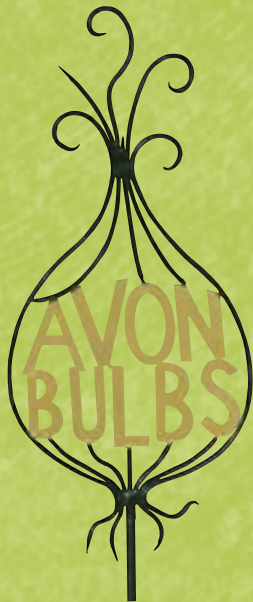




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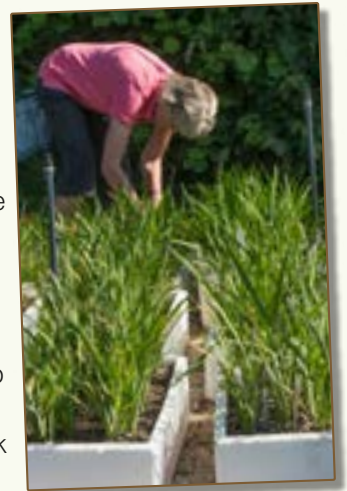


When I set a date for the end of April 2024 to mark as a closure date for Avon Bulbs in the Autumn 2023 catalogue I had hoped to be able to provide a much more positive follow on to that news in this spring catalogue to advise you what the plan was from here. As it happens there is not a lot to report. There has been interest shown in the snowdrop collection but discussions have not yet reached a conclusion. I always thought that the Snowdrops would be the tricky element of the business to pass on (it does after all require such a niche specialist knowledge and interest) and that without that obstacle the main part would be easier to pass on. There have been a few enquiries regarding that too but so far discussions have not come to fruition.

When our age began to remind us that we needed to lift our eyes off the day job and take a longer view, it was galling to find from the Estate agents who advised us early on that the business would be an impediment to a sale of the property! That made us consider whether we wanted to move away and we decided that we didn't and subsequent discussions pointed to there being development opportunities here, but we still hoped that we might be able to see Avon Bulbs flourish elsewhere.

Without a sale in prospect this catalogue marks our final Spring offering from this address at least. Much of what we sell in the spring is 'home grown'. Our heavier soils suit Eucomis, Agapanthus and Galtonia far more than the autumn planted Tulips, dwarf Iris and Crocuses etc. So that has determined what we have concentrated on growing and now will have in good numbers to sell. In past years we would have restricted what we lifted to allow for future years' sales, unless a purchaser comes forward that is less important now. You can get an idea of where these plants come from by looking at the Blog page of the website where there is a short video "Avon Bulbs from Above".

Last summer we replanted many of the smaller bulbs of our rarer lines into polystyrene salmon boxes (recycling them from a local fish smoker). There are now many boxes containing such gems as *Colchicum agrippinum*, *Gladiolus tristis*, *Tulipa sprengeri*, Ipheions and *Crocus goulimyi* Mani White and much more (see photo). If no sale is made these will be available in the spring for purchase and I imagine that other nursery folk, bigger organisations such as the National Trust or botanic gardens might be interested in them. If we decide to offer these they will be mentioned in the newsletter. We may also be interested to sell the 'residual' stock in the field to the same sorts of organisations.



I have to say that I have been bowled over by the number of emails, cards and conversations on the phone to myself or someone else in the office, all pointing to a general sadness expressed by our customers in the past 7 or 8 months at news that we shall close. It makes me think that we have been doing 'the right thing' for all these years and in return we are all hugely grateful for your support and encouragement during that time.

CHRIS IRELAND JONES

Please use up any Gift Vouchers that you have been given for purchases from this catalogue. They will expire at the end of April 2024.

SNOWDROPS IN THE GREEN

These are the Crown Jewels of the winter garden - the number of cultivars and interest in new forms of *Galanthus* continues to grow year on year. All these are propagated and grown on the nursery, a very labour-intensive process which is reflected in the price - and many are strictly limited in their availability and sold on a first-come-first-served basis. There will be a few more varieties listed on the website which are only available in even smaller numbers than these.

Very occasionally mistakes do happen, in the process of growing these plants over the past 3 or 4 years or when potting dormant snowdrops which all look alike, but if this happens tell us and these will be rectified.

The grey numbers in brackets after the price reflect the page number where you can find a longer description in the snowdrop 'bible' by Matt Bishop, Aaron Davies and John Grimshaw.

A short glossary might be useful for some terms used here?

Flowers -

Apex - The part of the flower furthest from the ovary.

Base - The part of the flower closest to the ovary.

Claw - The narrowing or restriction close to the ovary, particularly to the outer segment.

Scape - The (leafless) flower stem.

Spathe - The extension to the flower stem above the point that the pedicel emerges (modified leaves).

Inner Segments - The inner ring of 'petals' closest to the centre of the flower.

Outer Segments - The outer ring of 'petals'.

Ovary - Where the seeds eventually form, the swollen organ between the pedicel and the flower.

Pedicel - the connection between the ovary and the scape on which the flower is held.

Poculiform - indicating that all the petals are more or less of the same dimensions.

Inverse Poculiform - where the outer segments appear to be missing and have been replaced by segments of equal length that look much more like large inner segments, as in *Trym* and the *Trym*-like varieties (also known by some as *pterugiform* - like a Roman legionnaire's skirt).

Leaves -

Applanate - (as in *G. nivalis*) the leaves emerge from the ground flat to one another.

Plicate (or Explicative) - (as in *G. plicatus*) the leaves are described as emerging from the soil in an applanate arrangement but with the edges folded back on themselves.

Convolute (or supervolute) - (as in *G. elwesii*) the emerging leaves are rolled, one within the other as they emerge through the soil.

Glaucouscent - with a thicker layer of wax over the surface leading to a greyness in colour.

Glaucous - the wax layer even more thick than glaucouscent and as a result the leaf colour often increasingly grey.



ACROSS THE ROAD (20/1)

An inverse poculiform about which we know very little! One of Alan's finds certainly but all we have is the stock and the image currently.

22-477

£23.00

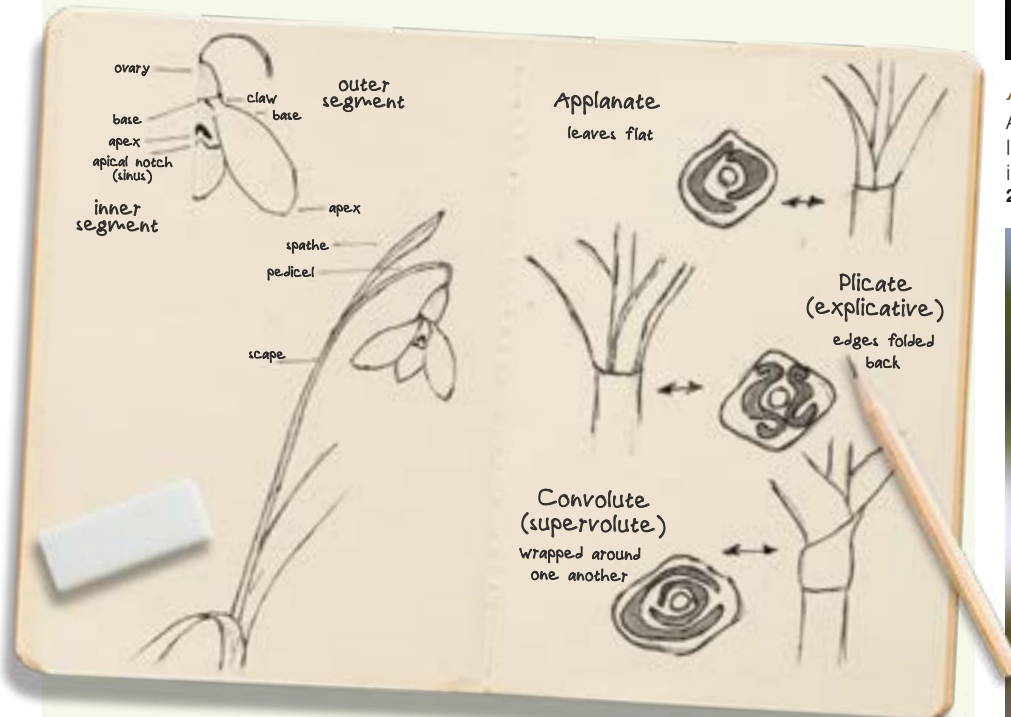


ALISON HILARY (1/1)

Of hybrid origin. Discovered at Sutton Court in 1996 and named after the then owner (using her maiden name). Well marked on the quite broad inner segments with an H like shape, the outer segments are slim and nicely curved. Vigorous.

22-16

£20.00 (248)



Unless we say otherwise (or are very wrong!) all the following are of flowering size and will either be in flower or will have flowered when we send them out between late January and mid March, having been carefully knocked out of the pots in which they have been individually grown for the past five months with their root systems intact and carefully packaged along with their plant label. Plant them out immediately unless the ground is frozen, water them in and protect them from the most severe weather till they have recovered.

There are a few varieties listed which are provided as 'dug' plants. We have historically provided a bigger selection of these dug ones but will this year assess that stocks when they are growing and make a further offer on the website (advertised in the Newsletter) in mid February we imagine. Plants in the ground always flower later than the same variety in pots and we can then provide a more accurate offer than what would currently be guesswork. There may also be an additional selection of potted forms added to our online offering, but these are only available in very low numbers.



ALLENII (26/1)

Named by John Baker in 1891 after James Allen (who lived till 1906) and although then treated as a species has never been found in the wild. It is now thought to be a hybrid (and so probably the name should be prefixed by an X). With very distinctive broad glaucous foliage and V shaped green markings on the apex, characteristically scented of bitter almonds.

22-03 £25.00 (62)



AMY DONCASTER (9/2)

Amy Doncaster presented this snowdrop to John Morley asking that it be named after her. A form of *G. plicatus* with a small rounded ovary below which hangs a classically refined flower. The outer segments are slightly puckered, a bit like the ribbing at the bottom of a wooden rowing boat, and green tipped with the inner markings all green, darkest at the apex.

22-294 £25.00 (161)



ANGLESEY AURORA (2/3)

Slightly orange suffused segments mark this out (along with a few others) but it is a tricky characteristic to pick up in a photo (without it looking hideously photo shopped). A robust plant with wide outer segments.

22-474 £23.00



BALLERINA (17/2)

Found by Phil Cornish in 1991 at Twigworth, Gloucestershire. A short and very pretty double flowered form, the mature head of petals so full as to form a tutu.

22-237 £23.00 (302)

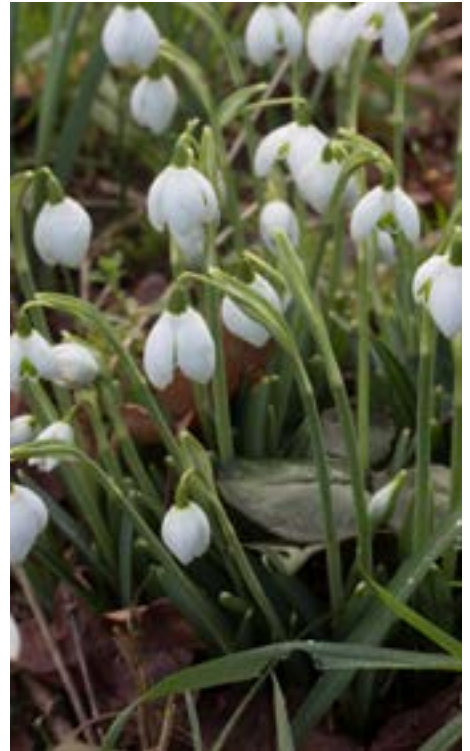


ATKINSII (21/1)



The exact origin of *G. Atkinsii* is something of a mystery. It is one of the early flowering hybrid forms and is one of the great garden-worthy snowdrops on account of its vigour and stature – it is sterile although rapidly forms good clumps from its offsets and benefits from regular division. As well as for its earliness it is characterised by its tall stems and long outer segments outlined in the shape of a capital A. These will be dug plants not pot grown.

22-09 £18.00 for 3 (225)



BARBARA'S DOUBLE (6/2)

A mid to late season hybrid double with masses of inner segments, jewel-like in white and green. Quite a short variety. The Barbara in question was Barbara Buchanan the daughter of Lady Beatrix Stanley (who has a snowdrop and an Iris named after her) and whose family home was Sibbertoft Manor in Northamptonshire.

22-140 £23.00 (289)



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.



BILL BISHOP (16/2)

This Galanthus is another of the sought-after, large flowered, Mighty Atom - like snowdrops with huge and thickly sculptured outer petals, so heavy indeed that they often bend the stems back close to the ground. Bill Bishop was a superintendent of the Harrogate Parks department in the 1980's.

22-19 £15.00 (229)



BUMBLEBEE (2/2)

Intentionally raised by seed using x plicatus Trym as a parent by Joe Sharman; the flower shape is smaller and more rounded than the other x plicatus Trym offspring. A really outstanding snowdrop with beautiful, dark green marks on the outer segments and solid green inners.

22-385 £60.00



DAINTY MAID (13/1)

First offered by Glen Chantry. A more petite form as befits the name. Green marked on the outer segments.

22-492 £25.00



DAVID SHACKLETON (25/2)

A late flowering G. elwesii with upright, rather pale foliage. The markings and ovary on this snowdrop all continue this paler theme with an inner segment showing a broad X marking, darker at the apex.

22-151 £20.00 (199)



BOYD'S DOUBLE (5/3)

An old virescent variety said to come from Scotland. Late to flower with quite amazing green washed 'spiky' flowers.

22-239 £55.00 (123)



CHANTRY GREEN TWINS (25/1)

From Glen Chantry in Essex. A large flowered form, possibly derived from G. Kite with two flowers per scape, each marked with dark green on the outer segments.

22-448 £40.00



DOTTY TRUMP (21/1)

Found amongst the Trumps a variant with incomplete outer segment markings which remains stable. Otherwise of the same stature and as vigorous as its namesake.

22-478 £23.00



DING DONG (30/1)

One of the first snowdrops Alan named in the early 1980s - with a play on the Avon's calling advert of the 1970s. They have happily increased in the shade of a *Lonicera purpusii*. With very long, slightly clawed outer segments, an inner segment X marking graduated in colour and olive green ovary.

22-67 £25.00 (251)



DOUBLE DOES (10/3)

An unusual selection, although we are perplexed as to which is the right way to say its name. This is a very small, round, neat late flowering double with green tips to the outers, from the Northamptonshire garden of Ruth Dashwood identified by Richard Bashford.

22-463 £50.00

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DRAGONFLY (19/1)

From the garden of the wonderful late Veronica Cross who also gave us the amazing *G. Wasp*. Continuing the insect theme this is bigger and much more substantial than *Wasp* with very long outer segments which sway and dangle on long pedicels to show the dark green marked inners. Believed to be a x *valentinei* hybrid (*G. nivalis* x *G. plicatus*).

22-279 £30.00



DRYAD GOLD STAR (1/1)

A slightly narrower flowered *Dryad* form, with narrower, pointed segments, but equally strong growing.

22-393 £75.00



€ A BOWLES (4/3)



Undoubtedly one of the best snowdrops. A giant poculiform *G. plicatus* found by Michael Myers at Myddelton House. Named for the great plantsman who gardened there until his death in 1954..

22-275 £40.00



EDITH (25/1)

This is a large flowered *G. elwesii* selection with a broad green marking on the inner segments and broad leaves. Found by Phil Cornish and named after his mother early in the 21st Century.

22-338 £20.00 (185)



ELMLEY LOVETT (25/1)

A snowdrop found and named by keen gardener and Galanthophile, Olive Mason, this is probably a hybrid between *G. elwesii* and *G. nivalis*. Large flowers with a bold diffused X on the inner segments.

22-187

£15.00



ELWESII HIEMALIS (7/12)

Were these to flower in late February they would not be regarded as very special. Flowering as they do before the New Year does provide an early appetiser for treats ahead. Flowering with short leaves (which lengthen later) they are smaller plants, the long flowers marked with a single arched apical bridge. Because they flower so early we do suggest they be planted where they will be noticed.

22-240

£10.00 (169)



EMERALD HUGHES (20/1)

New Zealand bred by Stanley Hughes of Blue Mountain Nursery in Otago. The outer segment is nicely marked in green with the inner segment distinctively marked with a double deep green marking.

22-464

£45.00



EMMA THICK (20/1)

An early flowering x *valentinei* hybrid (confirmed by Emma despite the Plantfinder suggesting otherwise) with rounded outer segments that are longitudinally ridged. The inner segments are marked by a broad deep green inverted heart shaped mark above the sinus. Emma is in charge of the National Collection of *Galanthus* at Thenford in Northamptonshire.

22-407

£25.00



ELWESII (24/1)



In origin the *G. elwesii* are Turkish, from high altitude under tree cover. These are many generations distant from those but generally have broad grey green leaves, the emerging leaves come clasped around the next. They are almost always strong adaptive growers happier in sunnier sites than more narrower leaved forms. The inner segment markings can vary widely.

22-493

£5.00 (32)



ELWESII MONOSTICTUS (1/1)



With its simple single marking on the inner segment these are at its best here by mid-late January with bold, blue/grey foliage.

22-21

£12.00



ESSEX GIRL (20/1)

Displaying a frilliness to the edges of the outer segments with a pronounced green crescent at the tip. The inner mark has two green lines from the ovary. From Sue & Wol Staines at Glen Chantry

22-486

£25.00



EXCELSIS (20/1)

Found here on the nursery, with long shapely outers and heavenly green marked inners.
22-188 £25.00



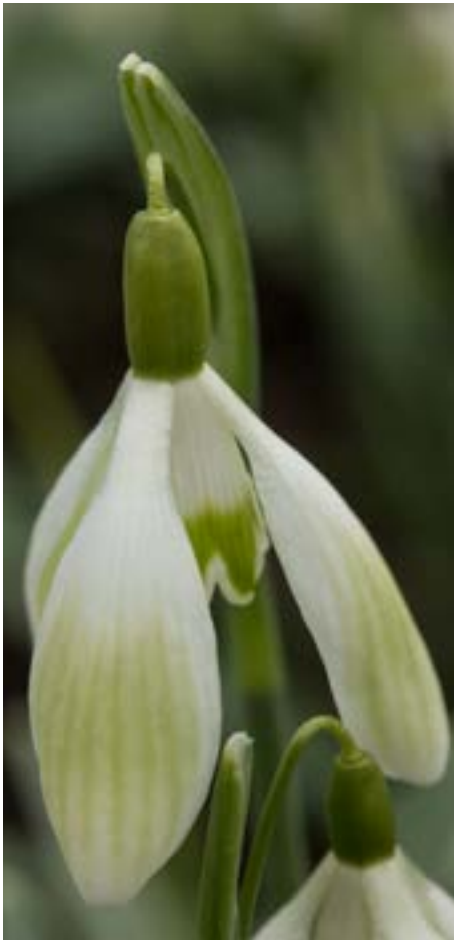
FLY FISHING (18/1)

An outstanding seedling found under hazel bushes at Avon Bulbs almost 20 years ago. A hybrid with *G. elwesii* as one parent. Remarkably long pediceled, perhaps longer than any other snowdrop.
22-178 £20.00



FRANK LEBSA (8/11)

A very early flowering form of *G. elwesii*, flowering in mid November in 2023. More usually it is December flowering when the leaves were only quite short. Green marked outers.
22-494 £25.00



FEDERSCHWINGEN (10/3)

A lovely late-flowering form of *G. nivalis* from Kurt Kleisa. The name translates from the German to Feather Wings with flowers strongly marked with pale green lines on the long outer segments.
22-389 £60.00



GERARD PARKER (27/1)

A very large flowered snowdrop with an especially puckered and ridged surface to the outer petals. The foliage is broad and plicate. On the inner segment the marking appears as an inverted Y fading towards the ovary.
22-84 £25.00 (154)



GODFREY OWEN (11/2)

Another outstandingly symmetrical and rounded snowdrop flower, the only one with six outer segments of the same proportions hiding six short inner segments, these usually marked by two small green dots. Quite a leafy plant, as are many *G. elwesii* and named after the late Margaret Owen's husband in 1996 from plants found near Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
22-238 £20.00 (205)



GUNTHER WALDORF (28/1)

A large, shapely and handsome flower with very long outer segments, to commemorate Gunther, who did so much to kindle German interest in snowdrops.
22-390 £30.00



**HAGEN HAST DU NICHT
GESEHEN (11/3)**

From Hagen Engelman in Germany – the name translates as 'Hagen didn't you see'. This is a late flowering *G. nivalis* that shows very bold virescent markings.

22-409

£80.00



IKARIAE (13/3)

Rarely offered in the green these are home grown (millions of dry imported ones are sold at garden centres with a low survival rate). A matt green leaved snowdrop species from the NE Mediterranean. Late flowering with large pointed flowers and they seed freely, but seemingly better in more shade.

22-291

£12.00



JADE (25/1)

Originating in an old churchyard in Wiltshire, a form of *nivalis* with beautifully marked long outer segments washed to half their length in pale green.

22-173

£25.00



**HEART OF A KEEN GARDENER
(8/11)**

A very early flowering *elwesii* which flowers when hardly in leaf with long outers. The inners marked with a white heart shape. Most of the pots have two bulbs (in which case you get both if ordering).

22-495

£25.00



IVINGTON GREEN (20/1)

First discovered by Roger and Sue Norman on their nursery Iyocroft Plants in Herefordshire. A very impressive pterugiform hybrid with very broad outer segments, well marked in green.

22-489

£120.00



JANET CROPLEY (25/1)

A selection made by Richard Bashford and Valerie Bexley at Woodchippings, Northamptonshire, this *G. nivalis* form has charming green tips and a dainty but vigorous habit.

22-420

£25.00



JOE SHARMAN (5/2)

A fine virescent form of *G. plicatus* with handsome green stripes on its outer segments and darkly marked inners. Early flowering and vigorous.

22-384

£75.00



KERMODE BEAR (29/1)

A superb form of *G. elwesii* with bold blooms of great quality and a true poculiform where there is no green and all the segments are the same length.

22-417

£75.00



KILDARE ON STEROIDS (9/2)

We are not sure what happened here. These were labelled Kildare but are so much bigger than they should be that we have decided that they just had to be a sport. We showed them to some folk at Thenford last year and everyone wanted it.

22-496

£45.00

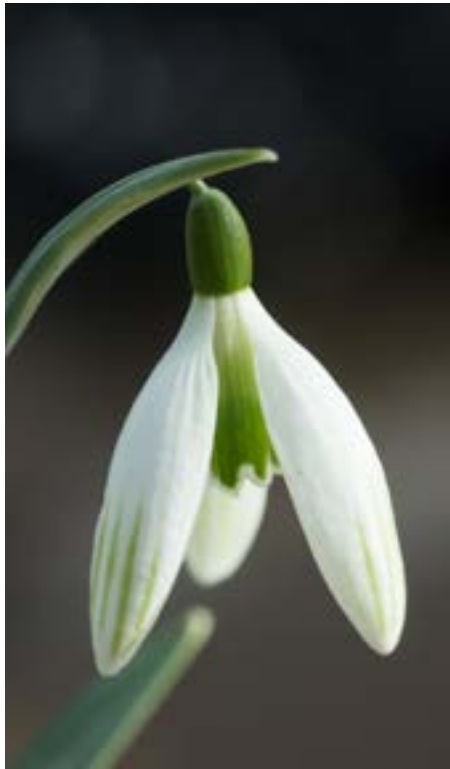


JOE SPOTTED (25/1)

So named as this was a snowdrop first spotted by Joe in the garden of David Bromley in Shropshire.

22-435

£30.00



KILDARE (9/2)

These come originally from the Emerald Isle and following that green theme their outers are washed with pale ghostly green to about half their length. The leaves are plicate and glaucous with a pale ovary. A hybrid form discovered by Ruby and David Baker in 1995.

22-149

£30.00 (279)



KRYPTONITE (1/1)

This December flowering virescent *G. elwesii* is, when established, one of the best of the green snowdrops. They have green-washed outers with a nearly all green inner segment under a dark green ovary. As it flowers so early they may be best planted where one cannot miss them.

22-305

£60.00

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LAUBFROSCH (5/1)

The name translates as Tree Frog from the German. A Jorg Lebsa discovered hybrid between *G. nivalis* and *plicatus*, over noticeably vibrant green (rather than glaucous) foliage.

22-455

£65.00



LORD MONOSTICTUS (20/1)

Simple but an improvement on the standard *G. elwesii* with a single marking on the inner segment, bold, blue - grey foliage and very rounded, substantial flowers. They form big bulbs and increase extremely well and last well in flower. Great inexpensive all-rounders.

22-13

£10.00



MAGIC (16/2)

Our last seedling to come from the garden of the late Veronica Cross, named after one of her beloved dogs, a lurcher. This very elegant *plicatus* Trym x *G. elwesii* seedling is held on a long pedicel and sways prettily in any wind. Under a paler, long, shiny ovary the edges of the outer petals seem to flare outwards to show their green markings to all.

22-375

£50.00



LONG JOHN SILVER (4/2)

Another inverse poculiform seedling from The Island in the garden of the late Veronica Cross, this has an early Trym-type flower with very bold dark green outer markings on relatively long scapes.

22-325

£35.00



LUCY (23/2)

A fabulous seedling from Richard and Valerie at Woodchippings, home to some of the best new snowdrop hybrids. This plicate Trym-type seedling with broad plicate leaves has two dark green markings on the outer segments, a broad one at the tip and a narrower one closer to the ovary, occasionally they tend to merge. The inner segments are all green.

22-307

£45.00



MANDARIN (15/2)

When sun warmed the out-curving outer segments create a shape that resulted in this *G. elwesii* selection being named after the mandarin's hat. That was Phil Cornish's reasoning anyhow when he discovered it. A chunkier looking flower with a bright olive-green ovary.

22-289

£25.00 (202)



MAGNET (6/2)



An iconic snowdrop connected to James Allen of Shepton Mallet. The distinctive feature is the long pedicel (the spur connecting flower to stem) which allows the flower to dangle and sway with great grace in any breeze. This is one of the best hybrid snowdrops of all to naturalise, it is pretty, mobile and increases readily from offsets, but being a sterile triploid it sets no viable seed. Dug plants rather than potted

22-27

£23.00 for 3 (235)



MARJORIE BROWN (21/2)

A late flowering form of *G. elwesii* discovered by Ruby Baker in 1999. Quite unusually wide of leaf with a noticeably glaucous and distinctly bluish coloured foliage, the flowers are large and attractively well-rounded, the form very vigorous and they make big bulbs.

22-203

£15.00 (176)



MARKET CROSS (2/3)

Discovered in Myddleton House Gardens made famous by E.A. Bowles, and the name recalls the monument that he salvaged from Enfield Market and re-erected in the rose garden. This snowdrop is large and pretty vigorous with four pure white outer segments and four green marked inner segments.

22-481

£25.00



MAPPERCOMBE (31/12)

A fine selection of *G. elwesii* with shapely pointed segments, the outers having a bold green splash, really quite outstanding. Given to us by Anna Pavord, from the wonderful old garden of Annie Crutchley at Mappercombe Manor in Dorset.

22-451

£25.00



MATT BISHOP (12/1)

Presented as a gift from the author of *The Snowdrop Book*, this is a large and very early flowering virenscent form of *G. elwesii* often at its best in mid December. Heavily washed with green so as to appear almost luminous.

22-308

£60.00

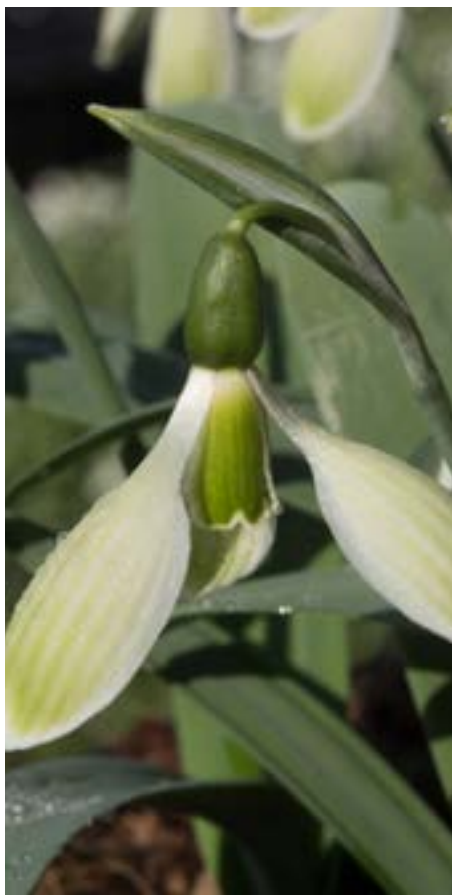


MERLIN (25/1)



An old historic variety and still one of the best, spotted and named by James Allen when he found it growing in his garden in Shepton Mallet, Somerset. This classic beauty has wonderful dark green inner segments and makes quite a statement when seen as a clump.

22-30 £15.00 each or 3 for £35.00 (260)



MORGANA (15/2)

One of the most coveted virescent snowdrops. Found and named by the late Simon Savage in Shropshire. This stately plant has large flowers on relatively short scapes and the most alluring pale green washed segments.

22-376 £80.00



MOYA'S GREEN (10/2)

A distinctively narrower flowered *G. elwesii* with long outer petals, seemingly banded in a strange pale olive green midway down the outer segment. The inners are all green. One of the most easily identified green marked snowdrops. Originally found by Moya Green.

22-246 £45.00



Photo credit: Richard Bashford

METEOR

Originally from Richard Bashford at Woodchippings – a lovely large-flowered form with a very long pedicel and elegant green tips to the outer segments.

22-422 £45.00



MOTHER GOOSE (21/2)

From John Morley's Suffolk garden and possibly a *G. x valentinei* hybrid with Czech origins. The rounded flower has a perfectly normal green coloured ovary and then surprises with a single inner segment mark in a rich golden glowing yellow. Some say that in some seasons it colours up better than in others, but nobody seems to provide a cause, perhaps temperature and light levels play a part, but patience may help too.

22-352 £50.00



OLIVE MASON (8/2)

Alan had been hoping to release this gem himself. That did not happen. With Olive's blessing it is named for her, Alan having collected it in her garden, till now it was just tagged Dial Park No 3. Even now we are somewhat premature in its release in that we have too few, but there are more 'coming on'.

22-497 £150.00



ORANGE PRANK (25/1)

No-one knows much about this, and maybe Alan gets the last laugh? Does anyone know of its origins or how it came by the name?

22-498

£15.00



PLICATUS (26/1)



Found around the Black Sea and in cultivation in Britain since before the late 1500s. The edges of the leaves fold under and against the lower leaf surface. The leaves themselves can vary in their green-ness. Not showy in flower as the more highly bred forms these are probably more bombproof.

22-46

£5.00 or 3 for £12.00 (25)



QUASIMODO (10/2)

A form of *G. elwesii* selected from the garden of Helen Squires in Oxfordshire. It is a snowdrop with strange unpredictable flowers often one outer segment seems to appear from behind the ovary. The spathe can be variable and often white itself.

22-424

£25.00 or 3 for £60.00



PEG SHARPLES (25/2)

A handsome late flowering *G. nivalis* x *G. elwesii* hybrid (it is presumed) with long outer segments and a shaded X on the inner segment; a large sinus notch and quite slim grey-green leaves. It goes back to the early 1960s, originally coming from Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria.

22-142

£20.00 (258)

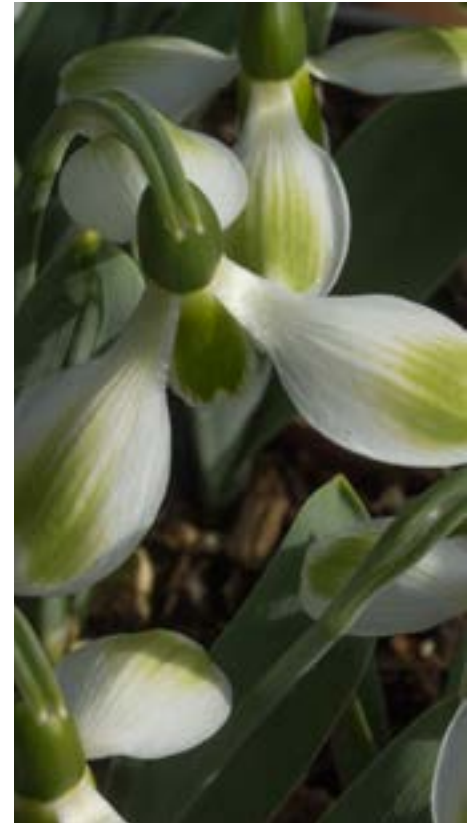


PUFFIN (12/2)

From the Gloucestershire garden of Hilary and Hugh Purkiss, this applanate hybrid has rounded segments and a neat strong habit and vigorous enough to form clumps quite quickly.

22-397

£25.00



RISING SUN (5/2)

A relatively new and outstanding selection of *G. elwesii* with very boldly marked green tipped outer segments. We had it for sale at Thenford in February and it was in high demand.

22-457

£50.00



PIECES OF EIGHT (4/2)

Found together with Long John Silver, this is a *G. plicatus* Trym type and another example of the buried treasure from the late Veronica Cross' garden. A vigorous plant with paddle shaped outer petals, nicely slimmed at the base to show off the darkly marked inner segments but wide enough lower down to accommodate the broad flash of green. A nicely arched pedicel allows the flowers to hang very gracefully as well.

22-326

£60.00



RODMARTON ARCTURUS (28/1)

Another wonderful seedling from Rodmarton Manor in Gloucestershire. This fine hybrid has large, rounded flowers of exquisite quality. One of the very best. Really quite outstanding.
22-371 £30.00



S. ARNOTT (31/1)



The trump card in the Giant Snowdrop Company's lists of the 1950s, but eighty plus years on still a magical and unmissable snowdrop. Its features are that it is a tall mid-season flowering snowdrop with very thick white petals forming handsomely proportioned flowers, scented (when it is warm) as well as being vigorous to increase (although as another triploid it never sets seed). A superlative hybrid snowdrop. Dug plants rather than potted
22-40 £21.00 for 3 (238)



SHIMMER (25/1)

A spontaneous seedling appearing here under a Spindlebush. It is usefully early to flower and has outer segments with enviably bright and intense green shading. This green tipped *G. elwesii* hybrid named in 2019 really does stand out in the garden.
22-365 £50.00



Photo credit: Richard Bashford

SABINE

Found by Richard Bashford in Ruth Dashwood's garden in a swarm of naturalised plicatus. It usually starts to flower at the beginning of January and continues well into February. It has large flowers with double marked inners and is very floriferous.
22-499 £25.00



SENTINEL (21/1)

From the Backhouse garden at Sutton Court, Herefordshire collected by Daphne Chappell. A large flowered mid-late season hybrid (often one of the first to show leaf through the ground in the autumn) with bold blooms topped by enlarged spathes. The strong straight stems hold the flowers well above the foliage, the big outer petals are ridged along their length, the inner segments show two separated areas of green.
22-150 £15.00 (270)



SIBBERTOFT MAGNET (5/2)

The happy combination of a very long pedicel and ovary makes this mid-late season flowering hybrid a much undervalued plant. It is vigorous and can produce two stems per bulb giving a wonderful effect.
22-63 £25.00 (192)



SNOW ANGEL (25/1)

This wonderful form of *G. nivalis* Scharlockii, selected by Lady Alice Boyd when she lived in her wonderful garden at Ince Castle, Cornwall. Its charm lies in the amazingly long pedicel and green marked outers which gives elegance to the whole snowdrop.

22-321

£30.00



SUTTON COURT (2/2)

A large flowered hybrid form, rarely offered but a rival to *S. Arnott* indeed. They are that impressive! From the house of that name in Herefordshire in the 1990s. A tall stemmed, big flowered plant with very substantial and rounded flowers, quite honestly one that should be rated much more highly.

22-211

£20.00 (242)



TILLY (8/2)

Found in Veronica Cross's garden in Herefordshire and named after one of her dogs. A hybrid between *Galanthus graciis* and *G. Trym*.

22-490

£35.00



STARLING (23/2)

A seedling from the copse at Avon Bulbs, possibly *G. elwesii* x *Hill Poe*. Instantly recognisable with a star-like quality due to the flower being held on a very short pedicel leading to one looking more directly into the very green inner segments. Very long lasting in flower, perhaps longer than any other snowdrop.

22-208

£25.00



SVELTE (25/2)

A mid-late flowering, very elegant form of *G. elwesii*, with pointed segments and a long pedicel. The outers are marked with a bold patch of green.

22-388

£20.00



TREASURE ISLAND (25/1)

'That is where I keep my treasures - on The Island' was how the late Veronica Cross described the birthplace of her wonderful new snowdrops. This seedling is of hybrid origin, looking like a golden *G. Mighty Atom*, a large petalled and well-proportioned yet very yellow marked beauty.

22-323

£80.00



TRIMMER (8/1)

A lovely Trym-like seedling with a distinctive pagoda-like shape – the outer green marked segments show a slight outward curl at their tips.

22-217 £30.00



TRINITY (4/2)

A stunning *G. plicatus* form found in a Suffolk churchyard which always produces two or even three scapes from bulbs that are large enough. Straight stemmed, with flowers that have a wonderful green arch marked inner along with outer segments and marked with what resemble a pale green scallop shell.

22-264 £35.00



TROTTERS MERLIN (15/2)

An old snowdrop variety, but nevertheless well worth growing – it flowers very late in the season and makes a bold statement with upright convolute leaves and large, well held flowers heavily marked with green on the inner segments. Named by John Morley in 1997 after Richard Trotter who first discovered it in his garden in Inverness, Scotland.

22-145 £25.00 (260)



TROYANUS (25/1)

A very rare species from Turkey. Our stock came from the late Ruby Baker who grew them from a few seeds sent from Germany. One germinated and is the origin of this elegant, early flowering plant.

22-459 £75.00



TRUMPS (12/2)



A stunning and easy to grow hybrid first spotted in John Morley's garden by Matt Bishop in 1999. Probably the result of *G. plicatus* Trym crossing with *G. elwesii*. Early to flower with bright green arrow-head shaped markings on the outer segment and quick to form good clumps. As the flower matures it becomes more flared and pagoda-like in shape. One of the best green-tipped snowdrops and a must-have variety for every snowdrop garden.

22-164 £25.00 (283)



TRYMPOSTOR(11/2)

This is shorter, earlier into flower and much more vigorous so probably much more rewarding. Shown at Vincent Square in Feb 2011 where it was awarded an RHS Preliminary Commendation.

22-182 £25.00



TURNCOAT (25/1)

From Richard Bashford and Valerie Bexley's collection at Woodchippings in Northamptonshire, a desirable green marked plicate beauty. This is a tall form with Trym in its parentage. The large outer segments turned upwards and outwards providing a dramatic effect

22-354 £30.00



TWO EYES (5/2)

A big flowered *G. elwesii* form that was found by Chris Brickell, then Director General of the RHS in his private garden at Wisley in the 1970s. Small green markings on tips of the outer segments and rather variably marked inner segments that (in some) resemble two eyes, as in Grumpy.
22-342 **£25.00 (201)**



WARWICKSHIRE GEMINI

A tall, broad blue-green leaved *elwesii* hybrid with strong scapes that produce two flowers in many instances from the same pedicel, hence the twin related name.
22-139 **£20.00**



WHITE HEART (30/1)

This came to us from Anne Repnov from bulbs she obtained from Croatia. The green on the outers seems to vary a bit from year to year but established bulbs show a lovely white heart on the inner segment.
22-491 **£45.00**

Photo credit: Anne Repnov



VIRIDAPICE (25/1)

Found about a century ago in the north of Holland, so they have been around a while. These are still one of the strongest growing of the green and emerald tipped applanate snowdrops, with a particularly erect habit and a noticeably long and thickened spathe. Dug plants rather than potted.
22-44 **£8.00 (108)**



WILHELM BAUER (16/2)

A selection made by Rudi Bauer and named after his father, this *G. nivalis* form has long segments inside and out, the latter well marked in a delicious shade of green to over half their length. Given to us by Rudi, who made this selection from stock which originated in Belgium. It has an extremely long divided or split spathe, with long outer segments, heavily washed with green almost from the tip to the base.
22-358 **£25.00**



WOOZLE (23/2)

A small flowered, weird yet wonderful form of *G. nivalis* selected by Joe Sharman with strange spiky flowers, often with a white petal-like spathe. Not miffy at all and seems to increase well.
22-442 **£25.00**



YORK MINSTER (12/1)

A dainty virescent seedling from Jorg Lebsa in Germany, flowering from mid December in England, so doubly serendipitous!
22-377 **£60.00**



'Glorious Galanthus' A2 Posters

666-80

£5.00 for 2

A2 in size (4 times A4!) and double sided so you can choose to see either a more formal array of all the wide variation in form that is displayed by snowdrops, or a more varied and expansive array of less formal shots. Or when you need a change you can turn it over! No varieties are duplicated so it may even help you identify ones of yours for which labels have become lost!

All the photos are named. Supplied in a cardboard wrap so as to avoid any creases and so posted separately.

These cost £5.00 for 2 when posted to UK addresses. Now get two posters for the price of one, no need to choose which side you should display!

Shows/Events we are attending in 2024

Date	Event
Sat. & Sun. 27th & 28th January	Museum in the Park, Stroud GL5 4AF
Sat. 3rd February	The Garden House, Buckland Monochorum PL20 7LQ
Sat. 10th February	Thenford Snowdrop Spectacular, Thenford House OX17 2BX
Sun. 11th February	Shaftesbury Snowdrops, Shaftesbury Town Hall SP7 8JE
TBA	Welford Park, Berkshire RG20 8HU
Sat. 17th February	Cottage Garden Society Snowdrop Group, Old Court Nurseries, Colwall WR13 6QE (Membership & prebooking required)
Sat. & Sun. 17th & 18th February	Shepton Mallet Snowdrop Festival
Sun. 25th February	Kingston Bagpuize Snowdrop & Plant Fair OX13 5AX
Sat. 9th March	Sidmouth Plant Fair, Kennaway House EX10 8NG
Sun. 17th March	Rare Plant Fair, Bishop's Palace, Wells BA5 2PD
Sat. 23rd March	HPS Early Spring Plant Fair, Yeo Valley Garden BS40 7SQ
Sat. 6th April	Forde Abbey Plant Fair TA20 4LU
Sun. 14th April	Mapperton Plant Fair, Beaminster DT8 3NR
Fri. & Sat. 3rd & 4th May	Toby's Garden Festival, Powderham Castle EX6 8JQ

Our website will have links to these events from January 2024

Maxiflex Gardening Gloves

We have now extended the range of gloves that we offer. We previously only offered them in sizes 7 and 10, and whilst they are elasticated that was not good enough! They are now available in the intermediate sizes as well so remeasure your hands (details on the website) and see what now fits better and add a pair or two to your order? They remain at the exceptional price of **£6.50 each or £18.50 for 3**



- 669-01 Size 10 (Yellow cuff)
- 669-04 Size 9 (White cuff)
- 669-03 Size 8 (Orange cuff)
- 669-02 Size 7 (Red cuff)



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.

Snowdrop Greeting Cards

Two sets of these popular cards, great as simple thank you and especially as condolence cards.

£2.00 each or £15.00 for either set of 10 Cards ordered alone will be charged £3.00 P&P

The cards are all A6 (6"x4") on good quality card and commercially printed, blank inside for your own message. They all come individually sleeved with a good quality white envelope.

Each set comprises a full 'head and shoulders' image of the snowdrop as well as a composite card showing all the nine together on one card. The two sets are sold as 10 cards and cannot be swapped about or selected from further.

The 'Firm Favourites' collection comprises the most popular nine cards from the 30 that we previously offered. If you have a favourite card from past offerings that is now not displayed we may have a few left that you can specifically request.

The 'Viridian' Collection is a set highlighting the green marked forms.

The Viridian Collection

666-90



'Viridian' Set - (10 cards) 666-91

Viridian

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 666-81 Big Eyes | 666-84 Dragonfly | 666-87 E A Bowles |
| 666-82 Green Tear | 666-85 Madelaine | 666-88 Midas |
| 666-83 Pieces of Eight | 666-86 Rosemary Burnham | 666-89 Veronica Cross |

Firm Favourites

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| 666-50 Alan's Treat | 666-65 Angelique | 666-51 Blewbury Tart |
| 666-62 Blonde Inge | 666-54 Diggory | 666-73 Magnet |
| 666-76 S. Arnott | 666-77 sandersii | 666-79 Straffan |



The Firm Favourites Collection

'Firm Favourites' Set - (10 cards) 666-93

Plants and bulbs to flower this Summer

From here on please use the order form on P53/54

ACTAEA

Tough, rabbit-proof, woodland perennials from North America and Europe that provide scent, height and interest in moisture retentive soils, usually though not exclusively, in some shade.



CHOCOHOLIC

Lovely dark leaved plants - so long as they receive some direct light - but also shade lovers (a bit contradictory I know) thriving on heavy moist soil. Very different from our usual fare that requires "well drained" soils. They used to be called Cimicifuga and plenty of our older readers will recognise that name better. The flowers appear as tall, white, scented plumes in late summer and early autumn and they go on into the winter due to their interesting seed heads. Plants in 1 litre pots.

Sept/Oct
90-04

↔ 24" (60cm)
60" (1.5m)
£9.00



PINK SPIKE

Pale pink and white flowered with the dark contrasting foliage as above. A more limited number of plants in 1 litre pots.

Sept/Oct
90-03

↔ 24" (60cm)
60" (1.5m)
£9.00

AGAPANTHUS

Perennial plants that originate in South Africa. Many hybrid forms are now available providing the potential to have a display of Agapanthus in the garden or pots from late June through to September. There are fully deciduous (and hardy) ones and fully evergreen (and tender) forms and much that is between the two. It is not always apparent where the divide lies! Do be aware of your growing conditions so that you choose the right variety for your particular aspect, soil, latitude and altitude. These are all factors to take into consideration with regard to hardiness. Most importantly they are sun lovers. They are very drought tolerant but often perform better in wet summers. If the soil is good, they will make huge clumps. New flower buds are formed the previous autumn, so they flower better after a long damp autumn. They should be with you for many years so apart from hardiness, select your purchases by colour, height, form of the flower, abundance of flower and flowering time. Well established plants only need further division when flowering diminishes. They are very versatile, ideal for seaside gardens, are not palatable to rabbits and relatively unaffected by slugs and snails.

The evergreen forms derive from plants from milder and wetter parts. They tend to have broader and fleshier leaves and because they keep their foliage through our winters, they require some protection. At the other end of the scale the deciduous forms tend to have narrower foliage and shed their leaves before the winter, so they are considerably hardier. All the same, it is still worth mulching their 'crowns' with something in the late autumn – if this is soil-enriching manure all the better as they are hungry feeders, and therein lies part of the problem for plants in pots: the restricted root run is fine whilst there is some nutrition available, but once the compost has been depleted of nutrients they will not flower. The roots in pots also suffer more from freezing and thawing than in the soil at any depth unless you provide some protection during the winter. There is a new pest of Agapanthus that we suggest that you look out for, the Agapanthus Gall Midge, recently named as Enigmadiplosis agapanthi who infects the flower stem buds and flowers causing them to become deformed and or discoloured. There is no recommended chemical or biological control available. Here in Somerset, we have taken all the flowers off all our nursery stocks for the past four years as a precaution in an attempt to prevent any larvae emerging from the flowers to pupate on the ground. If you have a problem this seems to be a chemical free means of helping to break the cycle. There is scant information anywhere about it, just type in Agapanthus Gall Midge on the Internet to find out what little there is. The indication as to whether plants will be supplied from 1 litre pots or from division is offered as a guide only, it cannot be guaranteed. Plants from division (ones which we have divided from bigger 'crowns' dug on the nursery) may take a year to settle in. But within a year, plants from division and plants from pots will be very similar, all other things being equal.



ALAN STREET

A beautiful dark-flowered seedling identified by our late head nurseryman Alan, here, some 15 years ago, we first listed them in 2013. Nearly indigo-coloured flowers are produced in profusion, on a dark stem, the heads not too congested, so that one sees the individual flowers. Outstanding. The foliage is deciduous. One of the very best at the Wisley trial where it was awarded an AGM in 2019. Divisions from field grown stock.

July/August
2-64

↔ 12" (30cm)
30" (75cm)
£8.50 or £23.00 for 3



AQUAMARINE

Rather earlier than most and altogether shorter with tennis ball sized heads on erect stems, the flowers are deep dark blue with a purple hue. Vigorous with quite short deciduous foliage so these are very suitable for pots or for planting towards the front of a border for an earlier show. From division.

July
2-04

↔ 12" (30cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations
Flowering time
Item Code
Flowering height
Price



ARCTIC STAR



Early flowering (for Agapanthus) as these sometimes flower in early July. Not a tall variety but large headed, in arctic white on thickish stems. The foliage is greyish green and quite broad, semi evergreen but tougher than that seems to suggest. Limited numbers from division.

July
2-32

↔ 12" (30cm)
20" (50cm)
£7.50



CASTLE OF MEY

An early mid season form with lovely mid blue flowers with a violet hue, the midrib of each flower darker. Slightly larger headed than most with many stems on established plants. Deciduous unless the winter is very mild. From division.

July/August
2-23

↔ 12" (30cm)
30" (75cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



DELFT BLUE

Pale blue flowered atop very long flower stems that often cannot hold the flower erect (but that may indicate that ours are in too much shade). Deciduous. From division.

July/August
2-52

↔ 12" (30cm)
36" (100cm)
£7.50



ARDERNEI

Narrow leaved and deciduous, so hardy. White flowered with a pink tinge as they mature. The flower stalks are reddish brown so contrast well with the flower. Long stemmed with the flower heads about the size of an orange. From division.

August
2-18

↔ 12" (30cm)
30" (75cm)
£7.50



CHANDRA

Originally from David Street who I think raised it in Devon. A big headed white form that we have had for a while but rarely sold. Deciduous. From division.

July/August
2-27

↔ 12" (30cm)
30" (75cm)
£7.50



EXMOOR



Mid - late flowering with striped flower petals, both dark blue and paler. The foliage is deciduous and this has become one of my favourites for its dark flower stems which make a vaseful stand out. From division.

July/August
2-60

↔ 24" (60cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.50



FLOWER OF LOVE

A deep mid-blue coloured flower over broad, strappy, deciduous foliage. A relatively short variety that performed very well in the trials at Wisley in 2019. From 1 litre pots

July
2-54

↔ **24" (60cm)**
14" (32cm)
£7.50



INAPERTUS

Very tall and late flowering with long clean very upright stems that support a head of more pendulous flowers several feet above the foliage. Dark blue coloured with long-tubed flowers. The foliage is more evergreen than most and we mulch their crowns with straw as a precaution, but we have had some cold winters and they seem unaffected. Far to the north they may need more protection still. Limited numbers of plants from division.

Aug/Sept
2-10

↔ **12" (30cm)**
Up to 5ft (150cm)
£7.50



MIDNIGHT STAR

Mid- late season flowering with tidy deeper blue heads about the size of a grapefruit. Deciduous and vigorous. From division.

July/Aug
2-62

↔ **24" (60cm)**
24" (60cm)
£7.50



GEM

Mid blue flowers in a more compact head than some. Slightly evergreen here in mild winters. From division.

August
2-53

↔ **24" (60cm)**
24" (60cm)
£6.50 or £16.00 for 3



LULY

Big headed in a pale mid blue atop very long flower stems. Deciduous. From division.

July/August
2-45

↔ **12" (30cm)**
36" (100cm)
£7.50



SILVER BABY

A dwarf form with an evergreen habit. The lovely flowers are silvery white with a pale blue edge. Very suitable for the front of a sunny border or in pots. They may need to be protected in the coldest areas in winter. From 1 litre pots.

July
2-55

↔ **12" (30cm)**
12-15" (30-40cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations
Flowering time Flowering height
Item Code Price



SILVER MIST

These have relatively large heads of pale ice blue coloured flowers held above rather more evergreen and paler foliage. They are probably best grown in pots or in sheltered gardens although this stock has been grown outside here. From division.

↔ 15" (36cm)
24" (60 cm)

July
2-59

£6.50 or £16.00 for 3



SILVER MOON

Deciduous and variegated with large pale blue flowers set off by apparently silvery foliage - this is actually an unusual broad white edge to the leaves. Very striking indeed. From 1 litre pots.

↔ 12" (30cm)
28" (70 cm)

July
2-56

£6.50 or £16.00 for 3



TWISTER

Very unusually these open white and then develop deep blue bases to the flower whilst the tips remain white and flare open widely. The two-tone colour is a very engaging combination. More or less evergreen these will require protection in the coldest gardens. From 1 litre pots.

↔ 12" (30cm)
18" (50cm)

July/August
2-57

£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



WINDSOR GREY

Refined, large headed and long-stemmed plants, with dense heads of silver grey, turning slightly pink as they age. From the Saville Garden near Windsor. Late mid-season flowering with semi deciduous foliage, from division.

↔ 12" (30cm)
30" (75cm)

August
2-20

£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

ALBUCA



NELSONII

Ivory white, waxy flowers with green tips face upward around a tall raceme opening from the bottom of the spike, providing a long lasting display. The flowers are strongly almond scented. The foliage very glossy and also waxy. They can form huge bulbs which are often half in and half out of the soil and quite succulent in their nature. Not really hardy outside although a couple of degrees of frost will cause no harm. Best in a big pot where you can provide some winter protection. They will hardly need any water during the winter. These will be roughly grapefruit sized bulbs.

↔ 18" (45cm)
30" (75cm)
£6.00

June/July
52-05

ALLIUMS

The more typical and most familiar bulbous *Alliums* were planted in the autumn and will have spent the winter growing roots and readying themselves to flower in the late spring. These spring-planted forms by contrast have no real bulb and are more herbaceous in their appearance, flowering later in the summer. Consequently, they can be divided and replanted safely in the spring. Sun lovers, as are nearly all *Alliums* and a magnet for butterflies, bees and hoverflies in the warm sunny days of summer and early autumn. All these are supplied from division of field grown plants.



ANGULOSUM

Bright green and glossy-leaved for much of the year. Pale lilac-flowered in late summer and increasing to tight clumps in time when they visibly shimmer and hum on a warm late summer day when beset by feeding insects. Probably the most butterfly friendly plant we grow. This is a more compact but sterile clone, brilliant in every regard. Closely related to *A. senescens* (below) but these have a ridge, or keel, on the underside of the leaves.

↔ 8" (20cm)
12" (30cm)

July/August
153-28

£5.00 for 3 (small bulbs)



ANGULOSUM (TALL FORM)

Standing twice as tall or more as the form above when in flower and with two distinct flowering periods, the second on stems that are noticeably taller than those of the first. Between them they add up to a very long time in flower.

↔ **8" (20cm)**
24" (60cm)
£5.00 (small clump)

August
 153-64



LENKORANICUM

A quirky wispy plant that is native to Azerbaijan and reportedly only discovered in 1987. It increases steadily both forming clumps and increasing from seed in a sunny bed in well drained soils. It lasts ages in flower and in the second half of the year always appears to be in flower.

↔ **4" (10cm)**
12" (30cm)
£5.00 (small clump)

Summer
 153-21



SENESENS SSP. GLAUCUM

Summer flowering plants with ground hugging blue-green foliage which soon matts the ground. Flowering for ages when it becomes more difficult to see the leaves on account of the volume of flower. Small tight, lilac pompoms again adored by insects. Easy and beneficial plants for sunny conditions.

↔ **8" (20cm)**
8" (20cm)
£5.00 (small clump)

Summer
 153-30

ALSTROEMERIA

Florists would be at a loss to find an alternative to Alstroemeria which they use as a cut flower over many months of the year. The many forms that they sell are hybrids, various crosses between winter growing Chilean and summer flowering Brazilian species. Those we sell are much simpler, and in British gardens are more successful in a sheltered sunny site. Whilst they have a reputation for being difficult to transplant these young plants seem to grow reasonably easily, unlike old woody tubers which tend to be difficult. Germination of old seed can also be tricky.

The A. ligtu forms will have been potted into 9 cm pots in the late autumn and each pot contains a number of individual tubers, the flowers of which will all vary in colour. As a result each pot of the A. ligtu will probably provide a mixture of colours. They tend to grow away early when in pots where we provide protection from harder frosts so they may appear a bit 'leggy' on arrival, but plant them deeply, hardening them off gently if the weather is still cold.



CANADENSE

Evidently (according to Wikipedia) these are found over much on North America, from Texas to New Brunswick, and were used by the native Americans for culinary purposes. The bees certainly love the pale teal to lilac coloured flowers.

↔ **4" (10cm)**
12" (30cm)
£5.00 (small clump)

Summer
 153-71



Allium Lisa Blue in foreground,
 A. Lisa Green behind

SENESENS LISA GREEN

Summer flowering plants, more upright and less clump forming than A. s. glaucum (below) with small pom-pom shaped flowers in a lilac hue. Easy in any soil type in the sun.

↔ **6" (15cm)**
16" (38cm)
£4.00 or £10.00 for 3 (small clumps)

Summer
 153-74

SENESENS LISA BLUE

As above but with very much bluer coloured foliage

↔ **6" (15cm)**
16" (38cm)
£4.00 or £10.00 for 3 (small clumps)

Summer
 153-73



LIGTU HYBRID

These plants, which originate from Chile, could be apricot, cream, pink, yellow or occasionally white, or in lovely combinations. The leaves on all Alstroemeria are resupinate – twisting upside down, so what appears as the upper leaf surface is in fact lower one. Plant them with the lowest leaves just buried, on a gravelly base.

↔ **24" (60cm)**
24-36" (60-90cm)
£6.00 or £17.00 for 3 (pots)

June/July
 4-04



LIGTU FRANCES

The early leaves are strongly yellow margined - from emergence all through the early spring - so clumps of these are outstanding for their foliage alone at that time of year. Whilst the colours on the form above will vary, those of Frances are all the same, an attractive pale biscuit pink.

↔ 24" (60cm)

June/July
4-08

24-36" (60-90cm)
£6.00 each (pots)



PSITTACINA

In our heavier soils these flower late in the year often in October, though it seems that in lighter soils they can flower from July. Supplied as pot grown plants in 1 litre pots. They can cope with some shade and in cold areas they may need mulching in their first winter. Red and green trumpets.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Sept/Oct
4-06

30" (80cm)
£8.00

AMARINE

Amarines are hybrids resulting from crossings between the Nerine and Amaryllis families, the petals are generally broader than those of most Nerines, the foliage wider. They require full sun and (like Nerines) quite shallow planting. If you have a cold garden perhaps it might be better to pot them, but there has been a sizeable display of them for some years against a wall at RHS Wisley which should provide some reassurance as to their hardiness. They are late autumn flowering. Supplied as home grown bulbs, better and fresher this spring.



ANASTASIA

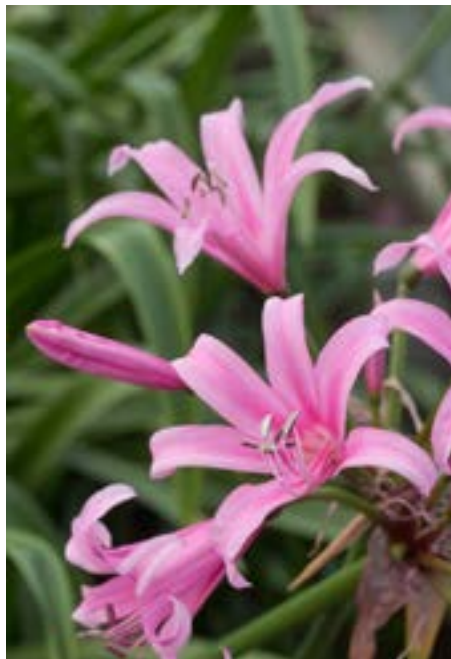
Pink with a darker midrib.



↔ 4" (10cm)

Oct/Nov
94-03

24-30" (60-70cm)
£5.00 or £14.00 for 3



APHRODITE

Pink flowered beauties.

↔ 4" (10cm)

Oct/Nov
94-04

24-30" (60-70cm)
£5.00 or £14.00 for 3



EMANUELLE

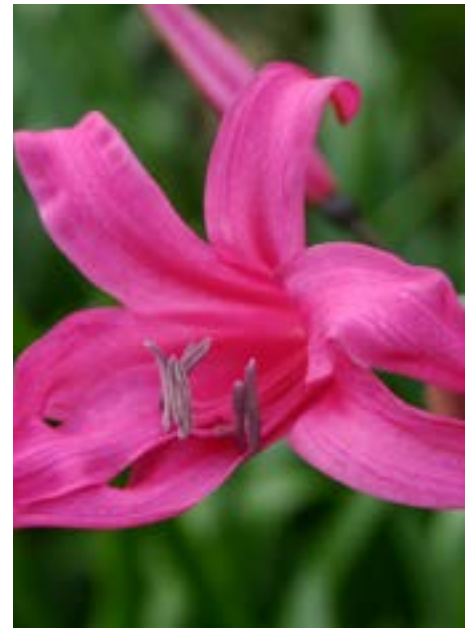
Broad petalled in a very pale pink.



↔ 4" (10cm)

Oct/Nov
94-01

24-30" (60-70cm)
£5.00 or £14.00 for 3



ZWANENBURG

Pre-dating the forms above by many years, these are the darkest with cerise coloured flowers

↔ 4" (10cm)

Oct/Nov
94-11

24" (60cm)
£5.00 or £14.00 for 3

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

Flowering time
Item Code

Flowering height
Price

Insect friendly Plants

We believe the plants marked with our bee symbol to be particularly beneficial to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, moths & hover flies.



ANEMONE

We offer a number of summer flowering forms of more herbaceous and perennial Anemone, which all like relatively moisture retentive soils in sun or part shade.



LEVEILLEI

Deciduous hardy perennials that best love sunny conditions in good soils. Their slightly hairy early growth provides lovely lilac-backed white flowers in the early - mid summer, enhanced by attractive blue stamens. From 1 litre pots.

June-Oct
157-40

↔ 18" (45cm)
18" (45cm)
£8.00



Photo credit: GAP Images



DREAMING SWAN

There are now a number of variants on the original Wild Swan which was of Elizabeth MacGregor's breeding. This one is different in that the backs of the flowers have a wide lilac-blue band. Mostly single petalled flowers with a very long flowering period and surprisingly good cut flower as well. A limited number from 2 litre pots.

June-Oct
157-42

↔ 18" (45cm)
18" (45cm)
£9.00



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FRILLY KNICKERS

Semi double petalled and in flower for ages in the summer with the white petals showing more than a hint of violet-pink. Grown in 1 litre pots.

June-Oct
157-43

↔ 18" (45cm)
24" (60cm)
£8.00



RUFFLED SWAN

Rather taller than Wild Swan with extra petals in the flowers, their backs a lilac hue. In bigger 2 litre pots.

June-Oct
157-41

↔ 18" (45cm)
22" (50cm)
£9.00

Insect friendly Plants

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ANTHERICUM



LILIAGO MAJOR

White flowered perennials from southern Europe called the St Bernard Lily. Informal looking plants of open conditions with many small trumpet shaped flowers on multiple stems. Currently potted in 1 litre pots, limited numbers.

May
158-05

↔ 14" (35cm)
18-24" (45-60cm)
£7.50



RAMOSUM

The branched 'St Bernard's Lily'. They produce many branched stems from each plant with starry white flowers spangled over them, never very many open at one time but spread over many months and difficult to photograph satisfactorily! An easy to grow perennial currently potted in 1 litre pots.

July-Sept
58-07

↔ 14" (35cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

ARISAEMA



CANDIDISSIMUM



Tubers of this amazing aroid. White and pink striped scented trumpets - which always remind me of fancy dorades (those tubes used to draw fresh air down below decks on a cruise liner) which arise in the summer with large three lobed leaves (one lobe of which is usually smaller than the others) to follow. They enjoy shade and moisture and are hardy, though seem to have a very short growing season emerging as late as they do. These are big UK grown tubers.

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

July 15" (40 cm)
54-02 £10.00



JACQUEMONTII

Tuberous natives of the Himalayas growing on grassy slopes and in forest at altitude with bright green spathes with long wispy tails well above the foliage. Ideal in shade where they add to the green tapestry. They are pollinated by flies and once seed is set form red seed heads which are likely to be toxic if eaten. Tubers, around the size of large marbles.

↔ 9" (24cm)

July/Aug 24" (60cm)
54-01 (about 1" (25mm) diameter) £6.00 for 3
54-05 (about 0.5" (12mm) diameter) £4.00 for 3



TORTUOSUM BLACK ROD

Some bulbs are beautiful even when dormant - this is one of those. This is a potential giant though, our biggest tuber (1.4 Kg!) resulted in a stem that we had to stake with the plant reaching over 6' with the spadix taller still, the whole supported by purple-black velvety stems. The tubers for sale are a lot smaller and might take a few years to reach those heights. Hardy shade lovers.

June/July up to 6' (2 m) in time
54-03 (About 3" (50-60mm) in diameter) £7.50
54-04 (About 1.5" (30-40mm) in diameter) £5.00 or £12.00 for 3

ARUNCUS



Photo credit: GAP Images

DIOICUS KNEIFFII

A petite form of 'Goatsbeard' with a tussock of narrow, nearly feathery, leaves and in the summer months covered by branched plumes of tiny white flowers. A hardy rhizomatous perennial that thrives in soils that do not dry out to a crisp or - better than that - stay moist year round (without flooding) in either sun or part shade. From 1 litre pots.

↔ 24" (60cm)

Summer 18-30" (50-100 cm) £7.50
55-01

ASTRANTIA

Found wild in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus these are really herbaceous perennials and will be familiar to many as 'Pin-cushion' plants. In reasonable soil, either in full sun or part shade they produce mounds of soft-lobed foliage with taller flower stems in a variety of hues. They are hungry feeders and slow to form big clumps. Good with Alliums, Actaea and Heuchera for summer borders. Cut them back by two thirds after their first flowering each year to encourage a second flush late in the same year. Useful cut flower, with an unusual fragrance.



CLARET



Dark flowered and with leaves of a darker hue. These are from well-established plants in 1 litre pots.

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

May/July 24" (60cm)
1-02 £6.50 or £17.00 for 3



GILL RICHARDSON



Darker of foliage and a darker purple- pink in flower. Somewhat shorter in stature and a tidier plant. By division.

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

May/July 18" (45 cm) £6.50
1-08

Flowering time	Flowering height
Item Code	Price



MAJOR

A large-flowered form with the individual heads bigger than a 50p piece (more officially the 'petals' surrounding the flower are not flowers, just bracts). Green and white with pinkish highlights. By division.

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

May/July
1-04

24" (60cm)
£6.50 or £17.00 for 3



ROMA

A very lovely form with soft pale pink heads which are produced in profusion. A neat plant that remains in flower for ages, one of the very best. By division.

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

May/July
1-07

20" (50cm)
£6.50 or £17.00 for 3



VENICE

With deep plum coloured bracts with green stems these are in flower for ages in the early summer. By division.

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

May/July
1-10

18" (45cm)
£6.50 or £17.00 for 3

BEGONIA



BOLIVIENSIS SANTA CRUZ

Given an unlabelled plant some years ago we have been slow to find the right name, but now that do know it is one to knock your socks off! They only come into their own in the late summer and will need a dry frost-free winter rest but are amazing for 3 months. An upright plant with a good structure and deep red long-lasting flowers alongside bright green foliage. Dormant tubers, often showing signs of growth.

Late summer
9-09

18" (45cm)
£4.50



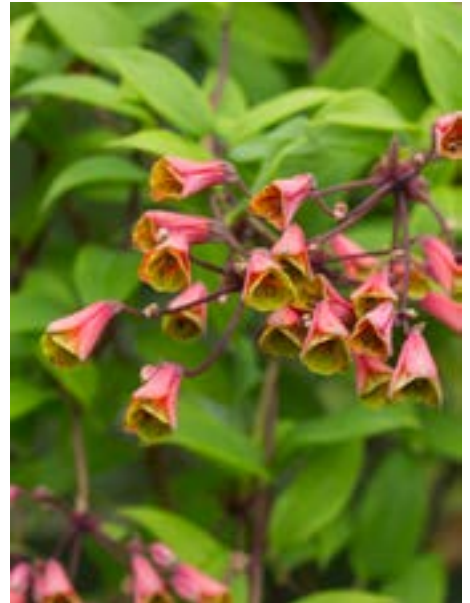
SUTHERLANDII

Small leaved, and adorned by strings of many smaller flowers, a very undemanding Begonia that could be used in a number of situations - in hanging baskets as it trails prettily, or in pots as it also forms a stem if it can, or it can be used as a houseplant. Lots of people tell us that they, or a friend, had a plant for years and formed quite an attachment to their Begonia but having eventually lost it they have not been able to find it for sale again. Not quite hardy enough to leave out in the garden in the winter. Dried off in the autumn and kept dry over winter the tubers will gradually get larger in size each year, and the plant bigger.

Summer
9-07

pendulous
£4.50

BOMAREA



EDULIS

The Plantfinder suggests that *B. edulis* is a synonym for *B. salsilla*. The latter however (according to Kew) comes from southern Chile and *B. edulis* from most of the northern half of South America, but not Chile, so I am confused. A summer growing climber in the *Alstroemeria* family. In winter they go dormant to a tuber below ground and if planted deeply and mulched they seem to be hardy enough in warmer areas.

Otherwise a fab conservatory climber. Tubers.
Late summer
10-05

5' (1.6 m)
£10.00



SALSILLA

These go dormant much earlier and have a much pinker flower than those above. Tubers.

Late summer
10-04

5' (1.6 m)
£10.00

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

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Item Code

Flowering height
Price

BRUNNERA

Incredibly useful in many of our plant displays. These are plants with architectural merit. We used them as foliage foils to soften up the more upright ranks of regimental looking bulbs on our spring and early summer displays. They are members of the Bugloss family, enjoying slightly damper conditions in part shade but their flowering is also very attractive.



MACROPHYLLA ALEXANDER'S GREAT

Larger leaved than Jack Frost (probably the best known) and reputed to grow into bigger plants in due course. The flowers are just the same. Well established plants in 1 litre pots.

April/May
18-06

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)
18" (45cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



MACROPHYLLA JACK FROST

With lovely broad leaves, mainly white but 'crazed' with green and, as is their habit, overlapping one another attractively to cover the ground with sprays of tiny bright blue flowers in the late spring adding a smoky haze. Plants in 1 litre pots.

April/May
18-04

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)
18" (45cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

CANNA



X EHEMANII (SYN IRIDIFLORA)

A big bold plant, with broad deep-green banana-like foliage and carmine flowers. Probably not hardy through much of the UK but we grow them in a high roofed unheated greenhouse, but growing in the ground, and divide clumps biennially. When dormant they will need some protection outdoors or to be kept dry in winter, but if you start them off in the warm in their pots and put them outside in June they grow very fast to make very impressive plants by the summer's end.

Summer-Autumn
7-04

↔ 24-36" (60-90cm)
6' plus (1.8 m+)
£10.00 or £ 25.00 for 3

CAUTLEYA



SPICATA ROBUSTA

Members of the ginger family with broad Cannalike leaves, though much shorter. Hardy here, but they are dwindling due to excessive summer heat. They are happier in some shade (as in the fernery at Rosemoor) where it remains more humid. Yellow and orange flowers highlighted by red bracts. Bare roots packed in coir.

Summer
154-04

↔ 9-12" (20-30cm)
18" (45cm)
£7.00

COSMOS



PEUCIDANIFOLIUS

Plants originating from Bolivia, closely related to those favourite annuals you all know, but these form a tuber and are perennial which is a big bonus. They thrive here on our heavy loam, in flower continuously with simple pink flowers from mid to late summer on long stems. These are from seed sown last year and their growth filled a 1 litre pot by the autumn. The resulting tubers will flower well in 2024 with slight variation in the shade of pink. Sunny situations in good soil suit them.

Summer
25-05

↔ 12" (30cm)
18" (45cm)
£8.00

CROCOSMIA

Summer stalwarts in the garden, and available in a range of reds, marmalade orange and yellow flowers. They will not flourish for long on thin dry soil; plant them quite deeply where they receive full sun and summer moisture. You should be prepared to split them up and move them on every 3-4 years, it rejuvenates them and without this attention they can go into a decline. These are all dug from the nursery and provided as bare root bulbs. It is difficult to judge quite how many we shall have for sale.



BABYLON

A relatively short form with bright orange-red flowers with a yellow centre. The foliage does not flop as it does with some forms and the seed head adorned stems are a useful flower arrangement addition in the autumn. Bare root bulbs.

Aug
15-39

↔ 4" (12cm)
15" (35cm)
£5.00 for 7



LAMBROOK GOLD

Many rounded, small, golden-apricot yellow flowers on a good strong stem with paler than usual foliage, easy and increasing. Bare root bulbs.

Aug
15-32

↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)
24" (60cm)
£5.00 for 5



LUCIFER

Early flowering (for a Crocosmia) with a magnificent contrast between the deep green leaves and the crimson red flowers. A sun lover and one of those iconic plants that most people can recognise from afar for good reason. Bare root bulbs.

July
15-07

↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)
36" (90cm)
£4.50 for 3



PEACH SUNRISE

A jaunty plant raised in Northern Ireland. The flowers open out wide and the upright stems are not tall so have a lower tendency to flop. Bare root bulbs.

Aug
15-39

↔ 4" (12cm)
18" (45cm)
£5.00 for 5



PAUL'S BEST YELLOW

We first admired this plant when we visited Dick Fulcher's in Devon a long while back when he claimed that this was the best yellow Crocosmia at the time. I think that he was probably right and I have yet to see anything better. I prefer the clear bright yellow colours in the high summer more than the brooding reds of some Crocosmia anyhow. Upright and quite tall with long flower tresses. Bare root bulbs.

Aug
15-37

↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)
36" (90cm)
£7.50 for 3



QUEEN MARY II

Purplish in bud but a warm apricot colour in flower with darker foliage. Producing lots of flower. Easy and increasing so if you need something vigorous and substantial this is the one to go for. The RHS Plant Finder thinks that this is the same plant as C. Columbus. Bare root bulbs.

Aug/Sept
15-35

↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)
30" (75cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £7.00 for 15

DAHLIA

For anyone new to Dahlias they need sun and would like it hot - they also do better in moist soils, where they repay one's efforts with zingy displays in jaunty colours that go on for months through the summer and which the butterflies and bees love (the ones with exposed centres anyhow). Then, ahead of the winter, you have to decide to either leave your tubers in the ground (when you will try and provide an extra covering of material to keep them drier and more frost free) or lift the tubers (to dry them in the autumn before storing them, out of the frost, for the winter). There is no hard and fast rule as to which is more successful, your location, soil type and attitude to risk will lead you one way or the other.

There are not too many cultivation tips but if you can follow some of them you will get far better plants. 1) Plant them in the sun and don't do it too early, better to plant into warm soils a bit late than cold soils too early. If you feel that you really need to start them off sooner plant them in pots which you can protect from the cold and plant out at the end of May. 2) Provide plenty of feeding once they are growing well, so incorporate muck or slow release plant food when you plant them and/or liquid feed in the summer. 3) They don't want to be too dry, especially when flowering profusely so drench them regularly if you can in hotter weather. 4) Deadheading will repay you handsomely so cut off the spent flowers (they are pointed in shape, the new buds are more rounded) or just cut them fresh for the house, more will follow. We do not grow these dahlias ourselves (apart from *D.coccinea* var *palmeri*) and nowadays they are machine lifted and dried, sometimes we feel rather brutally, leading to a proportion of the tubers being damaged. Some varieties are worse affected than others but as long as there is a growing point (like the eye on a potato) they will grow. Those eyes are not visible till late March on most varieties. So even if the occasional tuber seems rather battered when it arrives be reassured, it will grow.



BISHOP OF CANTERBURY

(PAEONY)

Cerise flowered which combines with the dark foliage perfectly.

Summer
26-110

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
38" (90cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



BISHOP OF LEICESTER
(MISCELLANEOUS)

Soft pale pink flowered with dark foliage as a foil.
 ↳ 12-15" (30-40cm)
 28" (70cm)
 Summer
 26-111 £4.50 or £12.00 for 3



CAFÉ AU LAIT
(DECORATIVE)

These are big flowered beauties, opening pale shell pink they fade as they age to a more creamy pink. Because of the weight and size of the flower (particularly when wet) these are more likely to need staking.

↳ 18-24" (45-60cm)
 44" (110cm)
 Summer
 26-106 £4.50 or £12.00 for 3



HAPPY SINGLE DATE
(SINGLE)

Apricot and orange, a fruity mix over dark foliage.
 ↳ 12-15" (30-40cm)
 24-36" (60-90cm)
 Summer
 26-97 £4.50 or £12.00 for 3



BISHOP OF LLANDAFF
(PAEONY)

My grandmother grew these in the 1950s in her garden. It had been bred in Wales in 1924 and named after the then holder of that post Joshua Hughes. I doubt many other varieties now available have been around so long. Dark leaved and crimson flowered.

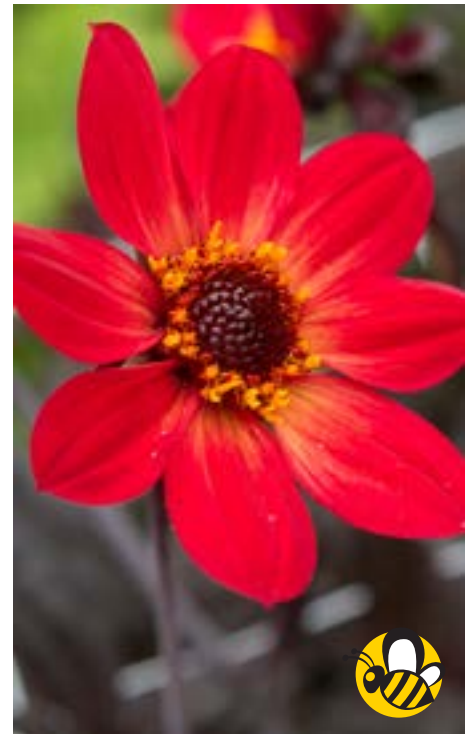
↳ 12-15" (30-40cm)
 39" (100cm)
 Summer
 26-05 £4.50 or £12.00 for 3



COCCINEA VAR. PALMERI
(MISCELLANEOUS)

This is nearly a signature plant for us. From seed sown last year these are the resulting tubers. That seed is from plants that are now 8' or taller and half as broad without being bold, the characteristically dissected foliage provides a light and airy feel adorned by scattered single flowers in the late summer in a clear zingy orange. Those same plants have now been growing unprotected on the nursery in the open for the last 20 years.

↳ 15-18" (30-40cm)
 6-8' (180-230cm)
 26-08 £6.00



HAPPY SINGLE FLAME
(SINGLE)

An upright looking plant with flowers that often face upwards. Dark foliated with vivid red petals that are pale yellow around the deep red disc, itself covered in gold.

↳ 12-15" (30-40cm)
 24-36" (60-90cm)
 Summer
 26-50 £4.50 or £12.00 for 3



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 Flowering time
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 Flowering height
 Price

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HAPPY DAYS LEMON

(SINGLE)

Dark leaved but with pretty, pale lemon coloured flowers. A contrast to most of the other Dahlias that we offer which seem to concentrate more on the reddish spectrum.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
24-36" (60-90cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-108



KARMA MAARTEN ZWAAN

(WATERLILY)

Glistening white with a green note, with just the unfolding central petals rather more creamy coloured. White is so useful in the garden, but also great for cutting. Just three stems can make a generous bunch. This image was taken right at the end of October!!

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
32" (80cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-92



NATAL

(POM POM)

Vibrant crimson red with many flowers on each plant. A flower that really stands out but one that is easy to place in the garden as green and red always work well together.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
26" (65cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-44



PACIFIC VIEW

(WATERLILY)

My powers of description come up short in what I think of as the 'coral' area. Where did that name come from and why? Unable to answer that question I can only say that I like it! Warm, engaging and working well with both yellow and greens.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
28" (65cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-109



IMPRESSION FANTASTICO

(COLLARETTE)

Mainly deep purple and somewhat between a single and double with a ring of pale modified petals around the yellow boss in the centre. I had to wave away the bees temporarily to get the picture, confirmation that these are just as attractive as single Dahlias to our bees.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
22" (55cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-90



MISS DELILAH

(WATERLILY)

An easy to place plant with hot pink outer petals and a cooler creamy ring around the centre. Larger flowered but long stemmed and excellent for cutting.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
48" (120cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-100



SEDUCTION

(DECORATIVE)

White petalled, covered over in a large part by a pretty lilac to purple at the edges and through the centre. The effect is gorgeous. Upstanding plants with strong stems and good branching, one of the best for cut flower arrangements.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
39" (100cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-62



ERYNGIUM

The Sea Hollies. Summer flowering architectural plants with interesting and often colourful bracts surrounding the many flowers, very attractive to butterflies and insects and providing a spiky skeletal foil against which other summer flowering plants look great. These are supplied as established plants in a 1 litre pot and may take a year to reach their full stature. Aim to get them established in sunny conditions so that they will in time have to 'work' to survive. Growing them 'hard' results in stronger and more flower filled plants in due course and a sunny summer helps turn the flowers more blue.



Photo credit: GAP Images



SUNSHINE (SYN MOONFIRE) (SINGLE)



The contradiction in the two names (both of which seem valid) is not lost on me, but I can see where they both came from. Dark foliage sets off this simple warm yellow flowered beauty with a darker red centre.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
32" (80cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-99

DIERAMA

I feel *Dierama* are a one of our greatest frustrations! I love their grace and form and movement and they germinate easily and sow themselves freely in warm cracks and crevices. But they are well nigh impossible to flower in a pot so although they should sell on sight at flower shows they don't without a flower. Plant the same plants out into the right situation and two years later they are as happy as Larry.



PULCHERRIMUM

The Angel's Fishing Rods. Seed raised plants very well established in 1 litre pots. They need open sunny conditions, ideally with a heat retaining wall or path nearby to provide reflected heat in the summer. No-where flooded in winter though they like summer moisture.

↔ 18" (45cm)
32" (80cm)
£7.50

July - Aug
79-02

MAGICAL BLUE LAQOON



Spiky, drought resistant foliage in deep green with paler veining. Teasel like heads with blue cone shaped flowers ringed with blue bracts. Loved by insects and impervious to rabbit or deer browsing. Plants growing in 1 litre pots.

↔ 18" (45cm)
32" (80cm)
£7.50

July - Sept
17-09



EUCOMIS

In summer the flower stems are topped off by a crown of small tufted leaves, hence the common name for them – the Pineapple Lilies. They last ages in flower, and architectural seed heads follow the flowers, till the frost cuts the stems down as dormancy returns. Looking a bit exotic they are much easier to grow than first imagined, only requiring deep planting in a reasonably fertile and moisture retentive soil in the sun to do well. Slugs can be a problem as they emerge from the ground, but they are not palatable to rabbits. The flower stems last ages in water, just cut off a short amount of stem each week as you change the water and you'll get 3 or 4 weeks use from them. *Eucomis* plants go dormant and disappear underground with the frost, having emerged from the ground very late in the spring (in late May or early June). Planted deeply in the ground and emerging so late, they avoid any frost damage. The earliest flowering (*E. zambeziaca*) is thought to be the most tender. In tubs or planters, they will need more protection in winter, but needing no moisture or light when dormant, they could spend the coldest months in a dry shed.



BICOLOR



Pale ivory green with a purple centre and hemmed around the edge again in purple. Massed flowers jostling for space on succulent stems, some of which are darkly freckled. As they set seed what were flowers swell and inflate to an architectural green cudgel that develops a purple and brown suntan as it ages. Of interest in the garden from August till the frosts. Glossy leaved and also good for pots. Supplied as bulbs.

↔ 10" (25cm)

Aug/Sept
21-05

18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3

X ZABELII BIG BLUE



Spiky leaved with splashes of white, these are sun lovers for open situations. Opening pale blue and turning deeper blue as they age. The x zabelii epithet covers the hybrid forms that are crosses between *E. alpinum* (from the north and east of the Mediterranean) and *E. bourgatii* (found in the west and south of the Mediterranean). Plants growing in 1 litre pots.

↔ 18" (45cm)
32" (80cm)
£7.50

July - Sept
17-03

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Price



BICOLOR ALBA

Paler in leaf and with a glowing pale green flower without the purple of bicolor and an unspeckled stem.

↔ **10" (25cm)**
18" (45cm)
£4.50

Aug/Sept
21-06



COMOSA

The best of the 'ordinary' garden forms, these are waxy flowered in varying shades of pale green and pink topping a stem that can be as long as 18" (45cm) and they last for ages with architectural seed heads following. Excellent again as a cut flower. Possibly too big for ordinary planters. Cricket ball sized bulbs, often with offsets (smaller bulbs) growing off them so that you'll soon have a clump. They do however have much growing to do to flower so it may not happen in their first year.

↔ **15" (40cm)**
24-48" (60-120cm)
£4.00 or £11.00 for 3

Aug/Sept
21-08



COMOSA (DARK STEMMED)

Our own selection with dark leaves and dark flower stems. They are not so consistent as E. Sparkling Burgundy is, that is a clone and those are all the same.

↔ **15" (40cm)**
24-48" (60-120cm)
£6.50

Aug/Sept
21-10



COMOSA CORNWOOD

A very distinct clone (only raised by vegetative propagation here, so all the plants are identical) with pale jade coloured stems covered in dozens of glistening pinkish ivory cream flowers from the centre of which shine the distinctive purple-black ovaries, like rows of dark buttons. Shorter than most other E. comosa.

12" (30cm)
18" (45cm)
£9.00

Aug/Sept
21-09



COMOSA LAMBROOK CLARET

Named by the late Jenny Jowett (botanical artist and larger than life character) who painted the plant and told us to 'work on it' – that was probably 20 years ago! Short, dark leaved and dark stemmed beauties. Some of these bulbs may need a year or two to get to flowering size.

↔ **12" (30cm)**
18" (45cm)
£15.00

Aug/Sept
21-21



COMOSA PINK GIN

The highlight of the Eucomis trial at Wisley in 2019. Glowing pink, especially pretty in the low angled autumn afternoon sunlight, this clone is outstanding for its combination of clear pink flowers and bright green foliage. The flowers get even more numerous as the bulb's girth grows, then through natural division, a clump develops. A brilliant plant, but produced only from division of the bulbs, the supply is somewhat inconsistent year to year, but this year is a bumper one!

↔ **15" (40cm)**
3-4' (90-120cm)
£10.00

Aug/Sept
21-11



GALTONIA

These are South African bulbs which are best in sunny borders. They seem to love a wetter summer here. Do remember that South African summers are wet and the winters dry. The white bell-shaped flowers hang on short pedicels away from the green stem, waxy and elegant. The effect is peaceful and cooling, providing useful vertical accents and they combine perfectly with other South African plants such as Agapanthus and ornamental grasses. If you garden on particularly cold wet soils or far to the north, you may think about lifting the bulbs in November and storing them dry overwinter. On lighter soils they seed about. Beware of slug attack as they emerge through the soil.

PALLIDIFLORA SSP. POLE-EVANSII

The biggest and tallest flowering form with yellow-green flowers held some way off the stem on longer pedicels so that the whole flower head is wider and more impressive. Late flowering and supplied as big bulbs from our own stock. They will need deep planting to provide some support for the thick stem and again, they may not flower in their first year. We regard them as perfectly hardy though a long way north the summer may be too short to get their full benefit. There are two clones - one we have grown for years with long flower bracts and a Dutch form with short bracts, different silhouettes result. You choose. Big bulbs.

↔ 20" (50cm)

Sept/Oct 4-5' (120-150cm) £10.00
21-18 (Avon) (illustrated) £10.00
21- 22 (Dutch clone) £10.00



CANDICANS



Towers of waxy, milk-white flowers on sturdy stems with upright grey-green leaves. Stately plants always admired. If you delay planting your bulbs into May, you will tend to get flowers that last longer in the slightly cooler autumn than those that flower in the peak of the summer heat. They also grow away much more readily and vigorously when planted late rather than sulking in the still cold soil. Unhappy with bulbs produced on a field scale in Holland (which tend to have a large virus load) we found a source in Ireland some years ago and are now self sufficient in them.

↔ 6" (15cm)

Aug 36" (90cm) £6.00 for 3
23-04 (big bulbs which will produce multiple stems) £5.00 for 5
23-05 (small - but still of flowering size)

ZAMBESIACA (AUTUMNALIS)

Glistening in bright sunlight these produce cylinders of white flowers with a bright green top knot. These are the earliest Eucomis into flower and then stay either in flower or with decorative seed head for months. If you delay planting them till mid-May they flower later and then will last much longer as they will be flowering in the cooling months after the summer heat. They often are, but really should not be, called E. autumnalis, which is a different species. Hens egg sized bulbs.

↔ 5" (13cm)

Aug/Sept 12" (30cm) £7.50 for 3 or £11.50 for 5
21-04

GAURA



LINDHEIMERI WHIRLING BUTTERFLIES



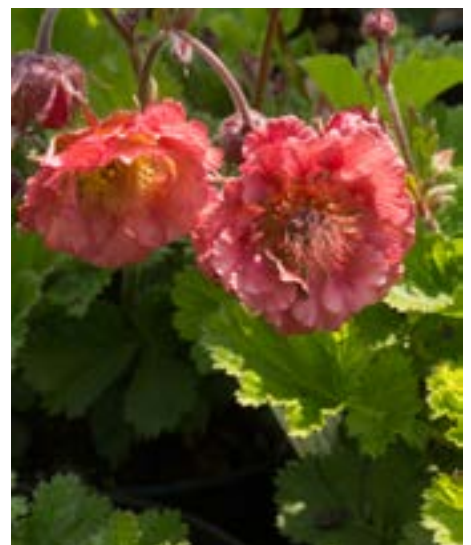
The Plantfinder has these under Oenothera but everyone loves Gauras so I feel that we do not need to overcomplicate the issue! We saw them in every planting scheme in France last summer. A hazy, see-through plant with numerous, slender, waving, flower stems and they flower all summer. Allow your plant some space because it will drape itself into nearby paths and the like. They need sun and established plants are very drought tolerant. Plants from 1 litre pots.

↔ 24" (60cm)

Aug 28" (70cm)
202-01 £7.50 or £20.00 for 3

GEUM

Geums are found in nearly every continent and are members of the Rose family but more closely related to Potentilla. They remain evergreen unless the temperatures fall hugely (further than likely in the UK). Unfussy plants better in moisture retentive soils in more sun rather than deep shade with blousy flowers all summer.



PINK PETTICOATS

A front of the border plant with a mound of low mid green leaves and relatively short flower stems with pretty pink flowers, the outermost petals ruffled. From 1 litre pots.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer 12" (30cm)
203-01 £8.50 or £24.00 for 3

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

Flowering time Flowering height
Item Code Price

GLADIOLUS



MURIELAE

The Plantfinder now lists these as *Gladiolus murielae*. Having called them *Acidanthera murielae* for years, then *Gladiolus callianthus* I think that I am losing the plot. The original collection of bulbs was made in Ethiopia where they are found wild throughout the mountain chains of East Africa. Our winters are too wet and cold for them and consequently they do not usually over-winter or reflower successfully outside in most British gardens. Fortunately, they are reasonably inexpensive and supplying big bulbs (as we do) they will produce an impressive show in the same year as planting. If you do wish to try to over-winter bulbs they will need a dry winter rest and flower better if stored at above 15°C. I would suggest that you stagger your planting in the spring and keep some bulbs back to plant later (at the end of May) for an extended show into the cooler autumn days when the flowers last twice as long. Long, slightly pleated, deep green leaves provide a lush foil from which the buds emerge, having been almost unnoticed previously, to reveal white flowers with a chocolate throat that sway gently on the lengthening flower stems. Understated and refined they have a subtle perfume, stronger in the evenings, so do position them near to a door or path to take full advantage of the scent, for by that stage their flowers are nearly at nose level. A 12" (30cm) pot will take about 7-10 bulbs but choose a heavy and deep one for increased stability.

↔ 3" (8cm)
 Aug/Sept 30" (75cm)
 24-19 £7.50 for 20 or £17.50 for 50

The shorter forms (which usually appear under the epithet of 'nanus') are very suitable for small gardens and will not need staking. In cold areas their early emerging leaves can be frost burnt, and where mice are a problem the bulbs can present an attractive meal so they are best not planted too early, wait till March. They are best in sheltered sunny spots in fairly well drained soils, in colder areas they might do better in some protection.



ALBUS

Greenish white flowers with a pale-yellow green throat to each flower, the most popular of the shorter forms by far.

↔ 3" (8cm)
 July 18" (45cm)
 24-06 £6.00 for 10 or £13.00 for 25



NYMPH

White flowers with reddish purple lipstick markings on the lower petals. The flower stems are more wayward and less upright, this is the most sought after of the coloured forms when we exhibit them together.

↔ 3" (8cm)
 July 24" (60cm)
 24-11 £6.00 for 10 or £13.00 for 25

Also available, of Southern African origin and closer to the species forms - now hybridised beyond recognition over many generations - the following varieties are less formal in their appearance than the hybrids above.



PAPILIO

These bulbs never get very big and in the ground they tend to 'move' in the soil so that they sometimes land up some way from where they were planted. The hooded purple-green flowers almost demand to be held up, so as to look in at the feathered purple and gold markings within. Perfectly hardy here and over much of the country elsewhere I would expect, increasing quite rapidly in soils that are not too dry, but available only in limited numbers.

↔ 3" (8cm)
 Late summer 36" (90cm)
 24-13 £7.50 for 3



PAPILIO DAVID HILLS

A named form in peachy colours, very pretty and flowering from smaller bulbs than the species above. Who knows who David Hills is? We can find out nothing and presume him to have been from the USA. These have increased very well for us over the past year. They do not ever form big bulbs.

↔ 3" (8cm)
 Late summer 30" (70cm)
 24-23 £6.50 for 3



PAPILIO RUBY

These were originally presumed to be a form of *G. papilio* when first sold at Hadspen House (now The Newt in Somerset) many years ago. Now they are thought to be more closely linked to *G. ecklonii*. Sturdy plants which are relatively vigorous and indeed seed around the nursery where their seedlings vary widely in shape and colour, suggesting that this is a plant of hybrid origin. Possibly less hardy than *G. papilio*, but more showy with hooded crimson flowers.

↔ 4" (10cm)
36" (90cm)

Late summer
24-14

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



PAPILIO THUNDER

This is a taller clone that we have raised originally from selected seedlings of *G. Ruby* with slightly larger deep plum coloured flowers. A gorgeous discovery, now with an Award of Merit (not yet the Award of Garden Merit confusingly).

↔ 4" (10cm)
36" (90cm)

Late summer
24-14

£5.00 or £13.50 for 3

HAKONECHLOA



MACRA BENI-KAZE

A lovely ornamental deciduous grass with short but relatively wide leaves on arching stems which colour up in the late summer to shades of flame and rust with wispy cloud-like seed heads. A clump forming plant for part shade, completely hardy, originating from Korea. Plants from 1 litre pots.

↔ 18" (45cm)
18" (45cm)
£7.50

Aug/Sept
204-01

HEDYCHUM

*South East Asian members of the ginger family, forming big plants by late summer. They are sun lovers with broad green foliage and hollow stems. All parts smell of ginger to some extent. The flowers are sweetly scented. Hardier than one might expect. These have survived past winters outside in Somerset with only a basic mulch, only *H. coronarium* is more tender and would need winter protection of some sort. All these by division.*



CORONARIUM

Clusters of white flowers, yellow marked, extending from cone shaped buds with big jungle-green stems and leaves. These will flower in sunny gardens outdoors, late in the year, and planted there may need some sort of winter protection. However, they will flower rather earlier than that, and would love, a warmer greenhouse (even a huge pot protected in winter and stood outside for the summer). Fantastically fragrant.

↔ 14" (35cm)
48-60" (120-150cm)

Sept
27-04

£7.00 or £19.00 for 3



DENSIFLORUM ASSAM ORANGE

Completely hardy, the same form as collected by Kingdon Ward in 1938, with many narrow, scented orange flowers. Vigorous and increasing, and if you need a late summer screen these would provide it and a verdant jungle illusion at the same time. Enquiries for these in bigger numbers would be welcomed.

↔ 14" (35cm)
30" (75cm)

Aug/Sept
27-06

£5.50 for 3 or £8.50 for 5



DENSIFLORUM STEPHEN

The flower is much longer and more loosely formed than those of Assam Orange. Yellow and orange in colour. In the late summer the foliage also colours up as the nights cool, providing a golden yellow focus, spangled in some years by red seed heads. Taller and more upright on thicker stems than Assam Orange.

↔ 14" (35cm)

Aug/Sept
27-08

40-50" (100-125cm)
£7.00

HELIANTHEMUM

A very varied family from right around the Northern Hemisphere, the translation from the Greek would be 'sunflower' and they are commonly called Rock Roses. Both these names provide a clue to their preferences - open conditions in lots of light in free draining soils where they are very drought tolerant when established. These are all nearly evergreen, but perfectly hardy, available in 7 cm pots. They all flower for a long period in the summer and only need a light trim after flowering to keep them tidy and to encourage further flowering.



SPICATUM

More tousled in appearance with individual flowers opening over several weeks. This plant came to us from the late Patricia Marrow (of Papaver Patty's Plum fame) at Kingsdon. They have thrived and we now have a very vigorous patch after being split up a few years ago.

↔ 14" (35cm)

Aug/Sept
27-09

6' (180cm)
£7.00 or £20.00 for 3



BEN FHADA

Bright yellow with an egg yolk centre, foliage initially pale, darkening as summer approaches.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer flowering
49-02

12"-15" (30-40cm)
£3.90



BEN MORE

Deep orange flowers and a mid-green foliage.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer flowering
49-01

8"-10" (20-25cm)
£3.90



TARA



Fragrant, large, orange coloured flowers in a loose arrangement on strong tall-stemmed plants with exceptionally thick roots. Here they are grown in the open and unprotected except for some straw over the crown in winter but in cold gardens it may be wise to mulch them.

↔ 14" (35cm)

Aug/Sept
27-05

6' (180cm)
£7.00



FIRE DRAGON

Grey leaved with orange - red flowers.



↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer flowering
49-07

10"-12" (25-35cm)
£3.90



GEORGEHAM

Big pink flowers with a creamy inner ring.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer flowering
49-03

10"-12" (25-35cm)
£3.90



HESPERANTHA

You may be more familiar with this family when they were called Schizostylis (though how that was pronounced generally leads to an extended discussion). They love fairly sunny conditions and whilst they do not want to be waterlogged in winter a damper summer suits them better than a dry one, typical of many South African plants. Certainly incorporating lots of humus in the soil results in much better flowering. These are supplied as bare root 'plants' with roughly drinking straw thick stems.



COCCINEA MAJOR

About the reddest flower I know, and a colour that digital cameras (or their operators?) seem not to be able to handle well!

↔ 2" (6cm)

Sept/Oct
41-04

24" (60cm)
£4.50 for 3



MOLLIE GOULD

More upright than H. cocinea major with flowers that do not seem to open so widely, but pretty in pink with deeper freckling.

↔ 2" (6cm)

Sept/Oct
41-05

18" (45cm)
£7.50 for 3



WILFRED BRYANT



Only available in low numbers. The palest rosy pink fading to white

↔ 2" (6cm)

Sept/Oct
41-06

18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3

IRIS

We offer number of different coloured forms of the Iris sibirica family, a hardy clump forming plant of heavier or damper conditions through Europe and far out to the east. They prefer open conditions. These are all sold as divisions.



SIBIRICA DREAMING YELLOW

Creamy coloured falls with white standards, the centre of the flower a darker yellow again.

↔ 10" (25cm)

May/June
103-31

30" (80cm)
£6.00 or £17.00 for 3



WISLEY PRIMROSE

Soft primrose coloured flowers over silvery foliage.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer flowering
49-06

12"-15" (30-40cm)
£3.90





SIBIRICA FLIGHT OF BUTTERFLIES



Two tone flowers with the purple-blue standards rising above the patterned white and blue falls. With narrow and more compact foliage which persists in the winter leaving it looking quite grass-like then.

↔ 10" (25cm)
30" (80cm)

May/June
103-26

£7.00 or £19.00 for 3



SIBIRICA SILVER EDGE



Two tone blue flowers, the standards paler than the falls with a distinguished fine thread of silver edging to each fall. It is a most beautiful flower and because they are irises each flower stem will provide three flowers, each with three falls and three standards.

↔ 10" (25cm)
30" (80cm)

June
103-32

£6.00 or £17.00 for 3



SANGUINEA SNOW QUEEN

A clean clear white flower with golden yellow at the base. The falls are more rounded in their outline. The sanguinea forms are a subsection within the sibiricas and of central Asian origin. They do love more open conditions in moisture retentive soils.

↔ 10" (25cm)
30" (80cm)

June
103-28

£6.00 or £17.00 for 3

IXIA

Ixias provide a colourful addition to the garden. But despite some people telling us that they grow them and that they self-seed and reappear regularly they are evidently not always easy plants in the British climate. Those successful gardeners must be gardening on light sandy soils because ordinarily our winters are too wet and cold for unprotected bulbs. But on the other hand, they are pretty cheap to buy, and we feel that by planting them in the early spring you will get a worthwhile display the same summer. Generally small bulbs, somewhere between a large pea and a small marble.



SIBIRICA PAPILLON

Rich purple-blue with the tongues of the blue falls crazed with pale cracks. The flower stems extend above the foliage.

↔ 10" (25cm)
30" (80cm)

June
103-35

£6.00 or £17.00 for 3



SIBIRICA SPARKLING ROSE

With the flowers held well above the foliage the plants give the impression of being less leafy. The warm rosy purple flowers are veined in white with a yellow throat.

↔ 10" (25cm)
30" (80cm)

June
103-33

£6.00 or £17.00 for 3



MABEL

A rich crimson coloured form, this one taller than most. The long stem length allows them to arch prettily, but they do need to be in good light otherwise they will not open properly.

↔ 1" (2.5cm)
36" (90cm)

Summer
105-05

£4.00 for 10 or £8.50 for 25

Flowering time	Item Code	Flowering height	Price
↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations			



SPOTLIGHT

Not as tall as Mabel with white flowers, red striped down the back of each petal and with a dark red spot in the centre of the flower.

↔ 1" (2.5cm)

Summer 20" (48cm)
105-09 £4.00 for 10 or £8.50 for 25

KNIPHOFIA

The Kniphofia are sun lovers and would prefer an open sunny position. But gardening books generally suggest that they need very well drained soils to do well. We think that in our experience that is incorrect. In our heavy loam soils, which are never waterlogged for long, these field-grown varieties thrive and increase well, despite having experienced temperatures below -15°C with little protection in past winters. They must be much more resilient than is usually suggested. In cold areas one may need to be careful of extended freeze ups, against which a protective mulch of the crown would be advisable. They last ages in flower and offer vertical accents of colour in the late summer with very little trouble at all. All these are provided from division of our field grown stock.



BEES LEMON

Outstandingly bright and eye catching, like a lighthouse these stand out in their sharp lemon yellow glory. Finer in their foliage.

↔ 14" (34cm)

Aug/Sept 26" (65cm)
145-05 £7.50 or £20.00 for 3



BEES SUNSET

This has slightly barrel shaped flowers in a glowing orange on an apricot stem. They make thick clumps in time with many flowers.

↔ 14" (34cm)

July/Aug 40" (100cm)
145-05 £6.50 or £18.00 for 3



BUTTERCUP

Warm orangey-yellow flowered plants, vigorous and making good mounds of healthy foliage, well able to support the strong flowering stems.

↔ 14" (34cm)

July/Aug 40" (100cm)
145-06 £6.50 or £18.00 for 3



RICH ECHOES

A slightly finer leaved variety than the ones above which mostly have quite wide leaves and a more clump forming habit. Smaller headed and later flowering in pretty shades of apricot.

↔ 10" (24cm)

Mid-Late summer 24" (60cm)
145-17 £7.50 or £20.00 for 3



WOL'S RED SEEDLING

Indirectly from Wol and Sue Staines, these have increased quite well for us. Closer to red than orange and both the foliage and the flower spike are relatively fine and narrow.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Aug/Sept 24" (60cm)
145-15 £7.50 or £20.00 for 3

LATHRAEA



CLANDESTINA



Purple toothwort, a parasite mainly of willow, poplar, hazel and alder (though rarely seeming to cause any harm to its host). Strangely the grass around them always grows faster and more vigorously. The slightly orchid like flowers are all one sees above ground, a true parasite having no chlorophyll. Plant these divisions close up against the bole of a mature host having wounded a piece of its root. These arrive as a bag containing a handful of white 'roots' packed in coir.

April
71-05

3" (8cm)
£5.50

LIATRIS



Photo credit: GAP Images



SPICATA



Purple plumes that last ages in the summer and also provide rather fetching winter interest from the fluffy dry residual stems. Great long lasting summer sparklers that, once established, should be very drought resistant. Originally prairie plants from North America. Bulbs.

Summer
212-01

↔ 4-6" (10-15cm)
18" (45cm)
£6.00 for 10

LILIUM

For scent, drama and beauty the lilies are hard to beat, truly one of the nation's favourite flowers! But do remember that many of the lilies are derived from plants that originally grew in nearly monsoonal conditions. They thrive on a combination of high rainfall and good drainage! So in an effort to lock in water near the plant do add lots of humus to the soil when planting and because many are stem rooting it may be necessary to plant them quite deeply (the roots emerging from the stem between the bulb and the soil surface work to provide anchorage and sustenance).



AFRICAN QUEEN



Tall plants with long trumpet-like fragrant flowers in a soft apricot or burnt orange colour. They may need staking in shady or wind affected gardens. Not fussy with regard to soil pH.

July
31-51

↔ 6" (15cm)
48" (120cm)
£9.50 for 3



CASA BLANCA

Upright plants with huge, scented, sparkling white flowers, palest pink on the reverse with big, dark anthers that look as though they have been brushed with mascara. They do not grow so well in very limey soils and may be less tolerant of unusually cold winters, but fantastic in pots in more ericaceous compost where the late flowering and very heavy scent can be enjoyed to the full. They may require staking where the light is not so good or is very one sided.

July/Aug
31-11

↔ 6" (15cm)
36" (100cm)
£6.50 for 3



REGALE



Much like a good string of pearls on a simple black dress, Lilium regale provides that indefinable understated but classical look, and in this case with a huge scent. Glistening white, with some yellow in the throat, the backs of the petals flushed with pink. The regale lilies prefer alkaline conditions.

July
31-04

↔ 6" (15cm)
36" (90cm)
£9.50 for 3



REGALE ALBUM

Whereas the ones above have a pink back to the petals and a pink throat these are the same but lacking the pink.

July 31-05 ↔ 6" (15cm)
36" (90cm)
£9.50 for 3

LIRIOPE

Flowering late in the year these are normally evergreen plants, sometimes known as 'Turf lilies', with strap-like foliage. Although they have a preference for more acidic and moister soils, they are tough and surprisingly unfussy and like the black leaved *Ophiopogon* to which they are related can be grown in quite a bit of shade.



MUSCARI

These will be divisions from established clumps. This form seems to regularly show a slightly enlarged tip to the flower spike.

Late Summer/Autumn 109-04 ↔ 10" (25cm)
12" (30cm)
£5.00

NERINE

Members of the *Amaryllis* family which flower in the autumn without their leaves. They are one of the parents of the *Amaryllis* crosses offered earlier. They seem to grow and flower unattended in some gardens whilst in others despite being worried and fussed over they appear to flower sparsely. If everything else seems right just allow them time to settle! They do need good light, some summer moisture and to be left alone till tightly clumped at the base of a south facing wall - then they flower best of all. Close observation of the flowers in direct sun is to be encouraged - they have a wonderful iridescent sparkle.



BOWDENII

Very familiar pale fuchsia-pink flowers, flowering best if something can trap the warmth of the summer sunshine close by, a wall or tarmac drive maybe? Shallower planting suits them best and they seem to flower even better when somewhat congested. Their flowering in the same year as planting is sometimes unimpressive but be patient for spectacular early autumn fireworks. Supplied as Bulbs.

Sept/Oct 33-04 ↔ 4" (10cm)
15" (40cm)
£5.00 for 5 or £7.50 for 9



MUSCARI BIG BLUE

Providing colour at a time of year when things are winding down these are doubly welcome especially as they cope with shade so well. From 1 litre pots

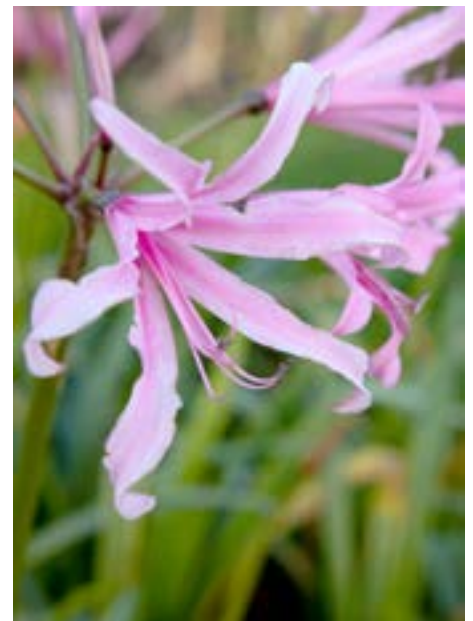
Late Summer/Autumn 109-07 ↔ 12" (30cm)
12" (30cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



MUSCARI INGHWERSEN

Green leaved with purple flowers on erect plumes, like ropes of grape hyacinths. From pot grown plants.

Late Summer/Autumn 109-05 ↔ 10" (25cm)
8" (20cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



BOWDENII AMANDI

A form with flowers that are a softer more salmonish-pink than one normally expects. Home grown bulbs.

Sept/Oct 33-28 ↔ 6" (15cm)
18" (45cm)
£5.50 for 3



BOWDENII ISABEL

As above but with much deeper cerise-pink coloured flowers. Home grown bulbs.

Sept/Oct
33-25

6" (15cm)
18" (45cm)
£7.50 for 3



BOWDENII VESTA

Pale, baby-pink coloured flowers. Home grown bulbs.

Sept/Oct
33-27

6" (15cm)
18" (45cm)
£7.50 for 3



ZEAL GIANT

A certain favourite, with bright pink flowers, on long clean stems. Big bulbed (relative to N. bowdenii) and slow to get to that size. These long-lasting flowers adorn many Harvest Festival flower arrangements locally! Raised by the late Terry Jones in Devon. It is also winter dormant and just as hardy as N. bowdenii, though with its taller stems some extra protection may be worthwhile. Big bulbs.

Sept/Oct
33-19

6" (15cm)
18" (45cm)
£5.00 each or £14.00 for 3



OMPHALODES



**CAPPADOCICA
CHERRY INGRAM**

A member of the forget-me-not family with the common name of Navelwort. For full sun if reasonably moist, as well as shadier spots. A deep blue coloured flower over evergreen leaves. Clump forming and slowly creeping by way of their roots. They do sometimes flower much earlier than indicated. From 1 litre pots.

Early Summer
210-01

15" (35cm)
Up to 9" (25cm)
£7.50



OPHIOPOGON



PLANISCAPUS NIGRESCENS



A black leaved grass-like plant, related to Liriope. Hardy, but slow growing, even these plants, filling 1 litre pots are quite old! A great companion plant – everything around them is lifted by them. They will grow in sun or shade and provide a great year-round foil for other plants - autumn flowering Crocus, Colchicums or Snowdrops. In more shady conditions they flower more profusely with small violet flowers that then form attractive black shiny seedpods.

Summer
116-04

12" (30cm)
8" (20cm)
£6.00

POLYGONATUM

The Solomon's Seal family of hardy perennials will grow nearly anywhere. Their preference is for heavier, moisture retentive soils in some shade, but we grow most of them in full sun! Some will get impressively tall in such shade; sunnier situations will result in shorter plants. They are sometimes stripped of their leaves in the early summer by the Gooseberry Saw Fly caterpillar – though not all to the same extent. On the nursery some clumps are affected and others of the same variety only 30 m away unaffected. These are supplied as divisions (roots).



ODORATUM

A tough yet rare native plant somewhat shorter and more compact than the other species with stems that are often less erect as well. Much less affected by the Sawfly caterpillar in our experience. The flowers are scented, white and green.

May
42-09

4" (10cm)
18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3



ODORATUM FLORE PLENA

The more unusual double flowered form of the plant above with hose-in-hose like flowers in white and green.

May
42-12

↔ 4" (10cm)
18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3



VERTICILLATUM ROSEUM

Slender stemmed with whorls of narrow leaves and clusters of pink flowers up the stems in early summer. Red berries take their places in the late summer as the leaves begin to yellow, starting the garden's autumnal mood. More delicate looking than many of the family, but just as tough underneath it all.

June
42-06

↔ 4" (10cm)
18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3



X HYBRIDUM

An easy companion plant in many gardens as it is pretty much bomb proof, growing in sun or shade and hardy everywhere. A multipurpose garden stalwart the stems can be harvested for use in the house for green and white floral displays, or as a floral filler when the flowers have disappeared for much of the summer. Best (and more luxuriantly impressive) in some shade and in moisture retentive soils.

May/June
42-04

↔ 5" (13cm)
24-36" (60-90cm)
£10.00 for 3



SIBIRICUM

Tall plants with slender stems and long fine leaves, more olive green in colour. From the internodes hang bunches of pale greenish white flowers which turn in the autumn to red berries when pollinated.

June
42-13

↔ 6" (15cm)
38" (90cm)
£10.00 for 3

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PRIMULA



ALAN STREET

Discovered in South Wales by the late Alan Street, a hose in hose type Primula that is not too blousy. It has a great scent. From 1 litre pots and I am sure that we shall not have enough of them.

April
91-07

↔ 9" (20cm)
6" (15cm)
£7.50

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

Flowering time
Item Code

Flowering height
Price

PULSATILLA

The Pasque Flower (Pasque is Easter in French) but with Easter so moveable that may not be very useful? Plants of open conditions and grassland – and the answer to a possible quiz question – which is the county flower of Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire as well as being the provincial flower of Manitoba and the state flower of Dakota? Mounds of silky soft hairy foliage produce these much-loved flowers in March and April, followed by fluffy seed heads on their lengthening stems. Supplied in 7cm pots.



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VULGARIS

Mar-Apr
98-01

↔ 9" (20cm)
6-8" (15-20cm)
£3.90 each



Photo credit: GAP Images



VULGARIS RUBRA

Mar-Apr
98-02

↔ 9" (20cm)
6-8" (15-20cm)
£3.90 each

RHODOHYPOXIS



BAURII HYBRID



Small South African bulbs which, when happy, really do flower their socks off for very little return in effort. They do not like it wet in winter (when they are dormant), so we would suggest that you either need very well drained conditions (a raised bed perhaps), or to pot the bulbs into mesh pots which can be planted out into the garden for the summer and lifted (in their pot) for a winter's rest, somewhere dry. The bulbs are naturally small and knobby – what we send you will still all flower. Unselected for colour, these come in shades of pink, white and red. Pot them into an all-purpose compost (they do not want too much lime) 7 bulbs would, through the summer, fill a 4" (10cm) pot, with sun and regular water and with a bit of dead heading they might be in flower for 6 weeks or longer.

↔ 1" (2.5cm)
Summer
39-04 £6.00 for 15 or £10.00 for 30



GOYA

A double flowered form in apple blossom like colours of pink and white.

Summer
39-05

↔ 1" (2.5cm)
4" (10cm)
£5.00 for 5

ROSCOEA

These hail from the Himalayas and eastward (with family connections to the ginger family). They are very hardy and for us (in heavy soil) do well in the open, although they are more routinely suggested as plants for part shade. So, either will do, as long as it is not too dry, useful in providing interesting summer colour. These will all come as dormant tubers.



AURICULATA



Flowers with bold purple lips and a slightly paler hood, supported on corrugated foliage, providing displays from mid-July through to September. Vigorous and easy.

Late summer
40-08

↔ 4" (10cm)
15" (40cm)
£5.00 for 5 or £8.50 for 10



BEESIANA

A natural garden hybrid between R. cautleyoides and R. auriculata and the flowers demonstrate this hybridisation in that they are mainly yellow but have variable flashes of purple, sometimes half a flower, sometimes just a petal tip. Vigorous and easy to grow.

Late summer
40-05

↔ 4" (10cm)
15" (40cm)
£5.00 for 5



CAUTLEYOIDES

Much earlier flowering than any other Roscoea with pale butter yellow flowers held well above the foliage, evidently a more erect and less branched plant.

Early summer
40-06

↔ **4" (10cm)**
15" (40cm)
£7.00 for 5



PURPUREA

Strong stemmed, with thickening at the nodes at each leaf axil, somewhat like a bamboo, with successions of mauve-purple flowers providing interest and colour over several weeks.

Late summer
40-10

↔ **5" (12cm)**
24" (60cm)
£7.50 for 5



**PURPUREA F. RUBRA
RED GURKHA**



A remarkable colour when you consider that almost all the other Roscoea in cultivation are either yellow or in shades of purple. A find attributed to Bill Baker. Often very late to emerge through the ground in the spring.

Late summer
40-14

↔ **6" (15cm)**
24" (60cm)
£8.50



HARVINGTON ROYALE

A big flowered form bred by Hugh Nunn, great plantsman of Hellebore fame. Earlier flowering and very vigorous with a good flower size.

Summer
40-15

↔ **6" (15cm)**
24" (60cm)
£7.00



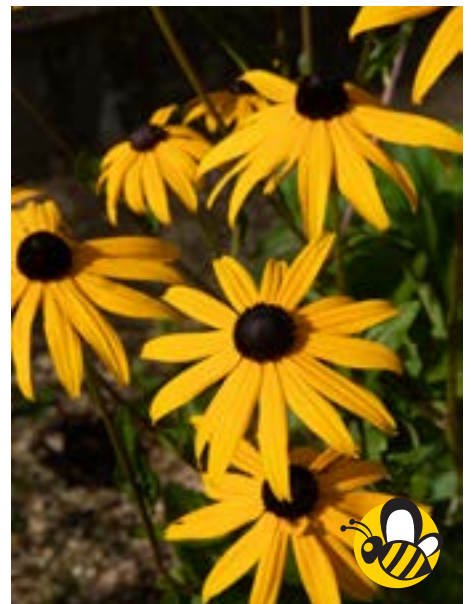
PURPUREA BROWN PEACOCK

Darker leaved and with red or purple tinged 'stems' (pseudostems to be correct), the flowers are mauve and lilac, blooming later in the year. Grown for the stockier habit and the much more highly coloured stems.

Late summer
40-11

↔ **6" (15cm)**
24" (60cm)
£7.50

RUDBECKIA



**FULGIDA VAR.
SULLIVANTII GOLDSTURM**




In flower for weeks and a must have autumn flowering perennial that derives from the American prairie. Not so tall to require staking and not so fast growing to be invasive. It is a real crowd pleaser - and the insects love them. Just deadhead the fading golden yellow flowers to extend the display. Sun or shade - just not too dry. From 1 litre pots.

Late summer
207-01

↔ **18" (45cm)**
24-36" (60-90cm)
£7.50

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Flowering time	Flowering height
Item Code	Price

SAXIFRAGE



SOUTHSIDE SEEDLING



An excellent plant for a rock garden, this mat-forming saxifrage forms large rosettes of pale green leaves speckled with silvery deposits. When the rosettes are large enough, they will produce arching plumes of tiny white flowers, heavily spotted with red which last for several weeks. Prefers a limey soil and good drainage, and either sun or partial shade. From 7cm pots.

Late spring
16-01

↔ 3" (8cm)
10" (30cm)
£3.90

STACHYS



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MONIERI HUMMELO



Clump forming hardy perennials which pierce through other plants with their attractively serrated leaves and in the summer, long lasting lilac-purple flowers. Attractive seedheads follow for the winter. From 1 litre pots.

Late summer
208-01

↔ 15" (40cm)
12-24" (30-60cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

TRICYRTIS

The 'Toad Lily'. Wonderful autumn-flowering herbaceous plants. With soft corrugated leaves along wiry multi branched stems, the ends of all of which sport purple orchid-like flowers. Best in a little shade, but happy enough in full sun as long as it is not too dry. When dormant they disappear back to small and unlikely looking rhizomes with an arrowhead-like growing point which is how they are sold.



FORMOSANA

Bearing what - on first sight - are orchid-like flowers. The white background nearly covered with rosy-purple freckling. Very upright and wiry stemmed, the first flowers are replaced by sequences of further flushes of flowers on the lower branches. Easy, persistent and a useful cut flower with its wiry stem.

Sept/Oct
45-04

↔ 3" (8cm)
36" (90cm)
£6.00 for 5



FORMOSANA STOLONIFERA

Much paler and softer looking than the form above with the background white more dominant, the leaves are also broader, softer and hairier and in some shade they can grow pretty tall.

Sept/Oct
45-06

↔ 3" (8cm)
45" (1m)
£5.00 for 3

TRITONIA

X ROSEA (DISTICHA RUBROLUCENS)

A close relative to the Crocosmia and it may be more accurate to lump them together under that family heading. Really long-lasting in flower with papery rose-pink bells sequentially flowering along their thin wiry branching stems. Never many flowers open at once but in flower most of the summer. A lovely soft shape and colour to enhance a sunny border. Persistent grass-like foliage providing protection to the bulbs in the winter. South African plants, so they may benefit from a winter mulch in cold areas. The small bulbs will not harm from being planted 4" (10cm) deep.

Summer
15-11

↔ 3" (8cm)
24" (60cm)
£6.00 for 5 of £10.00 for 10



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TULBAGHIA

Exceedingly drought-resistant plants from southern Africa. Members of the lily family all with garlic scented foliage and in flower for many months. Some of them are grown outside here, mulched in winter. In colder areas they may be better grown in pots in full sun, brought in to overwinter, where they will not be frozen solid. Unless stated otherwise these are supplied as divisions.



CODDII

Too tender to grow outside in all but the most sheltered garden in a favoured area this is a plant that is easy to overlook but growing in the unheated glasshouse has flowers on it for all the summer. Generous divisions provided.

↔ 8" (20cm)
12" (30cm)
£5.00

Summer
130-18



COMINSII X VIOLACEA

One of the longest flowering plants we grow, some early flowers are usually to be seen in late May, and there are usually still some flowers in October. One deadheading session in mid-summer and a sunny well drained soil is all that is required! On the edge of being hardy so protection is probably a wise precaution unless they are grown in dry sheltered gardens. Finer and more petite than T. violacea with narrow lilac-mauve flowers which, with the foliage, is all quite strongly onion scented when crushed. An exceptionally good patio plant. From 1 litre pots

↔ 9" (20cm)
14" (35cm)
£5.00 or £13.50 for 3

Summer
130-12



VIOLACEA

These plants flower profusely and continuously from June to October. Probably the hardiest member of the family, we grow these outside here, and one could get away with growing them outside in colder areas, especially where it is drier in winter. Glowingly violet-purple flowers, with hundreds of stems on established plants providing colour for about 5 months. Plants by division.

↔ 8" (20cm)
18" (45cm)
£5.00

All summer
130-17



VIOLACEA PALLIDA

As T. violacea but white flowered. It does not grow as strongly unless in a sheltered spot but very long flowered. Divisions.

↔ 8" (20cm)
18" (45cm)
£4.00

Summer
130-07



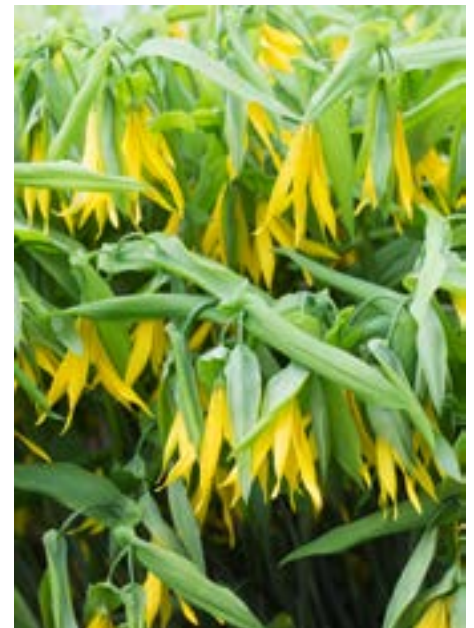
VIOLACEA SILVER LACE

Strongly silver-variegated form of T. violacea. Mauve flowered and worth trying outside in sheltered gardens, but the conventional wisdom is that this form is more tender. They are however very long flowered and would make an unusual feature planted in a ceramic pot, the foliage alone being very eye-catching and the scent less garlicky. Very drought resistant so maybe a candidate for a sunny corner where it seems never to get very wet. From 9cm pots.

↔ 5" (12cm)
14" (35cm)
£5.00 or £13.50 for 3

Summer
130-08

UVULARIA



GRANDIFLORA

Tough and hardy shade loving plants from the north east of the USA. The heavy twisting flowers arch the stems over. Lovely soft plants that associate brilliantly with those lovely American woodlanders – Erythroniums, Trilliums and Sanguinaria. Plants by division.

↔ 12" (30cm)
20" (50cm)
£7.50

April/May
133-05

Seeds from Avon Bulbs

Any packet of seeds
£2.50

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).

However, many of our mail order customers do not see us at the shows and may like the chance to buy a packet or two?



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.

Either sow directly where they are to be grown in the autumn or early spring, or thinly in a seed tray of well drained compost. Prick out when large enough to handle without damage. They may take 3 years to flower from seed, some will flower in their 2nd year



Average seed contents: 25

Dahlia coccinea var palmeri

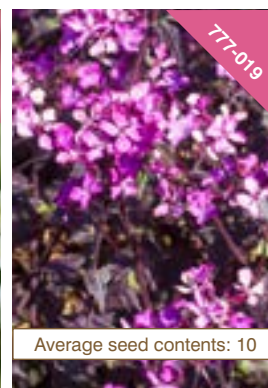
Single orange-red flowers in late summer on a plant which exhibits very dissected 'frothy' foliage. The plant can be large, the seed was collected from an established plant about 7' tall. Dahlias like a rich fertile soil and need planting in the sun. They may need a mulch (or to be lifted) in cold gardens, but the species forms seem hardier than the hybrids. Sow the seed in warm conditions into moist seed compost, covering with a thin layer of compost. When big enough to handle prick the seedlings out into individual pots and keep growing in similar conditions. Harden off before planting into the garden. These should flower in their first season.



Average seed contents: 25

Gladiolus tristis

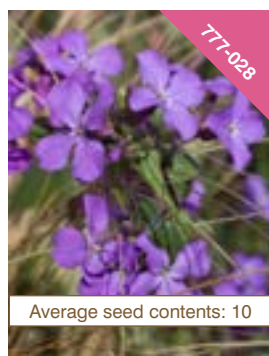
A beautiful South African species that flowers in April/May in Britain with wonderful pale straw coloured flowers with pretty green highlights and a good perfume in the evenings. 3-4' (30-40 cm) tall. They will need a sheltered situation in cold gardens or cold districts, but if they can be grown in 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.



Average seed contents: 10

Lunaria annua Chedglow

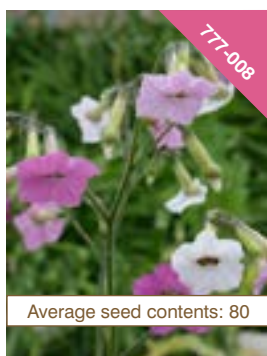
Hardy biennial flowering April to early May with wonderful chocolate leaves and lilac flowers, growing to 3' (1 m) or a bit more. Decorative seed heads persist with translucent discs that can be used in dried arrangements. Sow 2 seeds per single pot outside in a shady sheltered spot and plant out into the border in full sun or part shade when large enough. Sown in the spring, plants will flower the following year, but late sown (June onwards) will take a second year to flower. These will hybridise with other Lunaria close by. The leaves are eaten by rabbits.



Average seed contents: 10

Lunaria Corfu Blue

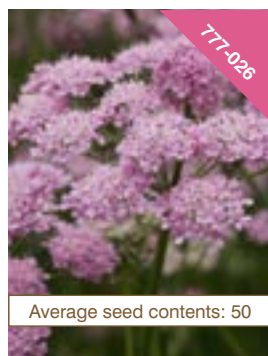
Hardy biennial, flowering in the spring often earlier than other Lunaria, with purple-blue flowers on purple flushed stems, growing to 3' (90cm) tall and a spread of up to 30" (75cm). The seed cases are distinctive as papery silvered seed heads. Sow two seeds per single pot outside in a shady sheltered spot and plant out into the border in full sun or part shade when large enough. Sown in the spring, plants will flower the following year, but late sown (June onwards) will take a second year to flower. These may hybridise with other Lunaria close by. The leaves are browsed by rabbits.



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. Sow thinly in warm moist conditions in the late spring only covering the seed very thinly (the seed is tiny). Once large enough to handle prick out a few plants into individual pots and grow them in warm, light conditions. Keep potting the plant on till it is 6" tall (15cm) when it can be planted out into a sunny border. Flowers in the late summer. If a plant is overwintered (in frost free conditions) flowering is much earlier and more profuse the second year.



Average seed contents: 50

Pimpinella major rosea

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



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. Sow in the very early spring, thinly in a coarse, soil based seedbed or pot and grow as you might do leek plants. Plant out when easy to handle about 1.5" (5 cm) apart in a sunny situation in free draining soil. 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.



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.

P&P for any number of seed packets ordered alone within UK £1.50

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

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23 - 04	<i>Galtonia candidans</i> (EXAMPLE ONLY)	£6.00/3	2	12.00

Do remember, the Quick Shop tab on the website should make putting your own order onto our secure website fairly easy, and save the cost of an envelope and stamp.

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Avon Bulbs - How it all works

Generally: This catalogue is **valid** through the spring of 2024 and expires in May. The **prices** are for single bulbs unless it says otherwise, and can be found under each description. **VAT** is included in our prices at the prevailing rate. Please remember that this catalogue was written in late November, bulbs we offer are listed in the expectation, not the certainty, that we can supply them. Nature, the weather, and the perishability of living bulbs means that we sometimes cannot supply things that we list, despite our best intentions. If that happens we make **no substitutions** for items out of stock without contacting you for authority unless they are from our Collections, within these we do make suitable substitutions if required.

If, when you get your parcel, you are concerned at all by its contents please contact us as soon as you can. We do occasionally make mistakes, but we do make no specific guarantees about our bulbs except that we believe them to be viable, suitable and correctly named. We cannot **guarantee** flowering - though we would expect it in the first season from the vast majority of the bulbs supplied under reasonable growing conditions.

Ordering: You can order by post or phone. Alternatively you can browse this catalogue but place your order online using the Quick Order facility on our website. Whichever way you do it we will **acknowledge** your order, ideally by email but if not, by post. Please check that your order has been correctly entered onto our system.

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When?: There may be some delay before we can send you your order. Snowdrop orders will be dealt with first, starting in February. The other bulb orders from this catalogue in mid-late March and early April.

How much? The basic **postage charge** is £5.95 for all parcels within mainland UK, but there are exceptions. For addresses in the Scottish Highlands, the Scottish Islands, and some other island destinations such as the Isles of

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

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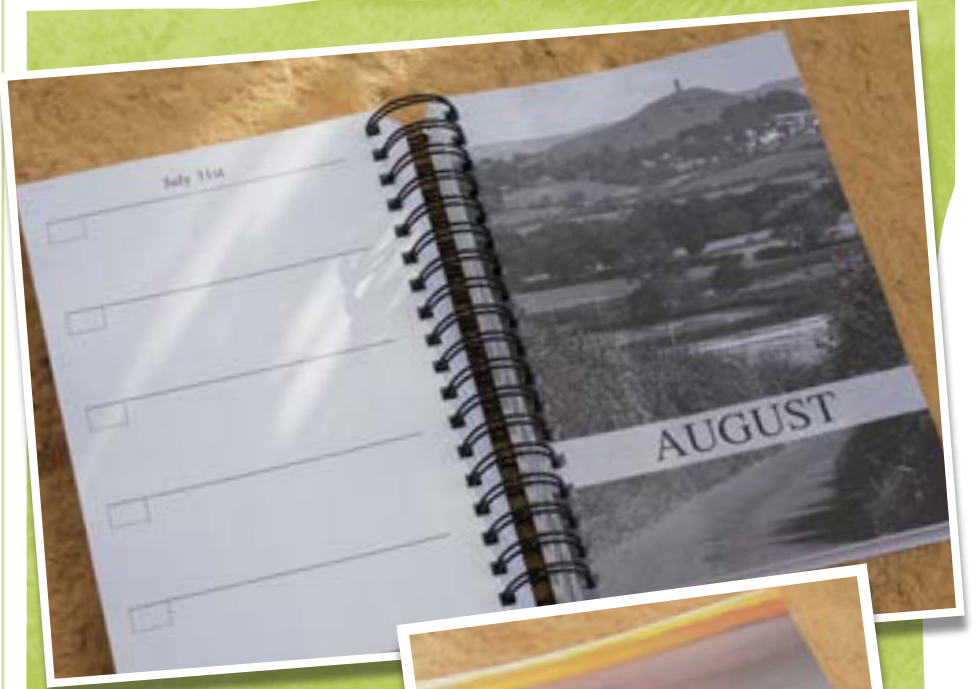


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It had a refresh in 2021. It is now illustrated by 12 black and white images all taken in our locality, reflecting the seasons where they are used. Spring pictures of the flooded levels around Muchelney, summer pictures of Glastonbury Tor, autumn pictures of the cider apple harvest and then on the cover a beautiful drone shot in colour of Burrow Hill, a very local landmark taken at dawn on a New Year's morning when the trees were covered in a hoar frost. The dated pages have not changed so as you fill in an entry for any day you also see what was written on that day up to four years back. So whether you are a weather watcher, a film buff, a vegetable gardener or a new Mum, this is a great memory builder.

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