

Mail Order Catalogue **Autumn 2017**

PLANTS AND BULBS
TO FLOWER IN THE SPRING

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30 Gold Medals at Chelsea in 31 years



WELCOME TO THE AVON BULBS AUTUMN CATALOGUE 2017

The past 30 years have seen our catalogues improve markedly although new enhancements get progressively more subtle! It continues to be done 'in house', written by us and with only a few plant images from plant image libraries, not written or produced by an agency or put together from scratch by someone outside the business, but it is a time consuming process.



This introduction is tackled last of all and this year it is being written in early June shortly after our return from the **RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2017** where we won our **30th Gold Medal**. As watchers of the coverage on TV will know it was a hot week and some of the exhibits were looking a bit tired by the end of it, but for all that our plants fared much better than the cut flower exhibits!

We were particularly pleased to present a fine array of poppies which we had not succeeded in displaying so well since 2011 (the third week in May is still a bit early for them) as well as 26 different varieties of Tulip (which had to be carefully managed for colour) and *Allium hyalinum* – a new allium to us (also new to the show) about which you can read on page 11. In a year when the weather conditions resulted in the plants being generally much taller than usual the *Maianthemum bifolium* (page 32), which we had not shown before either, was a useful addition in leafy, calming shades of green with white plume like flowers, looking much the same at the end of the week as it had at the beginning. They probably fared better than we did! We may even give some thought to taking a year out from Chelsea. Time will tell.



CHRIS IRELAND-JONES

Dormant Snowdrops:

Our list has previously come out in past years in August and we have despatched the bulbs shortly thereafter but we anticipate an earlier list this year (although delivery still remains in August). The long awaited and much asked about *Galanthus Midas* will be listed (not at the wildly extortionate prices some New snowdrops command because we hope to have enough available to satisfy a reasonable demand). Still no-one can anticipate things so getting in early would be advisable. That list will come out as an email or by post to those that have registered with us as *Galanthophiles* and then goes online on the website.



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LATE AVAILABILITY AND WEBSITE

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

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

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

Late Summer 2017

PLANTS AND BULBS TO FLOWER IN THE AUTUMN

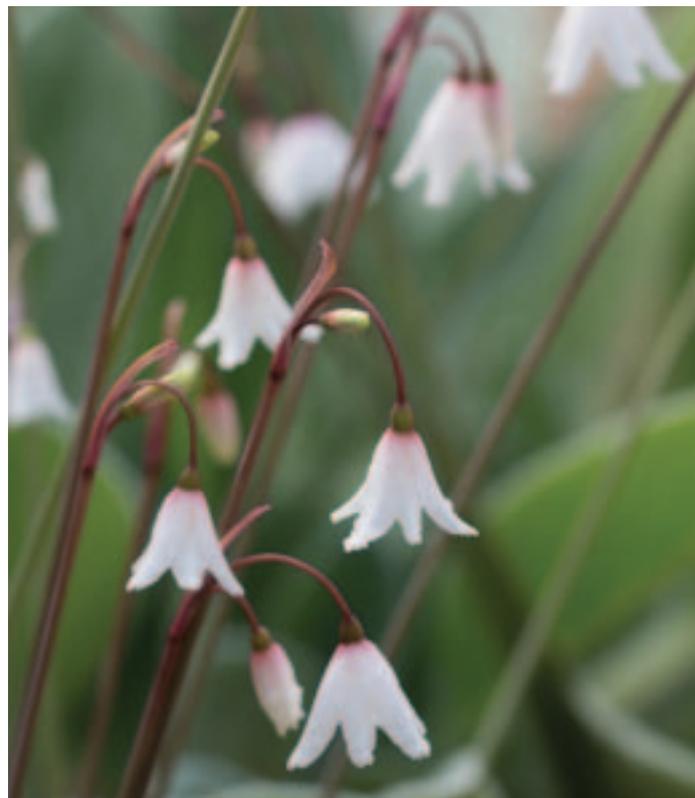
Plants and Bulbs that mostly flower in the autumn, soon after planting, or else items that just prefer early planting.

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



LATE SUMMER

AMARYLLIS X AMARYGIA PARKERI ALBA



ACIS AUTUMNALIS

ACIS

AUTUMNALIS 🏆 106-10

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

Aug/Sept • 9" (22cm)
£7.50 for 5

XAMARINE TUBERGENII 56-11

Unusual hybrids between Amayllis and Nerines. Bright cerise pink flowered like Nerines but more like Amaryllis in that they are winter growing so a little tender therefore requiring some protection.

Sept/ Oct • 15" (38cm)
£4.00 each

COLCHICUM

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



COLCHICUM AGRIPPINUM



AMARYLLIS X TUBERGENII

AMARYLLIS

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

XAMARYGIA PARKERI ALBA 56-10

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

Sept/Oct • 20" (50cm)
£8.00



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.

AGRIPPINUM 🏆 73-19

A naturally occurring hybrid that dates back to 1879 and very unusual. Much smaller than the goblet shaped forms below, the flowers on these open almost flat, with broad pointed petals in pinkish-lilac, heavily chequered with darker markings. Narrow, wavy-edged leaves appear after flowering. These increase in fertile soil, in an open sunny site. Being more petite they are possibly better in a raised bed or trough. Tough for all of that and increasing in sunny conditions.

Sept • 4" (10cm)
£5.00 each

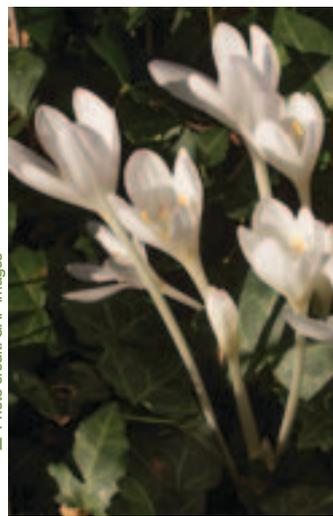


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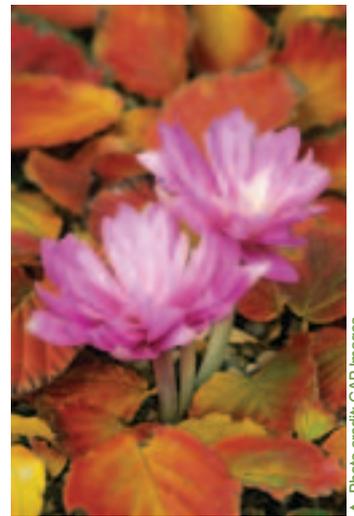
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COLCHICUM AUTUMNALE



COLCHICUM AUTUMNALE
ALBUM



COLCHICUM WATERLILY



COLCHICUM SPECIOSUM



COLCHICUM SPECIOSUM ALBUM



CYCLAMEN COUM

AUTUMNALE 73-05

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

Sept • 6" (15cm)
£11.25 for 3

**AUTUMNALE
ALBUM 73-06**

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

Sept • 6" (15cm)
£10.50 for 3

SPECIOSUM 73-15

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

Sept/Oct • 8" (20cm)
£11.25 for 3

**SPECIOSUM
ALBUM 73-16**

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

Sept/Oct • 8" (20cm)
£16.50 for 3

WATER-LILY 73-23

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

Oct • 6" (15cm)
£12.50 for 3

CYCLAMEN

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

**SPRING
FLOWERING
FORMS**

COUM 51-116

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

£14.00 for 5

COUM ROSEUM 51-117

Graded for flower colour in the spring so these are larger tubered and all will show pale pink flowers with the characteristically darker 'nose'.

£13.00 for 3

COUM ALBUM 51-118

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

£13.50 for 3

COUM DARK PINK 51-131

Tubers that have been selected for their dark pink flowers.

£13.50 for 3

**COUM
SILVER LEAF 51-119**

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

£15.00 for 3



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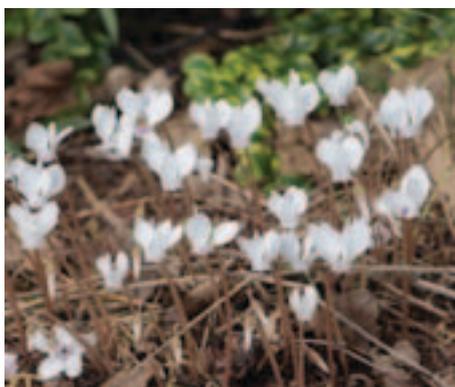
CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM



CROCUS GOULIMYI



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CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM



CROCUS GOULIMYI MANI WHITE



CROCUS PULCHELLUS

AUTUMN FLOWERING FORMS

HEDERIFOLIUM 51-107

These tubers were not sorted last autumn so may flower in pink or white (the pink will dominate). The petals sweep up and away from the flower and in the spring (and for much of the year after) the ground will be carpeted in their ivy leaf shaped leaves.

£13.00 for 5

HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM 51-108

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

£11.00 for 3

HEDERIFOLIUM SILVER LEAF 51-132

The completely ghostly-silver foliage effect is outstanding, literally.

£11.00 for 3

CROCUS – AUTUMN FLOWERING

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

GOULIMYI 77-36

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

Nov • 5" (12cm)
£7.00 for 3

GOULIMYI MANI WHITE 77-33

The pure white form with only the stamens golden yellow. A sought after gem.

Nov • 5" (12cm)
£12.50 for 3

IMPERATI DE JAGER 77-39

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

Jan • 5" (12cm)
£7.50 for 3

PULCHELLUS 77-35

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

Oct • 4" (10cm)
£4.30 for 10 or £11.50 for 30



CROCUS SATIVUS

SATIVUS 77-20

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

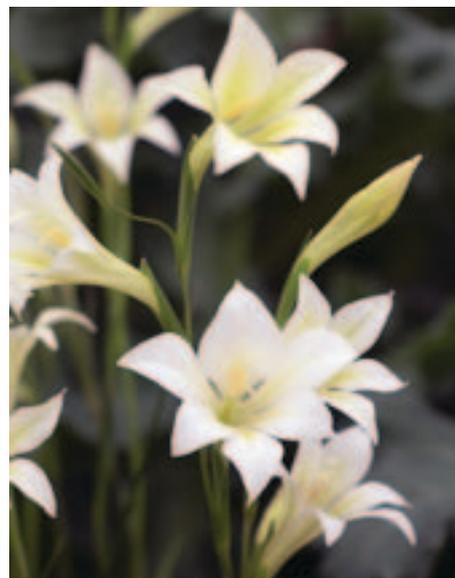
Oct • 4" (10cm)
£5.50 for 10 or £13.00 for 30



CROCUS SPECIOSUS



CROCUS TOURNEFORTII



GLADIOLUS TRISTIS



CROCUS SPECIOSUS ALBUS



CYPRIPEDIUM GISELA



HIPPEASTRUM X ACRAMANNII

SPECIOSUS 🏆 77-26

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

Sept/Oct • 5" (12cm)
£3.50 for 15 or £11.00 for 50

SPECIOSUS ALBUS 🏆 77-27

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

Sept/Oct • 5" (12cm)
£8.50 for 15

TOURNEFORTII 🏆 77-38

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

Sept/Oct • 5" (12cm)
£7.50 for 3

CYPRIPEDIUM

GISELA 64-07

Perfect in spring light and summer shade in fertile soil as long as the slugs are not over hungry. Hardy orchids are now becoming more widely available and our stocks of these are very good. Some of these divisions will produce several flower spikes in their first spring. They do not need cossetting, they are hardy and in fact they need a cold spell to form their flowers. Some of these may be a yellower flowered variant of C. Gisela, but they are just as good. More growing instructions on the website.

April/May • 18" (45cm)
£19.50 or £50.00 for 3

GLADIOLUS

TRISTIS 88-15

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

April/May • 3' (90cm)
£15.00 for 3

HIPPEASTRUM

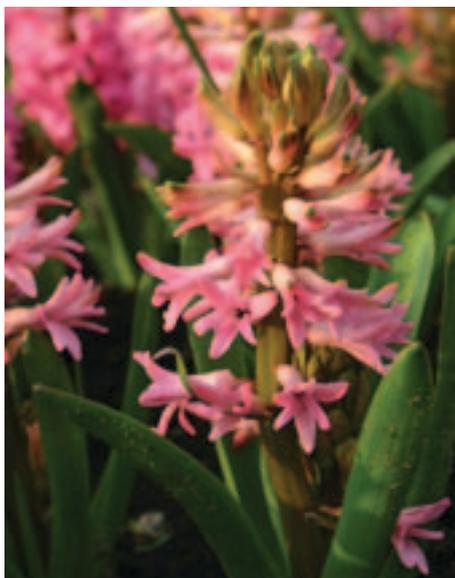
X ACRAMANNII 🏆 56-14

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

Sept • 18" (45cm)
£12.00



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HYACINTH PINK PEARL



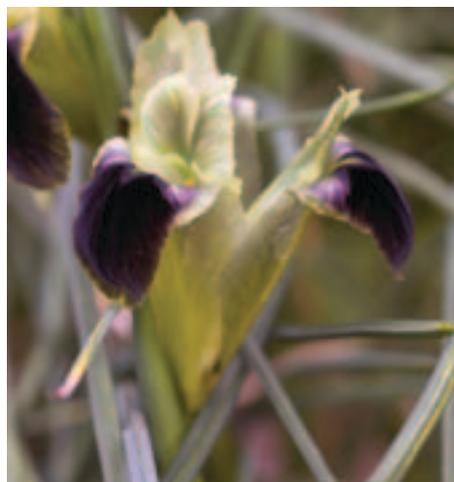
HYACINTH WHITE PEARL



LILIUM CANDIDUM



HYACINTH DELFT BLUE



IRIS TUBEROSA



NARCISSUS CYCLAMINEUS

PREPARED HYACINTHS

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

DELFT BLUE 86-05

A compact, pale blue spike set off by the emerging dark green leaves.

£3.60 for 3 or £7.50 for 7

PINK PEARL 86-35

Delicately pink, and like the others deliciously fragrant.

£3.60 for 3 or £7.50 for 7

WHITE PEARL 86-34

Strong-growing, broad, gleaming white flowers.

£3.60 for 3 or £7.50 for 7

IRIS TUBEROSA

(HERMODACTYLUS)

103-110

The 'Widow Iris' does better from early planting, and if you have tried before with limited success, we do suggest that you add some of these to a Late Summer order and try again. Alternatively see page 31 of the Autumn Catalogue. Translucent black and jade-green flowers are preceded by long rush-like leaves. They require time to establish and flower better in the spring following a hot summer. They love growing around heat absorbing sun-drenched paving, or at the base of a warm wall in the sun.

April • 6" (15cm)

£5.00 for 10

LILIUM

CANDIDUM 107-114

Like the *Hermodactylus* above, a plant that is better started off early, and inevitably the first orders get the pick of the crop, so ordering from this section has its benefits.

See page 31 of the Autumn Catalogue for more details.

June • 36" (90cm)

£5.40 or £15.50 for 3

NARCISSUS

Also see the main Autumn Catalogue pages 33-39 for the main listing. These either need early planting (*N. cyclamineus*) or could provide a very early display from bulbs potted early (*Ziva*).

CYCLAMINEUS 113-179

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

March • 5" (12cm)

£5.50

PAPERWHITE

ZIVA 113-152

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

Dec/Jan • 15" (38cm)

£6.50 for 5 or £11.50 for 10



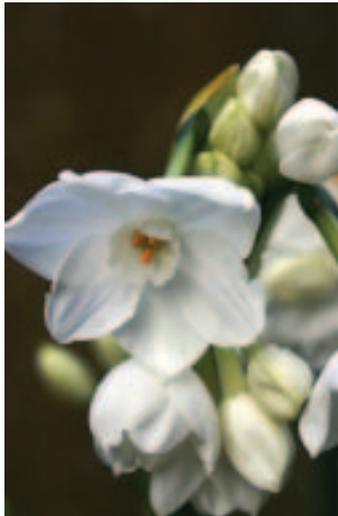
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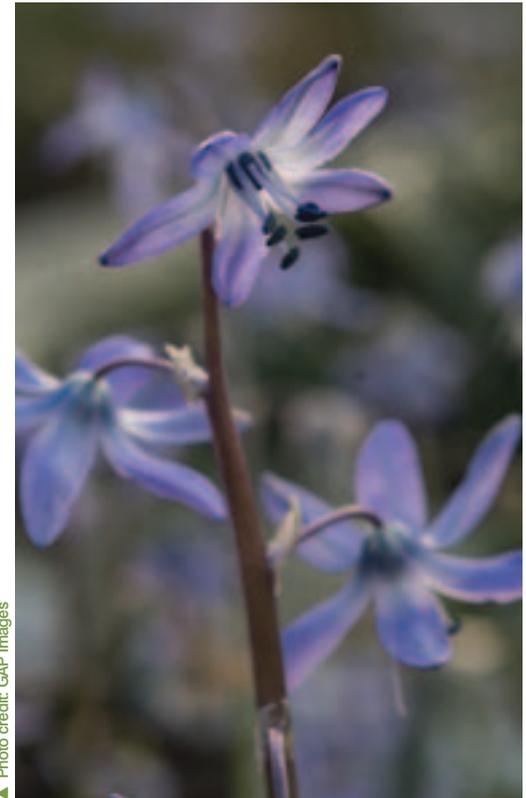
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NARCISSUS PAPERWHITE ZIVA



SCILLA AUTUMNALIS



SCILLA GREILHUBERI

NERINE

FLEXUOSA

ALBA  33-23

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

Sept/Oct • 14" (35cm)
£7.50 for 3

SCILLA

AUTUMNALIS 125-18

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

Aug/Oct • 5" (12cm)
£8.50 for 3

GREILHUBERI 125-30

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

Feb/Mar • 8" (20cm)
£5.00 for 3

LILIO-HYACINTHUS

125-28

Broad and tidy leaved, with pretty, delicate racemes of soft pale blue. Neat looking mounds of foliage and a joy when in flower. The bulbs are formed of loose lily-like scales which dislike being dried out. Clump forming and best in some shade. A great addition to the early spring tapestry.

Mar/Apr • 8" (20 cm)
£12.00 for 3

LILIO-HYACINTHUS

ALBA 125-29

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

Mar/Apr • 8" (20 cm)
£12.00 for 3

TECOPHILAEA

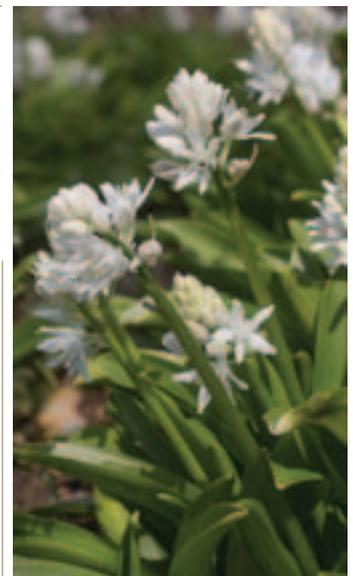
Chilean bulbs from a high altitude, so one would expect them to be cold tolerant, but where they come from is relatively dry, and our winters are really too wet for them. If you can grow them under some protection (particularly from rain) and you'll be amazed by the depth of colour in the flowers. Their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

CYANOCROCUS

LEICHTLINII  128-04

White centred with gentian blue petals.

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



SCILLA LILIO HYACINTHUS ALBUS

Order for Late Summer Despatch 2017 Bulbs that need Early Planting this Autumn

Office use only:

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VELTHEMIA BRACTEATA

VELTHEMIA

BRACTEATA  170-01

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

March/April • 18" (45cm)
£5.00

Collection Times

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

We are open for such circumstances by arrangement from
18 September to the end of October 2017.



Autumn 2017

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

ALLIUM

Alliums are always welcome to gardeners in the early summer as the flowers offer height and distinction when most gardens are not quite so colourful. Their exclamation mark shape differentiates them from the plants around them, and those companion plants in turn 'hide' what is sometimes distracting foliage, which (in most of these Alliums) is beginning to yellow at flowering time. They are generally plants of sunny and well-drained soils, and can be used either in dramatic eye-catching sweeps, or else, in a more cottagey style, in isolated small groups to equally good effect. Everyone seems to love Alliums and, knowing that the beneficial insects and bees are struggling nowadays, it is worth a reminder that Alliums provide a fantastic food supply for those insects, especially the late flowering forms. Our beds of A. angulosum, A. glaucum and A. tuberosum shimmer with activity on sunny summer days. Try out a number of different forms to see which do best in your circumstances?

AMBASSADOR 🍷 53-60

Beginning to flower in late May these flowers should see one through all of June on tall stems topped by their mid purple heads about 5" (10cm) across. Very big bulbed plants benefitting from deep planting to ensure that the stems remain firmly upright. Good seed heads follow the main flower show.

June • 40" (100 cm)
£8.00 for 3

ANGULOSUM (PYRENAICUM) 53-28

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

July/August • 12" (30cm)
£7.50 for 3 - (divisions not true bulbs)



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ALLIUM



ALLIUM HOLLANDICUM



ALLIUM AMBASSADOR



ALLIUM ANGULOSUM



ALLIUM CÆRULEUM



ALLIUM CERNUUM

CÆRULEUM 🍷 53-14

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

June • 18" (45cm)
£4.30 for 15

CERNUUM 53-04

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

Summer • 18" (45cm)
£5.50 for 5

CRISTOPHII 🍷 53-11

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

June • 10-16" (25-40cm)
£3.50 for 3, £10.50 for 10
or £20.00 for 20



ALLIUM CRISTOPHII



Photo credit: GAP Images

ALLIUM EARLY EMPEROR



ALLIUM GIGANTEUM



ALLIUM GLOBEMASTER

Photo credit: Bolton Image Library



ALLIUM PURPLE SENSATION



ALLIUM HOLLANDICUM



ALLIUM HIS EXCELLENCY

Photo credit: GAP Images

EARLY EMPEROR 53-68

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

May/June • 24" (60cm)
£8.50 for 3

GIGANTEUM 53-20

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

Late June/July • 48" (120cm)
£4.50 or £12.50 for 3

GLADIATOR 53-55

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

June • 36" (90cm)
£8.50 for 3

GLOBEMASTER 53-46

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

May/June • 36" (90cm)
£5.00 or £13.50 for 3

HIS EXCELLENCY 53-69

Violet purple heads about 5" across (12cm) on clean long tall stems

June 48" (120cm)
£8.50 for 3

HOLLANDICUM 53-08

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

May/ June • 24-36" (60-90cm).
£3.50 for 5, £6.20 for 10
or £11.40 for 20



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ALLIUM GLADIATOR

HOLLANDICUM PURPLE SENSATION 53-09

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

May/ June • 30" (75cm)
£4.30 for 5, £8.00 for 10 or
£15.00 for 20



ALLIUM HYALINUM



ALLIUM NIGRUM PINK JEWEL



ALLIUM IVORY QUEEN



ALLIUM MOUNT EVEREST



ALLIUM KARATAVIENSE



ALLIUM OBLIQUUM

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ALLIUM NIGRUM

KARATAVIENSE 🏆 53-22

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

May/June • 10" (25cm)
£4.30 for 5 or £11.90 for 15

**KARATAVIENSE
IVORY QUEEN** 53-23

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

May/June • 10" (25cm)
£4.50 for 5 or £12.50 for 15

MOUNT EVEREST 🏆 53-43

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

May/June • 36" (90cm)
£8.00 for 3 or £12.50 for 5

**NIGRUM
(MULTIBULBOSUM)** 53-24

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

June • 24" (60cm)
£5.60 for 5 or £10.00 for 10

**NIGRUM
PINK JEWEL** 53-65

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

May/June • 36" (90cm)
£7.00 for 3

OBLIQUUM 53-26

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

June • 24" (60cm)
£8.00 for 3

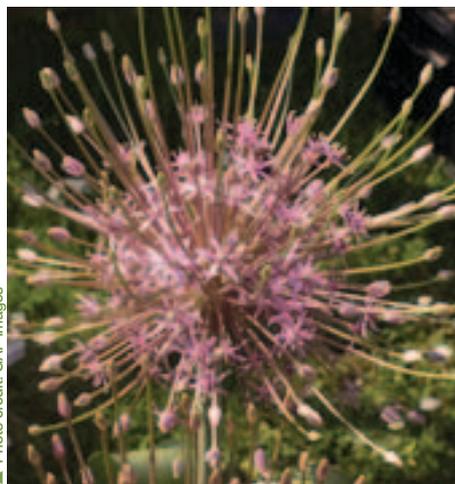
HYALINUM 53-70

A species from California where it grows on shady canyon slopes in the Sierra Nevada around 1200m. Star shaped flowers in pale pink with grey, rather limp leaves, but very floriferous. They need good drainage and drier summer rest.

May • 12" (30cm)
£5.00 for 5
(Small bulbs)



ALLIUM PINBALL WIZARD



ALLIUM SCHUBERTII



ALLIUM TUBEROSUM



ALLIUM POWDER PUFF



ALLIUM SPHAEROCEPHALON



ALLIUM PURPLE RAIN

PINBALL WIZARD 53-61

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

May • 40" (100 cm)
£8.10 for 3

POWDER PUFF 53-66

A broad leaved allium with violet purple flowers about the size of a tennis ball held on much shorter stems than would normally be expected for an Allium with this size of head. It is a hybrid between A. nevskianus and A. sivaschanicum, both from Central Asia. Great for windy sites.

May/June • 15" (35cm)
£8.50 for 3



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PURPLE RAIN 53-67

A product of the cross between A. Purple Sensation (from which it gains its height and deeper colouration) and A. cristophii (which gives it the open structure) with heads about 5-6" (15cm) across. With such popular and eminent parentage these should be superior and will become increasingly popular themselves. They performed well in the Allium trials at Wisley.

June (later than Purple Sensation)
38" (100cm)
£6.50 for 5 or £12.00 for 10

SCHUBERTII 53-31

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

June • 18" (45cm)
£11.00 for 3

SPHAEROCEPHALON 53-33

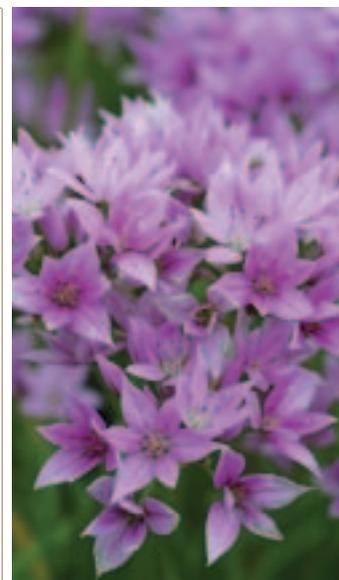
Butterflies love these egg shaped heads (and at their peak they are about the same size). They emerge as tight deep green buds in June, turning purple from their tips through July and swaying in the summer breezes on long wiry stems. Woven through a summer border, often as rivers of colour, they visually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

Summer • 24" (60cm)
£4.10 for 15, £6.00 for 25 or
£11.00 for 50

TUBEROSUM 53-38

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

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



ALLIUM UNIFOLIUM

UNIFOLIUM 53-40

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

May • 10" (25cm)
£6.00 for 20



NECTAROSCORDUM SICULUM



NECTAROSCORDUM TRIPEDALE

NECTAROSCORDUM

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

SICULUM 53-32

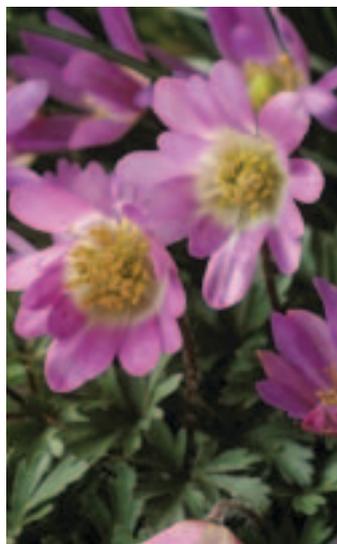
Tall stemmed (with a pronounced keel – think of the seam in a pair of tights) leading upwards to dozens of hanging green and burgundy marked bells pendulously arranged in a loose head. They enjoy more shade than most true Alliums and seed about in conditions that they like and have strongly garlic scented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

Early summer • 30" (75cm)
£3.50 for 5 or £6.50 for 10

TRIPEDALE 53-25

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

June • 36" (100cm)
£7.00 or £18.00 for 3



ANEMONE BLANDA PINK STAR



ANEMONE BLANDA BLUE

ANEMONE

The spring flowering anemones should follow the crocuses in late March for their turn in the limelight. They mark that moment when the weather is on the turn for the better and the stronger light of spring is accentuated by the shiny wet foliage resulting from scudding showers and windy conditions. This is just what Anemones love. And they open wide in the sunshine though if the light is only dappled by dint of still bare branches on the trees they won't mind.

They are not all alike even when 'resting': the bulbous (A. blanda) forms come as hard, wizened corms, which need an overnight soak before planting and will take a long hot summer in their stride. The rhizomatous forms (A. apennina and A. nemorosa) need a cooler, shady (but also dry) rest after they have flowered, so they prefer more shaded, woodland-like conditions and hating exposure to air will be damp packed in coir when despatched by us.



ANEMONE

ANEMONE APENNINA



ANEMONE WHITE SPLENDOUR



ANEMONE APENNINA

APENNINA 57-11

An excellent and very pretty plant, I wish it were more easily produced as I think it probably superior to A. blanda in British conditions. White or pale blue flowered with many deeply cut petals on flowers held well above soft mounds of leaves. Ideal under big deciduous trees following snowdrops and flowering with the early daffodils. Both colours are equally lovely and they combine very naturally. Plant in small groups 6" (15cm) apart where they will thereafter seed about. Home grown and dug-to-order the damp packed rhizomes are inevitably rather variable in size.

March/April • 8" (20cm)
£5.50 for 3

BLANDA BLUE 57-07

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

March • 4" (10cm)
£2.20 for 10, £5.00 for 25
or £9.00 for 50

BLANDA PINK STAR 57-08

Pale pink flowered plants of the same stature.

March • 4" (10cm)
£4.10 for 10

BLANDA WHITE SPLENDOUR 57-12

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

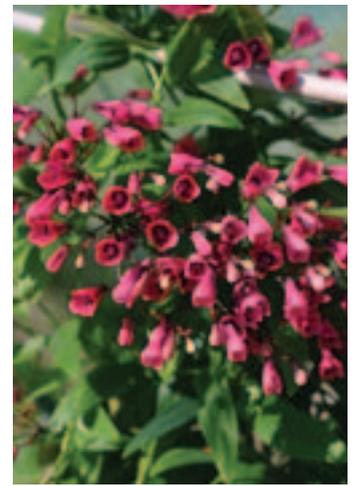
March • 5" (13cm)
£3.80 for 10, £9.00 for 25
or £17.00 for 50



ANEMONE RAN. FLORA PLENA



ANEMONE VIRESCENS



BOMAREA SALSILLA



ANEMONE NEMOROSA



ANTHERICUM LILIAGO MAJOR



ASPHODELUS ALBUS



BONGARDIA CHRYSOQONUM

NEMOROSA 57-20

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

April • 4" (10cm)
£4.50 for 5

NEMOROSA VIRESCENS 57-17

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

April • 4" (10cm)
£5.00 for 5

RANUNCULOIDES FLORE PLENA 57-27

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

April • 4" (10cm)
£5.50 for 3

ANTHERICUM

LILIAGO MAJOR 58-05

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

May • 24" (60cm)
£6.50

ASPHODELUS

ALBUS 34-05

This Asphodel plant makes a strong structural statement for much of the year with its broadly branching habit. The stems carry starry white flowers which look finely henna lined. Best grown in a sunny border or gravel garden and because they come into early growth in the winter are more suitable for early autumn planting. Architectural and structural plants for full sun, probably planted no closer than 2' (60cm) apart. Expect big roots! Stocks not as large as hoped so numbers limited in 2017

Summer • 3-5' (90-150cm)
£12.00

BOMAREA

SALSILLA 10-04

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

Summer flowering • 30" (70cm)
£5.00

BONGARDIA

CHRYSOQONUM 67-04

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

April/May • 9" (22cm)
£4.70 or £12.50 for 3



CAMASSIA



CAMASSIA AVON'S STELLAR HYBRIDS

CAMASSIA

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

LEICHTLINII SSP. LEICHTLINII ALBA 70-07

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

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

LEICHTLINII (SSP. SUKSDORFII) CAERULEA 70-06

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

April/May • 32" (80cm)
£5.70 for 5 or £10.40 for 10

LEICHTLINII CAERULEA MAYBELLE 70-16

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

May 24" (60cm)
£7.50 for 5



CAMASSIA MAYBELLE



CAMASSIA ELECTRA

BLUE HEAVEN 70-17

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)
£8.20 for 3

LEICHTLINII ELECTRA 70-10

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

Apr/May • 36" (100 cm)
£7.50



CAMASSIA LEICHTLINII ALBA



CAMASSIA LEICHTLINII

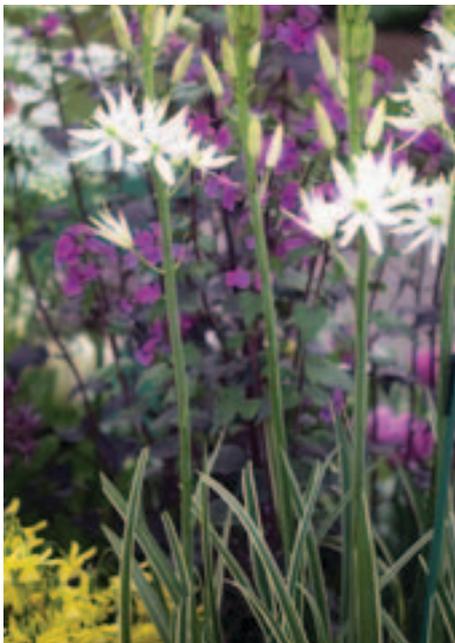


CAMASSIA BLUE HEAVEN

LEICHTLINII AVON'S STELLAR HYBRIDS 70-11

A seed raised 'swarm' these are the result of hybridisation and selection work done here. The resulting plants exhibit widely varying colours, combinations of purple blue, mauve, greyish, purplish, green and pale pink. We cannot guarantee what you might receive, but many are individually eye-catching and from the seed that they in turn produce, who knows what you might raise yourself! The bulbs also vary somewhat in size. After being featured at Chelsea 2017 there are fewer to spare this year.

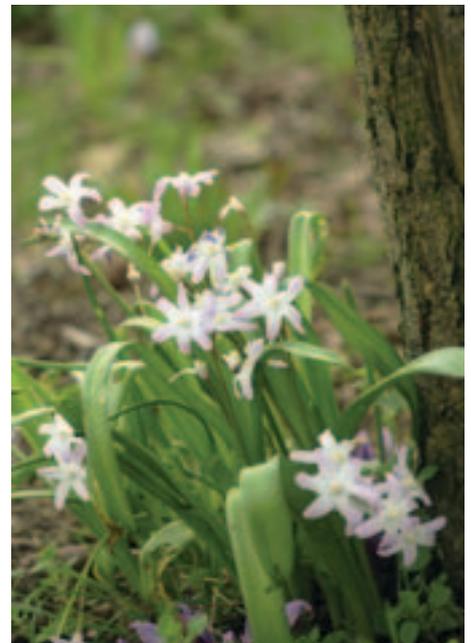
May • 36" (90cm) - colours will vary
£6.50 for 3



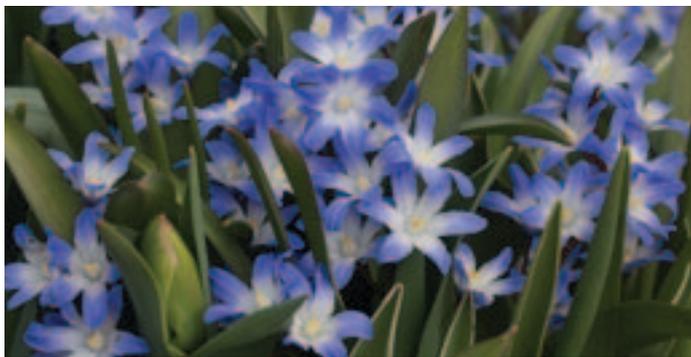
CAMASSIA SACAJAWEA



CAMASSIA SEMI PLENA



CHIONODOXA PINK GIANT



CHIONODOXA BLUE GIANT



CHIONODOXA LUCILIAE



QUAMASH (ESCULENTA)

LEICHTLINII SACAJAWEA 70-15

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

May/June • 36" (90cm)
£9.00 for 3

LEICHTLINII SEMI-PLENA 70-08

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

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

QUAMASH (ESCULENTA) 70-05

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

May/June • 12" (30cm)
£4.20 for 10 or £9.50 for 25

CHIONODOXA

The main spring bulbs exhibit a huge range of bold shapes and strong colours. If one does not follow a theme or stick to a limited pallet the whole effect can look a bit haphazard. A way to moderate this is to use a range of the 'little blue bulbs' to create a more unifying backdrop. This ties the louder colours together and provides a steadying consistency. Any of the Chionodoxa, Muscari, Scilla and Anemone provide this function but it can come from other plants too such as Brunnera or Myosotis (Forget-me-not).

LUCILIAE 72-04

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

February/March • 4" (10cm)
£4.30 for 20 or £9.70 for 50

FORBESII PINK GIANT 72-10

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

February/March • 5" (13cm)
£3.00 for 10 or £6.70 for 25

FORBESII BLUE GIANT 72-11

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

March/April • 6" (15cm)
£4.30 for 10 or £9.70 for 25



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS BLUSH



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS FORTINS GIANT



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS HARDWICK HALL



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS HOFHEIM



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS ROSEA



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS FERNWOOD'S GOLDEN SLIPPERS

CONVALLARIA

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

MAJALIS BLUSH 75-10

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

£6.00 for 3

MAJALIS FORTINS GIANT 75-05

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

£3.50 for 5 or £6.80 for 10

MAJALIS HARDWICK HALL 75-09

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

£4.00 each

MAJALIS HOFHEIM 75-12

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

£4.00 each

MAJALIS FERNWOOD'S GOLDEN SLIPPERS 75-11

A startlingly golden leaved form, particularly in the early spring before the flowers appear. They appear perfectly stable as there has been no reversion to green.

There is an ongoing argument regarding the name, should it be Verwood, Fernwood or what? From the late Stephen Taffler (inveterate variegated plant addict) who used to live nearby.

£7.00 for 3

MAJALIS ROSEA 75-07

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

£7.00 for 5



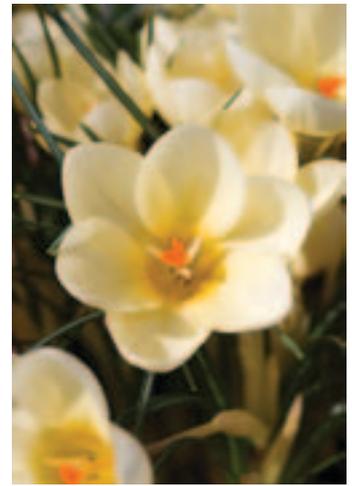
CORYDALIS BLUE DRAGON



CORYDALIS GEORGE BAKER



CHRYSANTHUS BLUE PEARL



CHRYSANTHUS CREAM BEAUTY

CORYDALIS

A family with snapdragon-like flowers – but those we sell fall into two distinct groups, the blue flowered *flexuosa* forms which do not form a distinct bulb so these we supply already growing in pots, and the *solida* types with corky tubers. The latter will cope anywhere in sun or part shade and will seed about, the former need encouragement to grow away from the compost in which they will be established before they settle in with you.



CORYDALIS SOLIDA

FLEXUOSA CHINA BLUE 76-22

Exhibiting beautiful pink-fringed juvenile foliage when planted in some sunshine and startling pale blue flowers, this still remains a 'buy on sight' plant. Sold by the potful.

Spring/Summer • 6" (15cm)
£3.00

FLEXUOSA BLUE DRAGON 76-12

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

Spring/Summer • 6" (15cm)
£3.00

SOLIDA 76-15

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

March/April • 4" (10cm)
£4.50 for 10

SOLIDA GEORGE BAKER 76-04

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

March/April • 4" (10cm)
£3.80 or £10.50 for 3



CORYDALIS CHINA BLUE



CORYDALIS BETH EVANS

BETH EVANS 76-16

Pinker than George Baker with paler green leaves, the appearance is somewhat softer and more feminine than George's.

March/April • 4" (10cm)
£3.00 or £8.50 for 3



CHRYSANTHUS GIPSY GIRL

CROCUS (SPRING FLOWERING)

The *C. tommasinianus* forms are perfect for planting in light grass or borders, self-sowing and increasing where happy and potentially getting everywhere. The bees love them and their opening is always a certain sign of winter ending. The garden hybrids, forms of *C. chrysanthus*, *C. biflorus* and *C. sieberi* have been raised for garden use in suitable (but possibly in more restricted) situations. They are palatable to mice and squirrels as are some other small carbohydrate rich bulbs. Mesh baskets sold by garden centres and DIY stores for aquatic plants are a great help (with the addition of a home-made wire lid) these buried containers mostly thwart those opportunistic raiders. The bigger and later flowering *C. vernus* or 'Dutch' forms of *Crocus* are much bigger bulbed and seem to both persist better and are less affected by rodents.

CHRYSANTHUS BLUE PEARL 78-12

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

£3.90 for 20, £8.90 for 50

CHRYSANTHUS CREAM BEAUTY 78-14

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

£4.30 for 20 or £9.70 for 50

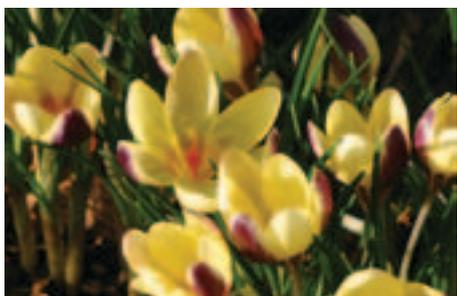
CHRYSANTHUS GIPSY GIRL 78-20

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

£5.20 for 20 or £12.00 for 50



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CHRYSANTHUS HERALD



TOMMASINIANUS RUBY GIANT



SIEBERJ TRICOLOR



CHRYSANTHUS SNOW BUNTING



MINIMUS BAVELLA



TOMMASINIANUS WHITEWELL PURPLE



TOMMASINIANUS



KOROLKOWII JANUARY GOLD



YALTA

CHRYSANTHUS HERALD 78-21

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

£4.30 for 10 or £10.50 for 25

CHRYSANTHUS SNOW BUNTING 78-18

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

£3.90 for 20, £8.90 for 50

MINIMUS BAVELLA 78-66

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

£2.70 for 3 or £5.80 for 7

KOROLKOWII JANUARY GOLD 78-67

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

£2.70 for 3 or £5.80 for 7

SIEBERJ TRICOLOR 78-58

Early flowering where it needs a sunny site, a small but bright flower, banded dark purple, yellow and lilac with short leaves at flowering time. One of the most intensely coloured of the crocuses, and persisting.

£4.00 for 20 or £9.75 for 50

TOMMASINIANUS 78-42

Silvery lilac-lavender pink coloured flowers. These seed about and, being small in size, are not so appealing to (or found so readily) by mice and squirrels. These are the best to naturalise, in the true sense of the word. These will be less uniform than the hybrids listed below. Flowering as soon as it starts to feel a bit warmer in early March.

£3.90 for 10 or £8.90 for 25 or £16.40 for 50

TOMMASINIANUS RUBY GIANT 78-44

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

£3.90 for 20, £8.90 for 50 or £16.40 for 100

TOMMASINIANUS WHITEWELL PURPLE 78-45

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

£3.90 for 20, £8.90 for 50 or £16.40 for 100

YALTA 78-64

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

£3.30 for 10 or £7.30 for 25



CROCUS QUEEN OF THE BLUES



CROCUS JEANNE D'ARC



CROCUS GRAND MAITRE



CROCUS VERNUS

MIXED DUTCH CROCUS MIXED WITH GOLDEN YELLOW



CROCUS PICKWICK

CROCUS VERNUS 'DUTCH' HYBRIDS

Selected over the centuries, originally from C. vernus these are useful for planting in grassed areas to provide an early spring show (though in February and March the grass will hardly be growing) and being bigger bulbed they can be planted more deeply and would cope with rougher grass cover than lawn grasses. Flowering into the early Daffodil season they can be an effective contrast to the sea of yellow in the March garden. Plant them 4-6" (12-15cm) apart, or roughly 7- 12 per square foot. They do not quite all flower together (which is a benefit) so choose a few varieties to provide a slightly greater spread of flowering. Late February and early March flowering 5" (12.5 cm) tall.

GRAND MAITRE 78-62

Lavender-violet with a silvery hue and a paler edge. Very pretty, either alone or as one part of a group of mixed colours.

**£4.30 for 15, £8.00 for 30
or £15.00 for 60**

PICKWICK 78-53

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

**£4.30 for 15, £8.00 for 30
or £15.00 for 60**

GOLDENYELLOW 🏆 78-52

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

**£4.30 for 15, £8.00 for 30
or £15.00 for 60**

JEANNE D'ARC 78-51

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

**£4.30 for 15, £8.00 for 30
or £15.00 for 60**

QUEEN OF THE BLUES 78-68

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

**£4.30 for 15, £8.00 for 30
or £15.00 for 60**



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CYCLAMEN

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

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

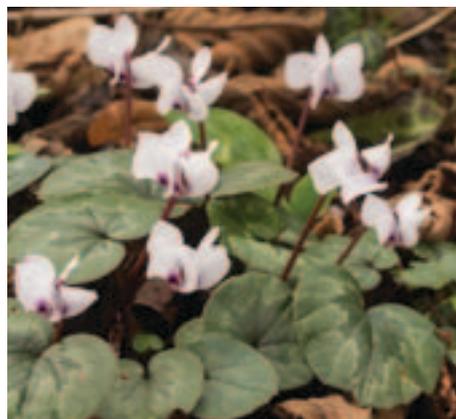
These are all nursery grown in the UK from seed and may be ordered for either Late Summer or Autumn despatch. In the autumn the tubers start back into growth and so where orders are despatched after mid-September the leaves and roots may be showing, though this causes no harm.

SPRING FLOWERING FORMS

COUM 51-16

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

Jan/March
£14.00 for 5

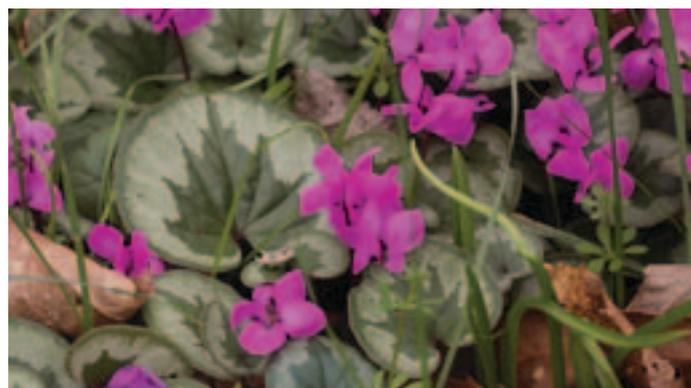


CYCLAMEN COUM ALBUM

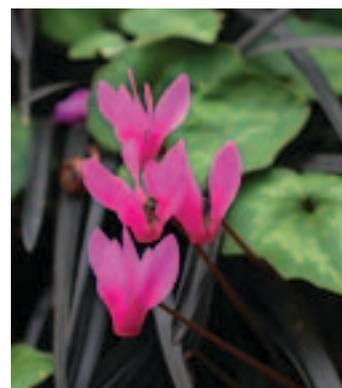


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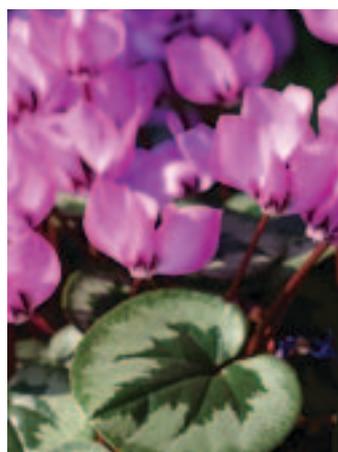
CYCLAMEN COUM



CYCLAMEN COUM DARK PINK



CYCLAMEN REPANDUM



CYCLAMEN COUM SILVER LEAF



CYCLAMEN COUM ROSEUM

COUM ROSEUM 51-17

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

Jan/March
£13.00 for 3

COUM ALBUM 51-18

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

Jan/March
£13.50 for 3

COUM DARK PINK 51-31

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

Jan/March
£13.50 for 3

COUM SILVER LEAF 51-19

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

Jan/March
£15.00 for 3

REPANDUM 51-29

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

April/May
£5.40 each or £15.00 for 3



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM



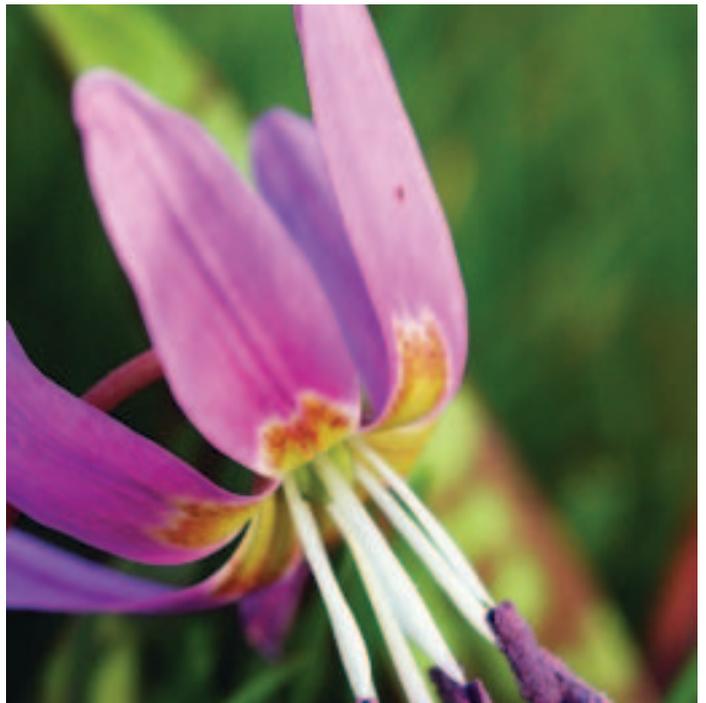
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ERYTHRONIUM

ERYTHRONIUM OLD ABERDEEN

AUTUMN FLOWERING FORMS

HEDERIFOLIUM 🏆 51-07

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

Aug/Oct
£13.00 for 5

HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM 51-08

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

Aug/Oct
£11.00 for 3

DICHELOSTEMMA

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

CONGESTUM 82-04

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

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

IDA-MAIA 82-05

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

June • 18" (45cm)
£3.30 for 5 or £9.00 for 15

ERYTHRONIUM

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

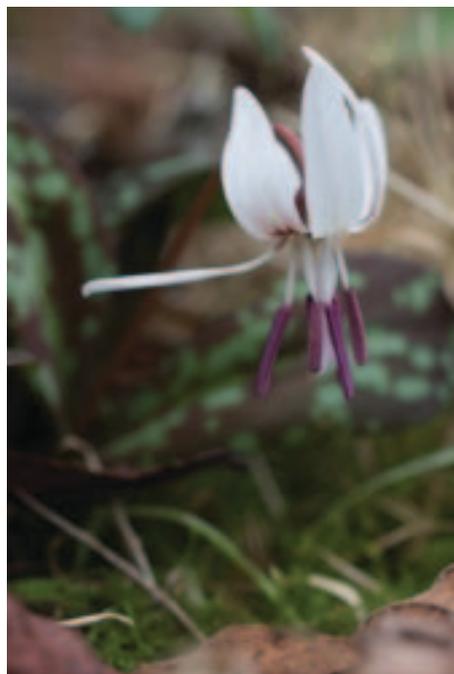
DENS CANIS OLD ABERDEEN 🏆 84-09

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

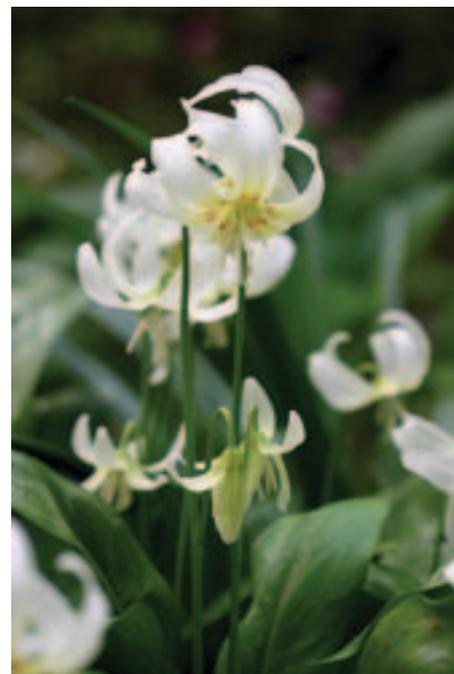
March • 4" (10cm)
£5.00



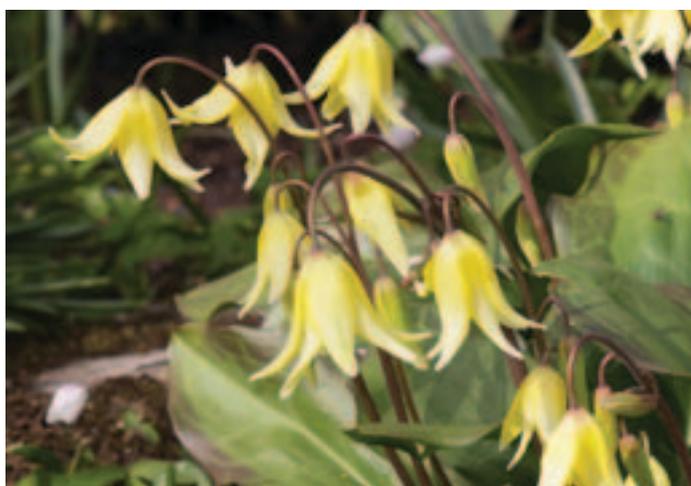
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ERYTHRONIUM DENS CANIS SNOWFLAKE



ERYTHRONIUM WHITE BEAUTY



ERYTHRONIUM PAGODA



ERYTHRONIUM REVOLUTUM

**DENS CANIS
SNOWFLAKE** 84-11

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

March • 4" (10cm)
£4.50

PAGODA 84-17

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

April • 12" (30cm)
£4.30 for 3 or £12.00 for 9

REVOLUTUM 84-21

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

April 8" (20cm)
£5.50 or £15.00 for 3

**REVOLUTUM
KNIGHTSHAYES
PINK** 84-13

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

April • 8" (20cm)
£5.00 or £14.00 for 3

WHITE BEAUTY 84-15

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

April • 8" (20cm)
£5.00 or £14.00 for 3



FRITILLARIA RASCAL CHOPIN



FRITILLARIA IMPERIALIS LUTEA



FRITILLARIA ACMOPETALA



FRITILLARIA WILLIAM REX



FRITILLARIA ELWESII

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

ACMOPETALA 🍷 85-04

A native of the Eastern Mediterranean with one or more hanging jade green bell shaped flowers, reflexed at the opening, with chocolate brown markings. To grow either in the sun or part shade in drier conditions out of the strongest wind.

April/May • 12" (30cm)
£5.20 for 3 or £8.50 for 5

ELWESII 85-07

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

April • 15" (35cm)
£2.50 or £7.00 for 3

IMPERIALIS LUTEA 85-21

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

April • 36" (90cm)
£5.00 or £13.50 for 3

IMPERIALIS WILLIAM REX 85-20

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

April • 30" (75cm)
£5.00 or £13.50 for 3

IMPERIALIS RASCAL CHOPIN 85-23

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

March/April • 30" (75cm)
£5.00 or £13.50 for 3



FRITILLARIA MELEAGRIS



FRITILLARIA PONTICA



FRITILLARIA UVA-VULPIS



FRITILLARIA PALLIDIFLORA



FRITILLARIA MICHAILOVSKIY



FRITILLARIA RADDEANA

MELEAGRIS 🏹 85-27

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

March/April • 12" (30cm)
£3.60 for 15, £11.00 for 50
or £21.00 for 100

MICHAILOVSKIY 85-31

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

March / April • 8" (20cm)
£2.70 for 3

PALLIDIFLORA 🏹 85-36

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

April • 12" (30cm)
£3.80

PONTICA 🏹 85-39

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

April/May • 9" (25cm)
£5.20 for 3 or £8.00 for 5

RADDEANA 85-41

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

Mar/ April • 18" (45cm)
£5.40

UVA VULPIS 85-42

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

March/April • 10" (26cm)
£2.30 for 10



GLADIOLUS ATOM



GLADIOLUS THE BRIDE



GLADIOLUS BYZANTINUS



GLADIOLUS NATHALIE



GLADIOLUS NYMPH



GLADIOLUS MIRELLA

GLADIOLUS

BYZANTINUS 88-04

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

June • 24" (60cm)
£6.30 for 5 or £11.70 for 10

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

ATOM 88-18

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

July • 30" (75cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25

MIRELLA 88-17

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

July • 30" (75cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25

NATHALIE 88-19

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

July • 30" (75cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25

NYMPH 88-11

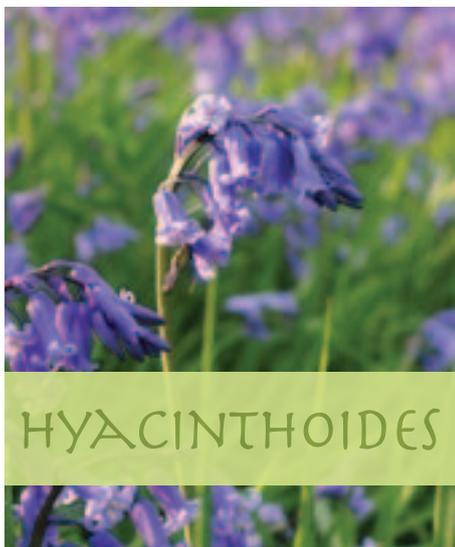
White flowered, but clearly marked with luscious pink and purple lipstick kisses on the lower petals. Much less formally upright, the bigger flowers bending the stems this way and that, so they weave through surrounding plants with an appealing informality.

May/June • 24" (60cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25

× COLVILLII THE BRIDE 88-06

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

June • 18" (45cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25



HYACINTHOIDES NON SCRIPTA



HYACINTHUS GIPSY QUEEN



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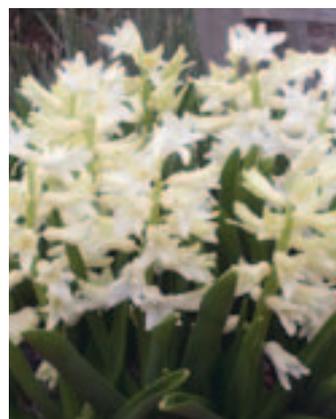
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HYACINTHUS DELFT BLUE



HYACINTHUS CARNEGIE

HYACINTHOIDES

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

NON SCRIPTA 125-10

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

Apr/May • 12" (30cm)
£4.60 for 10 or £10.70 for 25

NON SCRIPTA

ALBA 125-12

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

Apr/May • 12" (30cm)
£7.00 for 3

HYACINTHUS

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

CARNEGIE 86-12

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

£3.30 for 3 or £6.80 for 7

DELFT BLUE 86-11

Compact spikes of purple-blue with a darker stem.

£3.30 for 3 or £6.80 for 7

GIPSY QUEEN 86-36

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

£3.30 for 3 or £6.80 for 7

MISS SAIGON 86-21

Richly violet purple, and as shown in the photo, really good in a sea of white anemones.

£3.30 for 3 or £6.80 for 7

WOODSTOCK 86-17

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

£3.30 for 3 or £6.80 for 7

MULTIFLORA ANASTASIA 86-20

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

£7.00 for 3 or £15.00 for 7

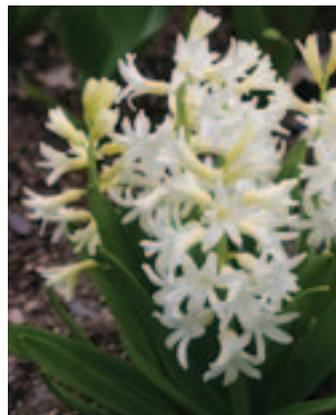
MULTIFLORA WHITE 86-09

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

£7.00 for 3 or £15.00 for 7



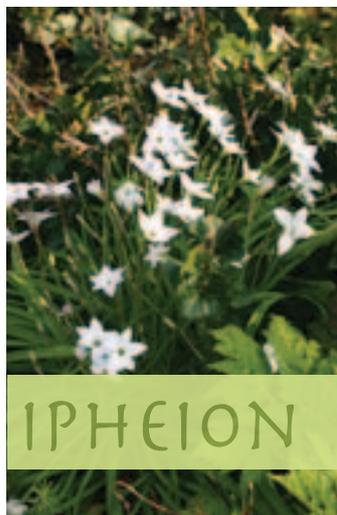
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HYACINTHUS ROMAN WHITE



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IPHEION CHARLOTTE BISHOP



IPHEION ROLF FIEDLER



HYACINTHUS ROMAN BLUE



IPHEION FROYLE MILL



IRIS APOLLO

'ROMAN' HYACINTHS

We have been asked repeatedly over the years to try and list these sought after plants. The 'wild' forms originating in southern France went out of fashion as breeders produced more and more sophisticated colours and forms, there was a time when there were many hundreds of varieties of Hyacinth grown, but not now. We have a limited number of white or blue flowered bulbs – with well-spaced, narrow, flared flowers on multistemmed plants. Natural, unregimented and simple, as well as fragrant. They do flower very early in their first season, we think that they will 'settle down' to a more expected March/ April flowering in subsequent years.

WHITE ROMAN
HYACINTHS 86-32
£5.40 for 3

BLUE ROMAN
HYACINTHS 86-33
£5.40 for 3

IPHEION

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

ALBERTO
CASTILLO 97-09

Vigorous, with very white flowers over grey green foliage. Longer stemmed, which raises the flowers well above the foliage and they pick well for small posies (the foliage smelling of onions) but to prevent those longer stems from flopping you must plant them in good light.
March/April • 9" (22cm)
£3.00 for 5

UNIFLORUM
CHARLOTTE
BISHOP 97-10

A pretty pink flowered form, dark pink on opening, fading gracefully in the sun. In well drained soils they are vigorous and will increase.
March/April • 6" (15cm)
£3.50 for 5

UNIFLORUM FROYLE
MILL 97-08

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

March/April • 6" (15cm)
£3.50 for 5

ROLF FIEDLER 97-06

An intense powder blue coloured flower, much more disc shaped flowers on firmer, more upright stems, opening wide in the sun. It increases freely for us, but in very cold gardens any of the varieties above will be a better bet as they are tougher.

March/April • 6" (15cm)
£4.00 for 5

IRIS X HOLLANDICA

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

APOLLO 99-04

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

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)
£3.00 for 5 or £8.20 for 15



IRIS AUTUMN PRINCESS



IRIS GYPSY BEAUTY



IRIS MONT BLANC



IRIS RED EMBER



IRIS SILVERY BEAUTY



IRIS PROF BLAAUW



IRIS KING OF THE BLUES



IRIS GEORGE

AUTUMN PRINCESS

99-09

Bronze coloured throughout, they still perform in early summer despite the suggestion of a much later flowering.

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)
£3.00 for 5 or £8.20 for 15

GYPSY BEAUTY

99-06

Tongues of yellow at the mouths of the broad falls which are veined with lilac lead one's eye up to the violet purple colours in the rest of the flower.

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)
£3.00 for 5 or £8.20 for 15

PROFESSOR BLAAUW

99-08

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

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)
£3.00 for 5 or £8.20 for 15

RED EMBER

99-10

The colour of rust, which is an unusual plant colour, though in some lights these also have a deeper tinge of purple on the standards. In the trial of these bulbs at Wisley these did well and suggested this to be a candidate for dusky stardom.

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)
£3.00 for 5 or £8.20 for 15

SILVERY BEAUTY

99-11

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

May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm)
£3.00 for 5 or £8.20 for 15

IRIS LATIFOLIA

The 'English' Iris, although more accurately the plants are native to the Pyrenees. These were more popular plants in times past before the Dutch Iris (above) became widely available. They are still very useful though now rather less well known. Hardier and later flowering than the Dutch Iris, and interestingly very late to emerge, the foliage is rarely showing till mid-March. These forms are happy in heavy, moisture retentive soils in sun or part shade and are strong enough to be planted in light grass.

KING OF THE BLUES

100-04

Midnight blue throughout with a white 'beard' finely tinged with yellow.

June/July • 14-20" (35-50cm)
£6.00 for 5

MONT BLANC

100-05

White flowered with fine yellow lining on the falls. They should be planted no less than 4" (10cm) apart.

June/July • 14-20" (35-50cm)
£6.00 for 5

DWARF IRIS

These are derived from plants native to the Middle East and do best in well drained conditions with a warm and dry summer rest. They are not so easy to keep going from year to year unless you can provide this but it helps to plant them deeply 5" (12cm). The best situation would be a raised bed in the sun with well drained soil conditions, there you'll be able to admire them up close, and smell the scented ones. 15 bulbs will nicely fill a 9" (20cm) planter or pot filled with sharply draining compost for an early spring treat.

HISTRIOIDES

GEORGE

101-06

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

Early February/March • 6" (15cm)
£4.00 for 15 or £6.00 for 25



IRIS GORDON



IRIS KATHARINE HODGKIN



IRIS PAULINE



IRIS HARMONY



IRIS JS DIJT



IRIS LADY BEATRIX STANLEY



IRIS PIXIE



IRIS U. MARY BARNARD

HISTRIOIDES LADY BEATRIX STANLEY

101-22

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

February/March • 6" (15cm)
£3.80 for 5

GORDON

101-20

Pale dove-grey blue on the raised standards, the lower falls are darker, and marked with orange and white. Earlier flowering.

February/March • 6" (15cm)
£4.00 for 15 or £6.00 for 25

HARMONY

101-11

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

February/March • 6" (15cm)
£4.00 for 15 or £6.00 for 25

J S DIJT

101-12

Rich and velvety, a reddish plum-purple colour with a strong fragrance in warm sunlight. Flowering later than most of the other forms.

February/March • 6" (15cm)
£4.00 for 15 or £6.00 for 25

KATHARINE HODGKIN

101-07

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

February/March • 6" (15cm)
£3.20 for 5 or £6.00 for 10

PAULINE

101-13

Narrower petalled with dark velvety purple flowers with bright white highlights on the falls. Mid-season flowering.

February/March • 6" (15cm)
£4.00 for 15 or £6.00 for 25

PIXIE

101-23

Wide petalled and, in that respect, similar to George, but these have flowers of the deepest of blue and are equally scented.

February/March • 6" (15cm)
£4.00 for 15 or £6.00 for 25

IRIS UNGUICULARIS (STYLOSA)

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

MARY BARNARD

102-05

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

Feb/March • 15" (32cm)
£6.50



IRIS UNGUICULARIS
WALTER BUTT

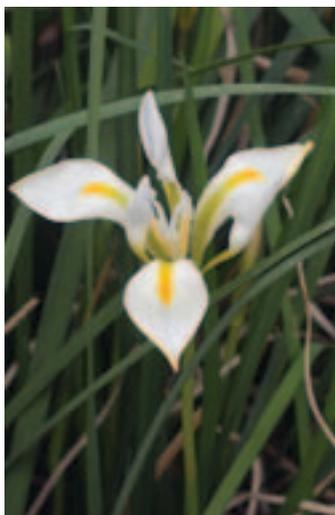
WALTER BUTT

102-06

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

Nov/Feb • 18" (45cm)
£6.50

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IRIS UNGUICULARIS ALBA



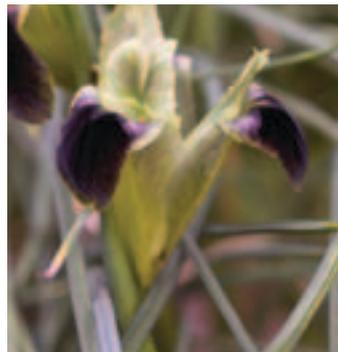
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IRIS BUCHARICA



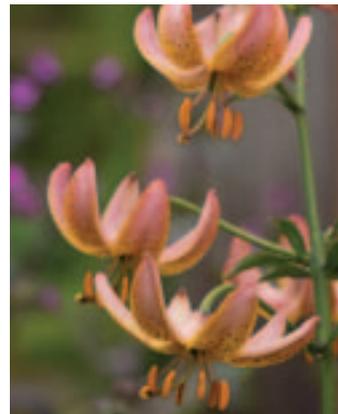
LILIUM CANDIDUM



IRIS TUBEROSA (HERMODACTYLUS)



LILIUM CLAUDE SHRIDE



LILIUM MARTAGON SLATE'S MORNING

IRIS UNGUICULARIS

UNGUICULARIS 102-04

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

Feb/March • 15" (32cm) £5.50

UNGUICULARIS

ALBA 102-11

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

Feb/Mar • 15" (32cm) £7.00

IRIS (OTHER TYPES)

BUCHARICA 103-09

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

March/Apr • 12" (30cm) £3.30 for 3

TUBEROSA (HERMODACTYLUS)

103-10

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

April • 6" (15cm) £5.00 for 10

LEUCOJUM

AESTIVUM GRAVETYE GIANT 106-07

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

April/May • 18" (45cm) £4.30 for 3 or £9.30 for 7

LILIUM

Lilies would have to come near the top of any list of most gardeners favourite bulbs. For stature, grace and perfume they are unbeatable, but to ensure longevity it helps to get a couple of things right. Unless it says otherwise in the text below do incorporate plenty of organic matter in the area to be planted, having chosen a site that is of good, probably rich soil, not too dry in summer, and possibly shaded – many lily flowers will last longer in cooler shade.

Plant at least 5" deep (except L. candidum). If planting in the confinement of a container, even more care is needed, particularly with regular watering. Lily beetle are a problem in warmer parts. Readily seen as red and black beetles they eat any foliage of the Liliaceae (which includes the Fritillaria) These beetles drop off and hide on the ground if you alarm them, but sneakily picking off the adults and cleaning the messy black 'eggs' off the foliage is moderately effective (and squashing them satisfies a lust for retribution) although Provado used systematically seems to reduce future generations more effectively.

Please Note: The martagon lilies are usually not ready for despatch till mid-October so if you include them on your order it may affect the delivery time of your whole order (we do try to save costs and have your order all come at once)...

CANDIDUM 107-14

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

June • 36" (90cm) £5.40 or £15.50 for 3

MARTAGON CLAUDE SHRIDE 107-41

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

June/July • 36" (90cm) £7.50

MARTAGON SLATE'S MORNING 107-43

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

June/July • 36" (90cm) £7.50



MAIANTHEMUM BIFOLIUM



MAIANTHEMUM BIFOLIUM
KAMTSCHATICUM

REGALE 107-04

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

July • 36" (90cm)
£7.50 for 3 or £16.00 for 7

MAIANTHEMUM

BIFOLIUM 110-04

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

May • 4" (10cm)
£4.50 for 5

BIFOLIUM VAR. KAMTSCHATICUM

110-05

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

May • 12" (30cm)
£4.50 for 5



LILIUM REGALE



MATHIASELLA GREEN DREAM

MATHIASELLA

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

BUPLEUROIDES GREEN DREAM 69-04

An unfamiliar plant which looks to have some of the characteristics of some other garden favourites - Hellebores, Angelica and maybe even Euphorbia, so one can see how these have become popular. Plants from 9cm pots that ought to settle in this winter and flower in 2018.

May • 24" (60cm)
£6.30



MUSCARI AZUREUM



MUSCARI BLUE MAGIC

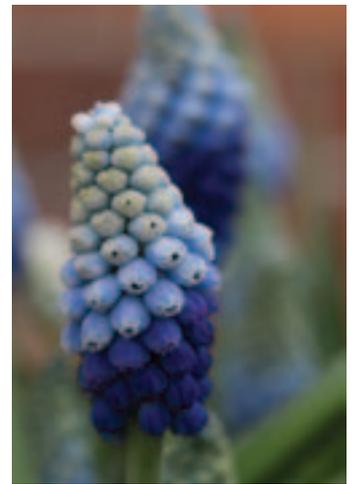
MUSCARI

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

AZUREUM (PSEUDOMUSCARI) 111-15

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

March • 5" (12cm)
£4.30 for 10 or £9.60 for 25



MUSCARI OCEAN MAGIC



MUSCARI WHITE MAGIC

AUCHERI BLUE MAGIC 111-20

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

April • 5" (12cm)
£3.20 for 10 or £7.30 for 25

AUCHERI OCEAN MAGIC 111-21

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

April • 5" (12cm)
£4.30 for 10 or £9.60 for 25

AUCHERI WHITE MAGIC 111-14

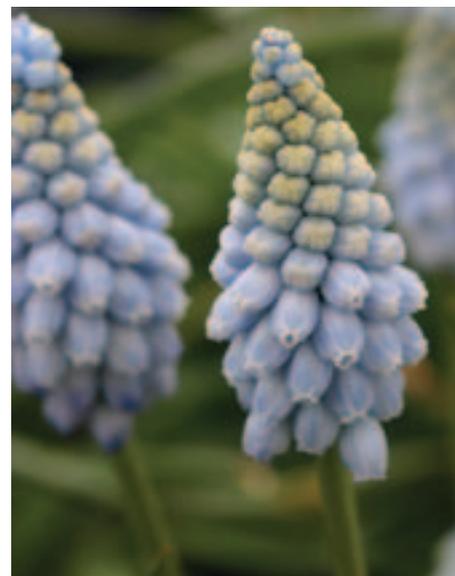
The aucheri forms are less vigorous, (and by implication not invasive) so suited to smaller gardens. This selection has attractive pale green flower buds opening white, initially quite pointed but rounded when in full flower.

April • 5" (12cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25



MUSCARI

▲ Photo credit: Linda de Goede



MUSCARI BABY'S BREATH

MUSCARI GOLDEN FRAGRANCE

MUSCARI VALERIE FINNIS

BABY'S BREATH 111-23

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

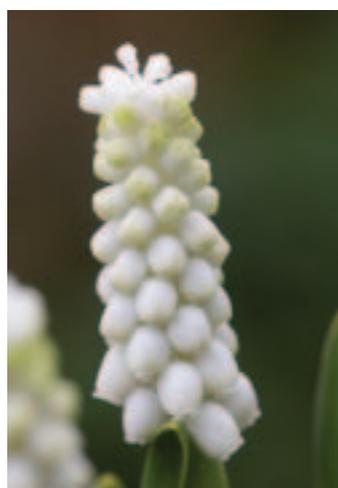
April • 6" (15cm)
£4.50 for 10 or £10.50 for 25

BOTRYOIDES

ALBUM 111-06

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

April • 6" (15cm)
£3.40 for 10 or £7.60 for 25



MUSCARI BOTRYOIDES ALBUM

MACROCARPUM GOLDEN FRAGRANCE

111-10

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

April • 7" (18cm)
£4.60 for 3



MUSCARI AMBROSIACUM

MUSCARI MI AMBROSIACUM 111-11

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

April/May • 6" (15cm)
£4.30 for 3

VALERIE FINNIS 111-18

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

March • 7" (18cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £13.50 for 25



NARCISSUS

NARCISSUS PAPERWHITE ZIVA

NARCISSUS (DAFFODILS)

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

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

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

NARCISSUS – PROTECTED

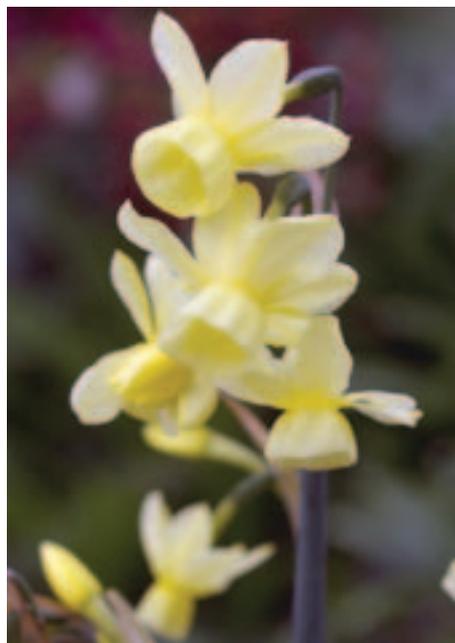
For indoor or very protected situations. These are best suited to forcing in pots for indoor display with a huge scent. They do need lots of light and only protection from actual frost, so nothing too warm. Some are also available for even earlier planting if you order from the Late Summer section.



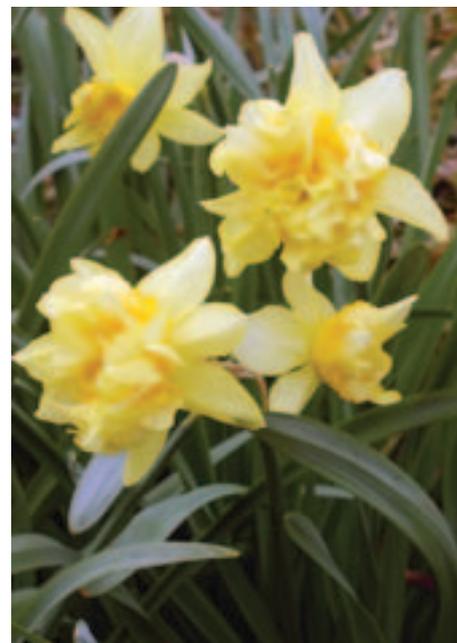
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NARCISSUS ZIVA



NARCISSUS ANGEL'S BREATH



NARCISSUS BUTTER AND EGGS



NARCISSUS BATH'S FLAME



NARCISSUS CORDUBENSIS

PAPERWHITE ZIVA (8)
113-52

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

December/January • 15" (38cm)
£6.50 for 5 or £11.50 for 10

NARCISSUS –
GARDEN
VARIETIES

ANGEL'S BREATH (5) ♀
113-99

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

April • 10" (25cm)
£3.75 for 5

BATH'S FLAME (3)
113-07

Pre 1913. A stalwart of the Cornish cut flower trade up to WW2, raised by Rev. Engleheart. Long stemmed with petals that are wide and thin so that they dance in the breeze, more modern ones are far more 'rigid', excellent for picking. Primrose yellow with an orange cup. The bulb sizes will vary somewhat from dug stocks under our trees.

April • 20" (50cm)
£6.00 for 3

BUTTER AND EGGS (4)
113-18

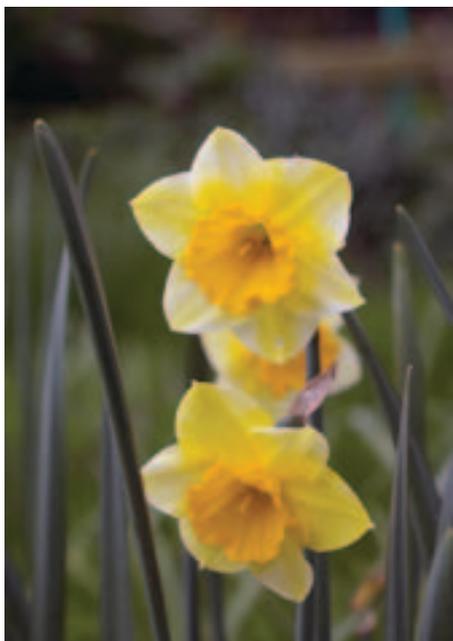
For purists this may be beyond comprehension, but the fact that this variety has been in cultivation for more than 200 years says that it has been admired for many generations at least. There is a certain dishevelled charm from the pale yellow jumble that is this flower.

April • 20" (50cm)
£6.00 for 3

CORDUBENSIS (13)
113-103

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

April • 10" (25cm)
£3.75 for 5



NARCISSUS DERRINGER



NARCISSUS ELKA



NARCISSUS FEBRUARY GOLD



NARCISSUS HAWERA



NARCISSUS JULIA JANE

DERRINGER (7) 113-76

A fragrant late season daffodil with a short deep orange-yellow cup surrounded by creamy yellow petals, fading to white at their tips. Sturdy and upright.

**April • 14" (35cm)
£3.75 for 5 or £10.50 for 15**

ELKA (1) 113-61

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

**March/April • 6" (15cm)
£3.75 for 5**

FEBRUARY GOLD (6) 113-09

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

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

HAWERA (5) 113-38

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

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

JULIA JANE (10) 113-101

Pale soft yellow with billowing skirts, a named form of *N. bulbocodium romieuxii* which derive from high on the Atlas mountains. Charmingly petite and early flowering they look better and flower for longer if protected from too much the wind and rain, but are totally hardy with regard to the cold. But in the summer they must be kept dry. Small bulbs as you would expect.

**February • 6" (15cm)
£3.00 for 5**

LITTLE SENTRY (7) 113-102

A great little jonquil producing golden yellow flowers that fade to cream. Like most jonquils these would need a drier and warmer soil.

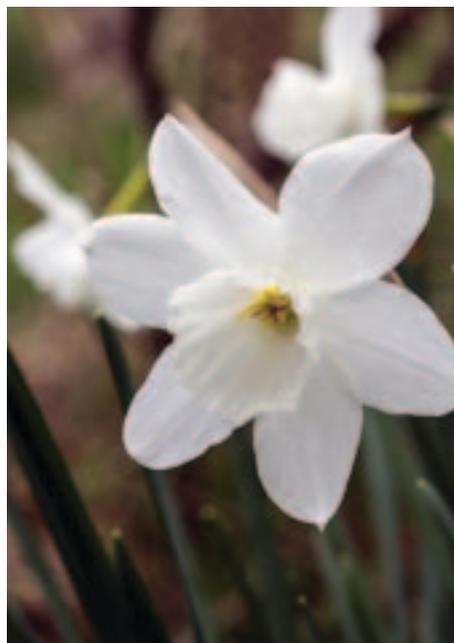
**April • 9" (22cm)
£6.00 for 3**



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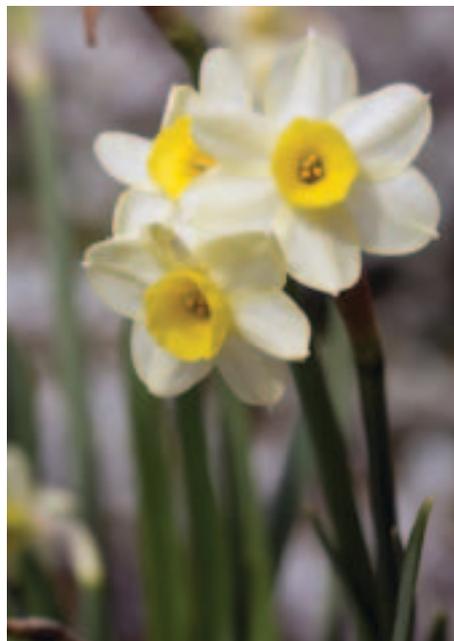
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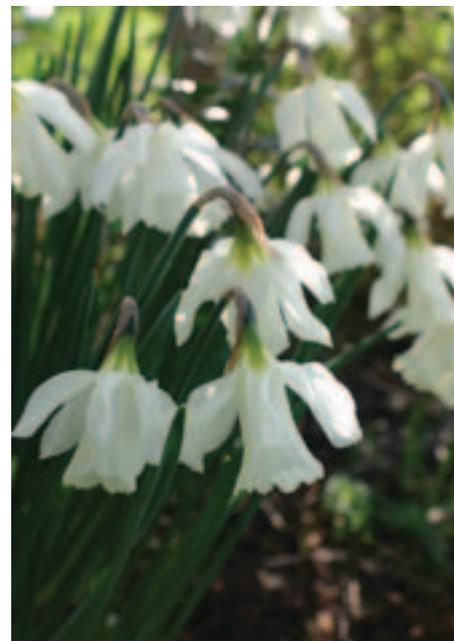
NARCISSUS MORE AND MORE



NARCISSUS MARTINETTE



NARCISSUS MINNOW



NARCISSUS MOSCHATUS

MARTINETTE (8) 113-84

Brilliant yellow with several flowers on each stem, the centres darker, with a more orange coloured, small cup with an enormous scent. Narrower leaved and taller, certainly one for the sunnier garden.

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

MINNOW (8) 113-51

Multi-headed, with many small primrose yellow flowers flatly held only just above the top of the foliage, the small cup rather darker when they first open. One for more sunny conditions and in better drained soils, but one I wouldn't be without.

March/April • 12" (30cm)
£3.25 for 10 or £7.50 for 25

MITE (6) 113-34

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

March • 9" (25cm)
£3.75 or £10.75 for 3

MORE AND MORE (7) 113-104

Although I can't say that I like the name very much I can see how it occurred to someone. Each bulb produces 4 or 5 stems with several flowers on each short stem. Low growing and late flowering ideal for a rockery or in a planter.

April • 9" (25cm)
£4.50 for 5 or £13.00 for 15

MOSCHATUS (13) 113-94

Palest creamy-white with a head that always seems downcast – some describe it as swanlike? They seem to prefer damper soil in more shade than most daffodils, but they show themselves off in shadier conditions perfectly.

April • 12" (30cm)
£5.50 for 3

NIVETH (5) 113-85

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

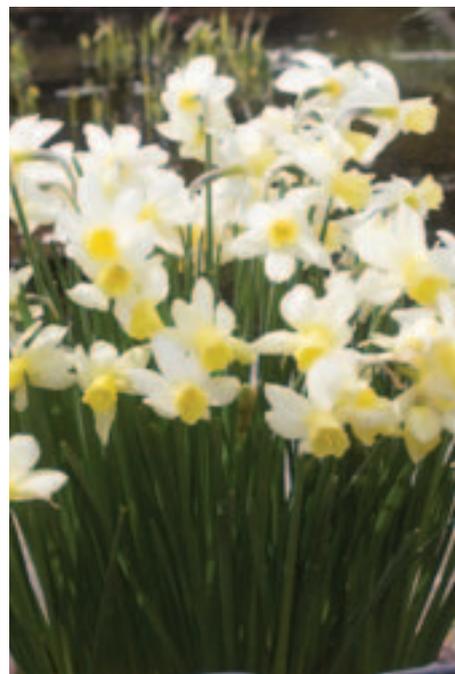
April • 12" (30cm)
£3.50 for 5 or £6.00 for 10



NARCISSUS OXFORD GOLD



NARCISSUS RIJNVELD'S EARLY SENSATION



NARCISSUS SAILBOAT



NARCISSUS PIPIT



NARCISSUS SILVER CHIMES



NARCISSUS SEGOVIA

OXFORD GOLD (10) 🏆 113-92

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

April • 6" (15cm)
£4.50 for 5

PIPIT (7) 113-32

A multiheaded form called a 'reverse' bicolor (most bicolors have paler tips to the petals). These open at first with quite sharp pale lemon coloured flowers. These fade to a paler, creamier colour from the centre of the flower as it evolves to a two tone maturity – very pretty indeed. Tough enough to plant in rough grass.

April • 12" (30cm)
£3.25 for 5 or £9.00 for 15

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

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

December/February • 10" (25cm)
£5.00 for 5 or £14.00 for 15

SAILBOAT (7) 🏆 113-89

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

March/April • 14" (35cm)
£3.20 for 3

SEGOVIA (3) 🏆 113-87

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

April • 6" (15cm)
£3.50 for 5 or £7.00 for 9

SILVER CHIMES (8) 113-41

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

April • 12" (30cm)
£4.25 for 5 or £12.00 for 15



NARCISSUS SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL



NARCISSUS TETE À TETE



NARCISSUS WHITE LADY



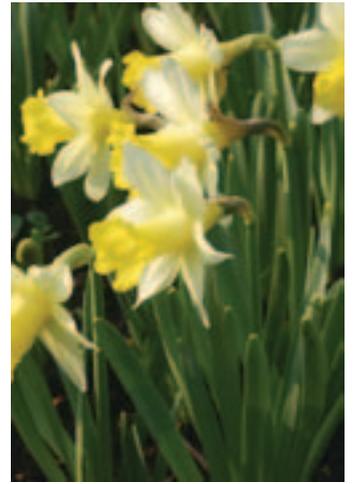
NARCISSUS SWEETNESS



NARCISSUS THALIA



NARCISSUS TOTO



NARCISSUS TOPOLINO

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL (4) 🏆

113-97

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

April • 18" (45cm)
£2.75 for 5 or £7.50 for 15

SWEETNESS (7) 🏆 113-24

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

March • 14" (35cm)
£3.50 for 5 or £9.00 for 15

TETE-A-TETE (12) 🏆 113-16

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

February/March • 6" (15cm)
£3.60 for 10, £8.10 for 25,
or £15.50 for 50

TOPOLINO (1) 🏆 113-54

A bicolor, immediately recognizable from its small sturdy habit and grey-green foliage, this is a variety that predates the records of 1923 so is another that has stood the test of time. It has a lemon yellow trumpet circled by creamy pale petals on a short upright stem. It has poise, and looking quite like *N. pseudonarcissus*, it could be used in the same way.

March/April • 8" (20cm)
£2.60 for 5 or £7.30 for 15

THALIA (5) 113-42

Raised in 1916. A national treasure, refined and elegant and an opportunity to get relief from all those March yellows with a greeny-white, multi-headed, scented flower. A well-known classy favourite.

March/April • 14" (35cm)
£2.70 for 5, £7.25 for 15,
or £13.00 for 30

TOTO (12) 🏆 113-90

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

March/ April • 12" (30cm)
£4.00 for 3

W. P. MILNER (1) 113-47

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

March/April • 9" (22cm)
£4.00 for 5 or £11.00 for 15

WHITE LADY (3) 113-65

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

April • 18" (45cm)
£7.00 for 5



NARCISSUS W P MILNER

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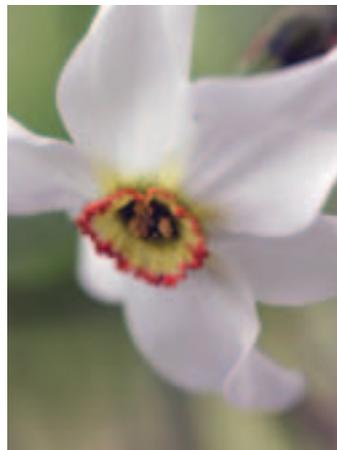


NARCISSUS NATURALISING FORMS

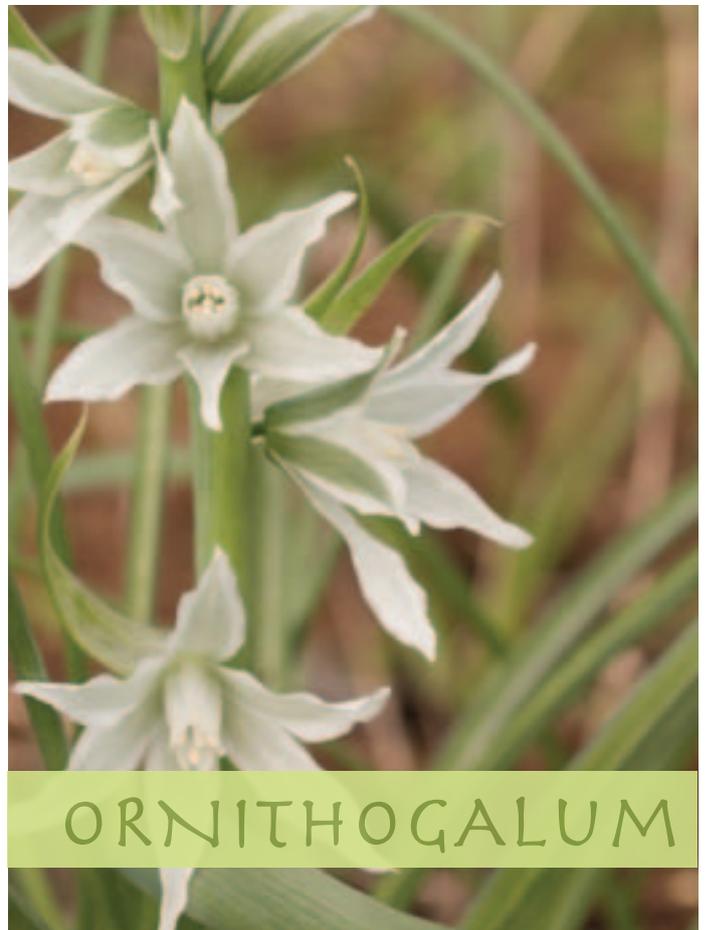
NARCISSUS LOBULARIS (PSEUDONARCISSUS)



NARCISSUS OBVALLARIS



NARCISSUS POETICUS RECURVUS



ORNITHOGALUM

ORNITHOGALUM NUTANS

NARCISSUS – NATURALISING FORMS

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

LOBULARIS (PSEUDONARCISSUS) (13) 113-31

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

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

OBVALLARIS (13) 🏆 113-30

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

March • 9" (22cm)
£2.60 for 5, £7.00 for 15,
or £13.00 for 30

POETICUS RECURVUS (13) 🏆 113-28

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

May • 15" (35cm)
£4.00 for 5, £11.00 for 15,
or £21.00 for 30

ORNITHOGALUM

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

NUTANS 🏆 117-09

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

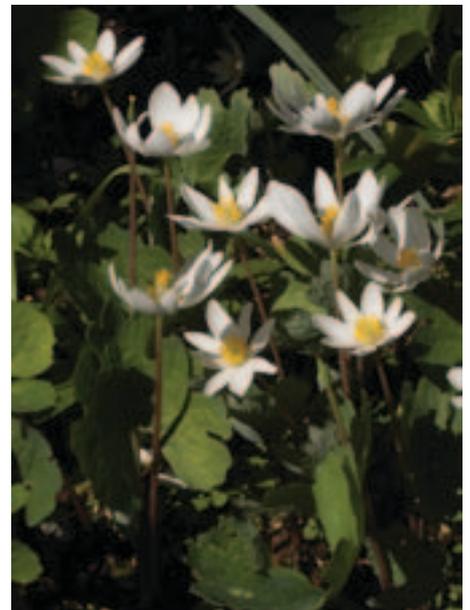
May • 9" (22cm)
£2.60 for 10, £5.75 for 25,
or £11.00 for 50



ORNITHOGALUM PYRENAICUM



ORNITHOGALUM UMBELLATUM



SANGUINARIA CANADENSIS



PAEONIA LATE WINDFLOWER



PARADISEA LUSITANICA

PYRENAICUM 117-11

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

June • 18" (45cm)
£9.50 for 3

UMBELLATUM 117-13

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

April/May • 4" (10cm)
£4.50 for 10, or £10.50 for 25

PAEONIA

EMODI 'LATE WINDFLOWER' 38-11

Rarely offered, and if you order you'll realise why when you receive a big unpromising looking piece of root. Divisions of established field grown plants in heavy soil are 'untidy', but full of amazing potential. The leaves are olive, especially early in the year with gorgeous 5" (12 cm) wide white flowers in May. Plant into well prepared soil in part shade to best preserve the ephemeral floral beauty, anticipating many years of enjoyment. Only posted to UK mainland addresses due to size and weight limits.

May • 24-36" (60-90cm)
£15.00

PARADISEA

LUSITANICA 140-04

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

May/June • 36-48" (90-120cm)
£8.00

SANGUINARIA

CANADENSIS 124-04

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

April 6" • (15cm)
£6.00



SCILLA HYACINTHOIDES BLUE ARROW



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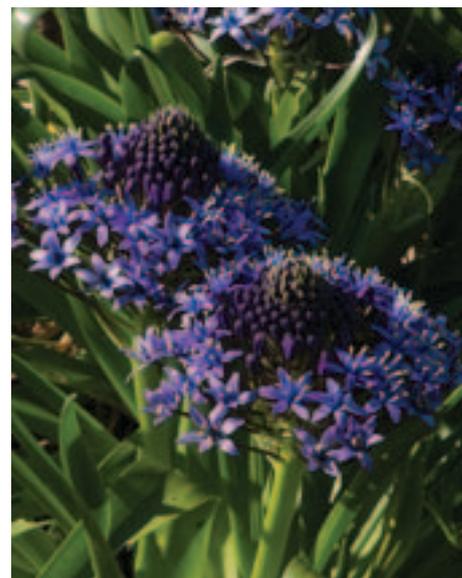
SCILLA MISCHTSCHENKOANA (TUBERGENIANA)



SCILLA BIFOLIA



SCILLA SIBERICA SPRING BEAUTY



SCILLA PERUVIANA

SCILLA

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

BIFOLIA 125-05

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

Feb/Mar • 6" (15cm)
£4.30 for 10, £9.75 for 25,
or £18.00 for 50

HYACINTHOIDES BLUE ARROW 125-33

A large bulb from the Mediterranean, one for the sunny border where it warms up in the summer, for whilst these are hardy they do need that additional warmth to flower well. But then they do it is style with a tall, erect raceme bearing blue starry flowers held some way off the stem.

July • 36" (100cm)
£4.50 for 10

MISCHTSCHENKOANA (TUBERGENIANA) 125-17

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

Feb • 4" (10cm)
£4.60 for 10

PERUVIANA 125-11

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

May /June • 10" (25cm)
£4.50 or £11.50 for 3

SIBERICA SPRING BEAUTY 125-14

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

Mar/Apr • 6" (15cm)
£2.75 for 10 or £6.00 for 25



TRITELEIA CORRINA

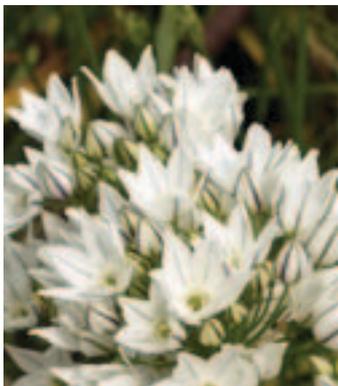


TRITELEIA WHITE CLOUD



SPECIES TULIPS

TULIPA BAKERI LILAC WONDER



TRITELEIA

TRITELEIA SILVER QUEEN

TRITELEIA RUDY



TULIPA BATALINII BRONZE CHARM

TRITELEIA

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

CORRINA 68-06

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

June • 18" (45cm)
£2.80 for 15 or £4.30 for 25

RUDY 68-07

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

June • 18" (45cm)
£4.30 for 5 or £11.00 for 15

SILVER QUEEN 68-13

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

June • 18" (45cm)
£2.70 for 5 or £7.50 for 15

WHITE CLOUD 68-14

Pure white, and perfect for the garden, or to use as cut flower? Just the thing to plant in a sunny border ahead of a summer wedding, given a bit of advance warning?

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

SPECIES TULIPS

The species types tend to have small bulbs, typically about the size of an almond. They are particularly grown for their bright bold colours in late April and early May (in most years, but not 2017!) and due to the fact that in the right conditions some persist from year to year and even increase better than do the bigger hybrid forms. In villages nearby there are various forms that I see growing and spreading. They are sun lovers and don't want it too wet, particularly in the summer when the bulbs are resting. They are attractive to mice and squirrels looking for the high levels of the carbohydrates that they contain in the autumn, if that might be a problem there is mention (under the *Crocus heading*) of a way of keeping them protected and the same applies here. They should be planted quite close together. The quantity in the first pack size for each item would be suitable for a 5-6" (12cm) pot or an equivalent area of garden.

BAKERI LILAC WONDER 131-53

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

Late April/early May • 6" (15cm)
£3.00 for 10 or £6.80 for 25

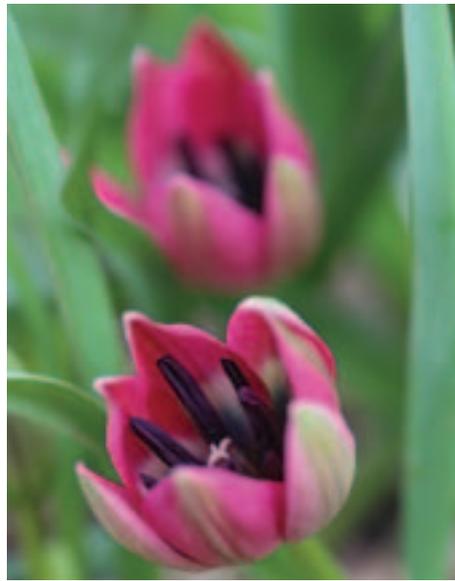
BATALINII BRONZE CHARM 131-08

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

Late April/early May • 10" (25cm)
£3.25 for 5 or £8.75 for 15



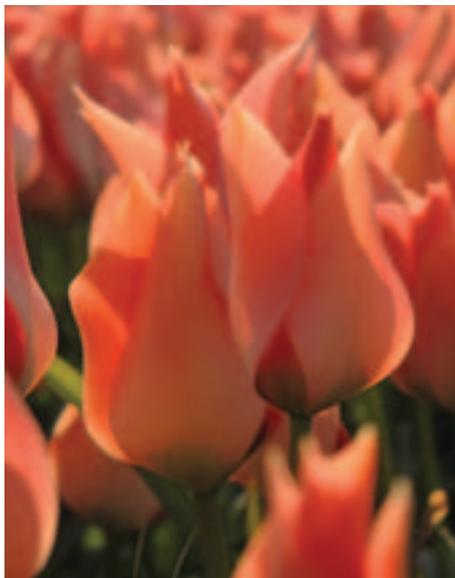
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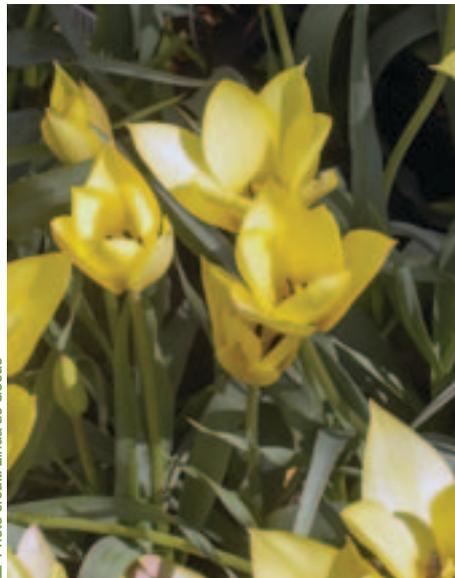
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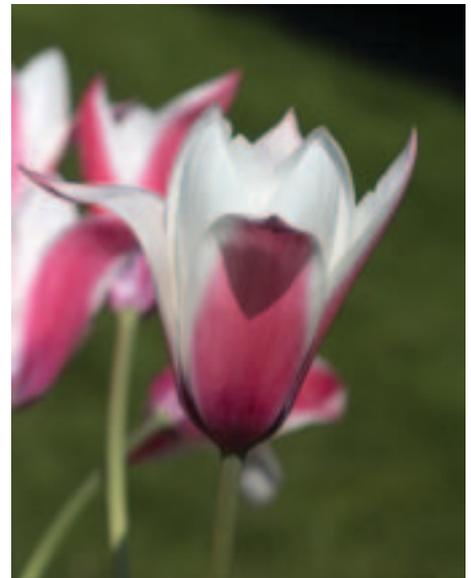
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BATALINII SALMON GEM



TULIPA BATALINII HONKY TONK



TULIPA CLUSIANA PEPPERMINTSTICK

BATALINII SALMON GEM 131-146

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

Late April/early May • 10" (25cm)
£4.00 for 5 or £11.50 for 15

BATALINII HONKY TONK 131-03

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

Late April/early May • 10" (25cm)
£2.75 for 5 or £7.50 for 15

CLUSIANA PEPPERMINTSTICK 131-02

The furled petals look like a little stick of edible rock which, when open, are ivory white inside with a violet eye, the backs of the petals are blushed cerise pink. The whole effect is lovely but remember that all the clusiana forms have reasonably large flowers on quite slender stems so plant them where they are a bit sheltered from the wind.

April • 10" (25cm)
£2.85 for 5 or £5.40 for 10

HUMILIS PERSIAN PEARL 131-12

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

April • 4" (10cm)
£4.60 for 10 or £10.80 for 25

LINIFOLIA 131-26

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

May • 6" (15cm)
£3.25 for 10, £7.25 for 25,
£13.50 for 50

LITTLE BEAUTY 131-27

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

April • 5" (12cm)
£3.25 for 10 or £7.50 for 25



TULIPA LINIFOLIA

LITTLE PRINCESS 131-05

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

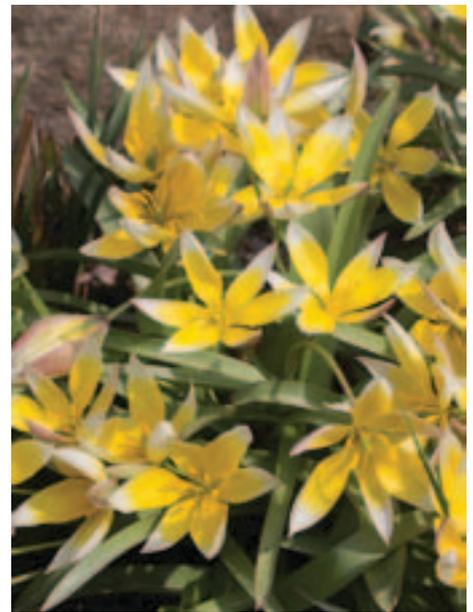
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TULIPA SPRENGERI



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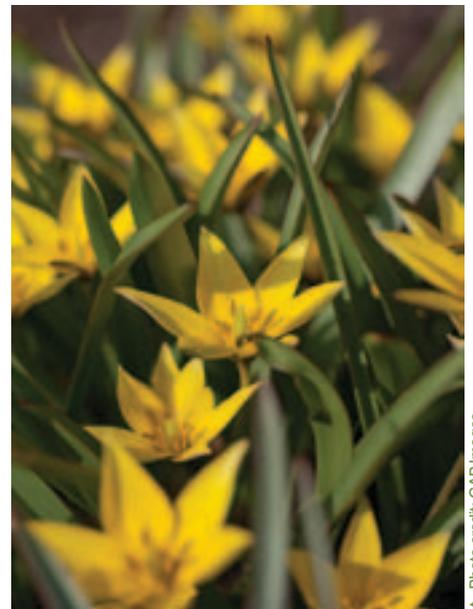
TULIPA TARDA



TULIPA TURKESTANICA



TULIPA WHITTALLII



TULIPA URUMIENSIS

▲ Photo credit: GAP Images

SPRENGERI 🏆 131-35

A scarlet flowered species originally found in NE Turkey though now presumed lost to where it arose. Easy to grow from seed though the seedlings resent disturbance till full grown, consequently the Dutch bulb trade does not grow them, and this limits their availability. We shall probably sell out of them. Despite this they are one of the few tulips that do persist long term and naturalise in our gardens, generally in light shade. Small bulbs that will flower next spring.

May-June • 15" (38cm)
£5.00 each

SYLVESTRIS 131-37

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

April • 12" (30cm)
£3.25 for 5 or £9.00 for 15

TARDA 🏆 131-38

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

April • 5" (12cm)
£3.00 for 10, £6.75 for 25,
or £11.25 for 50

TURKESTANICA 🏆

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

April • 7" (20 cm)
£2.70 for 10, £5.90 for 25

URUMIENSIS 🏆 131-40

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

April • 7" (20 cm)
£3.75 for 10, £8.65 for 25

WHITTALLII 🏆 131-42

Named after Edward Whittall, a plant collector extraordinaire who collected many such treasures, there is still a famous garden in his name in Izmir, Turkey. These are a gorgeous bronzy orange with a dark centre, they should persist in the sunny conditions of a raised bed or rockery.

April • 12" (30 cm)
£2.70 for 3, £7.85 for 10



TULIPA CORONA



TULIPA CAPE COD



TULIPA EXOTIC EMPEROR



TULIPA FLAMING PURISSIMA



TULIPA JOHANN STRAUSS

KAUFMANNIANA TULIPS

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

CORONA 131-141

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

Mar/Apr • 9" (22cm)
 £6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25
 or £27.00 for 50

JOHANN STRAUSS 131-111

With some red stripes in the leaf this provides leaf interest as well as a cheerful pale yellow flower with pink on the backs of the outer petals.

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

GREIGII TULIPS

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

CAPE COD 131-113

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

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

RED RIDING HOOD 131-118

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

April • 8" (20cm)
 £5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25
 or £25.00 for 50

FOSTERIANA

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



TULIPA RED RIDING HOOD

EXOTIC EMPEROR 131-100

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

April • 18" (45cm)
 £6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25
 or £27.00 for 50

FLAMING PURISSIMA 131-71

Creamy-white when they first open with just a hint of pink at the petal's edge but becoming increasingly pink as the flower ages, feathering gracefully from the edges of the petals, more strongly red within the flower. Very pretty indeed.

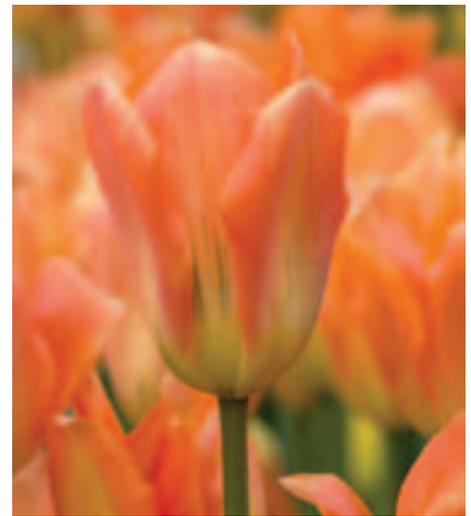
Mar/Apr • 14" (35cm)
 £6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25
 or £26.00 for 50



TULIPA PURISSIMA



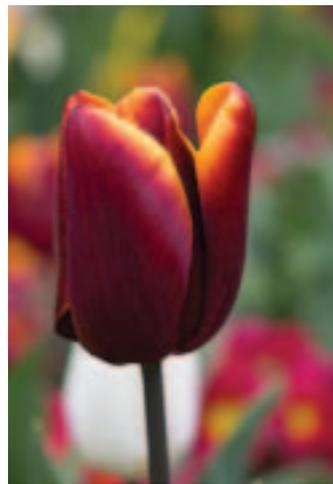
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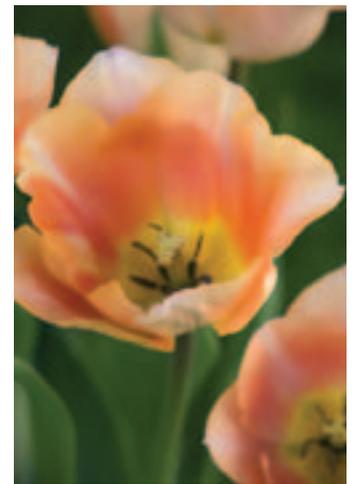
TULIPA ORANGE EMPEROR



TULIPA ANNIE SCHILDER



TULIPA ABU HASSAN



TULIPA APRICOT BEAUTY

JUAN 131-124

I was taken by these tulips when visiting Harlow Carr Gardens when in Harrogate for the spring show where a huge tub of these was being admired by all that passed by. A clear vibrant orange with yellow at the base of the flower. The darkly striped leaves are especially handsome.

Mar/Apr • 14" (35cm)
£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25
or £26.00 for 50

ORANGE EMPEROR 131-72

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

Mar/Apr • 16" (40cm)
£5.50 for 10, £12.75 for 25
or £24.00 for 50

PURISSIMA 131-16

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

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

MID SEASON TULIPS

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

ABU HASSAN 131-61

In shades ranging from ruby to terracotta-red, each petal edge feathering into gold. The effect is one of an earthy Eastern feel that ties in with its name. The russet and yellow of wallflowers in particular combine with the colours perfectly, and brick walls make a good background.

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

 With Gavota, Sunny Prince or Annie Schilder

ANNIE SCHILDER 131-135

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

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

 *Ballerina, Apricot Beauty or Paul Scherer*

APRICOT BEAUTY 131-125

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

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

 *Annie Schilder, Abu Hassan or Jan Reus*



Suggested planting companions



TULIPA BROWN SUGAR



TULIPA CALGARY



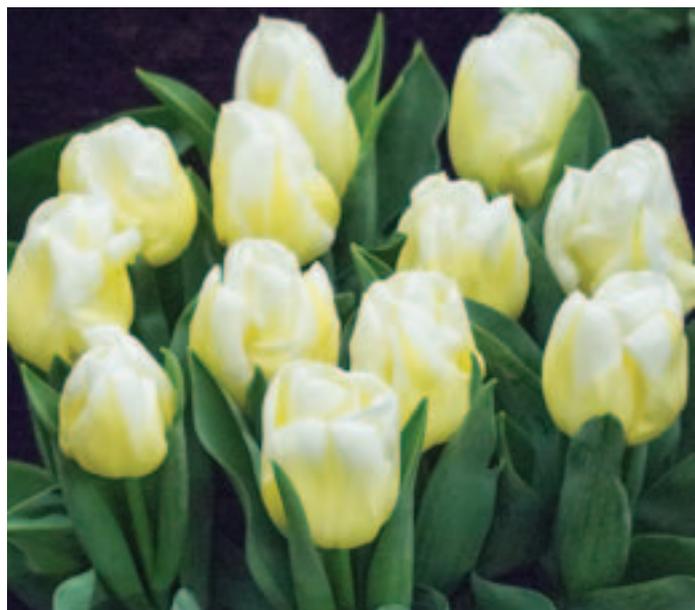
TULIPA EVERGREEN



TULIPA GAVOTA



TULIPA COULEUR CARDINAL



TULIPA CALGARY FLAMES

BROWN SUGAR 131-142

Difficult to pin down in colour terms, bronzed apricot or coppery pink perhaps with some purple on the reverse, tall and strong stemmed with a beautiful perfume. We will be showing them for the first time this year and am sure that they will be admired and in demand.

April • 18" (45cm)
**£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25,
 or £26.00 for 50**

👉 *Gavota, Abu Hasan or Slawa*

CALGARY 131-48

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

April • 9" (22cm)
**£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25
 or £26.00 for 50**

👉 *Princess Irene, Orange Princess or purple hyacinths*

CALGARY FLAMES 131-136

131-136

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

April • 9" (22cm)
**£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25
 or £26.00 for 50**

👉 *At roughly the same height Princess Irene, Orange Princess or Calgary would work well.*

COULEUR CARDINAL 131-126

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

April 16" (40cm)
**£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25
 or £27.00 for 50**

👉 *Paul Scherer, Pink Diamond or Shirley.*

EVERGREEN 131-148

This does live up to its name, tall, late flowering and in bloom for longer than one might expect with fresh, slightly luminous green petals with no trace of other colours. It is rather different and a bit beguiling.

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

👉 *Maureen, Elegant Lady or Sanne*

GAVOTA 131-29

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

April • 15" (40cm)
**£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25
 or £25.00 for 50**

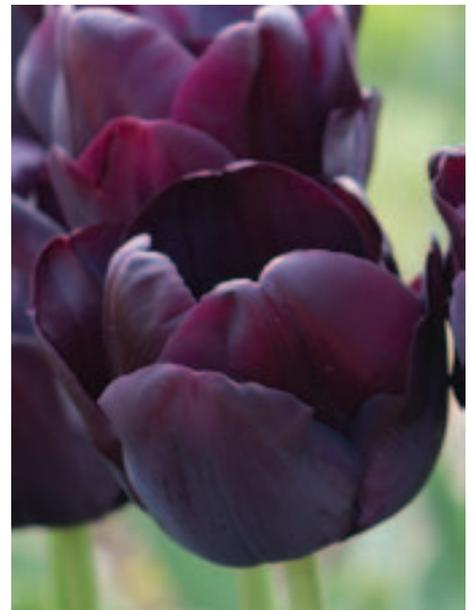
👉 *Sunny Prince, Ballerina and Paul Scherer*



TULIPA HAVRAN



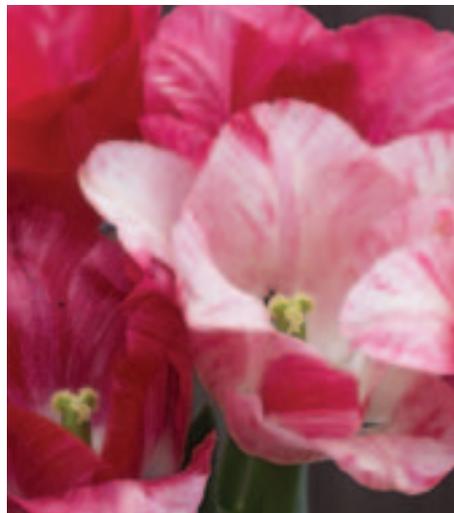
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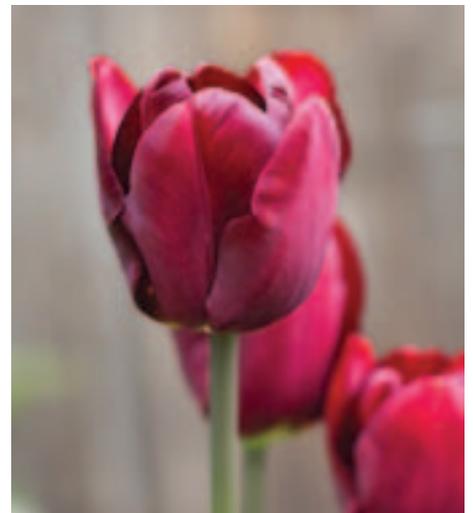
TULIPA PAUL SCHERER



TULIPA GRAND PERFECTION



TULIPA HEMISPHERE



TULIPA JAN REUS

GRAND PERFECTION 131-123

Exhibiting broad flashes of red over what is, when first open quite a yellow background, but this turns white for a stronger contrast.

Reminiscent of the tulips illustrated in the paintings by the Dutch Masters at the height of the Tulip mania.

April • 18" (45cm)
£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25
or £26.00 for 50

 *Elegant Lady, Couleur Cardinal or Sanne*

HAVRAN 131-57

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

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

 *Rem's Favourite, Pink Diamond and Slawa*

HEMISPHERE 131-137

There are few tulips quite like this, although Shirley is another. These change colour as the flowers mature so the effect is one that evolves gradually, each flower developing degrees of freckling and faint stripes at a slightly different rate. The whole result is a range of colours from warm white through to raspberry. Most tulips are pretty uniform, these are less so which is nice.

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

 *Rem's Favourite, Blue Ribbon or China Pink*

JAN REUS 131-62

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

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

 *China Pink, Abu Hassan or nearly everything else*

PAUL SCHERER 131-107

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

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

 *Daytona, Shirley, Pink Diamond, Couleur Cardinal or Sanne*

PRINCESS IRENE 131-10

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

April • 15" (38cm)
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25
or £27.00 for 50

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



Suggested planting companions



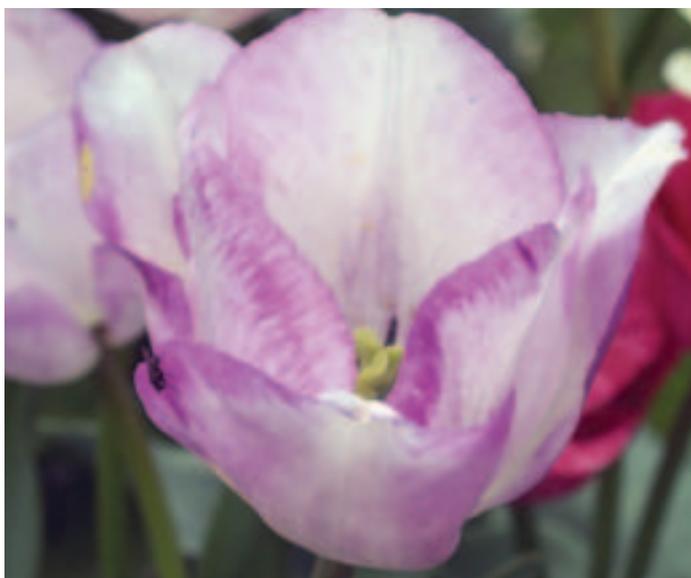
TULIPA REM'S FAVOURITE



TULIPA UNIQUE DE FRANCE



TULIPA SLAWA



TULIPA SHIRLEY



TULIPA WHISPERING DREAM

REM'S FAVOURITE 131-84

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

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

👉 Paul Scherer, Shirley, Queen of Night

SHIRLEY 131-56

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

April/May • 24" (60cm)
£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25,
or £25.00 for 50

👉 Cummins, Blue Ribbon or Havran.

SLAWA 131-138

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

April/May • 24" (60cm)
£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25
or £25.00 for 50

👉 Elegant Lady, Sanne or Gavota perhaps.

UNIQUE DE FRANCE 131-121

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

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

👉 Outstanding on its own.

WHISPERING DREAM 131-132

A big petalled tulip with what is quite a subtle pink edging to a creamy petal when they first open, this diffuses steadily till the top is all deep pink above a creamy white base. If T. Elegant Lady is a bit too tame for you this should do the trick?

April • 16" (40cm)
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25
or £27.00 for 50

👉 Sanne worked well at Chelsea, China Pink or Pink Diamond



SINGLE LATE

TULIPA ANGEL'S WISH



TULIPA PINK DIAMOND



TULIPA QUEEN OF NIGHT



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TULIPA MAUREEN



Photo credit: GAP Images

TULIPA SUNNY PRINCE



TULIPA RECREADO

SINGLE LATE

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

ANGEL'S WISH 131-32

White with a dash of cream, simple looking and broad petalled, with a strong stem. You have to have some whites as a foil for the other stronger colours. These are one of the best.

April/May • 20" (50cm)
£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25
or £26.00 for 50

With Pieter de Leur, Shirley or Sanne

MAUREEN 131-128

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

April/May • 24" (60cm)
£8.00 for 10, £18.00 for 25,
or £34.00 for 50

Merlot is nearly as tall, Queen of Night or Black Hero

PINK DIAMOND 131-91

Soft pale pink, with quite rounded flowers, dark enough not to burn out in the sun, pale enough not to be too sugary pink. Simple, and very pretty.

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

Recreado, Havran or Paul Scherer

QUEEN OF NIGHT 131-58

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

April/May • 24" (60cm)
£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25,
or £26.00 for 50

Oranges, purples, pinks and greens, and anything white.

RECREADO 131-83

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

April • 18" (45cm)
£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25,
or £26.00 for 50

La Belle Epoque, Ballerina or Elegant Lady

SUNNY PRINCE 131-143

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

April • 14" (34cm)
£5.75 for 10, £13.50 for 25
or £25.00 for 50

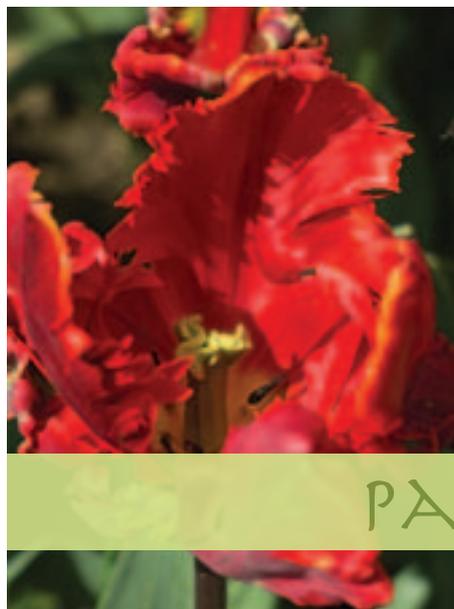
Princess Irene, Uncle Tom or Gavota



Suggested planting companions



TULIPA BLACK PARROT



TULIPA ROCOCO



TULIPA WHITE PARROT

PARROT TULIPS



LILY FLOWERED TULIPS

TULIPA BALLERINA

TULIPA BURGUNDY

TULIPA CHINA PINK

PARROT TULIPS

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

BLACK PARROT 🏆 131-17

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

April/May • 20" (50cm)
£7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £33.00 for 50

👉 *White Triumphator, Greenland or Spring Green*

ROCOCO 131-127

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

April • 12" (30cm)
£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25
or £26.00 for 50

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

WHITE PARROT 131-64

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

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

👉 *Great with pretty much everything!*

LILY FLOWERED TULIPS

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

BALLERINA 🏆 131-65

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

April/May • 20" (50cm)
£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25,
or £26.00 for 50

👉 *Queen of Night, Sanne or Apricot Beauty*

BURGUNDY 131-96

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

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

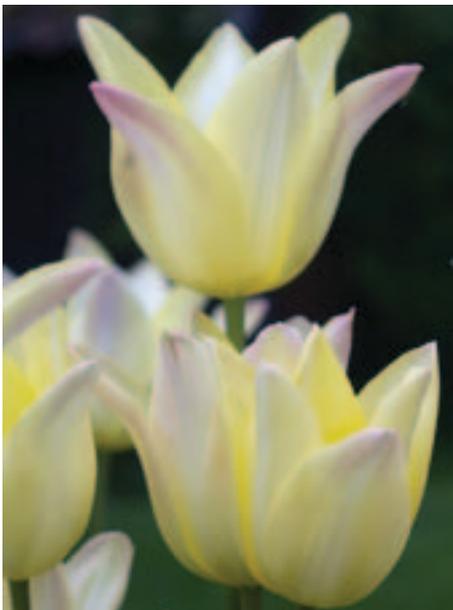
👉 *Obviously Ballerina, Rem's Favourite or Queen of Night*

CHINA PINK 🏆 131-59

Pink lily flowered heads with pointed tips on much shorter stems than most of the group, and generally a much leafier plant.

April • 14-16" (35-40cm)
£6.50 for 10, £15.00 for 25,
or £28.00 for 50

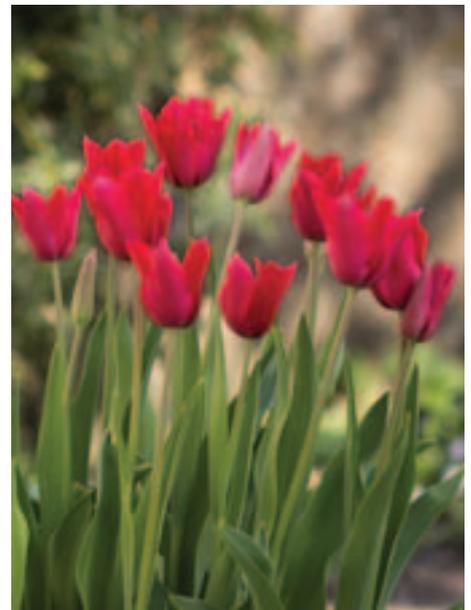
👉 *Angelique, Pink Diamond or Whispering Dream*



TULIPA ELEGANT LADY



TULIPA MERLOT



TULIPA PIETER DE LEUR



TULIPA SANNE



TULIPA TRÉS CHIC



TULIPA WHITE TRIUMPHATOR

ELEGANT LADY 131-78

Pale ivory yellow with pale pink edging, a cooler tone than many with a strong shape and a good stem.

April/May • 24" (60cm)
£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25,
or £26.00 for 50

👉 China Pink, Sunny Prince and Greenland

MERLOT 131-130

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

April/May • 28" (65cm)
£7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25,
or £33.00 for 50

👉 Maureen, Black Hero and Pieter de Leur

PIETER DE LEUR 131-150

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)
£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25,
or £26.00 for 50

👉 Spring Green, Greenland or White Triumphator

SANNE 🏆 131-122

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25,
or £27.00 for 50

👉 Elegant Lady Jan Reus or Paul Scherer

TRÉS CHIC 131-66

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

April/May • 12" (30cm)
£6.00 for 10, £14.00 for 25,
or £26.00 for 50

👉 Any of the coloured tulips with a different silhouette

WHITE TRIUMPHATOR 🏆 131-46

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

April/May • 20" (50cm)
£6.50 for 10, £15.00 for 25,
or £28.00 for 50

👉 Safe as houses, goes with everything!



Suggested planting companions



FRINGED TULIPS

TULIPA CUMMINS

TULIPA DAYTONA

TULIPA GREENLAND



VIRIDIFLORA TULIPS

TULIPA SPRING GREEN

TULIPA FLAMING SPRING GREEN

TULIPA VIOLET BIRD

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FRINGED TULIPS

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

CUMMINS 131-88

Dove-grey, lilac and purple with a wide fringe of frost like 'pinking' adorning the edge of each petal. Thick, lustrous and long lasting flowers with style and class. Always admired wherever we show them. Good also for cut flower with strong stems.

April/May • 15" (38cm)
£8.00 for 10, £18.00 for 25,
or £34.00 for 50

👉 Shirley, Spring Green or Havran

DAYTONA 131-95

Creamy white, sometimes tinged with green and edged in a sparkling frosted fringe. A cracking tulip that looks as though it has just been drawn from the ice bucket, one of the most popular at Chelsea where it helps us tone down the loud colours provided by the range of tulips that we show.

April/May • 15" (38cm)
£6.50 for 10, £15.00 for 25,
or £28.00 for 50

👉 Cummins, China Pink, Pieter de Leur or anything else!

VIRIDIFLORA TULIPS

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

GREENLAND 131-44

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

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

👉 Sanne, Flaming Spring Green or Elegant Lady

SPRING GREEN 🌿 131-51

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25,
or £27.00 for 50

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

FLAMING SPRING GREEN 131-97

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)
£8.50 for 10, £18.50 for 25,
or £35.00 for 50

👉 Spring Green, Unique de France and Pieter de Leur

VIOLET BIRD 131-145

Some tulips have untidy foliage, this one is unlike them and we like its habit with a sturdy, tidy demeanour, but calling it violet was probably one marketing gimmick too far. It is closer to a lavender purple with some green.

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

👉 Elegant Lady, Pieter de Leur or White Parrot



DOUBLE PETALLED TULIPS

TULIPA ANGELIQUE

TULIPA LA BELLE ÉPOQUE

TULIPA FOXTROT



TULIPA ORANGE PRINCESS



TULIPA UNCLE TOM



TULIPA BLACK HERO



UVULARIA GRANDIFLORA

DOUBLE PETALLED TULIPS

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

ANGELIQUE 🍷 131-24

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

April/May • 16" (40cm)
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25,
or £27.00 for 50

China Pink or Hemisphere

BLACK HERO 131-80

Tall, dark and clean stemmed round buds indicating their potential long before they open with smaller, tight packed, shiny petalled heads in deep chocolate purple.

April/May • 26" (65cm)
£8.00 for 10, £18.00 for 25,
or £34.00 for 50

Spring Green, Ballerina or White Triumphator

FOXTROT 🍷 131-147

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

April • 12" (30cm)
£8.00 for 10, £18.00 for 25,
or £34.00 for 50

Sunny Prince, Havran or Orange Princess

LA BELLE ÉPOQUE 131-104

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

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

Blue Diamond, Ballerina, Angels' Wish or Sanne

ORANGE PRINCESS 🍷 131-140

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

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

Calgary Flames or Annie Schilder

UNCLE TOM 131-106

Dark red, late flowering gems that are neither too big, nor too tall, but these show how much of a passing similarity there is to the Paeony flower. A fitting finale to the Tulip season?

April/May • 18" (45cm)
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25,
or £27.00 for 50

Angels' Wish, Sanne or Greenland.

UVULARIA

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

GRANDIFLORA 🍷 133-05

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

Apr • 12" (30cm)
£5.00



Suggested planting companions

ORDERING FROM AVON BULBS

This catalogue covers the period May 2017 to December 2017. It costs £2. Prices are given at the end of each plant description; prices are for a single bulb or plant unless stated otherwise.

PLEASE LIST ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES

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

PAYMENT

Please order by post and send your payment with your order with cheques made out to Avon Bulbs Ltd. "Not To Exceed" (NTE) cheques are a convenient and safe way to allow for slight variations in your order — particularly useful for late orders where availability is less certain, after 1 September. Make the cheque out as usual and sign it but do not date it or complete the value in words or in figures. At the top of the cheque write "Not to exceed £X", where X is a round number of pounds that is likely to be enough. Once your order has been sent, we complete the date and amounts to match the amount invoiced (and supplied), bank the cheque and your account is settled. Completed cheques (ie not NTE cheques) are banked as orders are accepted.

PAYING BY CARD: POINTS TO NOTE

We normally debit your account when bulbs are despatched, not when your order is received, so do try to ensure that your card does not expire before the date when we will need to draw from the account.

PLEASE ALLOW FOR P&P

The contribution towards packing and delivery is £4.95 per order (mainland UK). It is likely that for larger orders this will be exceeded by the costs to ourselves. You will however receive an acknowledgment, individual planting instructions for all items, a strong box and further catalogues from us whilst you continue to order. For customers with addresses outside the UK mainland (Channel Isles, Northern Ireland, Isles of Wight, Man, Shetlands etc.) we will probably need to add a surcharge dependant on the weight of the parcel and your location, this sometimes takes the cost of a parcel (or two if we split the delivery) to about £15.00.

PLEASE RETAIN OUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge all orders by post or email unless the order is to be despatched immediately. If you need to contact us about your order, please use this invoice reference number.

DELIVERY MAY BE WEATHER AFFECTED

We despatch 'Autumn' orders through from mid September to early November dependant on the prevailing conditions, the 'Late Summer' orders between late August and mid September.

DELIVERY CAN BE TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

We use the Post Office (Royal Mail) for smaller parcels, DPD Local for larger parcels. Both organisations now allow us to specify Safe Place Leaving Instructions and if these are provided no signature on delivery is required, the delivery will be made following those instructions. If you do not specify a Safe Place you will have to sign for the parcel or arrange a redelivery on receipt of their card. If you might be away during our delivery season, please tell us – we can fit around most dates.

Providing us with your email address means that you will receive an email from us confirming despatch of your parcel, and a further email from DPD Local (if your parcel is bigger) confirming the expected delivery date and time slot of one hour.

If you wish to collect your order please either advise us of the intended date or allow us to suggest one.

PLEASE RAISE PROBLEMS IMMEDIATELY

While we try to ensure everything is correctly named and labelled, errors do occur occasionally. If we seem to have made a mistake please tell us as soon as possible; late complaints are very difficult to deal with in the same reason if stocks are limited. Regrettably, the bulbs we sell cannot be absolutely guaranteed to flower and thrive, nature is fickle sometimes and we cannot be responsible for its vagaries, or even poor gardening.

Data Protection Act: We do keep computerised records with your name and address and order history for our own business use and for our carriers to communicate with you regarding a delivery. We will not sell or pass on your details to any other businesses and all credit card details that are stored by us are done so in an encrypted manner that we cannot ourselves view.

By placing an order with us customers are agreeing to these terms. If you do not wish to receive any marketing material from us please let us know (but this will also mean that you do not get delivery alerts from our delivery agents).

Overseas customers are requested to check the website for details of the costs of shipping to the European Union. The minimum postal cost for non UK orders is £10.00.

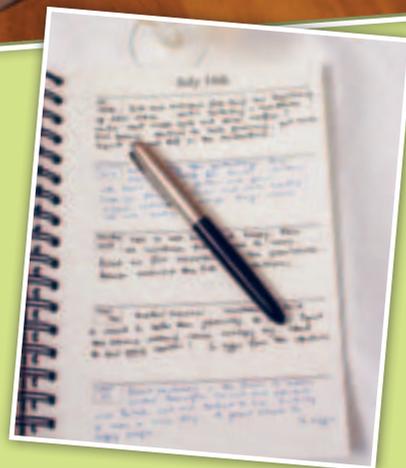
Five year Diaries!

This remarkable diary really is a real memory builder!

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

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

£15.00 including P&P (within UK) Additional EU postage £6.00



Seeds from Avon Bulbs

We have a seed box which travels to the shows and from which customers can pick out seed packets that they might like to purchase. The range is small and generally reflects the plants that we have grown and are showing to associate well with the bulbs on the display (but the annuals flower from seed very much more quickly than bulbs) particularly at the Chelsea Flower Show where so many visitors from abroad want something to take home and try for themselves.

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

Any packet
of seeds
£2.50



777-001

Average seed contents: 80

Ammi visnaga
'Mystique'

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



777-008

Average seed contents: 80

Nicotiana mutabilis
(Ornamental Tobacco)

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



777-003

Average seed contents: 80

Camassia leichtlinii
'Avon's Stellar hybrids'

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



777-009

Average seed contents: 50

Dianthus barbatus
nigrescens 'Sooty'

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



777-005

Average seed contents: 20

Orlaya Grandiflora 🌿
(White Lace Flower)

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



777-021

Average seed contents: 80

Nigella damascena
(Love in the Mist)

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



777-024

Average seed contents: 15

Cerinthe major
'Purpurascens'

A hardy annual from the Mediterranean region, known as Honeywort. An aristocratic border plant which is beautiful and versatile. It is adored by bees and is much favoured as a cut flower. It has glaucous leaves with interesting purple bracts and bell shaped flowers from May to September. It produces large black seeds in the autumn. They will reach 18-24" (45-60cm) tall.

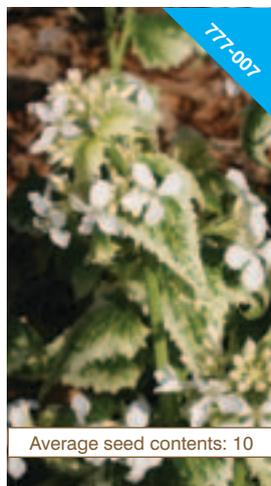


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Average seed contents: 15

Dahlia coccinea
var palmeri

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



777-007

Average seed contents: 10

Lunaria annua 🌿
'Alba Variegata'

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



777-010

Average seed contents: 15

Tulbaghia cominsii
x violacea

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

P&P for any number of seed packets ordered alone within UK £1.50, or destinations within the EU please add £2.50 P&P

More seeds from Avon Bulbs



777-018

Average seed contents: 80

Iberis umbellatum **(Candytuft)**

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



777-019

Average seed contents: 10

Lunaria annua **Chedglow**

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



777-023

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.



777-002

Average seed contents: 15

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

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



777-006

Average seed contents: 25

Gladiolus tristis

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



777-025

Average seed contents: 20

Allium cernuum

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



777-013

Double Black



777-014

Double Lilac

Papaver somniferum

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



777-012

Double Shiraz



777-011

Double Pink



777-017

Blackcurrant Fizz



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.

MAXIFLEX **GARDENING GLOVES**

More and more people now garden in gloves. These are hard wearing and comfortable gardening gloves that still allow you to feel what you are doing but most importantly one's hands do not sweat inside them. Washable (inside out in a cool wash). The Medium size fits nearly everyone here, though a Small size is offered too. Include these with an order for £4.90 each (sent on their own please add £3.00 postage).

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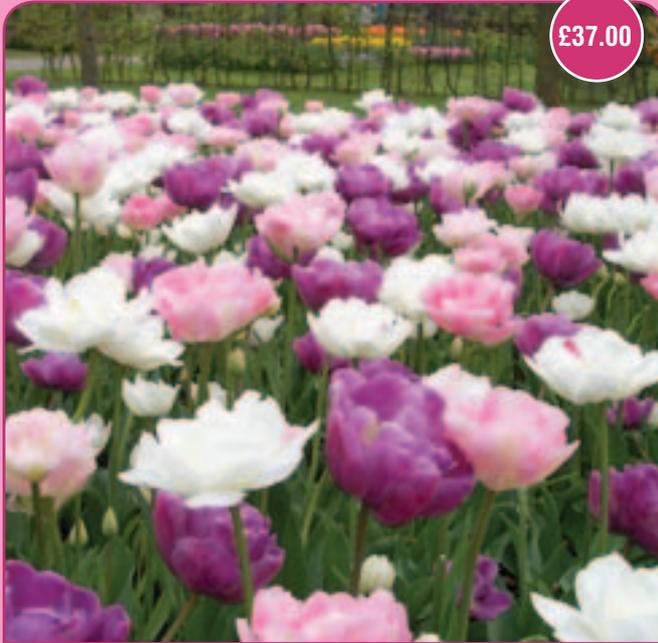
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2017 Collections

Colour Themed or Seasonal Tulip Collections.

Collections of varieties for planting in pots or the garden. Ideal as Gifts.

Pastel Tulip Collection



£37.00

Tulipa Angelique x 25 Tulipa Mount Tacoma x 25
Tulipa Blue Diamond x 25

999-323

Purple Harmonies Tulip Collection



£38.50

Tulipa Shirley x 25 Tulipa Negrita x 25
Tulipa Rems Favourite x 25

Whilst these can be planted in lots of different ways to achieve the effect in the photos these need to be planted quite closely (the optimum might be 60 -70 bulbs per m²) and whilst they come to you as bags of named bulbs for this they would need to be mixed up as they are planted. **Some varieties are not listed in the catalogue for individual purchase, they are available online**

999-324

White Tulip Collection



Calgary Flames x 10



White Triumphator x 10

£21.50



Daytona x 10



Angel's Wish x 10

999-325

Bright Tulip Collection



Pieter de Leur x 10



Merlot x 10

£22.50



Whispering Dream x 10



Couleur Cardinal x 10

999-330

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Camassia 'Taster selection'



C. leichtlinii x 5



C. quamash x 10

£22.00



C. leichtlinii alba x 3



C. I. Sacajawea x 3

999-322

Allium Collection



Allium Pink Jewel x 3



Allium Powder Puff x 3

£24.50



Allium h. Purple Sensation x 5



Allium Mt Everest x 3

999-327

Easter Cheer Narcissus Collection



Martinette x 5



Minnow x 10

£12.00

With Easter falling in 2018 at the end of March these ought to add to the event.



February Gold x 10



Sailboat x 3

999-328

Early Tulip Collection



Cape Cod x 10



Johann Strauss x 10

£19.50



Juan x 10



Purissima x 10

999-329

CHELSEA 2017

We very nearly included a pair of 19 Century stone dwarfs in our display but they fell foul of an RHS ban on gnomes at the last minute so an old bird bath got an unexpected trip to London to provide a centrepiece.



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

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

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

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



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