, but they will only take a slight frost, and are incredibly drought tolerant. Green tapered racemes produced at quirky angles.

May-July • 20" (48cm)  
£3.50

## 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)  
£8.50 for 3

### GREILHUBERI 125-30

A lilac blue flowered form from around the the Caspian Sea. It flowers early in the year having started to produce its leaves late in the autumn, Safe enough in sheltered gardens in good light, quite leafy by the time it does flower.

Feb/Mar • 8" (20cm)  
£3.00

### LILIO-HYACINTHUS 125-28

Broad leaved, with pretty, delicate racemes in a soft pale blue. Tidy in their clumps and neat when in flower. The bulbs are formed of loose lily-like scales. Clump forming and best in some shade. A great addition to the early spring tapestry.

Mar/Apr • 8" (20 cm)  
£12.00 for 3

### LILIO-HYACINTHUS ALBA 125-29

This pretty white flowered form also has paler leaves than the blue flowered form above. Best in some shade.

Mar/Apr • 8" (20 cm)  
£12.00 for 3

## TECOPHILAEA

*Chilean bulbs from a high altitude, but where they come from is relatively dry, and our winters are really too wet for them. But grow them under some protection (particularly from rain) and you'll be amazed by the colours in the blue flowers. Their blue is like the dazzling displays produced by some exotic butterflies.*

### CYANOCROCUS LEICHTLINII 128-04

White centred with gentian blue petals.

March • 5" (12.5cm)  
£6.00 or £17.00 for 3



TECOPHILAEA CYANOCROCUS  
VIOLACEA

### CYANOCROCUS VIOLACEA 128-06

Intensely dark blue petalled, like a dramatic thundery sky.

March • 5" (12.5cm)  
£6.00 or £17.00 for 3

## Order for Late Summer Despatch 2016

### Bulbs that need Early Planting this Autumn

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



TROPAEOLUM TRICOLOR

## TROPAEOLUM

Winter-growing forms of these climbers, starting to grow in late September and flowering in late spring. They are not reliably hardy below about -5°C, but grown in pots with something to climb up and protected in the coldest weather they are actually better grown somewhere cool rather than too warm.

### TRICOLOR 47-06

Exhibiting shoals of stunning red, black and yellow flowers that last ages in flower. Early ordering a must, they start growing early in the autumn. One of the most spectacular plants that we sell, and a favourite of mine.

Spring • climbing up to 4' (120cm) **£4.00**

Stock ref. no.	Plant name	Price & Pack Sz	No of Packs	£
113-152	N. Paperwhite Ziva (EXAMPLE ONLY)	6.00/5	1	6.50

subtotal  
 carriage  
 total

Postage on a Late Summer order  
 £4.95 (mainland UK only)

The example at the top shows the information we need – in particular, the **reference number** given beside the plant name in the catalogue

If possible, specify acceptable alternatives in case some of your choices are not available

If you want your order to be sent as a gift to someone else (invoice to you), tick the box and put the recipient's name and address and postcode in the space provided in Other Delivery Instructions.

Is this an order for collection?

Is it a gift?

**Safepace** - if you are likely to be out during the day, please suggest where the parcel should be left or who else might accept delivery.



**Please record personal and payment details overleaf**

## Order for Late Summer Despatch 2016

### Bulbs that need Early Planting this Autumn

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VELTHEMIA BRACTEATA

### VELTHEMIA BRACTEATA

170-01

Winter growing plants from South Africa, slightly red hot poker like in flower, but closer to Lachenalia as the flowers are all tubular and the leaves quite succulent. These are some that we have been growing for some years with lovely large rounded bulbs. Suitable for a frost free conservatory with a dry summer rest.

March/April • 18" (45cm)  
£5.00

## Collection Times

We are primarily a business that operates by Mail Order. But if you live nearby, or are passing by when we are likely to be getting your order ready, you might like to collect your order and save on the postage?

We are open for such circumstances by arrangement from 19 September to the end of October 2016.



# Autumn 2016

PLANTS AND BULBS TO PLANT IN THE AUTUMN, MOSTLY TO FLOWER IN 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

ALLIUM AMBASSADOR

### ALLIUM

*Always welcome in the garden as the flowers offer height and distinction in the early summer when most gardens are not quite so colourful. Their exclamation mark shape differentiates them from the surrounding planting, and the companion plants 'hide' what is sometimes distracting foliage, which is tending to begin to yellow at flowering time. They are generally plants of sunny and well-drained soils, and can be used in dramatic eye-catching sweeps, or else, in a more cottagey style, as isolated small groups to equally good effect. Everyone seems to love Alliums, they tell us so at the flower shows and, just as importantly, knowing that the beneficial insects and bees are struggling nowadays, it is worth a reminder that the Alliums provide fantastic food 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?*

### AMBASSADOR 53-60

Beginning to flower in late May these heads should see one through all of June with tall stems topped by mid purple heads about 5" (10cm) across. Very big bulbed plants benefitting from deep planting to ensure that the stems do not wobble. Good seed heads follow the main flower show.

June • 40" (100 cm)  
£7.50 for 3

### 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 and not too dry. Divide them again when they are thick.

July/August • 12" (30cm)  
£6.50 for 3 - (divisions not true bulbs)

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ALLIUM CRISTOPHII



ALLIUM ANGULOSUM



ALLIUM CERNUUM

### CERULEUM 53-14

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

June • 18" (45cm)  
£3.70 for 15

### CERNUUM 53-04

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

Summer • 18" (45cm)  
£5.00 for 5

### CRISTOPHII 53-11

If you only ever buy two or three Alliums, this must be one of them. Sculptural flower heads which are initially greenish purple, gradually transformed as they are pollinated to a metallic silvery violet all borne on quite stocky stems. Spherical melon sized heads complement the purples of rampant geranium or the spikier silvery blues of Lavender. Buff coloured seed heads follow. Plant them 8+" apart in sunny well drained soils in borders or even rough grass, they will also tolerate some shade.

June • 10-16" (25-40cm)  
£3.15 for 3, £9.90 for 10  
or £19.40 for 20



ALLIUM CERULEUM



ALLIUM GIGANTEUM



ALLIUM HOLLANDICUM



ALLIUM GLOBEMASTER



ALLIUM GLADIATOR



ALLIUM HOLLANDICUM PURPLE SENSATION

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### GIGANTEUM 53-20

Densely filled heads in pale purple the size of a grapefruit top a tall bare stem. A central Asian species requiring well-drained soils and a sunny site, the leaves have mostly withered away when they come to flower. Its name refers to its impressive height rather than to a huge flower.

Late June/July • 48" (120cm)  
£4.00 or £10.50 for 3

### GLADIATOR 53-55

With fully rounded flowers this is a solid hybrid between *A. aflatunense* and *A. elatum*. In a pinkish purple shade on strong stems. Easy, increasing and supplied as big bulbs these always flower and last well.

June • 36" (90cm)  
£8.00 for 3

### GLOBEMASTER 53-46

Probably the best large headed *Allium* hybrid with exceptionally long lasting flowers, the first array replaced by another second flush of deep violet-purple flowers. The insects still love to feed on them though you'll not get a remnant dry 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 with *Astrantia* 'Roma' or *Polemonium* 'Sonia's Bluebell'.

May/June • 36" (90cm)  
£4.50 or £12.50 for 3

### HOLLANDICUM 53-08

Best for bigger gardens, or where you might want a more subtle and textured display. They provide a slight 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).  
£3.30 for 5, £6.00 for 10  
or £11.00 for 20

### HOLLANDICUM PURPLE SENSATION 53-09

An intense deep purple coloured strain, with heads the size of small oranges. Another of that select group of 'must have' *Alliums*. They provide purple polka dots in your planting scheme, adding colour, texture and geometric shapes to your borders. Derived from a clone these should all be the same hue.

May/ June • 30" (75cm)  
£3.90 for 5, £7.00 for 10 or  
£12.80 for 20

£23.50



## Do see the Allium Collection

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ALLIUM MOUNT EVEREST



ALLIUM OBLIQUUM



ALLIUM KARATAVIENSE



ALLIUM POWDER PUFF



ALLIUM IVORY QUEEN



ALLIUM NIGRUM



ALLIUM NIGRUM PINK JEWEL



ALLIUM PINBALL WIZARD

### KARATAVIENSE 🏆 53-22

Characterised by low tough broad grey-green red rimmed foliage covered in a dusty bloom, these look as though they come from a modern design school with such metallic looking leaves. A pale pinkish white flower is held on a short stem. Best grown in tight clumps, 4" (10cm) apart in sunny sites, and ideal for gravel gardens or silvery planters.

May/June • 10" (25cm)  
£4.00 for 5 or £11.40 for 15

### KARATAVIENSE IVORY QUEEN 53-23

This form, selected from those above, is similarly grey-green leaved but with a pale margin and an apple-white flower. The two go together perfectly and the two forms could be intermingled.

May/June • 10" (25cm)  
£4.00 for 5 or £11.40 for 15

### MOUNT EVEREST 53-43

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 colours such as *Gladiolus byzantinus*, and planted with a dark backdrop, though some planted in the dappled shade of a Laburnum are great, we suggest about 12" (30cm) apart.

May/June • 36" (90cm)  
£7.00 for 3 or £11.00 for 5

### NIGRUM 53-24

Greeny-black ovaries in the centre of each floret provide the source of the name, though the suggestion of blackness in the name does not sit so well with an otherwise creamy white flower! The shape is less rounded, more that of a flattened umbel, easily grown in sunny well-drained soils with a dry summer rest.

June • 24" (60cm)  
£4.00 for 5 or £7.00 for 10

### NIGRUM PINK JEWEL 53-65

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

May/June • 36" (90cm)  
£6.50 for 3

### OBLIQUUM 53-26

Siberian, so incredibly tough and despite being in leaf all winter, perfectly hardy. Flowers the size of large eggs in June when they eventually stand erect, greenish-yellow and quite 'fluffy'. Increasing from seed as well as clump forming.

June • 24" (60cm)  
£8.00 for 3

### PINBALL WIZARD 53-61

Fully 6" (15 cm) across these are not as densely packed with flowers as the heads of *Globemaster*, so the effect is rather more fluffy but they are tall on thick stems so resistant to weather, the flowers a mid purple. Rather earlier flowering too, at their best in mid May

May • 40" (100 cm)  
£7.50 for 3

### POWDER PUFF 53-66

Relatively low growing but large flowered, a broad leaved allium with violet purple flowers about the size of a tennis ball on much shorter stems than would normally be expected for the size of head, a hybrid (*allium nevskianus* X *allium servaschanicum*, both from Central Asia since you asked!)

May/June • 15" (35cm)  
£8.00 for 3



ALLIUM PURPLE RAIN



ALLIUM SENESCENS SSP. GLAUCUM



ALLIUM UNIFOLIUM



NECTAROSCORDUM TRIPEDALE



ALLIUM SCHUBERTII



ALLIUM SPHAEROCEPHALON



ALLIUM TUBEROSUM



NECTAROSCORDUM SICULUM

### ALLIUM 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 5-6" (15cm) across. With such popular and eminent parentage these are evidently superior and will become increasingly popular themselves. I am not sure whether the person who named it was a Prince fan, but in the year of his death maybe there is a connection?

June (later than Purple Sensation) 38" (100cm)  
£6.00 for 5 or £11.00 for 10

### SCHUBERTII 53-31

Spectacular and eccentric. Emerging early in the late winter they are at some risk in extreme winters but planted in a warm sunny garden and given a dry warm rest following flowering these 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!

June • 18" (45cm)  
£10.00 for 3

### SENESCENS SSP. GLAUCUM 53-30

These are one of the summer flowering Alliums (as is A. angulosum another) which really come into their own in the summer, they flower for ages and stay low, tidy and neat in the sun. These are from northern Asia, with pale lilac flowers over lovely blue grey-green foliage. Plants from division, not true bulbs.

Summer • 12" (30cm)  
£7.50 for 3 (small clumps)

### SPHAEROCEPHALON 53-33

Butterflies love these egg shaped heads (and about the same size) initially deep green in June, turning purple from their tips in July. Swaying and waving in the summer breezes on long wiry stems. Woven through a summer border they visually 'tie things together'. Easy and inexpensive, and no less good for that. We always supply much bigger than generally available, ensuring that the resulting flowering will be better as a result. Plant them 3" apart or 10-15 per square foot.

Summer • 24" (60cm)  
£3.80 for 15, £5.75 for 25 or £10.50 for 50

### TUBEROSUM 53-38

As much a herb as a bulb, (much as are chives) but with a long flowering period through the summer, the white flowers over lush foliage on very wiry stems and afterward they seed about. They are multifaceted plants, and brilliant insect feeding stations too.

Aug/Oct • 24" (60cm)  
£6.00 for 3 (small clumps)

### UNIFOLIUM 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, or rockery. The small bulbs are planted quite close together, their massed effect is very attractive.

May • 10" (25cm)  
£5.50 for 20

### 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. However for accuracy's sake we list them separately, but together (though out of strict alphabetic order).*

### SICULUM 53-32

Tall stemmed (with a pronounced keel – think of the seam in a pair of tights) leading to dozens of hanging green and burgundy marked bells pendulously arranged in a loose head. They enjoy more shade than true Alliums might and seed about in conditions that they like. The bees love them. The dry seed heads look like models of multi-turreted fairy castles.

Early summer • 30" (75cm)  
£3.20 for 5 or £6.00 for 10

### TRIPEDALE 53-25

Like N. siculum above, but with more numerous flowers in a gorgeous soft pink which emerge spectacularly from their translucent sheath, a fascinating process. Not as difficult to grow as the price suggests, but uncommon and very select. How should one say the name? I am not sure, but hope that it should be 'tripe-dali' rather than 'tripe-dale'.

Special offer alert - these are such good plants that deserve to be more widely available and to encourage this we have a special offer for 3 bulbs rather than the £11.00 each we charged in 2015. Order before they all go, the numbers available are limited

June • 36" (100cm)  
£15.00 for 3





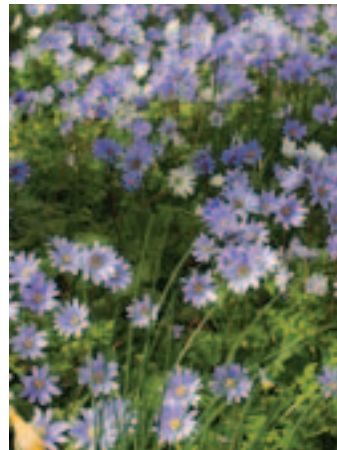
ANEMONE BLANDA BLUE



ANEMONE BLANDA WHITE SPLENDOUR



ANEMONE BLANDA PINK STAR



ANEMONE APENNINA



ANEMONE RANUNCULOIDES FLORE PLENA



ANTHERICUM LILIAGO MAJOR



ANEMONE NEMOROSA

## ANEMONE

*The spring flowering anemones ought to take over from the crocus in late March for their turn in the limelight, this spring they started flowering in mid February. They mark that moment when the weather is on the turn for the better and the brighter light 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 bare branches and evergreens, 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 (A. apennina and A. nemorosa) forms need a cooler, shady 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, probably better than A. blanda for our conditions. Pale blue or white flowered with many deeply cut petals on flowers held well above soft mounds of leaves. Ideal under big deciduous trees or in light grass following snowdrops and flowering with the early daffodils. Both colours are equally lovely and they combine very naturally. Plant in small groups 6" (15cm) apart where they will seed about. Home grown and dug to order the damp packed rhizomes are inevitably rather variable in size.

March/April • 8" (20cm)  
£7.50 for 5

### BLANDA BLUE 57-07

Low growing in shades of blue flowers which shimmer close to the ground in the March winds and shake off the rain. Easy in any summer shaded spot wherever the more angled spring light (and moisture) penetrate through.

March • 4" (10cm)  
£2.00 for 10, £4.50 for 25  
or £8.00 for 50

### BLANDA PINK STAR 57-08

Pale pink flowered plants of the same stature and usefulness.

March • 4" (10cm)  
£3.80 for 10

### BLANDA WHITE SPLENDOUR 57-12

Gleaming white petals surrounding a hub of golden stamens, and when ruffled by the wind showing their pink tinged backs. Opening widely in direct sunshine, their flowering is a sure sign that spring has arrived. Warmer soils and direct light suit them best, in too much shade they get rather leggy. Larger corms, which you will receive whole - many sell these cut into smaller pieces. Cyclamen hederifolium for a leafy contrast Another plant that is great around deciduous shrubs with good winter stems such as Cornus alba 'Westonbirt' the striking red stems of the Cornus provide a great contrast to the white flowers of the Anemone. For a more subtle combination, the dwarf willow, Salix hastata 'Wehrhahnii' produces beautiful pure white cotton bud like flowers which harmonise with the white flowers of the Anemone

March • 5" (13cm)  
£3.55 for 10, £8.15 for 25  
or £14.25 for 50

### NEMOROSA 57-20

The wild wood anemone. The simplest of low white flowers from stick-like rhizomes, for woodland like situations, in shade with leafmold rich soils.

April • 4" (10cm)  
£4.00 for 5

### RANUNCULOIDES FLORE PLENA 57-27

A native of Europe with all the characteristics of the wood anemone but these have bright yellow double petalled flowers. Easy and increasing in humus rich soil in woodland conditions.

April • 5" (13cm)  
£5.50 for 3

## ANTHERICUM

### LILIAGO MAJOR 58-05

Pretty white flowered perennials from southern Europe. A crown of thick fleshy roots when dormant in the autumn, providing for splendid, informal looking plants that enjoy moisture retentive soil in good light. When settled, will carry ten or more flower stems piercing upward through the foliage each carrying a dozen or more flowers. The flowers, looking like little flared trumpets with yellow stamens, open sequentially up the stems. Border plants for good fertile soils in the sun. Plant 2', 60cm apart.

May • 24" (60cm)  
£6.50

## ASPHODELUS

ALBUS 34-05

This Asphodel makes a strong structural statement with its broadly branching habit, the stems carrying starchy white flowers, finely henna lined. Best in a sunny border or gravel garden and in early growth through the winter, more suitable for early autumn planting. Architectural and structural plants for full sun, probably planted no closer than 2' (60cm) apart. Expect big roots!

Summer • 3-5' (90-150cm)  
£12.00



ASPHODELUS ALBUS



BOMAREA SALSILLA



LEICHTLINII ALBA

## BOMAREA

SALSILLA 🏆 10-04

Mexican and South American climbers that one would imagine ought to need protection, but recent winters here have left them untouched by cold, buried deep in the ground. Pink flowered on the ends of thick tangled stems with quite succulent-like foliage, sometimes the heads look down, or up, but never the same way! They will need full sun or part shade and you will need to provide support when in growth.

Summer flowering • 30" (70cm)  
£5.00

## 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 totally hardy they are 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 £12.50 for 3



## CAMASSIA

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*Very hardy bulbs of North American origin that love that heavy, often rather poorly drained soil that many bulbs find is 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 alternative? Suitable for borders or in grassland where one can achieve a full six weeks of interest using just a few different varieties.*

LEICHTLINII SSP.  
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, 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 sometimes flower from quite small bulbs, these planted about 9" (22cm) apart. They generally flower about 10-14 days later than the blue C. 'caerulea' form.

May/June • 36" (90cm)  
£6.00 for 3 or £17.00 for 9

LEICHTLINII (SSP.  
SUKSDORFII)  
CAERULEA 70-06

A brilliant plant for heavy clay 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 heavier soils that hold the moisture. Ideal partners might be Polygonatum x hybridum, Maianthemum racemosum or Tellima grandiflora. Big bulbs that ought to have 5" of soil over them when planted 9" (22cm) apart.

April/May • 32" (80cm)  
£5.30 for 5 or £10.00 for 10



BONGARDIA CHRYSOGONUM



LEICHTLINII SUKSDORFII CAERULEA



CAMASSIA BLUE HEAVEN



CAMASSIA MAYBELLE



LEICHTLINII SEMI-PLENA



QUAMASH (ESCULETA)



LEICHTLINII ELECTRA



CAMASSIA SACAJAWEA



LEICHTLINII AVON'S STELLAR HYBRIDS

### BLUE HEAVEN 70-17

Paler blue than all the other Camassia that we sell and of middling height. This is the result of a crossing of *C. cusickii* and *C. leichtlinii*, and a considerable improvement on the standard pale blue *C. cusickii* which gives Camassia generally a bad name as it does not flower well after the first year, but sold cheaply is often people's first introduction to the family).

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
£10.00 for 5

### LEICHTLINII ELECTRA 70-10

One of the very best Camassias, although it seems never to be in flower long enough. Large headed with large pale lilac purple flowers. They set no seed so increase only slowly to magnificent clumps as the big bulbs develop. The original stock (going back all those 30 years) came from Beth Chatto, and still a welcome sight every spring.

Apr/May • 36" (100 cm)  
£7.50

### LEICHTLINII CAERULEA MAYBELLE 70-16

Flowering two or three weeks later than the one above, this form is more compact and the flower colour is less purple and more blue than those of the plant above. Late May can be a time when one is short of colour in the garden so these should really fill a gap and extend the season.

May 24" (60cm)  
£6.50 for 5

### LEICHTLINII AVON'S STELLAR HYBRIDS 70-11

A seed raised 'swarm' these are the result of hybridisation and selection work done here. The resulting plants exhibit widely varying colours, combinations of purple blue, mauve, greyish, purplish, green and pale pink. We cannot guarantee what you might receive, but many are eye-catching 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  
£5.50 for 5

### LEICHTLINII SACAJAWEA 70-15

A variegated form with a cream coloured margin to the leaf and cream flowers, this nicely accentuates what is (in Camassia generally) not very interesting foliage. The name honours a native American Indian woman who found the explorers on the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1805 starving as they crossed America east to west (and back again, for the first time) feeding them 'quamash' bulbs.

May/June • 36" (90cm)  
£9.00 for 3

### LEICHTLINII SEMI-PLENA 70-08

A tall tower of full petalled, almost fluffy looking cream coloured flowers, a sterile form of the species plant *C. leichtlinii alba*, but the benefit of sterility is for us a long flowering season. Better where they get more sun than shade and best where the soils are damp through spring and early summer.

June • 36" (90cm)  
£3.50 or £9.00 for 3

### QUAMASH (ESCULETA) 70-05

The shortest form of Camassia, suitable for naturalizing in rough very late mown grass or to dot in groups informally in the borders. Smaller bulbs, which give rise to rich, dark purple-blue flowers with startling yellow stamens. A 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)  
£3.80 for 10 or £7.00 for 25  
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£3.80 for 10 or £7.00 for 25



CHIONODOXA LUCILIAE



CHIONODOXA PINK GIANT



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS HOFHEIM



CHIONODOXA BLUE GIANT



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS BLUSH



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS FORTINS GIANT

## CHIONODOXA

The main spring bulbs provide a big range of shapes, strong colours and varied textures. It can all look a bit 'scrambled' and a way to combine them all better 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 steady consistency. Any of the Chionodoxa, Muscari, Scilla and Anemone provide this function.

### LUCILIAE 72-04

Multifunctional small bulbs, they can go into perennial beds or be naturalized in rock gardens in 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 low 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.

February/March • 4" (10cm)  
£3.75 for 20, £8.50 for 50  
or £16.00 for 100

### 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 more light to avoid flopping over. Plant about 1" - 2" (2.5-5cm) apart, or 15 per square foot.

February/March • 5" (13cm)  
£2.80 for 10 or £6.50 for 25

### 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 Chionodoxa were flowering their socks off and providing a very good early show.

March/April 6" (15cm)  
£4.00 for 10 or £9.50 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 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 May.*

### MAJALIS BLUSH 75-10

In paint terms these are probably rose white, so they are the palest of pinks but they increase well. Do plant these in light shade so avoiding direct warm May sun which bleaches the colour from the flower.

£6.00 for 3

### MAJALIS FORTINS GIANT 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 to plant horizontally about 2" deep (5 cm) and double that apart.

£3.50 for 5

### MAJALIS HOFHEIM 75-12

A creamy yellow edge to the otherwise plain green leaf marks these out, the edge is considered rather stronger in this form than it is in the variety 'Hardwick Hall' (which we are resting at the moment), the flower is creamy white and scented.

£4.00 each



See the Little Blue  
Bulbs Collection

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£13.50



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS FERNWOOD'S  
GOLDEN SLIPPERS



CORYDALIS BLUE DRAGON



CORYDALIS SOLIDA GEORGE BAKER



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS ROSEA



CORYDALIS FLEXUOSA CHINA BLUE



CORYDALIS SOLIDA

## MAJALIS FERNWOOD'S GOLDEN SLIPPERS 75-11

A startlingly golden leaved form, particularly in the early spring before the flowers appear and they appear perfectly stable as there has been no reversion to green. From the late Stephen Taffler (inveterate variegated plant addict) who used to live nearby.

£2.50 or £7.00 for 3

## MAJALIS ROSEA 75-07

Like small and very expensive 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 all the Convallaria you'll need a dose of patience before they thicken up.

£7.00 for 5

## CORYDALIS

*A family with snapdragon like flowers – but those we sell fall into two distinct groups, the blue flowered flexuosa forms which we supply already growing in pots, and the solida types with corky tubers. The latter will cope anywhere in sun or part shade and will seed about, the former need encouragement to grow away from the compost in which they are established before they settle in.*

## 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)  
£2.90

## 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)  
£2.90

## SOLIDA 76-15

Small wizened pebble-like tubers, the size of small marbles which produce froths of grey-green foliage and attractive spikes of spurred flowers in lilac, pink and purple hues. Easy in any well drained soil, even in our heavy loam planted in summer shade they happily seed about.

March/April • 4" (10cm)  
£4.20 for 10

## SOLIDA GEORGE BAKER 76-04

A vibrant red coloured clone, originally discovered in Romania in the 1930s and further selected in Holland, being named after a famous mountaineer. These do set seed, though the resulting seedlings may themselves produce varied colours.

March/April • 4" (10cm)  
£3.50 or £10.00 for 3



## CROCUS

CHRYSANTHUS BLUE PEARL

### CROCUS (SPRING FLOWERING)

*The C. tommasinianus forms are great in light grass or in borders, self-sowing and increasing where happy, potentially getting everywhere. The garden hybrids, forms of C. chrysanthus, C. biflorus and C. sieberi have been raised for garden use in suitable (but possibly more restricted) situations. Mice and squirrels are a problem with these and the other 'target' bulbs. Mesh baskets sold by garden centres and DIY stores for aquatic plants are a great help (with the addition of a home-made wire lid), these buried containers should thwart those pesky raiders. The bigger and later flowering C. vernus or 'Dutch' forms are much bigger bulbed and have the advantage of both persisting better and being relatively unaffected by rodents.*

#### CHRYSANTHUS BLUE PEARL ♡ 78-12

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

**£3.75 for 20 or £8.70 for 50**

#### CHRYSANTHUS CREAM BEAUTY ♡ 78-14

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

**£3.75 for 20 or £8.70 for 50**

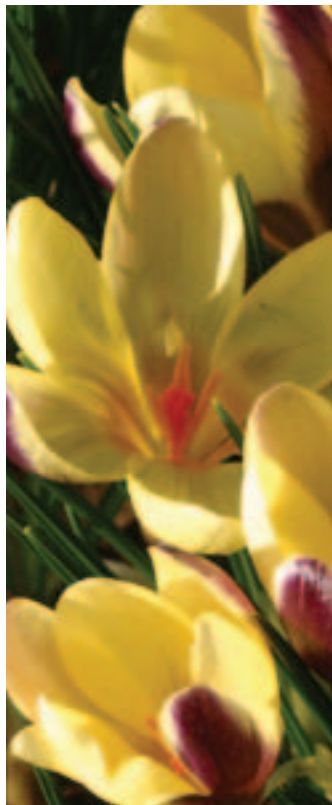
#### CHRYSANTHUS GYPSY GIRL 78-20

Golden yellow throughout the flower with darker brushing on the reverse of the petals. Bigger flowered.

**£4.30 for 20 or £10.25 for 50**



CHRYSANTHUS SNOW BUNTING



CHRYSANTHUS HERALD



CHRYSANTHUS CREAM BEAUTY

#### CHRYSANTHUS HERALD 78-21

Yolk yellow within the flower with plum coloured backs to the petals, more highly coloured than most, though no more difficult.

**£4.15 for 10 or £10.00 for 25**

#### CHRYSANTHUS SNOW BUNTING ♡ 78-18

Ivory-white with a yellow throat inside and on the outside some purple brushing over the white ground.

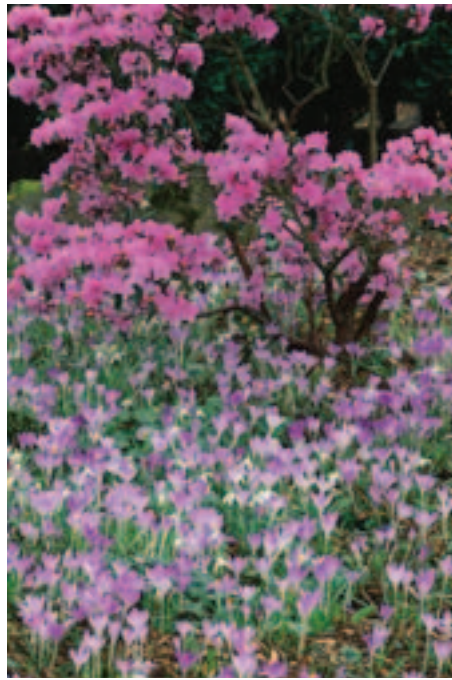
**£3.60 for 20 or £8.30 for 50**



CHRYSANTHUS GYPSY GIRL



CROCUS MINIMUS BAVELLA



RHODADENDRON PRAECOX AND CROCUS TOMMASINIANUS



CROCUS SIEBERI TRICOLOR



CROCUS YALTA



TOMMASINIANUS WHITEWELL PURPLE



TOMMASINIANUS RUBY GIANT

**MINIMUS BAVELLA** 78-66

Gorgeously marked with dark feathering up the backs of the lilac purple petals, these are derived from a Corsican species but being late flowering they miss most of the worst winter weather, also setting a lot of seed. A raised bed or similar in the sun would be ideal.  
**£2.50 for 3 or £5.50 for 7**

**SIEBERI TRICOLOR** 78-58

Early flowering where it needs a sunny site, a small but a bright flower, banded dark purple, yellow and lilac with short leaves at flowering time. One of the most intensely colourful of the crocuses, and persisting.  
**£3.80 for 20 or £9.00 for 50**

**TOMMASINIANUS** 78-42

Silvery lilac-lavender pink coloured flowers. These seed about and, being small in size, are not so appealing to (or found so readily) by mice and squirrels. These are the best to naturalise, in the true sense of the word These will be less uniform than the hybrids listed below which are easier to grow commercially (and to harvest) and they are of consequence somewhat cheaper! Flowering as soon as it starts to feel a bit warmer in early March.  
**£3.60 for 10 or £8.50 for 25**

**TOMMASINIANUS RUBY GIANT** 78-44

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 pink Cyclamen coum. Don't be deceived by the deceptive naming, they are neither Ruby nor Giant, just 'chubbier' and darker than Whitewell Purple below.  
**£3.60 for 20, £8.30 for 50 or £15.50 for 100**

**TOMMASINIANUS WHITEWELL PURPLE** 78-45

Free-flowering with silvery mauve-pink flowers and bright yellow anthers, this form is a little finer and paler in hue.. 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 look out for the seed-heads at soil level in June.  
**£3.60 for 20, £8.30 for 50 or £15.50 for 100**

**YALTA** 78-64

Bigger and bolder than the chrysanthus hybrids above but not as big as the Dutch types below, some left over bulbs have survived in some rough grass under a birch and done quite well here, our heavier soil generally does not suit the smaller crocus, though the 'tommies' do brilliantly. Alternating deep purple and silvery backed petals contrast nicely.  
**£3.00 for 10 or £6.50 for 25**



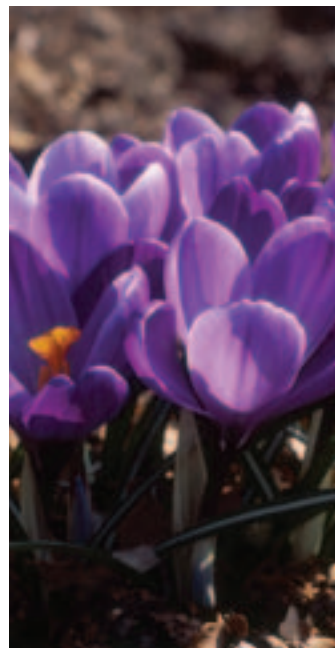
CROCUS PICKWICK



CROCUS GRAND MAITRE



CROCUS GOLDENYELLOW



CROCUS REMEMBRANCE



CROCUS JEANNE D'ARC

## CROCUS VERNUS 'DUTCH' HYBRIDS

*Selected over the centuries, originally from C. vernus these are useful in thicker grass (though in February and March the grass will hardly be growing) and being bigger bulbed they can be planted more deeply. 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" (12.5 cm) tall.*


### GRAND MAITRE 78-62

Lavender-violet with a silvery hue and a paler edge. Very pretty, either alone or as part of a mixed group.  
**£4.00 for 15, 7.50 for 30**  
 or **£14.00 for 60**

### PICKWICK 78-53

Strongly striped and feathered in violet over a white background. A larger flowered and vigorous crocus, generally with several flowers per corm.  
**£4.00 for 15, 7.50 for 30**  
 or **£14.00 for 60**

### GOLDENYELLOW 78-52

 Bright golden yellow flowers either for use alone or in combination with the purple forms. It has been found not to be a true C. vernus form at all but a triploid hybrid between C. vernus and C. angustifolius. Earlier than the others.  
**£4.00 for 15, 7.50 for 30**  
 or **£14.00 for 60**

### JEANNE D'ARC 78-51

A superb goblet shaped white crocus (occasionally with purple flecking) with strong stems. Great alone or else supporting a mix of other colours. Also we can recommend them as a foil to any of the Greigii tulips which flower at the same time, try a combination of the two in pots?  
**£4.00 for 15, 7.50 for 30**  
 or **£14.00 for 60**

### REMEMBRANCE 78-63

A deeper blue purple shade, with a good depth of colour and slightly shorter stemmed.  
**£4.00 for 15, 7.50 for 30**  
 or **£14.00 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. But here they seed through and pop up on 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 the attractive foliage into account and aim for that varied green tapestry that a mix of the two 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" apart.*

*Cyclamen coum flowers in the early spring and the foliage is smooth edged and rounded, Cyclamen hederifolium flowers in the early autumn with 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 🏆

51-16

Plump tubers throwing mainly 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 *Sarcococca*? These will be about 3 year old tubers, but even at that age, a year younger than the colour selected forms below.

Jan/March  
£14.00 for 5



CYCLAMEN COUM



CYCLAMEN COUM ALBUM



CYCLAMEN COUM ROSEUM



CYCLAMEN COUM SILVER LEAF



CYCLAMEN COUM DARK PINK



CYCLAMEN REPANDUM

### COUM ROSEUM 51-17

Pale pink flowered, the easiest colour to combine with those other early spring gems. But a year older than those above they will have bigger tubers and so will produce more flowers than them in their first year.

Jan/March  
£13.00 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 the pinks, or planted with your snowdrops, to maintain an all-white theme.

Jan/March  
£13.50 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  
£13.50 for 3

### COUM SILVER LEAF 51-19

These demonstrate a silvery sheened leaf, still defined by the 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  
£15.00 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, but providing fragrant deep carmine coloured flowers in late spring. Like the others they do set seed and spread where happy.

April/May  
£5.40 each or £15.00 for 3



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM



DICHELOSTEMMA CONGESTUM



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM



DICHELOSTEMMA IDA-MAIA

## AUTUMN FLOWERING FORMS

### HEDERIFOLIUM 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, eventually becoming very large and corky tubered.

Aug/Oct  
£12.00 for 5

### HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM 51-08

Selected white flowered tubers of the form above, these were selected out from amongst the pink flowered forms 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  
£10.50 for 3

## DICHELOSTEMMA

*Allium like bulbs of North West America with nice stories to go with them. Unusual plants in our UK gardens but normally hardy and tough enough to grow in lighter 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)  
£4.50 for 5 or £8.00 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)  
£2.90 for 5 or £8.00 for 15



# ERYTHRONIUM

ERYTHRONIUM PAGODA



ERYTHRONIUM WHITE BEAUTY



ERYTHRONIUM REVOLUTUM

## ERYTHRONIUM

*The Dog's Tooth Violet is the only form with a European origin (the name referring to the shape of the bulb) The others are all American species or hybrids where the common name for them is 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 deeper shade in the summer. They all have interesting leaves and combine well with Dicentra, Trilliums, Epimedium and the many wood Anemones.. Knightshayes Court, or The Garden House at Buckland Monochorum, both have good displays.*

### DENS CANIS 🌸 84-08

The European 'Dog's Tooth Violet'. Magically mottled leaves in green, brown and purple; usually pale pink to lilac flowered but sometimes white.. They benefit from good light in the spring, though if it gets warm too early the flowers are rather fleeting. Some shade may then help. Plant 3" to 4" (7-10cm) apart.

March • 6" (15cm)  
£4.50 for 3 or £9.50 for 7

### DENS CANIS OLD ABERDEEN 84-09

Noted for their exceptionally dark leaf markings these are more deeply coloured than the standard E. dens canis. First named (I believe) by Carol Scott whom I met and stayed with many years ago near Glasgow. They should increase quite rapidly.

March • 4" (10cm)  
£4.50

### 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 mauve-purple stamens.

March • 4" (10cm)  
£4.00 or £11.00 for 3

### PAGODA 🌸 84-17

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

April • 12" (30cm)  
£4.00 for 3 or £11.00 for 9

### REVOLUTUM 🌸 84-21

The 'wild' pink flowered Erythronium, originally from the western seaboard of North America, right through from California to Vancouver but now fairly widespread and a welcome highlight in woodland gardens here. They seed around quite vigorously and mix in very naturally with wood anemones, A. apennina, and all those low gems of April. Never in flower for long, and the leaves sometimes marked with brown flecks.

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



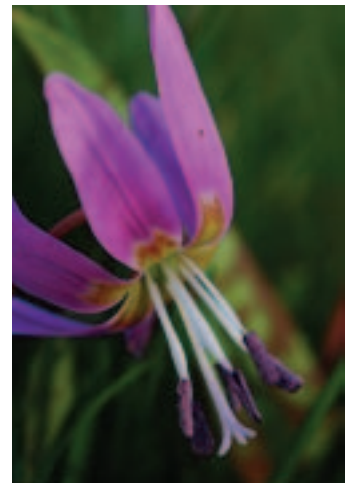
ERYTHRONIUM REVOLUTUM KNIGHTSHAYES PINK



ERYTHRONIUM DENS CANIS



ERYTHRONIUM SNOWFLAKE



ERYTHRONIUM OLD ABERDEEN

### REVOLUTUM KNIGHTSHAYES PINK 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 handle the tubers carefully, they are long and fragile.

April • 8" (20cm)  
£4.80 or £13.50 for 3

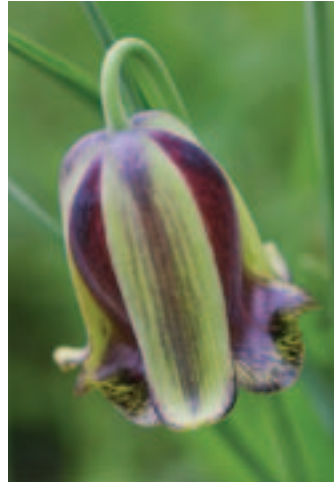
### WHITE BEAUTY 🌸 84-15

Probably the best Erythronium for a small garden and possibly my favourite, if you have visited Knightshayes in Devon in early April you'll know why. A very handsome and compact hybrid with marked leaves and creamy white flowers, often multi-stemmed on established plants. Pamper it with deep leaf mould rich soils in the summer shade of trees or shrubs. Plant 5" (12cm) apart.

April • 8" (20cm)  
£4.50 or £12.50 for 3



# FRITILLARIA

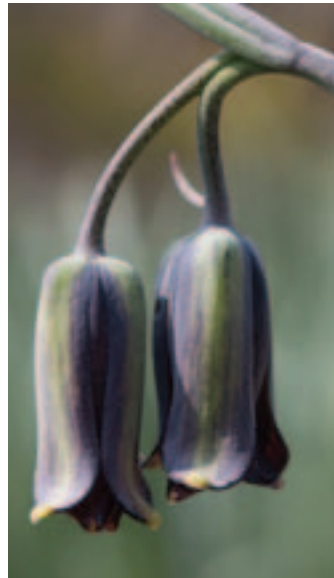


FRITILLARIA ACMOPETALA



FRITILLARIA WILLIAM REX

FRITILLARIA MELEAGRIS



FRITILLARIA ELWESII



FRITILLARIA RASCAL CHOPIN

FRITILLARIA IMPERIALIS LUTEA

## 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 suited to 'ordinary' UK garden conditions but, particularly if you can invest some effort into their planting and exercise judgment in where to plant them, the following are suitable. Our website does provide more detail on all of them.

### ACMOPETALA 🍷 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. For sun, or part shade, in drier conditions out of the strongest wind.

April/May • 12" (30cm)  
£5.10 for 3 or £8.00 for 5

### ELWESII 85-07

Dark stemmed with narrow slate and green flowers covered in a fine bloom held atop a fine stem that would prefer somewhere out of excessive wind. 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)  
£6.20 for 3

### IMPERIALIS WILLIAM REX 85-20

Deeply coloured orange-red flowers which ring a strong dark stem. A selected 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)  
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

### IMPERIALIS RASCAL CHOPIN 85-23

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

March/April • 30" (75cm)  
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

### IMPERIALIS LUTEA 85-21

Strong yellow flowers 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 further flowering.

April • 36" (90cm)  
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

### MELEAGRIS 🍷 85-27

The ever popular Snakeshead Fritillary. Maroon-coloured, serpent like, darkly chequered nodding bells, a smattering of which are 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)  
£3.30 for 15, £10.50 for 50  
or £20.00 for 100



FRITILLARIA MELEAGRIS ALBA



FRITILLARIA MICHAILOVSKYI



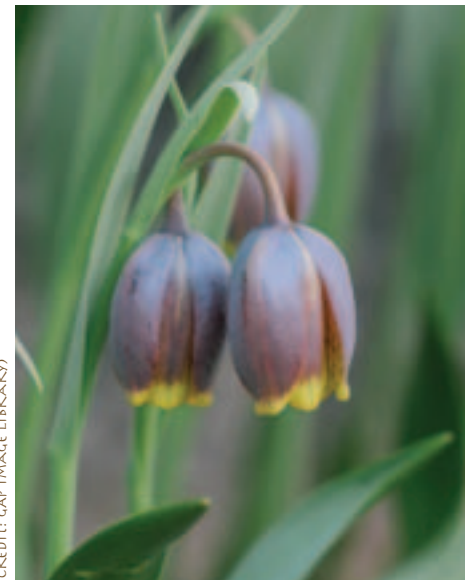
FRITILLARIA PALLIDIFLORA



FRITILLARIA PONTICA



FRITILLARIA RADDEANA



FRITILLARIA UVA-VULPIS

**MELEAGRIS ALBA**

🔔 85-28

Whilst the bulbs of *F. meleagris* (above) ought to be dominantly dark, these should be the converse, mainly a ghostly greeny white but darker ones do creep in occasionally. For darker corners or under late leafing shrubs they are ideal, the paler colours standing out in the shade.

March/April • 12" (30cm)  
£4.55 for 5 or £12.65 for 15

**MICHAILOVSKYI** 85-31

A striking small plant with a yellow band around the rim of the chunky bell shaped flower, the remainder being a reddish brown. These need well drained soil to persist in the ground, otherwise growing them in a pot in some protection such as a bulb frame to keep them drier, particularly in summer is advisable.

March / April • 8" (20cm)  
£2.50 for 3

**PALLIDIFLORA**

🔔 85-36

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

April • 12" (30cm)  
£3.50

**PONTICA** 🔔 85-39

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

April/May • 9" (25cm)  
£4.75 for 3 or £7.50 for 5

**RADDEANA** 85-41

Related to the Crown Imperials but rather shorter and more subtle with a 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 resilient to cold.

April • 18" (45cm)  
£5.00

**UVA VULPIS** 85-42

The name is latinised for the Turkish 'fox-grape', its common name in the Levant. There they are plants of cornfields and meadows but in our higher latitudes they need to be grown in the full sun, they are tall enough without being made taller by shade. So another sunny well drained spot out of the wind is called for.

March/April • 10" (26cm)  
£2.00 for 10



£13.75

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## GLADIOLUS

GLADIOLUS THE BRIDE



GLADIOLUS ATOM



GLADIOLUS NYMPH



GLADIOLUS NATHALIE

## GLADIOLUS

The 'named' dwarf gladioli flower in the early summer. Short enough not to need staking, they do not tower over the garden as do some of the larger forms. These named forms make particularly good cut flowers too. They grow away early, and this may result in the foliage being susceptible to severe late frost, so mulching is a possible requirement in 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, the voles are less likely to get to them.

### BYZANTINUS 88-04

Rich magenta coloured flowers with white flashes. These are free flowering plants with large strongly coloured flowers, the seed of which is probably infertile. They are lovely, colourful cottage garden plants, but in leaf early in the year in 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 ours is *G. byzantinus* ssp. *communis* which is often passed off as the same plant. They are like chalk and cheese. For sun or slight shade. Plant 4" (10cm) apart.

June • 24" (60cm)  
£6.00 for 5 or 11.50 for 10

### ATOM 88-18

Dusty orange-red flowers, each enriched by white piping, highlighting the petal shape particularly effective where the petals overlap one another. Best in well drained soils and in the sun.

July • 30" (75cm)  
£4.60 for 10 or £10.00 for 25

### MIRELLA 88-17

Pillar box red in flower with good upright stems. Clean and bright.

July • 30" (75cm)  
£4.95 for 10 or £10.75 for 25

### NATHALIE 88-19

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

July • 30" (75cm)  
£4.95 for 10 or £10.75 for 25

### NYMPH 88-11

White flowered, but clearly marked with loud pink and purple lipstick kisses on the 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)  
£4.80 for 10 or £10.50 for 25

### × COLVILLII

### THE BRIDE 88-06

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 in deep pots protected from the worst of the cold till spring and then plant these out into your sunny border.

June • 18" (45cm)  
£4.80 for 10 or £10.50 for 25

## HYACINTHOIDES

The family name that covers all the varied 'Bluebells', in the past listed by us within the *Scilla*. The true *Scillas* can still be found under their own heading.



GLADIOLUS BYZANTINUS



GLADIOLUS MIRELLA



HYACINTHOIDES NON SCRIPTA



HYACINTHOIDES NON SCRIPTA ALBA

## HYACINTHOIDES

### NON SCRIPTA 125-10

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

Apr/May • 12" (30cm)  
£4.50 for 10 or £10.50 for 25

### NON SCRIPTA ALBA 125-12

Rarely wild populations of English Bluebells have white flowered plants, it is from those that these derive, they will stand out in a sea of blue.

Apr/May 12" (30cm)  
£6.50 for 3

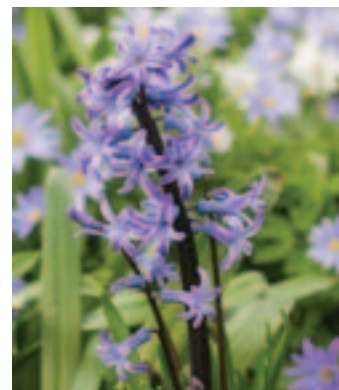


## HYACINTHUS

HYACINTHUS WOODSTOCK



HYACINTHUS MISS SAIGON



HYACINTHUS MULTIFLORA ANASTASIA



HYACINTHUS MULTIFLORA WHITE



HYACINTHUS CARNEGIE



HYACINTHUS DELFT BLUE



HYACINTHUS GIPSY QUEEN



WHITE 'ROMAN' HYACINTHS

## HYACINTHUS

The 'prepared' bulbs in the Late Summer section (Page 6) are more suited to forcing for very early indoor display. The ones below can be potted for use in the house, where they will flower in Feb-March, but look equally magnificent in pots in March and April or can be planted directly into the garden. All are tremendously fragrant. They prefer very well drained and sunny situations, reaching a height of 12" (30cm).

**CARNEGIE** 86-12  
Dense glossy white flowered spikes.  
£3.00 for 3 or £6.55 for 7

**DELFT BLUE** 86-11  
Compact spikes of mid blue.  
£2.90 for 3 or £6.30 for 7

**GIPSY QUEEN** 86-36  
Neither yellow nor salmon, but not pink either, though quite a refreshing and less dominant colour in the garden in the spring.  
£2.90 for 3 or £6.30 for 7

**MISS SAIGON** 86-21  
Richly violet purple  
£2.90 for 3 or £6.30 for 7

**WOODSTOCK** 86-17  
Deep beetroot purple, one of the most dramatic. Some big pots planted up with Woodstock and Carnegie decorated Alan's steps one spring, they were much admired.  
£2.80 for 3 or £6.00 for 7

**MULTIFLORA ANASTASIA** 86-20  
The multiflora forms are more slender, less dense and less soldierly in appearance, in effect less dominating of the little flowers with which they bloom so early, this is the prettiest deep blue with dark stems.  
£6.50 for 3 or £14.00 for 7

**MULTIFLORA WHITE** 86-09  
Simply white when fully open but quite yellow in bud. Slighter and much less rigid in appearance than the 'standard' orientalis forms.  
£6.60 for 3 or £14.25 for 7

## 'ROMAN' HYACINTHS

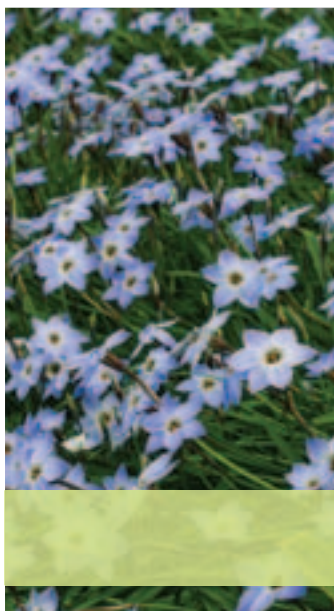
We have been asked repeatedly over the years to try and list these sought after plants. These 'wild' forms originating in southern France went out of fashion as breeders produced more and more sophisticated colours and forms. We have a limited number of white or blue flowered bulbs – with well-spaced narrow flared flowers on multistemmed plants. Natural, unregimented and simple, as well as fragrant. These do flower very early in their first year, we think that they will 'settle down' to a more expected March/April flowering in subsequent years.



BLUE 'ROMAN' HYACINTHS

**WHITE ROMAN HYACINTHS** 86-32  
£5.00 for 3

**BLUE ROMAN HYACINTHS** 86-33  
£5.00 for 3



IPHEION ROLF FIEDLER



IPHEION ALBERTO CASTILLO



IRIS APOLLO



IPHEION FROYLE MILL



IPHEION CHARLOTTE BISHOP



IRIS GYPSY BEAUTY



IRIS AUTUMN PRINCESS

## IPHEION

*These often start flowering early with pretty star shaped flowers, but their main display is reserved for late March and early April. They are easy in any reasonably well drained soils and a moderately sunny site and though the leaves are burnt off in a heavy frost (with the 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. Do not expect big bulbs, most of these are naturally small bulbed.*

### ALBERTO CASTILLO 97-09

The best Ipheion. Vigorous, with very white flowers over grey green foliage. Longer stemmed, which places the flowers well above the foliage and they pick well for small posies, but to prevent the longer stems from flopping you must plant them in full sun. They have grown abundantly so prices have dropped.  
**March/April • 9" (22cm)  
 £4.50 for 10**

### UNIFLORUM CHARLOTTE BISHOP 97-10

A pretty pink flowered form, dark pink on opening, fading gracefully in the sun, vigorous and increasing.  
**March/April • 6" (15cm)  
 £3.50 for 5**

### UNIFLORUM FROYLE MILL 97-08

Selected in Hampshire which explains the name, with starry violet flowers, vigorous.  
**March/April • 6" (15cm)  
 £3.50 for 5**

### ROLF FIEDLER 97-06

An intense powder blue and much more disc shaped flowers on stronger more upright stems, opening wide in the sun. It increases freely for us, but in cold gardens any of those above will be hardier.  
**March/April • 6" (15cm)  
 £3.50 for 5**

## IRIS X HOLLANDICA

*These are hybrid forms of Iris xiphium that the florists use to such good effect in the late spring and summer during their season. But the bulbs are reasonably inexpensive and you could easily grow your own? On their own roots they are likely to last longer than cut flowers too! These would be planted 4-6" (10-15cm) apart in sunny conditions and in lighter soils.*

### APOLLO 99-04

The colour of free range egg yolks, broad yellow falls (the lower part of the flower looking like a tongue) and creamy white, even blue tinted, standards (the three upright parts) these have good contrasting colours on sturdy plants.  
**May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)  
 £2.70 for 5 or £7.50 for 15**

### AUTUMN PRINCESS 99-09

Bronze coloured throughout, the name suggesting the autumnal hues that are brought to mind, but they still perform in early summer despite the suggestion of a much later flowering.

**May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)  
 £2.70 for 5 or £7.50 for 15**

### GYPSY BEAUTY 99-06

Tongues of yellow at the mouths of the falls contrast with the otherwise violet purple colours in the rest of the flower, resulting in an eye catching combination.

**May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)  
 £2.70 for 5 or £7.50 for 15**





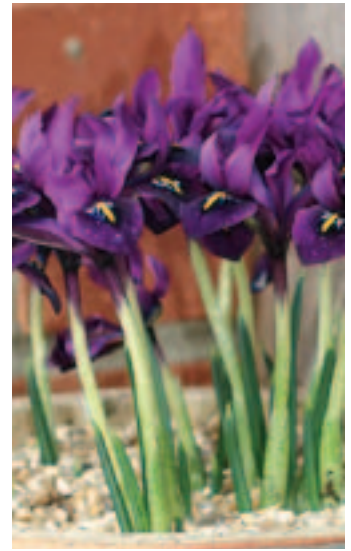
IRIS RED EMBER



IRIS SILVERY BEAUTY



IRIS MONT BLANC



IRIS GEORGE



IRIS PROFESSOR BLAAUW



IRIS KING OF THE BLUES



IRIS LADY BEATRIX STANLEY



IRIS GORDON

### PROFESSOR BLAAUW 99-08

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

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)  
£2.70 for 5 or £7.50 for 15

### RED EMBER 99-10

Shades of russet seem to describe these, though they also have a tinge of purple in some lights, it is an uncommon flower colour certainly but at the trial of these bulbs at Wisley suggested this to be a candidate for dusky stardom.

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)  
£2.70 for 5 or £7.50 for 15

### SILVERY BEAUTY 99-11

Simply fresh and floaty this is probably my favourite with white and pale violet flowers above leaves that show the silvery sheen implied in the name.

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)  
£2.70 for 5 or £7.50 for 15

### IRIS LATIFOLIA

*The 'English' Iris, though strangely the plants are not native to England but to the Pyrenees. These were more popular plants before the Dutch Iris (above) became widely available. But they are still hugely useful though now rather less well known. They are also hardier, later flowering and very late to emerge, the foliage is rarely out of the ground till mid-March.*

### KING OF THE BLUES 100-04

Midnight blue with a yellow and white 'beard'. Both these two forms are happier in heavier soils that retain moisture, in sun or part shade, maybe even in light grass.

June/July • 14-20" (35-50cm)  
£5.00 for 5

### MONT BLANC 100-05

White flowered with a fine yellow and white 'beard'. They should be planted no less than 4" (10cm) apart.

June/July • 14-20" (35-50cm)  
£5.00 for 5

### IRIS RETICULATA

*The 'reticulata' in the name refers to the netted tunic around the bulb. They are derived from plants native to the Middle East and do best in well drained conditions with a warm dry summer rest. They are not so easy to keep going from year to 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" planter or pot for an early spring treat.*

### HISTRIOIDES LADY BEATRIX STANLEY 101-22

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

February/March • 6" (15cm)  
£3.50 for 5

### GEORGE 101-06

Solid, broad, plum-purple petals with a yellow and white blotch, at flowering time the leaves are undeveloped so it is easier to get your nose close for that glorious scent.

Early February/March • 6" (15cm)  
£3.75 for 15 or £5.75 for 25

### GORDON 101-20

Pale dove grey blue on the standards, the falls darker, each marked with orange and white. Earlier flowering.

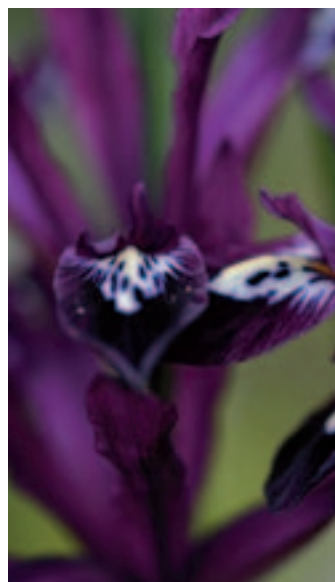
February/March • 6" (15cm)  
£3.60 for 15 or £5.50 for 25



IRIS HARMONY



IRIS PIXIE



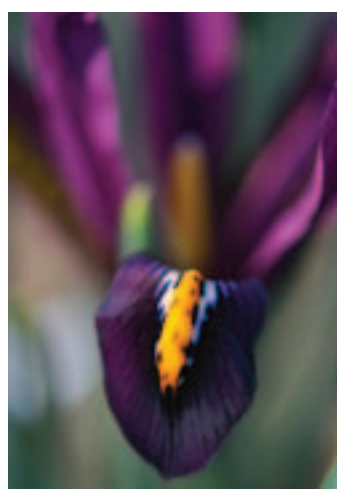
IRIS PAULINE



IRIS MARONDERA



IRIS KATHARINE HODGKIN



IRIS JS DIJT



IRIS MARY BARNARD



IRIS WALTER BUTT

**HARMONY** 101-11

Intensely gentian blue flowers, each with a small yellow and white crest on the falls. The most popular of all the forms.

February/March • 6" (15cm)  
£3.60 for 15 or £5.50 for 25

**JS DIJT** 101-12

A rich, velvety, reddish plum-purple colour with a strong fragrance in warm sunlight. Later flowering than most of the other forms.

February/March • 6" (15cm)  
£3.60 for 15 or £5.50 for 25

**KATHARINE HODGKIN** 101-07

An utterly distinct hybrid, raised by EB Anderson, predominantly yellow with blue and sea-green veining and markings. Of them all this is the most persisting and perennial form in a gritty rich soil in a sunny site.

February/March • 6" (15cm)  
£3.00 for 5 or £5.50 for 10

**PAULINE** 101-13

Dark velvety purple flowers with bright white highlights on the falls. Mid-season flowering.

February/March • 6" (15cm)  
£3.60 for 15 or £5.50 for 25

**PIXIE** 101-23

Wide petalled, as is George but the deepest of blues and scented.

February/March • 6" (15cm)  
£3.60 for 15 or £5.50 for 25

**IRIS UNGUICULARIS (STYLOSA)**

*A firm favourite for the winter garden. They need a sunny site and are often found to be growing on very poor soil, but they will perform better still in something half decent. Avoid shearing off the untidy foliage too much in the summer, rake out the dead leaves instead in the early autumn and give the plant some water and a liquid feed as it is then that they make their new roots and flower buds. New divisions need careful planting and firming in, regular watering till established and (if possible) some protection in the first winter.*

**MARY BARNARD** 102-05

Darkest of all and a glossy marvel in the spring, with velvety purple blue flowers with white and golden markings on the falls, the foliage shorter and darker. Discovered by E.B. Anderson near Algiers in 1962.

Feb/March • 15" (32cm)  
£6.50

**MARONDERA** 102-13

Larger flowered and slightly darker than the species form and just as tough as the others. from a garden near the town of that name in Zimbabwe many moons ago.

Feb/March • 15" (32cm)  
£6.00

**WALTER BUTT** 102-06

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

Nov/Feb • 18" (45cm)  
£6.50



IRIS UNGUICULARIS

**UNGUICULARIS** 102-04

The species plant with pale mauve flowers and paler silvery lilac standards. Tug firmly from the base of the furled flower buds to pull them out to take them into the house where the warmer temperatures will open the flowers quite quickly. In thick clumps beware sneaky slugs that are attracted to the flowers before they unfurl.

Feb/Mar • 15" (32cm)  
£5.00



IRIS UNGUICULARIS ALBA



IRIS TUBEROSA (HERMODACTYLUS)



IRIS BUCHARICA



IRIS GRAMINEA



## LILIUM

LILIUM MARTAGON CLAUDE SHRIDE

*shaded – many lily flowers will last longer in cooler shade. Plant at least 5" deep. If planting in the confinement of pots, even more care is needed, particularly with regular watering. Lily beetle are problem in warmer parts. Readily seen as red and black beetles that eat any foliage of the Liliaceae (which includes the Fritillaria) These beetles drop off and hide on the ground if you alarm them, but picking off the adults and cleaning the messy black 'eggs' off the foliage is moderately effective (and satisfies a lust for retribution) although Provado used systematically seems to reduce future generations more effectively. Please Note: The dormancy of these lilies means that there is a cut-off date after which it is too late to order L. candidum (which can also be ordered for Late Sumer despatch). The martagon lilies, conversely, 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 try hard to save costs and have your order all come at once)...*



LILIUM CANDIDUM

### UNGUICULARIS ALBA 102-11

All white flowered except for the yellow markings at the throat. Reportedly slightly less tough than its sisters but they have bloomed prodigiously this year.

Feb/Mar • 15" (32cm) £7.00

### IRIS (OTHER TYPES)

#### BUCHARICA 103-09

Easy to grow in a sunny border, despite the fact that it originates from Central Asia, bright glossy leaves and with creamy white and yellow flowers.

March/Apr • 12" (30cm) £3.00 for 3

#### GRAMINEA 103-06

Grassy leaved with plum coloured scented flowers, appreciative of a sun warmed soil. This was a stock that had become tired and is now much refreshed for being split up and put into fresh ground, effort repayed.

May/June 10" (25cm) £6.00 for 3

### TUBEROSA (HERMODACTYLUS) 103-10

Translucent black and jade-green flowers on long 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 in full sun in limier soil where it loves 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 7).

April • 6" (15cm) £4.50 for 10

## 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 a couple of 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*

### CANDIDUM 107-14

The 'Madonna Lily', large loose scaled and slightly shaggy bulbs of this plant (often seen as a religious icon in early Christian paintings). Satin white flowered with a delicious fragrance. They only need shallow planting in a warmer sunny spot in poor soil (also available from the Late Summer Section, on page 7).

June • 36" (90cm) £5.00 or £13.00 for 3

### MARTAGON 107-15

Refined and generally smaller lilies (in stature and flower size) with petals that reflex strongly. Best in dappled shade in nice soils on the limey side of the scale, the purple petals variable in colour with darker speckling. They do seem to sometimes take a while to settle in and there are reported cases of them taking a full year off before growing.

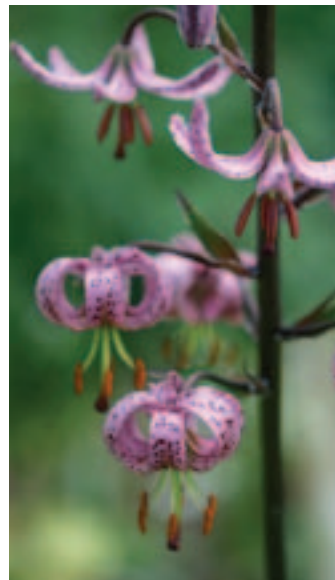
June/July • 36" (90cm) £4.50 or £12.00 for 3



LILIUM REGALE



LILIUM MARTAGON ALBUM



LILIUM MARTAGON



MAIANTHEMUM VAR. KAMTSCHATICUM



LILIUM MARTAGON CHAMELEON



LEUCOJUM GRAVETYE GIANT



MAIANTHEMUM BIFOLIUM



MATHIASELLA BUPLEUROIDES GREEN DREAM

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MARTAGON CLAUDE SHRIDE 107-41

Dark mahogany red selection of the form above, which one should expect to be variable in their height and shade, these though should all be the same.

June/July • 36" (90cm) £7.00

MARTAGON CHAMELEON 107-42

A paler form which makes the pink and purple spots more prominent, and the paler colours stand out better in shade.

June/July • 36" (90cm) £7.00

MARTAGON ALBUM 107-16

Apple white flowered with prominent sulphur yellow stamens, beautiful and refined plants, pamper them with a good leafmould rich soil – invariably better in shade where white stands out. Again sometimes slow to get going.

June/July • 36" (90cm) £5.50 or £14.50 for 3

REGALE 107-04

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

July • 36" (90cm) £7.00 for 3 or £15.00 for 7

LEUCOJUM

AESTIVUM GRAVETYE GIANT 106-07

The Loddon Lily, also known as Summer Snowflakes, with white, hanging, bell-shaped flowers and hence often confused with snowdrops (despite flowering later, but not really in summer). Clusters of large white bells, emerald-tipped, hang from bare upright stems above the glossy green daffodil-like foliage. Particularly happy in damp, even winter-flooded, partly shaded areas, but adaptable elsewhere. Daffodil-like bulbs, planted 5" (12cm) deep and 6" (15cm) apart.

April/May • 18" (45cm) £4.00 for 3 or £9.00 for 7

MAIANTHEMUM

BIFOLIUM 110-04

An unusual native of northern England. Plants with leaves that look a bit like tiny Hostas. These are plants of shade with ground covering possibilities in nice leafy damp dappled shade. They can form a dense matt. 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) £4.30 for 5

BIFOLIUM VAR. KAMTSCHATICUM 110-05

Much larger than the European form, these are native to the Pacific rim. A bright green foliage plant with shiny sculptured leaves and tassle-like white flowers.

May • 12" (30cm) £4.30 for 5

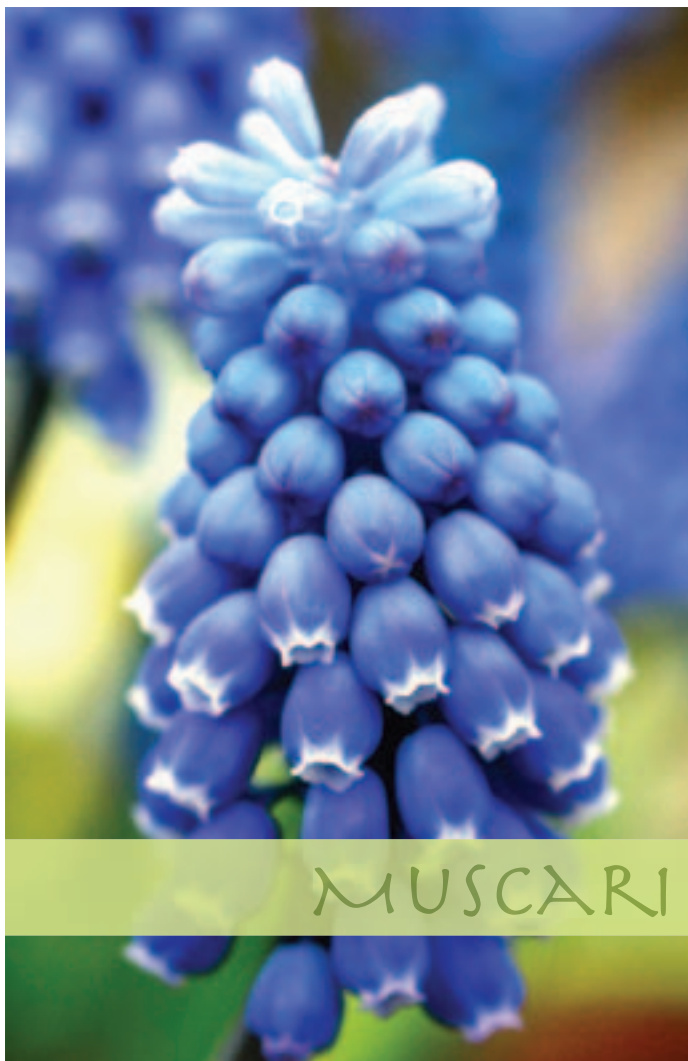
MATHIASELLA

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. The flowers seem to be sterile and last for months, initially vibrant green but coloured with purple later in the year.

BUPLEUROIDES GREEN DREAM 69-04

An unfamiliar plant which looks to have some of the characteristics of some other garden favourites - Hellebores, Angelica and maybe even Euphorbia, one can see how these have become popular. Plants from 9cm pots that ought to settle in this winter and flower in 2017.

May • 24" (60cm) £6.00



## MUSCARI

MUSCARI AUCHERI BLUE MAGIC



MUSCARI AUCHERI WHITE MAGIC



MUSCARI AZUREUM



MUSCARI BOTRYOIDES ALBUM



MUSCARI MACROCARPUM GOLDEN FRAGRANCE

### 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 above and, part of the group of 'Little Blue Jobs', that create the mood and the 'chorus' to the spring display. Some 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 (PSEUDOMUSCARI)

Probably the easiest to grow and not at all invasive. Tightly packed powder-blue flowers, open at their tips. 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 £9.40 for 25

### AUCHERI BLUE MAGIC 111-20

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

April • 5" (12cm)  
£3.00 for 10 or £7.00 for 25

### AUCHERI OCEAN MAGIC 111-21

Sea blue flowers with pale tips like white bubbles on the surf line, I suspect the source of the inspiration for the name?

April • 5" (12cm)  
£4.00 for 10 or £9.40 for 25

### AUCHERI WHITE MAGIC 111-14

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)  
£4.50 for 10 or £10.75 for 25

### BOTRYOIDES ALBUM 111-06

A dwarf form, and not a thug; small flowers like strings of neat little pearls strung on pale stems. Scented.

April • 6" (15cm)  
£3.15 for 10 or £7.40 for 25

### MACROCARPUM GOLDEN FRAGRANCE 111-10

A selected form of *M. macrocarpum*, which is evidently more cold tolerant. Grow this where you can enjoy its heavenly banana tinged perfume, protected from excessive frosts. Violet flowers, turning yellow as they age. They like a hot dry spot for their summer rest.

April • 7" (18cm)  
£4.00 for 3



MUSCARI OCEAN MAGIC



MUSCARI VALERIE FINNIS



MUSCARI MUSCARIMI

**MUSCARIMI (AMBROSIACUM) 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 for the perfume.

April/May • 6" (15cm)  
£4.00 for 3

**VALERIE FINNIS 111-18**

Tightly packed ropes of scented powder blue flowers, best grown in open sunny conditions.

March • 7" (18cm)  
£2.50 for 5 or £7.00 for 15



NARCISSUS MINNOW

NARCISSUS

**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 jumbled 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 = jonquilla forms, 8 = tazetta forms, 9 = poeticus types, 10 = bulbocodium types, 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!*

**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. Some are also available for even earlier planting if you order from the Late Summer section.*

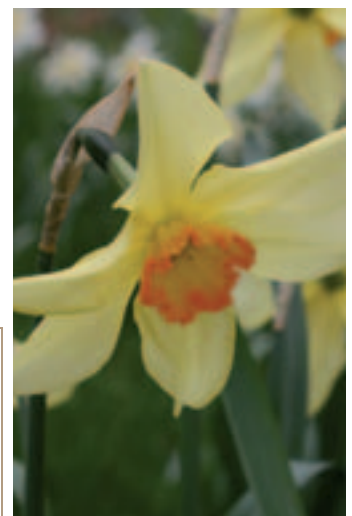
**PAPERWHITE ZIVA (8) 113-52**

Early to flower from being forced (grown in warmer conditions for early display). We work on about eight to ten weeks to first bloom from potting. 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.

December/January • 15" (38cm)  
£6.00 for 5 or £11.00 for 10



NARCISSUS PAPERWHITE ZIVA



NARCISSUS BATH'S FLAME

**NARCISSUS – GARDEN VARIETIES**

**BATH'S FLAME (3) 113-07**

Pre 1913. A commonly grown form at the height of the Cornish cut flower trade, raised by Rev. Engleheart. Long strong stems, excellent for picking. Primrose yellow with an orange cup.

April • 20" (50cm)  
£5.50 for 3

Heights in the catalogue relate to the average height of the plant when it begins to flower, often plants get taller after this. Open sunny situations tend to reduce flowering height, shade increases it.



NARCISSUS FEBRUARY GOLD



NARCISSUS LUCIFER



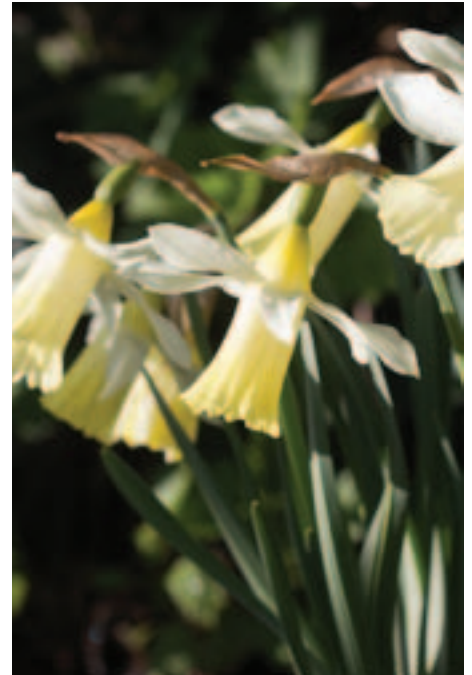
NARCISSUS MARTINETTE



NARCISSUS HAWERA



NARCISSUS DERRINGER



NARCISSUS ELKA

**DERRINGER (7) 113-76**

A fragrant mid-season daffodil with creamy yellow petals which fade to white at their tips with a short deep orange yellow cup. Sturdy and upright.

**March/April • 14" (35cm)  
£3.60 for 5 or £10.25 for 15**

**ELKA (1) 113-61**

A perfectly proportioned miniature with a long pale cream trumpet and milk white perianth. It was named by Alec Gray, a Cornish flower grower and daffodil hybridiser of the 1940s and 50s.

**March/April • 6" (15cm)  
£3.50 for 5**

**FEBRUARY GOLD (6) 113-09**

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

**February/March • 12" (30cm)  
£4.20 for 10, £9.50 for 25  
or £17.50 for 50**

**HAWERA (5) 113-38**

Multiheaded, with small clear lemon-yellow flowers with prominent cups and inconspicuous narrow foliage. 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. A real favourite.

**April • 10" (25cm)  
£5.75 for 10, £13.25 for 25  
or £26.00 for 50**

**LUCIFER (2) 113-13**

Pre 1890. One of the great old daffodils raised in Ireland, the angelic outer petals milk white with a pale yellow centre highlighting the devilish orange rimmed cup.

**April • 15" (40cm)  
£6.50 for 3**

**MARTINETTE (8) 113-84**

Brightly yellow flowered with several flowers on each stem, the small cup more deeply orange coloured and they are enormously scented.

**March • 14" (35cm)  
£3.00 for 5 or £8.30 for 15**



NARCISSUS MINNOW



NARCISSUS MOSCHATIUS



NARCISSUS NIVETH



NARCISSUS MITE



NARCISSUS MRS LANGTRY



NARCISSUS OXFORD GOLD

**MINNOW (8)** 🏆 113-51

Multi-headed, with many small primrose yellow flowers, the small cup rather darker initially. One for more sunny conditions with better drained soils, but one I wouldn't be without.

March/April • 12" (30cm)  
£3.00 for 10 or £6.90 for 25

**MITE (6)** 🏆 113-34

This is a charming small daffodil with a long narrow trumpet and dainty proportions. The flowers are all deep yellow and it flaunts its cyclamineus parentage with sharply swept perianth segments flying from the relatively long trumpet.

March • 9" (25cm)  
£3.50 or £10.00 for 3

**MOSCHATIUS (13)**

🏆 113-94

Palest creamy white with a head that always seems downcast – some describe it as swanlike? They seem to prefer damper soil in more shade than most, where they gleam naturally.

April • 12" (30cm)  
£5.00 for 3

**MRS LANGTRY (2)**

113-96

We seem to be out of step with the rest of the sellers of Narcissus. This is the form known and called Mrs Langtry which we have sold as N. Elegance in the past, but the drawings in the Lindley library seem to refute this, suggesting that Mrs Langtry ought to be all white. But if we sell them under a different name are we not adding to the confusion?

April • 18" (45cm)  
£5.00 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)  
£3.50 for 5 or £6.00 for 10

**OXFORD GOLD (10)**

🏆 113-92

A fab selected form of N. bulbocodium with large butter yellow blooms, quite early into flower and scented with large flowers. They will prefer a sunny well drained soil.

April • 6" (15cm)  
£2.50 for 3





NARCISSUS PIPIT



NARCISSUS RIJNVELD'S  
EARLY SENSATION



NARCISSUS SEGOVIA



NARCISSUS PUMILUS



NARCISSUS SAILBOAT

**PIPIT (7)**

**113-32**

Multiheaded with quite sharp pale lemon coloured flowers initially these fade to a paler, creamier colour from the centre of the flower as it evolves to a two tone maturity – very pretty indeed. Tough enough to plant in rough grass.

April • 12" (30cm)

£2.90 for 5 or £8.25 for 15

**PUMILUS (13)**

**113-95**

A very unusual dwarf form, compact yet simple looking with slightly twisted petals and a slightly flared trumpet, all in a bright yellow. It is a lovely thing, possibly related to the double N. Rip van Winkle.

March • 12" (30cm)

£4.50 for 3 or £10.00 for 7

**RIJNVELD'S EARLY**

**SENSATION (1) 113-44**

Yellow throughout with a shorter flared trumpet. So far not so unusual, but this variety's real star quality is that it really does flower in the garden around New Year. It is going over when the main season begins. A blast of spring in the middle of winter.

December/February • 10" (25cm)

£4.80 for 5 or £12.90 for 15

**SAILBOAT (7) 113-89**

Pale and interesting with a pleasant perfume, it reminds me of N. Jenny which is very popular in the same colours but for which commercial stocks are not healthy.

March/April • 14" (35cm)  
£2.90 for 3

**SEGOVIA (3) 113-87**

A flattened pale lemon trumpet sits squarely against the bright white petals, the leaves are narrow and it would like a brighter spot in which to grow.

April • 6" (15cm)  
£3.20 for 5 or £6.00 for 9

**Do see the Pale  
and Interesting  
Daffodil Collection**

Offered on page 65



£15.50



NARCISSUS SILVER CHIMES



NARCISSUS STAINLESS



NARCISSUS SWEETNESS



NARCISSUS SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL



NARCISSUS SNIPE



NARCISSUS TETE-A-TETE

**SILVER CHIMES (8)** 113-41  
A lovely multi-headed tazetta form which prefers to be planted somewhere slightly warmer and in better drained soils. Broad leaved with pure white petals around a pale primrose scented cup. Big bulbs.  
April • 12" (30cm)  
**£3.90 for 5 or £11.00 for 15**

**SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL (4)** 113-97  
Frilly white petals with splashes of sulphur yellow together provide a frothy and exuberant flower with a huge scent. They are quite tall and late flowering. Reliable, with several stems per bulb and each multiheaded.  
April • 18" (45cm)  
**£2.40 for 5 or £6.50 for 15**

**SNIPE (6)** 113- 36  
An early flowering dwarf cyclamineus hybrid with a long pale cream trumpet that fades to match the reflexed outer perianth, a handsome and well proportioned beauty (not to be confused with N. Jack Snipe).  
February • 9" (25cm)  
**£6.50 for 3**

**STAINLESS (2)** 113- 98  
Larger flowered with silvery white, sometimes green tinged flowers. A lovely foil for all the yellows.  
April • 16" (40cm)  
**£4.00 for 5**

**SWEETNESS (7)** 113-24  
Sturdy, bright yellow and deliciously scented, with narrow foliage that does not get in the way, everything a simple daffodil ought to be!  
March • 14" (35cm)  
**£3.20 for 5 or £8.50 for 15**

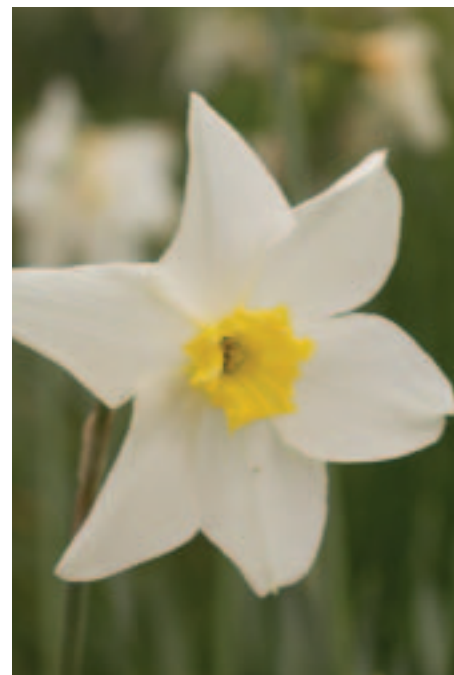
**TETE-A-TETE (12)** 113-16  
Widely grown since it was raised soon after WW2, but a very good and adaptable variety for all that, initially very short when first in flower, extending in stem length as it matures, long lasting in cool conditions. Deep golden yellow and multi-headed.  
February/March • 6" (15cm)  
**£3.60 for 10, £8.10 for 25, or £15.50 for 50**



NARCISSUS TOPOLINO



NARCISSUS TOTO



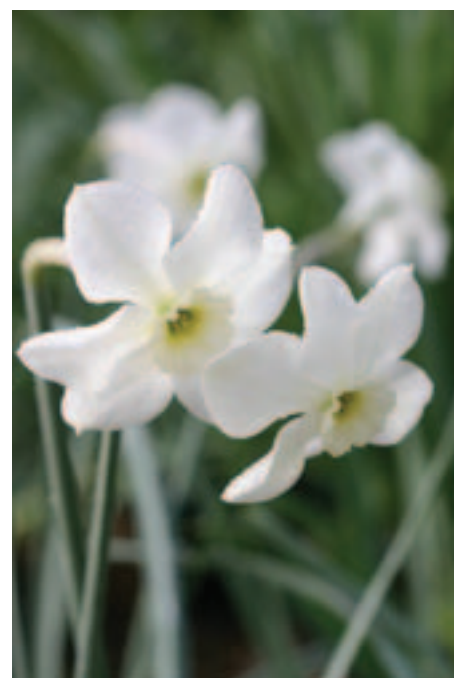
NARCISSUS WHITE LADY



NARCISSUS THALIA



NARCISSUS W. P. MILNER



NARCISSUS XIT

**TOPOLINO (1) 🏆 113-54**

Immediately recognizable from its sturdy habit and grey-green foliage, this is a variety that predates the records of 1923 so it has stood the important test of time. Lemon yellow trumpet and creamy pale perianth on a short upright stem, it has poise, and looking quite like *N. pseudonarcissus*, it could be used in the same way.

**March/April • 8" (20cm)  
£2.45 for 5 or £6.90 for 15**

**THALIA (5) 113-42**

Raised in 1916. A national treasure, refined and elegant, greeny-white, multi-flowered and scented. A well-known classy favourite.

**March/April • 14" (35cm)  
£2.50 for 5, £6.80 for 15,  
or £12.75 for 30**

**TOTO (12) 🏆 113-90**

Gorgeously pale and simple flowered and early enough to overlap with the blue phase when the Muscari and Chionodoxa are at their best, the combination is wonderful.

**March/ April • 12" (30cm)  
£3.70 for 3**

**W. P. MILNER (1) 113-47**

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

**March/April • 9" (22cm)  
£3.70 for 5 or £10.00 for 15**

**WHITE LADY (3) 113-65**

Pre 1897. Another raised by Rev. Engleheart and famous as a cut flower variety pre WW2, now sadly rather more rare. White with a small yellow cup, sweetly scented, a step sister to Seagull.

**April • 18" (45cm)  
£6.50 for 5**

**XIT (3) 113-33**

(pronounced zit!) A hybrid of *N. wateri* which originates from the Atlas mountains. Despite that we grow this in light grass in Somerset shade where it flourishes. The small, flared, greenish white cup encircled by the gorgeous white perianth.

**April • 6" (15cm)  
£5.00 or £14.50 for 3**



NARCISSUS OBVALLARIS



NARCISSUS POETICUS RECURVUS



NARCISSUS LOBULARIS (PSEUDONARCISSUS)



## NARCISSUS NATURALISING FORMS

WILD NARCISSUS PSEUDONARCISSUS ON THE BLACKDOWN HILLS.

### NARCISSUS – NATURALISING FORMS

*These would be the first choice of varieties to naturalise, 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 need little attention.*

#### LOBULARIS (PSEUDONARCISSUS) (13) 113-31

A dwarf form entirely suitable for naturalising, they only make much smaller bulbs than many of the others, and need time to establish. They do not always flower well in their first year, but in our experience will fill in the gaps between bulbs with flowering seedlings within about 8 years. Best in cooler, moisture retentive soils, in part shade. White petalled with a darker trumpet.

March • 8" (20cm)  
£5.50 for 10 or £10.00 for 20

#### OBVALLARIS (13) 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 'bomb-proof' daffodils.

March • 9" (22cm)  
£2.40 for 5, £6.50 for 15,  
or £12.00 for 30

#### POETICUS RECURVUS (13) 113-28

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

May • 15" (35cm)  
£3.80 for 5, £10.25 for 15,  
or £19.70 for 30



## ORNITHOGALUM

ORNITHOGALUM UMBELLATUM



ORNITHOGALUM MAGNUM



ORNITHOGALUM NUTANS



ORNITHOGALUM PYRENAICUM



PARADISEA LUSITANICA

### ORNITHOGALUM

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

#### MAGNUM 117-16

Unusual, with literally dozens of white flowers circling from the bottom up a stiff stem as they open. Easy in any sunny, drier site. They provide a great companion to some of the later flowering Alliums. I am experimenting with them in grass to follow the taller Camassia.

June • 24" (60cm)  
£5.30 for 3

#### NUTANS 117-09

Very pretty soft silvery grey-green flowers, bluebell-like in stature, lasting when picked. They can be grown in light shade. The foliage is naturally yellowing at flowering time. Preferring better-drained soils. Plant 3" (8 cm) apart, 10-15 per square foot.

May • 9" (22cm)  
£2.40 for 10, £5.40 for 25,  
or £10.00 for 50

#### PYRENAICUM 117-11

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

June • 18" (45cm)  
£8.50 for 3

#### UMBELLATUM 117-13

A sun lover and excellent in thin grass. Ground hugging, and especially useful for carpeting a sunny bank with white in April with grey-green leaves flat to the soil. Plant about 4" (10cm) apart, 10 per square foot.

April/May • 4" (10cm)  
£4.25 for 10, or £9.60 for 25

### PARADISEA

#### LUSITANICA 140-04

This species occurs naturally in Northern Portugal and Spain in damp meadows. Dormant as thickened fleshy roots looking a bit like those of an Agapanthus. In flower as an elegant spire of bright white flowers providing impressive uprights in the herbaceous border, and a great accompaniment to the Alliums. Supplied as divisions, to be planted 4" (10cm) deep in moisture retentive soil in sun or part shade.

May/June • 36-48" (90-120cm)  
£7.50



## POLYGONATUM

POLYGONATUM BETBERG

### POLYGONATUM

The 'Solomon's Seal' family. These are hardy perennials that grow in most situations, preferring the more moisture retentive heavier soil types. They will mostly grow rather taller in the shade. Their only problem is their appeal to the Gooseberry Saw Fly caterpillar and an eye needs to be kept on them for quick action in May when they are active. There is now an 'organic' nematode spray for use against these caterpillars from Nemasy.

#### BETBERG 37-16

The name of a village in the Black Forest near Laufen where these were found. The stems and leaves are dark chocolate brown whilst they emerge and those contrast with the white flowers wonderfully well. Later in the season the brown turns more olive. Very desirable and quite slow to increase, but we release a few every year.

April/May • 24-30" (50-75cm)  
£15.00

#### X HYBRIDUM 🍷 37-04

A natural hybrid between P. multiflorum and P. odoratum. Graceful arching stems with pendant jade-green and ivory flowers. Increases slowly to form a thicket, taller in shade – a wonderful screen in dampish soil. And cut stems enhance any flower arrangement very well, and last.

May/June • 24-36" (60-90cm)  
£6.00 for 3 or £12.00 for 7

#### ODORATUM FLORE PLENO 37-12

The rare double flowered form, from a nice patch that we have taken years to build up, they deserve quick purchasing! They are slow growing but well worth it.

May • 18" (45cm)  
£6.50



POLYGONATUM X HYBRIDUM



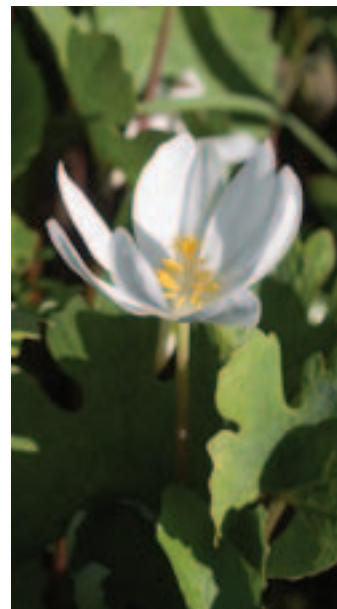
POLYGONATUM ODORATUM FLORA PENA

### 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)  
£6.00



SANGUINARIA CANADENSIS



SCILLA MISCHTSCHENKOANA (TUBERGENIANA)



SCILLA BIFOLIA



SCILLA SIBERICA



SCILLA LITARDIEREI

## SCILLA

SCILLA PERUVIANA

### SCILLA

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

#### BIFOLIA 125-05

An easy dwarf species with starry purple-blue flowers over 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)  
£4.00 for 10, £9.00 for 25,  
or £17.00 for 50

#### LITARDIEREI 125-32

Hardy and quite easy to grow in sun or part shade, deriving from the limestone mountains of Dalmatia and introduced here in 1827. Slightly grape hyacinth like in bud they open properly with dark tipped stamens.

April/May 10" (25cm)  
£2.50 for 3

#### MISCHTSCHENKOANA (TUBERGENIANA) 125-17

The earliest pale-blue gem. Seemingly ignores winter cold and flowers at the same time as the Cyclamen coum and the winter aconites - far earlier than one might expect; very hardy, suitable for rockery or garden.

Feb • 4" (10cm)  
£4.30 for 10

#### 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 also do flower better in the spring following a warm summer.

May /June • 10" (25cm)  
£4.00 or £10.50 for 3

#### SIBERICA 125-14

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

Mar/Apr • 6" (15cm)  
£2.25 for 10 or £5.00 for 25



TRITELEIA CORRINA



TRITELEIA RUDY



TULIPA BATALINII BRONZE CHARM



## TRITELEIA

TRITELEIA SILVER QUEEN



## TULIPS

TULIPA BAKERI LILAC WONDER

### TRITELEIA

Long lasting early summer flowering bulbs, also known in the past as *Brodiaea* but now more accurately *Triteleia*. They come from north-west 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)  
£2.60 for 15 or £4.00 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 eye-catching and 'different' with a long vase life for when your patch has really got going.

June • 18" (45cm)  
£4.00 for 5 or £10.00 for 15

#### SILVER QUEEN 68-13

Tinged purple in bud the many flowers open white with a slight creaminess. Easy in sunny bright conditions with strong wiry stems we find these invaluable on our summer displays.

June • 18" (45cm)  
£2.50 for 5 or £7.00 for 15

### 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 for the fact that in the right conditions some persist and increase better than the bigger hybrid forms. In villages nearby there are various forms growing and spreading. They are sun lovers and don't want it too wet, particularly in the summer when the bulbs are resting and where they are happy they will settle in and survive, increasing over the years. They are an attraction for mice and squirrels looking for the high levels of the carbohydrates that they contain, 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 price break for each item would be suitable for a 5-6" (12cm) pot or an equivalent area of garden.

#### BAKERI LILAC WONDER 131-53

Silvery pink with a yellow eye in their centre, the flowers are held above broad deep green and glossy leaves. A dependable sun loving selection of the species.

Late April/early May • 6" (15cm)  
£2.80 for 10 or £6.30 for 25

#### BATALINII BRONZE CHARM 131-08

The colour of ripe peaches, with more bronzing in warmer years. Pale grey green leaved. A really endearing small tulip with poise and character. Gravelly soils or a well-drained rockery would be perfect.

Late April/early May • 10" (25cm)  
£2.85 for 5 or £8.00 for 15





TULIPA BATALINII HONKY TONK



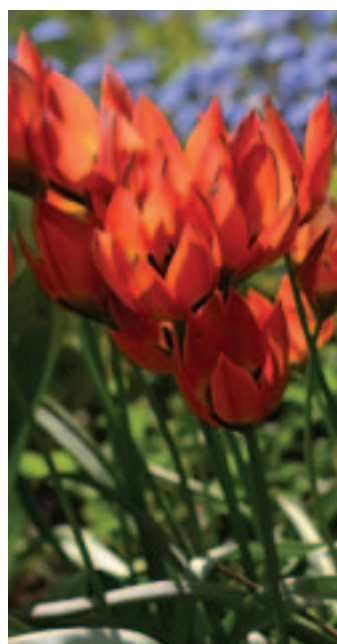
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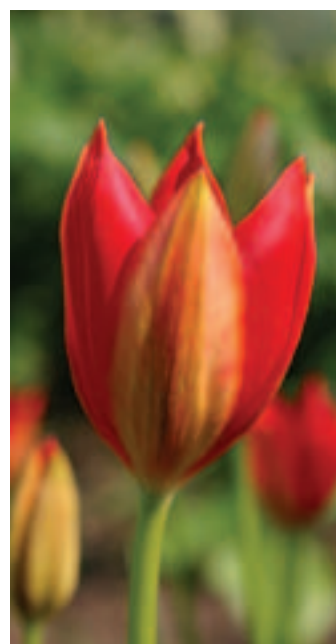
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TULIPA SPRENGERJ

### BATALINII HONKY TONK 131-03

Flame shaped pale yellow petals above grey green foliage with wavy edges. The T. batalinii group are closely related to the red flowered T. linifolia types, and may be botanically indistinguishable.

Late April/early May • 10" (25cm)  
£2.50 for 5 or £7.00 for 15

### CLUSIANA PEPPERMINTSTICK 131-02

The furred petals look like a stick of edible rock, when open they are ivory white with a dark eye, the backs of the petals strongly cerise pink. All the clusiana forms have reasonably large flowers on quite slender stems so plant them where they are a bit sheltered from the wind.

April • 10" (25cm)  
£2.65 for 5 or £5.00 for 10

### HUMILIS PERSIAN PEARL 131-12

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

April • 4" (10cm)  
£4.25 for 10 or £10.00 for 25

### LINIFOLIA 131-26

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

May • 6" (15cm)  
£3.00 for 10, £6.75 for 25,  
£12.50 for 50

### LITTLE BEAUTY 131-27

Shockingly bright crimson pink flowers which open wide in the sun to reveal white and blue centres. A bit of a startling surprise. For a sunny well drained site again.

April • 5" (12cm)  
£3.00 for 10 or £7.00 for 25

### LITTLE PRINCESS 131-05

Fiery coppery orange coloured flowers, goblet shaped before opening fully in the sun, the flowers are on short stems so pretty resilient, a really cracklingly good dwarf tulip for a sunny spot.

April • 5" (12cm)  
£3.10 for 10 or £7.25 for 25

### SPRENGERJ 131-35

A scarlet flowered species originally found in NE Turkey, now presumed lost to that area. Easy to initially grow from seed though the seedlings resent disturbance till full grown, consequently the Dutch bulb trade do not grow them, so there is very limited availability. Despite this they are one of the few tulips that will persist and naturalise in gardens, generally in light shade. About the size of a still legless tadpole, these small bulbs will flower next spring.

May-June • 15" (38cm)  
£5.00 each



TULIPA SYLVESTRIS



TULIPA TARDA



TULIPA TURKESTANICA



(CREDIT: GAP IMAGE LIBRARY)

TULIPA URUMIENSIS



(CREDIT: GAP IMAGE LIBRARY)

TULIPA WHITTALLII



(CREDIT: GAP IMAGE LIBRARY)

TULIPA CORONA



TULIPA EARLY HARVEST

EARLY TULIPS

**SYLVESTRIS** 131-37

Easy to grow, and possibly the only one that will tolerate some shade. We have some that have persisted and increased happily under an Amelanchier for 10 years or so, flowering intermittently as seems to be their nature, I am not sure why. The flowers are sulphur yellow and fragrant.

April • 12" (30cm)  
£3.00 for 5 or £8.50 for 15

**TARDA** 131-38

A perennial performer with multiple flowers produced from each bulb, all crammed together and overlapping and honey scented in golden yellow, edged in white. Pretty, fat shiny, bulbs to plant in a sunny site. Easy and persisting.

April • 5" (12cm)  
£2.50 for 10, £5.50 for 25,  
or £10.50 for 50

**TURKESTANICA** 131-134

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

April • 7" (20 cm)  
£2.50 for 10, £5.50 for 25

**URUMIENSIS** 131-40

Bright yellow low growing dwarf bulbs (not unlike T. tarda but without the white edge to the petal), these are also tinged in bronze.

April • 7" (20 cm)  
£3.50 for 10, £8.00 for 25

**WHITTALLII** 131-42

Several contacts over the past 12 months from members of the extended Whittall family have encouraged me to list their favourite tulip! Named by an eminent forebear, these are a gorgeous bronzy orange with a dark centre. The leaves are longer than on many of the dwarf forms, but not obtrusively so, and they should persist in the sunny conditions of a raised bed or rockery.

April • 12" (30 cm)  
£2.50 for 3, £7.25 for 10

**KAUFMANNIANA TULIPS**

*(Group 12) Early flowering, typically February or March with large flowers on reasonably short stems. Very suitable planted on the rockery or in containers by the front door to greet your friends and the warm early sunshine. Plant them about 5" (12cm) apart as the flowers open widely in the sun. Possibly combine them with a suitably coloured Crocus vernus (Dutch crocus) these make a great flowering duo.*

**CORONA** 131-141

Warm yellow over most of the petal with a red blotch in the throat, the stems are short and the flowers open widely in bright sunlight so do not plant them too close together. Use them with one of the purple Dutch crocus?

Mar/Apr • 9" (22cm)  
£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25  
or £25.00 for 50

**EARLY HARVEST** 131-22

Richly multi-coloured in red, orange and gold with yellow edges and large mottled leaves.

Mar/Apr • 9" (22cm)  
£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25  
or £25.00 for 50



TULIPA CAPE COD



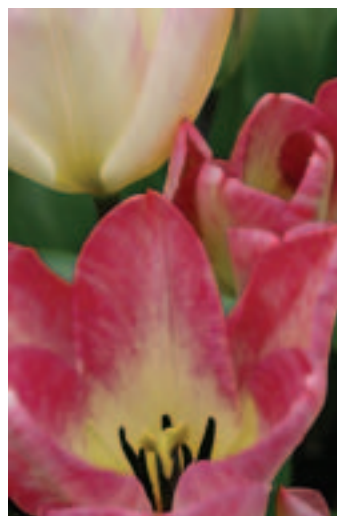
TULIPA EXOTIC EMPEROR



TULIPA ORANGE EMPEROR  
(WITH PURISSIMA BEHIND)



TULIPA RED RIDING HOOD



TULIPA FLAMING PURISSIMA



TULIPA JUAN



TULIPA PURISSIMA

## GREIGII TULIPS

*(Group 14) Late March and Early April flowering with wonderfully marked leaves. These are equally great for planters as those above, or could be used in the borders to give them an early 'lift'. They need a sunny and well drained site ideally planted about 4-5" (10-12cm) apart.*

### CAPE COD 131-113

Bright yellow with broad red bands through the petals both without and within.

Mar/Apr • 9" (22cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25  
or £23.00 for 50

### RED RIDING HOOD

🏆 131-18  
Glossy bright red flowers, the colour of newly painted pillar boxes, with attractively mottled leaves. Very suitable for containers. Lovely in April for that spring zing!

April • 8" (20cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25  
or £23.00 for 50

## 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

In flower somewhat rose-like with the double petalled white flowers clasped by intriguing green bracts. Where we have seen it in gardens it has persisted for years on thin stoney soil.

April • 18" (45cm)  
£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25  
or £25.00 for 50

## FLAMING PURISSIMA

131-71

Creamy-white initially, but becoming increasingly pink as the flower ages, feathering gracefully towards the edges of the petals, stronger red within the flower. Very pretty indeed.

Mar/Apr • 14" (35cm)  
£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25  
or £24.00 for 50

## JUAN 🏆

131-124

I was taken by these tulips when visiting Harlow Carr where a huge tub of them was being admired by all that passed by. Bigger flowered and even more vibrant than Orange Emperor with yellow to the base of the otherwise orange flower. The darkly striped leaves are especially handsome.

Mar/Apr • 14" (35cm)  
£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25  
or £24.00 for 50

## ORANGE EMPEROR 🏆

131-72

Long petalled flowers in pale orange with green at the base, good for bold contrast and a great combination planted with Purissima below. Follow them with Ballerina to continue the orange theme.

Mar/Apr • 16" (40cm)  
£5.00 for 10, £11.25 for 25  
or £21.00 for 50

## PURISSIMA 🏆

131-16

Opening a pale primrose yellow, they turn through creamy shades to pure white and opening in late March sunshine revealing dramatic mascara black anthers. Strong stemmed over bright green leaves,

Mar/Apr • 18" (45cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25  
or £23.00 for 50



TULIPA ABU HASSAN



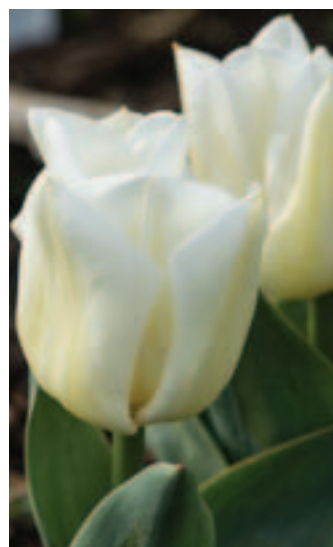
TULIPA APRICOT BEAUTY



TULIPA BLUE RIBBON



TULIPA ANNIE SCHILDER



TULIPA CALGARY



TULIPA CALGARY FLAMES

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## MID SEASON TULIPS

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*These Triumph (Group 3) and Darwin (Group 4) tulips all flower 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 others later. These would be planted about 5" apart. Very suited to the open garden in borders, or in containers. Some suggested tulip combinations that look good together for this purpose are offered under each entry.*



Suggested planting companions

#### ABU HASSAN 131-61

Rich terracotta red flowers on sturdy stems, each edged in gold. It really has an earthy Eastern feel to it. The russet and yellow of wallflowers in particular combine with the colours perfectly.

April • 18" (45cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25,  
or £23.00 for 50

☘ With Gavota, West Point or Jan Reus

#### ANNIE SCHILDER 131-135

Warm rose orange when in bud the flower opens and pales to a lighter shade with some yellow at the petal edges, the flowers broad and bowl shaped with a lovely perfume. Dating back to the 1920s this one that has been around a while.

April • 18" (45cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25  
or £23.00 for 50

☘ Ballerina provides a different shape, but Paul Scherer works well too

#### APRICOT BEAUTY

131-125  
☘ Pale apricot pink with a fine edge that is more orange and scented. One of the earliest of the taller tulips.

April • 18" (45cm)  
£7.00 for 10, £16.50 for 25,  
or £31.00 for 50

☘ Light and Dreamy as they are both early flowering.

#### BLUE RIBBON 131-67

Deep raspberry, but with a lilac tinge; bold, vibrant, broad shouldered tulips with good substance.

April • 18" (45cm)  
£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25,  
or £24.00 for 50

☘ Tres Chic or Ballade

#### CALGARY 131-48

☘ Very short and compact with white flowers that are brilliant in exposed conditions, shrugging off any wind and rain.

April • 9" (22cm)  
£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25  
or £24.00 for 50

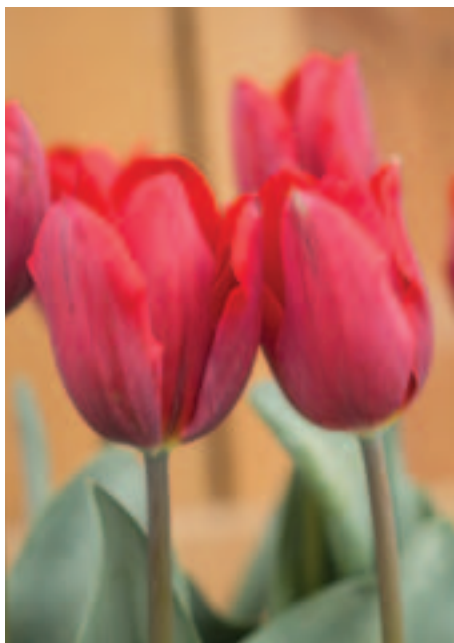
☘ Princess Irene, Evening Breeze or purple hyacinths

#### CALGARY FLAMES 131-136

☘ There is a group of Calgary forms, this has a prominent yellow flush to the outer petals, we find them very useful at the 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 could provide your show?

April • 9" (22cm)  
£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25  
or £24.00 for 50

☘ Roughly the same height Princess Irene, Orange Princess or Calgary would work well.



TULIPA COULEUR CARDINAL



TULIPA EVENING BREEZE



TULIPA HEMISPHERE



TULIPA GAVOTA



TULIPA GRAND PERFECTION



TULIPA HAVRAN



TULIPA JAN REUS

**COULEUR  
CARDINAL** 131-126

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

April 14" (35cm)  
£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25  
or £25.00 for 50

👉 Paul Scherer, Evening Breeze or Shirley.

**EVENING BREEZE** 131-118

Just perfect for planters where you might need a shorter tulip. Pretty, upright and weather proof.

April 12" (30cm)  
£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25  
or £25.00 for 50

👉 Calgary, Unique de France or white Hyacinths

**GAVOTA** 131-29

Flowers deep fire brick red, quite pointed in bud, opening to show a broad deep yellow inner edge to the petal, lovely with wallflowers or against old brickwork.

April 15" (40cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25  
or £23.00 for 50

👉 Tres Chic, Ballerina and Abu Hassan

**GRAND  
PERFECTION** 131-123

Rather like the tulips illustrated in the paintings by the Dutch Masters at the height of the Tulip mania these have broad flashes of red over what is initially quite a creamy yellow background, but this turns white for a stronger contrast.

April 18" (45cm)  
£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25  
or £24.00 for 50

👉 Elegant Lady, Angels Wish or Sanne

**HAVRAN** 131-57

With a grape like bloom on the deep plum purple petals this is a good dark tulip which will be in flower well before Queen of the Night (which could follow it to continue your dark theme?).

April 18" (45cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25  
or £23.00 for 50

👉 Rem's Favourite, Pink Diamond and Daytona

**HEMISPHERE** 131-137

There are few tulips quite like this, although Shirley is another. These change colour as the flowers age and mature so the whole effect is subtly variable with mottled colours, freckling and faint stripes. Each flower develops at a slightly different rate so the effect is less formal with a range of colours from warm white through to raspberry.

April 18" (45cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25  
or £23.00 for 50

👉 Rem's Favourite would look lovely with them, as would Daytona.

**JAN REUS** 131-62

Deep purple 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 maybe.

April 18" (45cm)  
£5.25 for 10, 12.25 for 25  
or £23.00 for 50

👉 China Pink, Abu Hassan or nearly everything else



TULIPA PRINCESS IRENE



TULIPA SHIRLEY



TULIPA PAUL SCHERER



TULIPA REM'S FAVOURITE



TULIPA SLAWA

**PAUL SCHERER** 131-107

Strong stemmed, with slightly grey green foliage contrasting with the exceptionally dark flowers. Registered in 2000, a rival for the Queen of the Night

April • 18" (45cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25  
or £23.00 for 50

Daytona, Shirley or Pink Diamond

**PRINCESS IRENE** 131-10

A surprising mix of earthy marmalade and purples, but unlikely as it seems they work brilliantly together. Add in a huge scent and the combination is always very popular. Always short stemmed.

April • 15" (38cm)  
£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25  
or £24.00 for 50

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

**REM'S FAVOURITE** 131-84

White with raspberry streaks, 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)  
£7.00 for 10, £16.50 for 25,  
or £31.00 for 50

Any white or purple tulips

**SHIRLEY** 131-56

Great fun and ever-changing. Pale creamy white throughout to begin with, then with a purple margin to each petal and gradually darkening till suffused purple all over.

April/May • 24" (60cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25,  
or £23.00 for 50

Whites, purples and especially Cummins.

**SLAWA** 131-138

First seen under rather artificial lighting at a trade show in Holland these looked purple and brown which alerted me to something a bit unusual. In the light of day the flowers are mainly a purple hue with a pinkish or coppery edge, which turns more silvery as they age.

April/May • 24" (60cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25  
or £23.00 for 50

I think something quieter, like Elegant Lady or Blue Ribbon perhaps.



**See the Ruby Tulip Collection**

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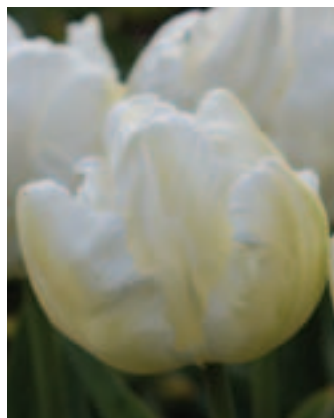
TULIPA WHISPERING DREAM



TULIPA ROCOCO



TULIPA UNIQUE DE FRANCE



TULIPA WHITE PARROT



TULIPA BLACK PARROT

### UNIQUE DE FRANCE

131-121

Scarlet red flowered, one of the deepest coloured tulips but the most striking difference lies in the leaves, they are bright green and very waxy, quite different from any other tulip foliage and great with the flowers. Good for the garden or containers.

April 16" (40cm)  
**£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25,  
 or £23.00 for 50**

👇 *Outstanding on it's own.*

### WHISPERING DREAM

131-132

What is initially quite subtle pink edging to a creamy petal diffuses steadily till the top is all pink above a creamy white base, it was greatly admired and lasted a very long time in flower this spring. If Elegant Lady is a bit too subtle this should do the trick?

April • 16" (40cm)  
**£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25  
 or £25.00 for 50**

👇 *Sanne worked well at Chelsea, Tres Chic or Pink Diamond*

## PARROT TULIPS

(Group 10) Exuberance is the greatest strength within this group, with flowers that seem to be overflowing with frilled or fluted petals. Dramatic, whether in the pantomime sense or as a dark thespian tragedy, there is one for any mood you wish to evoke. Wonderful for 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 🏆 131-17

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

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
**£7.00 for 10, £16.50 for 25  
 or £31.00 for 50**

👇 *With oranges, pinks or white, and Spring Green*

### ROCOCO

131-127

Earlier than most other Parrot tulips with short stems, these are velvety red and crimped, very suitable for pots.

April • 12" (30cm)  
**£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25  
 or £24.00 for 50**

👇 *Jan Reus, Paul Scherer or White Parrot for vivid contrast*

### WHITE PARROT 131-64

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)  
**£7.00 for 10, £16.50 for 25,  
 or £31.00 for 50**

👇 *Great with pretty much everything!*



*Suggested planting companions*



TULIPA PINK DIAMOND



TULIPA QUEEN OF NIGHT



TULIPA MAUREEN



TULIPA RECREADO



TULIPA ANGEL'S WISH

## SINGLE LATE

(Group 5) These have simple elegant cup or goblet shaped flowers and longer stems.

### ANGEL'S WISH 🏆 131-32

White with a dash of cream, simple and broad petalled, a great foil for some of the stronger colours.

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25  
or £24.00 for 50

👇 With Redshine, Shirley or Bulldog

### MAUREEN 🏆 131-128

Late flowering with single egg shaped flowers atop tall stems, the flowers fading gently from creamy white to a more ivory hue.

April/May • 24" (60cm)  
£7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25,  
or £33.00 for 50

👇 Merlot is nearly as tall and they will flower together

### PINK DIAMOND 131-91

Pale pink, with quite rounded flowers. Simple, quite short and very pretty.

April • 15" (38cm)  
£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25,  
or £23.00 for 50

👇 Recreado, Havran or White Triumphator

### QUEEN OF NIGHT 131-58

The darkest delight, and justifiably one of our best sellers. Though not quite black, certainly as dark as any other tulip, the hue deepest in direct sunlight.

April/May • 24" (60cm)  
£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25,  
or £24.00 for 50

👇 Oranges, purples, pinks and greens

### RECREADO 131-83

Simply bold and dramatic, with a deep purple wine coloured flower over a strong stem with greyish leaves.

April • 18" (45cm)  
£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25,  
or £24.00 for 50

👇 Wonderful with pretty much anything



Do see the White Tulip Collection

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£19.75





## LILY FLOWERED TULIPS

TULIPA BALLERINA



TULIPA BALLADE



TULIPA BURGUNDY



TULIPA MERLOT



TULIPA ELEGANT LADY



TULIPA CHINA PINK

### 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.*

#### BALLADE 131-81

A clear white hem edges and enhances the shape of the sinuously dusky ruby-coloured petals, exaggerating their vase-like silhouette. Opening wide when it warms up.

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
**£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25,  
 or £23.00 for 50**

 Purples, pinks and whites

#### BALLERINA 131-65

Soft tangerine coloured flowers, one of my favourites, particularly because it is so scented in the sun. The colour, combines perfectly with all the leafy greens, altogether very eye-catching with a heady perfume.

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
**£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25,  
 or £24.00 for 50**

 Purples, purple-blacks and pale yellow

#### BURGUNDY 131-96

Elegantly poised in a purplish hue of deep lilac, this variety has a more waisted shape with more pointed petals than some in the group.

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
**£7.00 for 10, £16.50 for 25,  
 or £31.00 for 50**

 Obviously *Ballerina, Rem's Favourite or Queen of the Night*

#### CHINA PINK 131-59

A favourite amongst this group, deep pink flowers over a much leafier plant. Earlier to flower and not quite as tall as its cousins.


April • 14-16" (35-40cm)  
**£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25,  
 or £25.00 for 50**

 *Angelique, Pink Diamond or Queen of the Night*

#### ELEGANT LADY 131-78

Displaying a sort of porcelain femininity the muted colours blend together seamlessly. Pale ivory yellow with pale pink edging. Cool and refined, one to choose for a more subtle display.

April/May • 24" (60cm)  
**£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25,  
 or £24.00 for 50**

 *China Pink, West Point and Greenland*

#### MERLOT 131-130

Very tall, but the colour is a tremendously attractive glistening wine colour.

April/May • 28" (65cm)  
**£7.00 for 10, £16.50 for 25,  
 or £31.00 for 50**

 *Maureen should contrast perfectly*

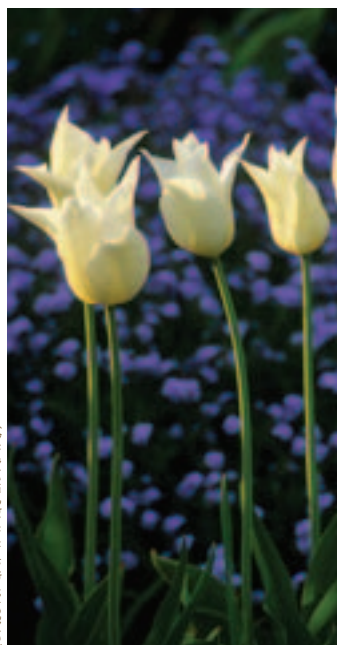


Suggested planting companions



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TULIPA REDSHINE

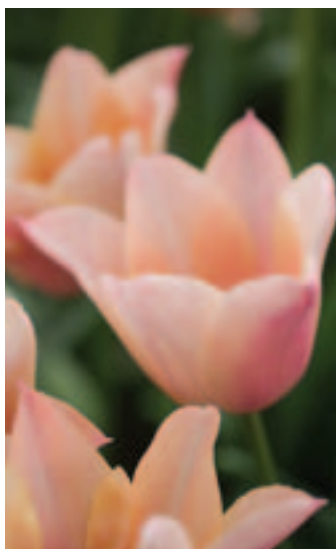


TULIPA WHITE TRIUMPHATOR

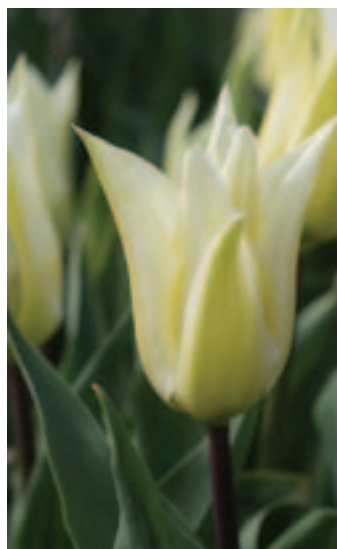


## FRINGED TULIPS

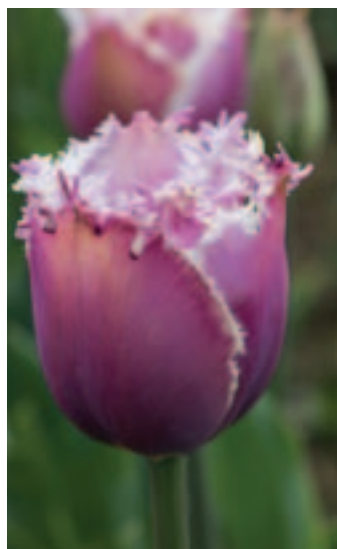
TULIPA BULLDOG



TULIPA SANNE



TULIPA TRÉS CHIC



TULIPA CUMMINS



TULIPA DAYTONA

### RED SHINE 131-47

Glistening deep vermillion red, almost opalescent as a ruby tiffany lamp, not one for the faint hearted but then these are showy tulips doing what they do best!

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
**£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25,  
 or £24.00 for 50**

↓ *Spring Green, Très Chic or White Triumphator*

### SANNE 131-122

More pale apricot pink than yellow, with the tips slightly paler, soft and feminine with a good poise. The colour would be perfect for a terracotta planter?

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
**£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25,  
 or £25.00 for 50**

↓ *Elegant Lady or White Triumphator*

### TRÉS CHIC 131-66

Creamy white, fading to white, with very pointed petals on short stems which should be more weather resilient, a tulip that lives up to its name.

April/May • 12" (30cm)  
**£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25,  
 or £24.00 for 50**

↓ *Any of the coloured tulips with a different silhouette*

### WHITE TRIUMPHATOR 131-46

A superb and perennial favourite, useful in so many ways – for dramatic contrast, for peaceful separation of more noisy colours – or just for itself, simple and serene, but not so typically lily flowered in its shape.

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
**£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25,  
 or £25.00 for 50**

↓ *Safe as houses, goes with everything!*

### 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.*

### BULLDOG 131-101

Strong stemmed and darkly purple except at the base of the flower which is paler, the fringed edge similarly dark

April/May 18" (45cm)  
**£7.00 for 10, £16.50 for 25,  
 or £31.00 for 50**

↓ *Daytona, China Pink or White Parrot*

### CUMMINS 131-88

Lilac-purple with a wide fringe of seemingly frosted white frills around each petal. Thick, lustrous and lasting flowers with style and class. Always admired wherever we show them with long lasting blooms. Good for cut flower.

April/May • 15" (38cm)  
**£7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25,  
 or £33.00 for 50**

↓ *Shirley, Bleu Aimable or Havran*

### DAYTONA 131-95

Creamy white, and sometimes tinged with green but edged in a sparkling frosted fringe. A cracking tulip that looks as though it has just been drawn from the ice bucket, one of the most popular at Chelsea where it helps in our 'colour control'.

April/May • 15" (38cm)  
**£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25,  
 or £25.00 for 50**

↓ *Cummins, Red Shine or anything else!*



Suggested planting companions



TULIPA GREENLAND



TULIPA FLAMING SPRING GREEN



TULIPA SPRING GREEN

## VIRIDIFLORA TULIPS

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TULIPA ANGEЛИQUE



TULIPA BLUE DIAMOND



TULIPA BLACK HERO

## DOUBLE PETALLED TULIPS

### VIRIDIFLORA TULIPS

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

#### FLAMING SPRING GREEN 131-97

Spring Green (as described below) with the addition of deep red staining from the base, these will certainly get noticed.

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
**£8.00 for 10, £18.00 for 25,  
 or £34.00 for 50**

👉 Spring Green, Greenland and Redshine

#### GREENLAND 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 coloured combinations.

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
**£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25,  
 or £23.00 for 50**

👉 West Point, Flaming Spring Green or Elegant Lady

#### SPRING GREEN 🍷 131-51

Pale apple white petals marked with a wispy green brush stroke on their backs of each petal. Ideal for separating strong colours in the border or for flower arranging. One of the all-time favourites.

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
**£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25,  
 or £25.00 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 rounded flower shapes, filled with deep layers of petals.*

#### ANGEЛИQUE 🍷 131-24

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

April/May • 16" (40cm)  
**£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25,  
 or £24.00 for 50**

👉 China Pink or Mount Tacoma

#### BLACK HERO 131-80

Tall, dark and clean stemmed with smaller, tight shiny petalled heads in deep chocolate purple.

April/May • 26" (65cm)  
**£7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25,  
 or £33.00 for 50**

👉 Spring Green, Ballerina or Flaming Spring Green

#### BLUE DIAMOND 131-79

Big sumptuous rounded bowl shaped flowers in a rich ruby colour. A blue blooded colour that goes with anything, but also looks great alone.

April/May • 24" (60cm)  
**£5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25,  
 or £23.00 for 50**

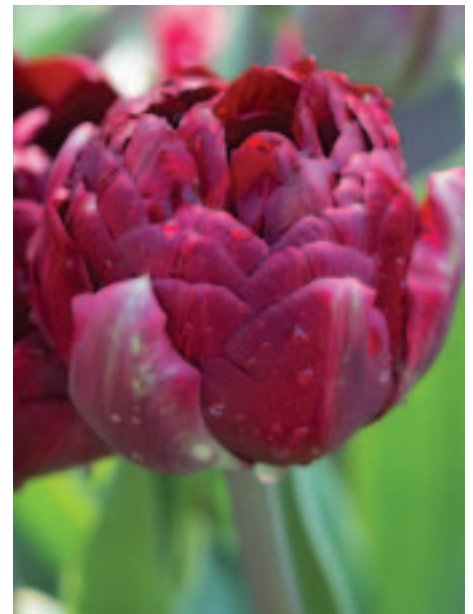
👉 Greenland, Ballade, West Point or Shirley



TULIPA ORANGE PRINCESS



TULIPA LA BELLE ÉPOQUE



TULIPA UNCLE TOM



UVULARIA GRANDIFLORA PALLIDA



UVULARIA GRANDIFLORA

**LA BELLE ÉPOQUE** 131-104

Pinkish, or even tea rose coloured, turning more apricot as the flowers develop, a more subtle colour that goes well with the pinks and lilacs that are often prevalent in tulips.

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25,  
 or £33.00 for 50

👇 Blue Diamond, Ballade or Sanne

**ORANGE PRINCESS** 131-140

I was tempted to list this alongside the favourite Princess Irene, it is after all a double form of that tulip. But being a double this is where it falls 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)  
 £5.25 for 10, £12.25 for 25,  
 or £23.00 for 50

**UNCLE TOM** 131-106

Dark red, late flowering gems that are neither too big, nor too tall. A fitting finale to the Tulip season?

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
 £5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25,  
 or £25.00 for 50

👇 Red Shine, Mount Tacoma or Blue Diamond.

**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.*



Suggested planting companions

**GRANDIFLORA** 133-05

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

Apr • 12" (30cm)  
 £5.00

**GRANDIFLORA PALLIDA** 133-06

A paler form which growing here seems also a bit shorter and earlier. The books do not differentiate them, but this is certainly a different clone from that above. Recherche and choice.

April • 10" (25cm)  
 £5.00

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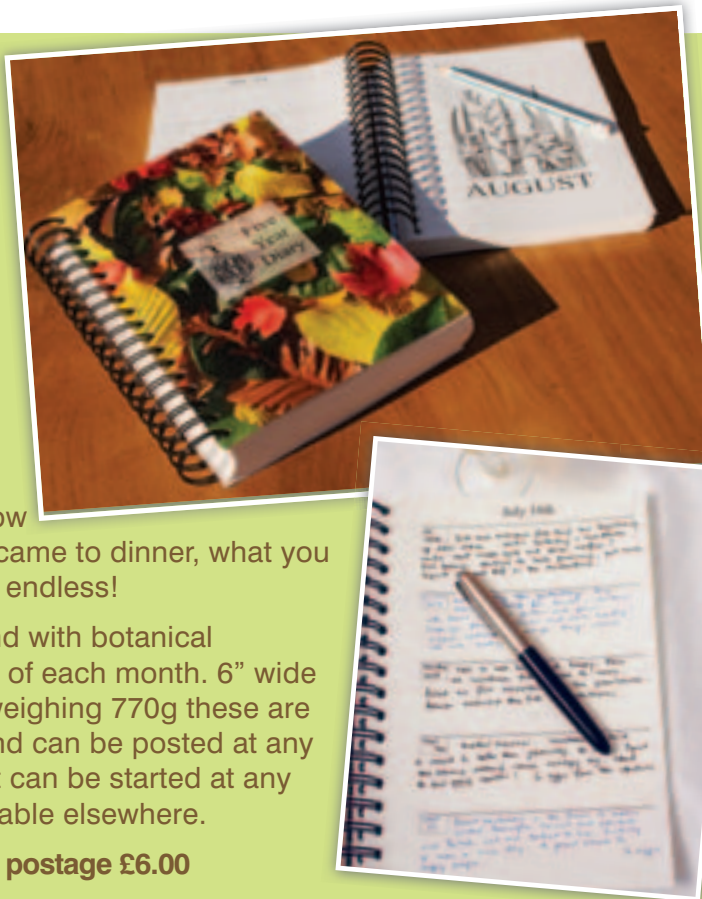
## Five year Diaries!

**This remarkable diary really is a real memory builder!**

As you fill one entry you cannot help but look back to what you wrote on the same day in past years. Keeping a record year on year of the weather for the day can really help you understand your garden and its microclimate, as well as remind you of your gardening successes and lessons to learn. But you can also include films you saw, books you read, how much jam you made, who called for a chat or came to dinner, what you ate, what the grandchildren told you, the list is endless!

Finished in a wipe clean cover and spiral bound with botanical illustrations by Susan Olgilvy marking the start of each month. 6" wide (15 cm) and just over 9" deep (23.5 cm) and weighing 770g these are provided in a purpose made delivery sleeve and can be posted at any time (they make great Christmas presents) but can be started at any time of year. Unique to ourselves and not available elsewhere.

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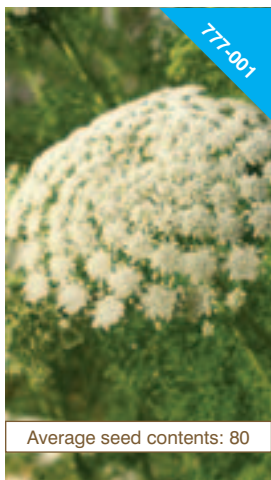


# Seeds from Avon Bulbs

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) particularly at the Chelsea Flower Show where so many visitors from abroad want something to take home and try for themselves.

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!

Any packet  
of seeds  
**£2.50**



777-001

Average seed contents: 80

**Ammi visnaga**  
**'Mystique'**

Hardy Annual. Large domed umbels of green and white flowers supported by fine feathery green foliage in the summer about 2-3' tall (60-90 cm), very good cut flower (strip most of the leaves off as these turn yellow in a vase) and a very good foil for colourful summer flowering dahlias

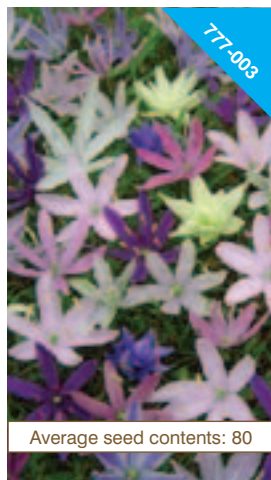


777-008

Average seed contents: 80

**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.



777-003

Average seed contents: 80

**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.



777-009

Average seed contents: 50

**Dianthus barbatus**  
**nigrescens 'Sooty'**

Sweet William. Hardy biennial with scented maroon-chocolate flowers on red stems and mid green foliage. Good as a border plant in May-June and for cut flower, grown in sunny conditions in well drained soils. Mature plants 12-15" tall (30-38cm).



777-005

Average seed contents: 10

**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.



777-021

Average seed contents: 80

**Nigella damascena**  
**(Love in the Mist)**

A hardy annual suitable for any soil but it must be grown in a sunny position. The common name is suggested by the way the flower is held in a nest of lacy bracts. This form is not the normal blue one, but opens white and matures to a wonderful antique pink, perhaps a form called Persian Rose. Originally from southern Europe these grow to between 8-20" (20-45cm) tall. Easy to grow and especially useful for providing colourful ground cover in poorer soils.



777-024

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. It produces large black seeds in the autumn. They will reach 18-24" (45-60cm) tall.

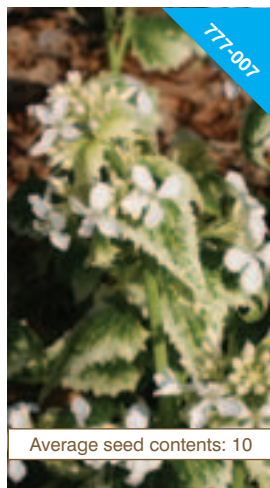


777-004

Average seed contents: 15

**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 harder than the hybrids. These should flower in their first season.



777-007

Average seed contents: 10

**Lunaria annua**  
**'Alba Variegata'**

Hardy biennial, late spring flowering with scented white flowers on branching hairy stems bearing leaves with strong white variegation. The seed cases are distinctive as papery translucent discs. Early spring sown plants will flower the following spring and summer but autumn sown seed will not flower till the second spring. The variegation becomes more pronounced with age. Grow in sun or part shade. Self seeding around the garden. Mature plants 2-3' tall (60-90cm)



777-010

Average seed contents: 15

**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.

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# More seeds from Avon Bulbs

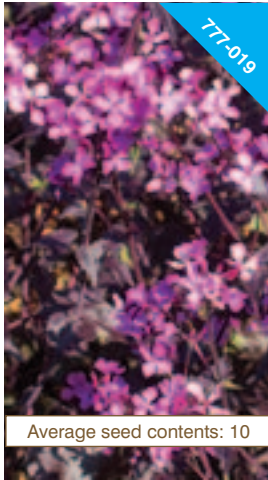


T77-018

Average seed contents: 80

## *Iberis umbellatum* (Candytuft)

A hardy annual from the Mediterranean growing to 12-14" (30-45cm) flowering for much of the summer with domed fragrant flowers in pink, mauve and white. Easy to grow and especially useful for providing colourful ground cover in poorer soils.



T77-019

Average seed contents: 10

## *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 can be used in dried arrangements.



T77-xxx

Average seed contents: 30

## *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.



T77-013

## Double Black



T77-014

## Double Lilac

### *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.



T77-012

## Double Shiraz



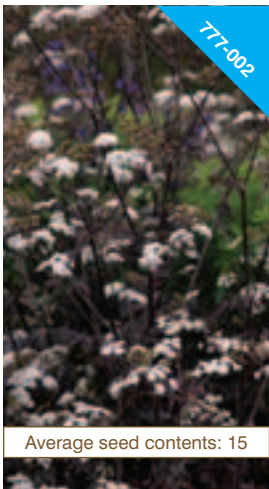
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## Double Pink



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## Blackcurrant Fizz

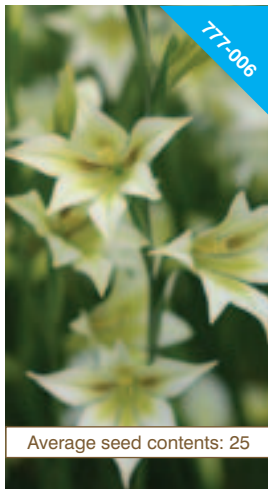


T77-002

Average seed contents: 15

## *Anthriscus sylvestris* 'Ravenswing' (Black Cow Parsley)

Perfect for a wild garden or meadow. An elegant, clump-forming biennial or short lived perennial with finely divided ferny foliage of darkest mahogany-bronze and umbels of white flowers in late spring and early summer. Plant in well drained soil, in sun or partial shade. Height 80cm, spread 50cm.



T77-006

Average seed contents: 25

## *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.

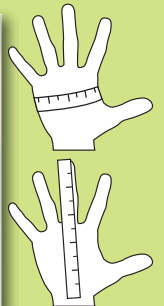


T77-xxx

Average seed contents: 20

## *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



**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.

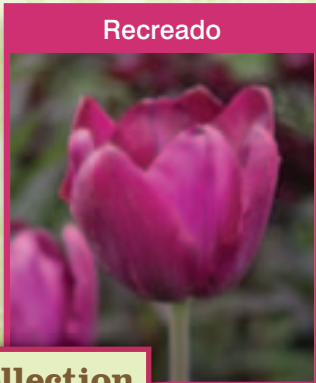
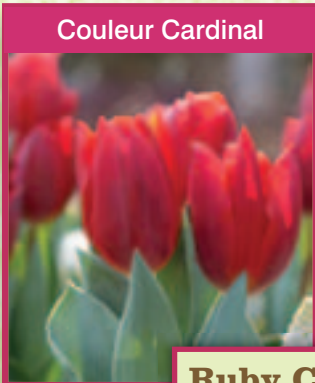
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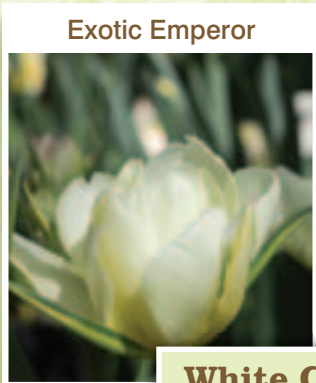
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# 2016 Collections



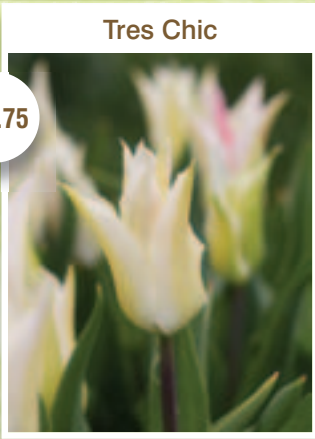
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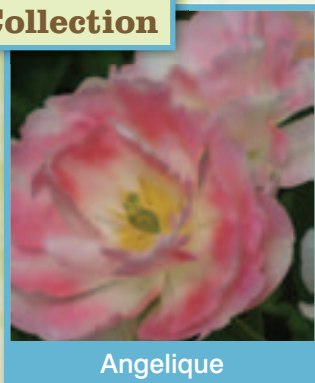


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**Pink Collection**

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# Order for Autumn despatch

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

Stock ref. no.	Plant name	Price and pack size	No. of packs required	No. x price £
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The example at the top shows the information we need – in particular, the **reference number** given beside the plant name in the catalogue. subtotal

If possible, specify acceptable alternatives in case some of your choices are not available. carriage

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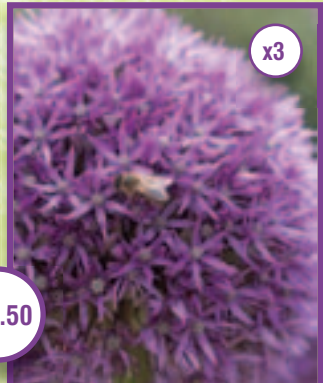
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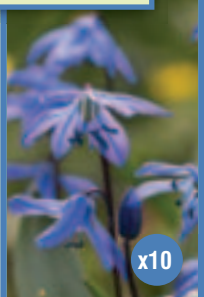
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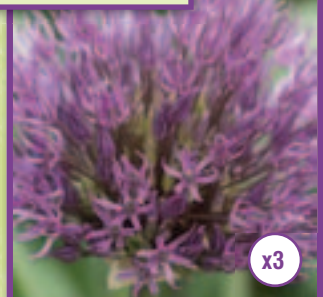
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## SOME FEATURES OF OUR WEBSITE THAT YOU MAY NOT YET KNOW ABOUT?

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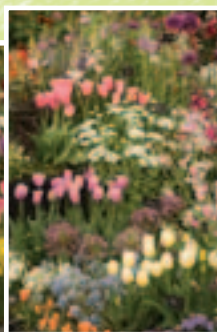
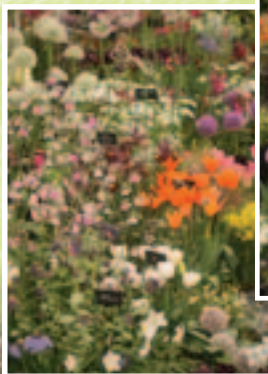
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## CHELSEA 2016

Some photos of the exhibit - before, during and after our work. The wicker bees were made very locally and the beehive kindly loaned to us. In the same week that the show was on several hives of Caroline's bees (on the nursery) swarmed, what were they trying to tell us?



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