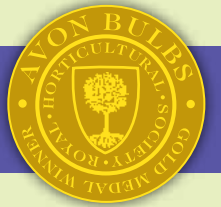




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## WELCOME TO THE AVON BULBS SPRING CATALOGUE 2018

Welcome to 2018 and our newest catalogue. It probably breaks all records for the variety of snowdrops that are listed, though it is worth pointing out that there are more forms that we have available, but in smaller numbers than are required for the catalogue listing, these are reserved to take to our events in February to provide temptations for the early and eagle eyed attendees who sometimes otherwise think that we have 'shown our hand' by listing everything! Through the catalogue and at the shows we will also be offering our new poster displaying many of our snowdrops(see page 24).

The second half of the catalogue lists the plants and bulbs that we offer to flower this summer amongst which you will find new Dahlias that we have not listed before, a new Eryngium called Pen Blue (page 34), a new Aстранtia called Venice (page 29) and several new Eucomis (page 35) that appear to be doing well in the trial of Eucomis at Wisley.

The RHS have asked us to fill the 'Master Grower' slot at the Malvern Flower Show in 2018. This will entail a much bigger than normal exhibit and a great deal more effort there. Independently of that we had decided (after 31 years without a break and 30 Gold Medals and one Silver Gilt (1992) to not attend the Chelsea Flower Show this year. I doubt that we could do a big stand at Malvern and follow it up at Chelsea 10 days later with our usual success, but we look forward to seeing how much time this decision frees up for us in the months ahead of Chelsea.

CHRIS IRELAND JONES



## Sales and Events in the Spring of 2018 that we shall be attending.

### Altamont Gardens, County Carlow, Ireland

Lectures from Graham Gough and Jim Almond, held at Ballykealey Manor with garden tours and plant sales at Altamont a short drive away afterwards.  
Contact Hester Forde: [hesterforde@gmail.com](mailto:hesterforde@gmail.com)

Sat 3rd February

### Gartneriet Spiren, Skælskør 4230, Denmark

On the plant nursery of Danish friends who concentrate on Hellebores mainly, a few other plant sellers. Alan Street will be speaking on both days.  
Website: <http://www.gartnerietspiren.dk/>

Sat 17th & Sun 18th February

### Shaftesbury Snowdrop Gala

Talks by Kevin Hughes from Heale House, Joe Sharman and Anna Pavord. Followed by plant sales and garden visits. Part of a well organised week long event.

Website: <http://www.shaftesburysnowdrops.org/#/study-day-2018/4594091614>

Sat 10th February

### Mannheim Spring flower show (near Frankfurt)

In the remarkable Luisenpark held in a glasshouse-like hall, lectures and a big variety of plant nurseries. Usually a lucture too. Entry to Park: 6.00 Euro  
Contact: [schneegloeckchentage@gmail.com](mailto:schneegloeckchentage@gmail.com)

Sat 24th & Sun 25th February

### RHS Early Spring Plant Fair, Vincent Sq. London.

Always a busy event, especially on Tuesday, and everyone will be there, so a great place to catch up! Website: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-london-shows/rhs-early-spring-plant-fair>

Evening of Mon 12th,  
Tue 13th & Wed 14th February

### Sidmouth Daffodil Day

Talks, Walks, Art & Photography, Plant Fair. Kennaway House EX10 8NG

Sat 3rd March

### Forde Abbey Plant & Garden Fair

Held to coincide with the start of their Crocus Week - over 30 stalls selling plants and garden sundries. Website: <https://www.fordeabbey.co.uk/event/plant-gardening-fair/>

Sun 4th March

### Shepton Mallet Snowdrop Festival

Lots of events over several days to celebrate snowdrops and James Allen in particular  
<http://www.sheptonssnowdropfestival.org.uk/>

Sat 17th February

### East Lambrook Manor

(Somerset Hardy Plant Soc. Spring Plant sale)

Sat 24th March

### Ascot Spring Garden Show

<https://www.ascot.co.uk/spring-garden-show-friday>

Fri 13th - Sun 15th April

### Orlich, near Nettetel, Germany

Busy early season plant fair, outdoors(!) in the grounds of a small village hotel. Refreshments and huge pieces of cake for sale! Slightly mad, weather dependant but usually great fun.

Sat 17th & Sun 18th February

### Toby's Garden Festival at Powderham (near Exeter)

<https://tobygardenfest.co.uk/powderham-castle/>

Fri 27th & Sat 28th April

We can bring your pre-booked potted snowdrop orders only to events that we attend in February but these need to be booked well in advance, with the crush of events in mid February we need a full 2 weeks' notice please.



## Sign Up to our Newsletter



We send out a newsletter once a month (no more!) alerting you to any events we might be attending or awards we might have won, sales at the nursery, seasonal special offers on the website, comments on items in the gardening press, hints and tips which we hope might be useful. All you need to do is register your email address on the website, and you can unsubscribe at any time.



## 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 770 g these are provided in a purpose made delivery sleeve and can be posted at any time (they make great Christmas presents) but can be started at any time of year. Unique to ourselves and not available elsewhere.

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## New Unused Snowdrop Pots

We recycle and reuse the pots in which the snowdrops have been grown, but we do get asked for pots by keen Galanthophiles who might be growing their own snowdrops to sell or give away. We



try not to encourage the growing of snowdrops in pots long term, but of all the pots we have used over the years these seem the most suitable for single snowdrop bulbs. They are 9cm square and 12.5cm deep with good drainage holes and of a robust construction and only available in black!

Sent with any order they will not incur additional postage charges, sent alone please allow £3.00

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## RHS Perfect for Pollinators.

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



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.



These are the Crown Jewels of the winter garden - the number of cultivars and interest in new forms of *Galanthus* continues to grow year on year. All these are propagated and grown on the nursery, a very labour intensive process which is reflected in the price - and many are strictly limited in their availability and sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

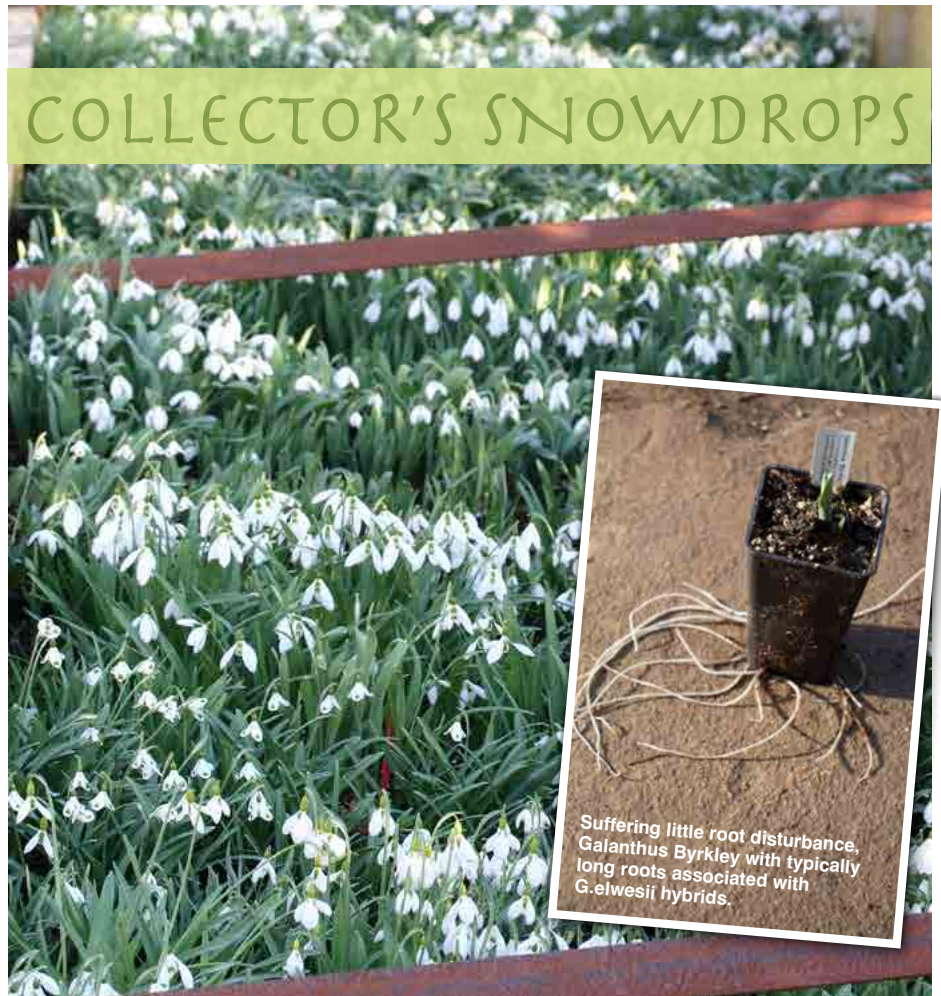
Very occasionally mistakes do happen, in the process of growing these plants over the past 3 or 4 years or when potting dormant snowdrops which all look alike, but if this happens these will be rectified.

All are flowering size and will either be in flower or will have flowered when we send them, having been carefully knocked out of the pots in which they have been individually grown for the past five months with their root systems intact and carefully packaged along with their label.

Plant them out immediately unless the ground is frozen, water them in and protect them from the most severe weather till they have recovered.

Numbers in brackets after the price refer to the page number for a more detailed description in the snowdrop 'bible', "Snowdrops" by Matt Bishop, Aaron Davis and John Grimshaw.

## COLLECTOR'S SNOWDROPS



Suffering little root disturbance, *Galanthus* Byrkley with typically long roots associated with *G. elwesii* hybrids.



**ALISON HILARY** 22-16  
Slim outer segments, slightly clawed at the base result in an attractively rounded shape to the flower, the inner segments are heavily marked at the base in a X or H shape which fades towards the apex. Found at Sutton Court, Herefordshire, the famous Backhouse garden.

£17.00 (248)



**AMY DONCASTER** 22-294  
A wonderful *G. plicatus*, given to John Morley by Amy Doncaster in 1988. It has a small round ovary below which hangs a beautifully marked flower, the puckered outer segments, lined at their tips by green lines with a dark inner marking that fades away from the apex.

£28.00 (161)



**ANGELINA** 22-286  
A selection made by Chris Grey Wilson of a plant from the Balkans, this is a stunning virescent form of *Galanthus nivalis* with large and very bold green outer segments

£80.00





**BARBARA'S DOUBLE** 22-140

A mid to late season double with masses of inner segments, jewel like in white and green. Barbara was the daughter of Lady Beatrix Stanley (herself an Iris and a Snowdrop) whose family home was Sibbertoft Manor in Northamptonshire, a garden famous for its bulbs.

£20.00 (289)



**BEANY** 22-287

From the Oppenheimer estate at White Waltham in Berkshire, this is a gloriously large and distinctly round form of *G. elwesii* with bold green tips to the outer segments, and dark green marks on the inner segment.

£45.00



**BETTY HANSELL** 22-295

Found in Norfolk in 1994, this has pale green lines on the oddly pointed outer segments meeting at the apex. All the inner segments are darkly marked with a large X and well grown plants can produce two scapes when growing happily.

£27.00 (298)



**BARNES** 🍷 22-170

E P Barnes was a surgeon in Northampton and selected this early flowering form from amongst others in 1928. In time it came to be propagated and increased by Rod and Jane Leeds in Suffolk. A very early (autumn flowering) form of *G. elwesii* with heart shaped marks on the inners.

£11.00 (170)



**BERTRAM ANDERSON** 🍷 22-108

Named by Chris Brickell as a posthumous credit to EB Anderson in 1971 from his garden in the Cotswolds, a fine rounded beauty with thickly textured petals, a clump of which looks amazing.

£17.00 (228)



**BIG EYES** 22-222

A hybrid, originally from a remote seedling swarm of *G. nivalis* X *G. plicatus* in Berkshire. Better we think than Grumpy which is a memorably named convolute that is much in demand, this one more resembles a clown's face.

£40.00



**BYFIELD SPECIAL** 22-12

Found by Andy Byfield and bulked up by Michael Baron at Brandy Mount, Alresford in the early 1990s. The outer segments are noticeably cupped and rounded as well as being thickly textured and there is a bold inner segment mark; a large and well proportioned flower. A much better snowdrop than is widely realised.

**£13.00 (244)**



**CARYL BARON** 22-220

A desirable green marked seedling found at Avon Bulbs. The narrow outers are splashed dark green at the tips and there is a dark green inner marking as well as an extended spathe. There is a connection to Byfield Special, named as it is after Michael Baron's late wife who was thrilled to be given some when it was first named in her honour.

**£34.00**



**CHILTON FOLIAT** 22-288

A chance find in the Wiltshire village of the same name amongst a swarm of *G. nivalis*. This is a relatively late flowering form with extra long outer segments tipped with green providing quite a distinctive appearance.

**£45.00**



**BYRKLEY** 22-234

From the garden of Isobel Edge's mother in Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, this is, when well established, one of the biggest flowered and boldest of the green tipped *G. elwesii* available. When seen as a clump it is quite simply unforgettable.

**£40.00**



**CASTLEGAR** 22-57

A very early flowering hybrid, often in bloom in mid December here and sometimes with a second scape to follow. Our original stock came from the late Dr Keith Lamb who had a wonderful garden near Clara In Offaly and had obtained them from the owner of the Mahon Estate near Castlegar in Galway (where it flowered in November).

**£28.00 (230)**



**COMET** 🏆 22-76

A broad leaved *G. elwesii* hybrid originating from the rock garden at Wisley in the early 1980s. A vigorous and robust plant, no doubt aided by a big starch reserve from the big bulbs it forms. The flowers are big and shapely on an arching pedicel, the tips of the outer petals sometimes marked in green. The heavenly body after which it was named was the Kohoutek comet of 1973.

**£23.00 (173)**





**COTSWOLD BEAUTY** 22-327

From the garden at Lower Slaughter Glos. Which used to be owned by E B Anderson and selected by Phil Cornish, in 1993, often with multiple flower stems with slim, long flowers with the inner segments apparently forming a narrow flared tube marked with a handsome green cross.

**£20.00 (250)**



**CRINKLE CRINKLE** 22-224

A hybrid seedling found in the wood here at Avon Bulbs, with large chunky, puckered flowers and an unusual inner marking like the outline of a man with his arms aloft.

**£34.00**



**DAVID SHACKLETON** 22-151

Listed ages ago by us as merely Shackleton, this one now appears rather closer to the top of the alphabetic list ! A late flowering snowdrop with long, seemingly quite polished, outer petals, slightly inwardly curved so they become quite boat shaped with the white stripes, like clinker boards, showing below an olive green ovary.

**£20.00 (199)**



**COWHOUSE GREEN** 22-166

Quite a tall snowdrop with a wash of green over much of the lower half of the outer segments. One of the early discoveries of a snowdrop with such markings - and it caused quite a stir when first shown at the RHS Halls in 1994 having been found by Mark Brown in the 1980s in Buckinghamshire. There have been more similar finds since, but this one still carries that aura of excitement from that time.

**£28.00 (276)**



**DAVID BAKER** 22-255

Similar in some respects to G. Atkinsii with outer segments that flare slightly at the tip so their shape of the flower is more pagoda-like when they open up, the outers are marked with green at the tip, darkest when well established. Commemorating a wonderful plantsman and husband to the irreplaceable Ruby.

**£23.00 (277)**



**DEER SLOT** 22-125

I regard this as a 'natty' snowdrop, sharply dressed with neat lines and very precise and defined dark double green markings on the inner petals, brilliantly described as looking like deer hoof prints. A large flowered snowdrop, clumps of which were much admired in Primrose Warburg's garden at South Hayes.

**£40.00 (173)**



**DIGGORY** 🏆

**22-161**

Found in a population of *G. plicatus* near Wells, Norfolk by Rosie Steele and Richard Hobbs in 1993 and named after Rosie's late son. Instantly recognizable, even from several steps away with thickly puckered and distinctly inward curving outer segments, the resulting effect being quite lantern-like.

**£28.00 (147)**



**£.A. BOWLES**

**22-275**

One of the very best new snowdrops of recent years. This is a huge poculiform *G. plicatus* found at Myddelton House. A fitting plant to commemorate a true lover of plants at a place where he lived all his life.

**£42.00**



**ELWESII GREEN TIPS**

**22-07**

This is a tall, early, robust form on which the broad petals are prettily marked with green, all desirable features that make this a fine snowdrop and demonstrating its superiority,

**£17.00**



**DRAGONFLY**

**22-279**

From the wonderful Veronica Cross who also gave us the amazing *G. Wasp*, so the theme continues. This is bigger and much more substantial with very long outer segments which sway and dangle on long pedicels to show the dark green marked inners.

**£65.00**



**EGRET**

**22-245**

From the well know Galanthophile Phil Cornish, this selection of *G. nivalis* exhibits amazing curled back outer segments like the feathers of that charming bird and is much coveted by all who see it.

**£50.00**



**ERMINE LACE**

**22-268**

One of the best hybrid doubles from the collection of Hector Harrison, a man who was also well known for his *Diascias*. A vigorous plant with an unusually crisp, dark, waisted marking on the inner segment.

**£40.00 (300)**





**FANNY** 22-189  
 With large, smooth long outer segments faintly tipped in pale green at the tips, some plants here amazingly produced three scapes. And at the RHS February show in 2015 the Frances for whom it was named, noticing some of her namesake on our sales table, introduced herself memorably, "I see that you have my Fanny".  
**£17.00 (278)**



**FIELDGATE FORTE** 22-190  
 A seedling of G. Modern Art raised by Colin Mason in the 1990s. Called Forte on account of its ability to regularly produce two flower stems. It has green staining at the tips and base of the outer segments and dark green inner segments.  
**£23.00 (278)**



**FLOCON DE NEIGE** 22-191  
 French for snowflake, and named for its resemblance when seen from above to a microscopic view of a snowflake with its six evenly spaced outer segments. A G. nivalis double cultivar selected by Mark Brown in Buckinghamshire in the mid 1980s.  
**£38.00 (114)**



**FENSTEAD END** 22-103  
 Found by Chris Grey Wilson in the village of the same name in Suffolk when he moved there in 1987, an early flowering form with noticeably upright foliage and inner segments nearly all covered in green.  
**£17.00 (182)**



**FIELDGATE SUPERB** 22-168  
 A late flowering form that has broad outer petals, pinched at the tip to provide body and curvature to the outer petals, the inner markings form a green X, the bottom half usually solid green, the upper part fading away from the apex.  
**£23.00 (252)**



**FLY FISHING** 22-178  
 This stock is derived from a seedling selected at Avon Bulbs over 10 years ago, characterised by its incredibly long, slender and gracefully arched pedicel, one that is perhaps longer than any other snowdrop, early flowering.  
**£23.00**



**FRANZ JOSEF** 22-276  
A neat and handsome double form of *G. elwesii*, from an old garden in Germany with attractive inner markings and green tipped outers.

**£43.00**



**GEORGE ELWES** 22-29  
A vigorous plant with large flowers on upright stems, the inner segments marked by an elongated and tapering X. The spathe is also unusually long. A hybrid of *G. elwesii* x *G. plicatus* (unusually the outer leaves have flat margins and inner leaves have explicative margins each derived from these different parents). Found at Colesbourne Park and named after Carolyn Elwes' late son in 1979.

**£14.00 (265)**



**GLORIA** 22- 135  
From the ruined garden near the Jardin d'Angelique in Normandy this is a particularly elegant form of *G. nivalis*. It is nearly poculiform (with no green markings) save an occasional hint of pale green on one or two segments and often an apricot hue close under the ovary.

**£25.00**



**GABRIEL** 22-221  
An early (December) flowering form of *G. elwesii* monostictus which was identified at Avon Bulbs in the 1980s. The name comes from its habit of raising its outer segments when brought into the warm, reminding one of angel's wings.

**£17.00 (174)**



**GERARD PARKER** 22-84  
A very large flowered plicate snowdrop with a strongly pucker and ridged surface texture on the outer segments which seems to exaggerate its proportions. The foliage is broad, blue-green and relatively short. The inner markings form an upside down Y. It well deserves being a sought after form.

**£21.00 (154)**



**GODFREY OWEN** 🏆 22-238  
Six outer segments of the same proportions immediately point to this being unusual, with six shorter inner segments usually marked by two small green dots. Quite a leafy plant, as are many *G. elwesii*, named after the late Margaret Owen's husband in 1996. From plants found near Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

**£23.00 (205)**





**GRACILIS (OUR BEST FORM) 22-17**

A dainty, easy species for sun or shade, one that seeds freely. Distinctive for its pale olive coloured ovary and narrow leaves which seen from above, seem to swirl corkscrew-like around the plant. Of perfect proportions

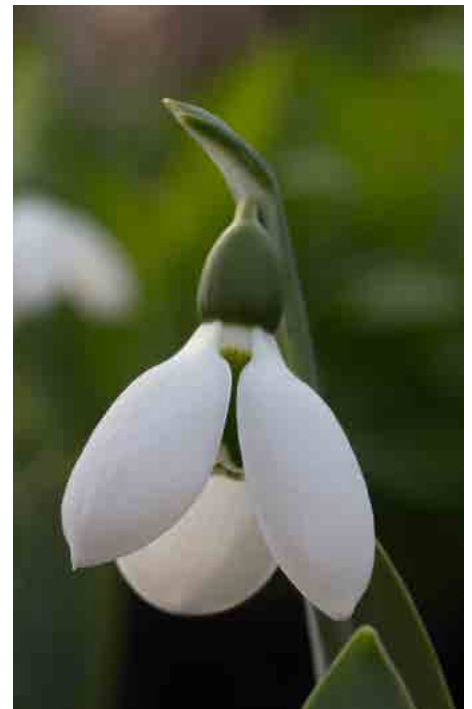
**£23.00 (26)**



**GRAVITY 22-225**

Another spontaneous seedling that arose here at Avon Bulbs under some hazelnuts. Large and heavy flowered with long, shapely outer segments. The inner markings are a strong upside down V over the apical notch and smudges of pale green towards the base.

**£45.00**



**GREEN RIBBON 22-115**

A seedling selected at Avon Bulbs from a stock that itself derived from the bulbs of Nancy Lindsay's collected forms of *G. elwesii*. A huge and robust plant to rival any other known forms of *G. elwesii* (and typical of the group has a very large bulb). They have a bold green ribbon mark on the inner segment.

**£28.00**



**GRAVE CONCERN 22-284**

Suffolk found, as are many of the best snowdrops, this hybrid always shows two scapes. Stiff stemmed, holding flowers that are of perfect proportion marked with green on the outers like an emerald scallop shell.

**£55.00**



**GREEN COMET 22-256**

From John Morley's collection, a hybrid with very large flowers on a long arching pedicel, similar indeed to those of *G. Comet*, but these have unusually broad and shiny green leaves.

**£20.00**



**GREEN TEAR 22-322**

Found in Holland by Gert-Jan van der Kolk in the millennium year this *G. nivalis* has many beautiful longitudinal pale green brushed veins on the outer segments. Famed for its expense on Ebay when it was first sold it is now considerably more reasonable but still rare.

**£80.00 (104)**



**GREENFINCH** 22-212

A tall robust plant with leaves that indicate its *G. plicatus* ancestry. The flowers are rounded and have deep green crescents on the outer segments and good sized bulbs do produce a second scape. It was originally found in the Greatorex garden by Richard Hobbs.

**£45.00 (278)**



**HERCULE** 22-148

A selection made by Mark Brown in France from a batch of bulbs sourced in England. It is a very good, tall, upstanding early flower with a stately presence and faintly green tipped outer segments.

**£20.00**



**JACK IN THE GREEN** 22-324

A find from amongst a swarm of *G. elwesii*, this form has unusually bright glossy green leaves and two marks on the inner segment. Alluring and well named by Micky Little here at Avon Bulbs.

**£35.00**



**GRUMPY** 22-219

This form of *G. elwesii* was found and named by Joe Sharman in 1990 in Cambridgeshire. The solid looking flowers exhibit a claw like tip to the base of the broad outer segments, and when they open the inner segment markings seem to mimic a green downturned mouth below green eyes. A memorable name and one that appeals to beginners in the snowdrop journey, perhaps with a disapproving spouse in mind?

**£28.00 (202)**

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**JADE** 22-173

Originating from a swarm of naturalised *G. nivalis* in Gloucestershire. This bulb stood out from its sisters with glowing green splashed outer segments, the green stripe strongest on the mid line of the outers.

**£28.00**





**JESSICA** 22-01  
 Found by Phil Cornish near Wroxall, Warwickshire in 1997. A fine form of *G. elwesii* with sharply defined green markings on the outer segments and a long green ovary and broad, arching foliage. Phil named it after his wife.  
**£20.00 (191)**



**JONATHAN** 22-258  
 A selection of *G. elwesii* found by Michael Myers in Kettlesing, North Yorkshire in 2000 with handsome rounded segments which show, when first open, a strange creamy glow. Best in winter sun and summer shade.  
**£23.00 (202)**



**JUNE BOARDMAN** 22-79  
 A selection made by Bill Boardman and named after his wife, it was originally found as a seedling in a garden near Norwich. A yellowish, *G. plicatus* hybrid seedling, with long narrow outer segments.  
**£40.00**



**JIMMY PLATT** 22-269  
 We met Jimmy Platt in 1989 very soon after Chris took over at Avon Bulbs and before we really had a serious snowdrop collection, or even room to house them. The gifted bulb lodged with friends where it languished for many years before being recovered. Late flowering, simple, tall and very erect.  
**£12.00**



**JUBILEE GREEN** 22-278  
 One of the best hybrids to come from John Morley's garden at North Green with large single flowers and stunning, lettuce-green leaves. To be illustrated asap on the website once they flower.  
**£28.00**



**KENCOT KALI** 22-226  
 A selection of *G. elwesii* from an Oxfordshire garden found by Joe Sharman. The inner segments are marked with a bold green cross in which the topmost area has been filled in, but more noticeably they have very long, rather narrow outer segments tipped in pale green seemingly looking even bigger on what is not a tall plant.  
**£46.00**



**KERSEN** 22-249

The name is descriptive of the inner green marking and is Dutch for Cherries, and indeed the outline describes a pair of green cherries on their stalks above the apical notch. A smaller and very neat looking plant.

£17.00 (81)



**LITTLE BEN** 22-157

A fine, large flowered form with rounded petals on a flower that bends the arching pedicels.

£14.00 (234)



**LOUISE ANN BROMLEY** 22-129

This may still have the record for the largest or longest petals of any snowdrop and is named for the sister of famous galanthophile David Bromley in Shropshire. One of the very best selections of *G. elwesii* with typically wide grey-green leaves.

£23.00



**KILDARE** 22-149

An Irish customer picking one of these up in February at the RHS show was heard to remark about her requirements of a snowdrop - "the greener the better". These derive from the emerald isle with the outer segments washed in a pale ghostly green. Found by Ruby and David Baker on a trip there in 1995.

£20.00 (279)



**LONG JOHN SILVER** 22-325

From Veronica Cross' garden and from the same patch that provided *G. Pieces of Eight*, both remarkable snowdrops. Under a deep green ovary a handsomely large flower with the strong chevron marking associated with the Trym seedlings. Few available.

£120.00



**MADELAINE** 22-172

A rival to Wendy's Gold and in some ways better as this selection makes good sized clumps from which the bold yellow markings on the inner segments seem to glow in the low February sunshine.

£28.00





**MARJORIE BROWN** 22-203  
A late form of *G. elwesii* discovered by Ruby Baker in 1999. Quite unusually wide of leaf and these are noticeably glaucous and distinctly bluish, the flowers are large and late to emerge.  
**£12.00 (176)**



**MERLIN** 🏆 22-30  
The inner segments are nearly completely covered in green and with its short pedicel anchoring the ovary quite closely to the upright spathe the flower gains a rather jaunty look as a result of being lodged at a slightly cocky angle. Raised by James Allen of Shepton Mallet in Somerset in 1891.  
**£17.00 (260)**



**MOORTOWN MIGHTY** 22-227  
A mighty seedling from the snowdrop rich garden (on sandy soil) of David Bromley, this is a *G. plicatus* hybrid with very showy flowers, curvaceous even, with thickly textured petals opening widely to show the green stained inner segments. Early flowering and a must have plant.  
**£40.00**



**MARLIE RAPHAEL** 22-259  
From the garden at Kingston Bagpuize House in Oxfordshire and found in 2000 this is a form of *G. elwesii* with very long outer segments tipped with strong green splashes, the inner segments are marked in a pale olive-green.  
**£46.00 (185)**



**MIDAS** 22-309  
Midas was found here at Avon Bulbs the same week that we hosted the Immortal's Lunch Party in February 2011. This was an event to which we asked everyone that we could contact who had had a snowdrop named after them to come along and meet up, it was a very convivial day. The seedling Midas, then in its first flowering, was secreted away under an upturned pot in the copse where much snowdropping was being enjoyed, hidden away from the eagle eyes of those discerning visitors! It was 6 years later that we sold any and this is the first occasion that it has been listed in the catalogue. A changeling snowdrop - the green markings turn a glowing golden yellow a few days after first opening. We think that it is a x valentinei hybrid and better in spring sunshine.  
**£100.00**

Photo credit: Clive Nicholls





**MORETON MILL** 22-260

From the garden of Eddie Roberts in Shropshire, this is a tall and strong poculiform form, so all white with 6 even outer segments. A hint of apricot close up to the ovary is often associated with such poculiform types.

**£34.00**



**MOYA'S GREEN** 22-246

A stunning *G. elwesii* with long outer petals seemingly banded in a strange pale olive green found by Moya Green, and one of the most distinctive green marked snowdrops of recent years.

**£45.00**



**MRS MACNAMARA** 🏆 22-35

Very early flowering, often in early January here (this picture was taken on the 18th Jan 2017), with good tall, very upright flower stems (the flowers are held high above the spathe which is slightly unusual) and pretty flowers above long pale leaves. Connected to Dylan Thomas (she was his mother-in-law).

**£17.00 (177)**



**MOTHERING SUNDAY** 22-314

The name of this hybrid, which occurred at Avon Bulbs, was suggested by Steve Owen, who saw it in flower very late one year after a cold winter. Under such conditions the flower can hold on until March. Mothering Sunday will be on the 11 March in 2018, always three weeks before Easter. A very neat, crisp, narrow apical inner mark.

**£40.00**



**MR STINKER** 22-315

From Veronica Cross and named for one of her terriers, Tinker, officially Mr Stinker! This bizarre form of *G. nivalis* has petals like a bunch of green claws. To be illustrated better asap on the website once they flower again.

**£80.00**



**NATALIE GARTON** 22-43

A strong growing *G. elwesii* hybrid, with semi-double flowers. A lovely rounded, thick petalled flower named after the late Natalie Garton of Ramsden in Oxfordshire, who distributed it from her beautiful garden before her death in 1996.

**£16.00**





**ONE DROP OR TWO?** 22-250

A charming snowdrop where mature bulbs will throw two flowers from each pedicel, doubly serendipitous - and an explanation for the name. The flowers are most distinct for their dark green inner markings.

**£28.00**



**PHANTOM** 22-262

Aptly named, as the origin of this unique snowdrop is a bit of a mystery, as are its flowering habits. When established (and in some years) they are capable of producing two flowers, the first a large, beautiful 6 even petalled poculiform, the second more normally arranged with green markings, one basal and one apical like *G. plicatus* ssp *byzantinus* - how does that happen?

**£55.00**



**PHILIPPE ANDRÉ MEYER** 22-229

Mark Brown's discovery, and named for a generous previous employer in France. This is a *G. plicatus* hybrid and one of the best Tnym type seedlings. Showy and quick to increase when planted in the ground, though not tall.

**£58.00**



**PERCY PICTON** 22-104

Deserving pride of place. A very long pedicel and arching stem means that this flower (or sometimes two as it regularly throws a second scape which flowers at the same time) is hardly ever still. The inner is marked by a bright green X. Named after the father of Paul Picton of Old Court Nursery (famed for their Michaelmas daisies) near Malvern in 1999.

**£17.00**



**PHIL CORNISH** 22-228

A stunning selection from the garden of the great galanthophile Phil Cornish. Quite pointed and Tnym-like with wonderful all green inners, the outers also heavily marked with pale green.

**£58.00**



**PIECES OF EIGHT** 22-326

Found together with Long John Silver more buried treasure from Veronica Cross' garden. A vigorous plant with paddle shaped outer petals, nicely slimmed at the base to show the darkly marked inner segments but wide below to accommodate the broad flash of green. A nicely arched pedicel lets the flowers hang gracefully. Perfection?

**£120.00**





**POLAR BEAR** 22-270

These form enormous bulbs when dormant. The flowers, with rounded segments, are held on very short pedicels, so seem to look outwards. The inner markings clearly separated. Very late flowering and quite charming.

**£17.00**



**REVEREND HAILSTONE** 22-179

A majestic and early form of *G. elwesii* from Anglesey Abbey often at its best by the end of January with stems sometimes over a foot tall when most other snowdrops flowering at the same time are considerably shorter.

**£14.00**



**SENTINEL** 22-150

From the Backhouse garden at Sutton Court, collected by Daphne Chappell, a large flowered and erect mid-season hybrid with bold blooms the outer petals of which are ridged along their length, the inners show two separated distinct areas of green.

**£16.00 (270)**



**RAY COBB** 22-233

There are never enough yellow flowered *G. nivalis*. Officially one of the *G. nivalis* Sandersii group have a bit of a reputation for not thriving but Ray Cobb is the exception as the picture shows. It will still require patience to achieve a good patch of yellow flowered *G. nivalis*, but your chances are better with this form. First shown at the RHS at Vincent Square in 1999 by John Foster.

**£27.00 (93)**



**RON GINNS' BYZANTINUS** 22-271

Given to us by Ray Cobb who had it himself from Ron Ginns. It is a mid to late season flowerer with markings like the beautiful *G. Lapwing*, but this flowers a month later. Easy and vigorous, increasing well into tight floriferous clumps.

**£17.00 (159)**



**SOUTH HAYES**  22-244

One of the first seedlings of *G. Trym* of which there are now so many. This arose in the garden of Primrose Warburg in 1992 and was named after her death to commemorate her and its origin in one of the most important snowdrop collections of the time. The midline of green follows the curl of the outer petal and exaggerates the triangular, pagoda-like shape of the flower whether viewed from the side, or above.

**£37.00 (282)**





**SPRITE**

**22-197**

A seedling originally found about 10 years ago on the nursery, and all these arise from that single bulb. All green inner segments are revealed when the outers rise, they are painted with 5 or 6 green lines on a slightly clawed petal. Packs of 2 bulbs.

**£25.00 for 2**



**STARLING**

**22-208**

A seedling from the copse at Avon Bulbs, possibly *G. elwesii* x *G. Hill Poe*. It has long, rather pointed, boat shaped outer segments on a flower that faces outwards on a very short pedicel, the result of which means that one looks directly into the dark green marked inner segments which appear quite star-like. Very long lasting in flower.

**£23.00**



**ST PANCRAS**

**22-58**

A double, probably *G. elwesii* x *G. nivalis* fl.pl. found in 1994 in North Somerset by Alan Street. Greyish leaved with heavy headed flowers with long outers that clasp the flower, the centre of which shows three long inner segments that protrude, somewhat fang like.

**£17.00 (305)**



**THE WIZARD**

**22-209**

Another seedling found in the copse at Avon Bulbs with stunningly green marked flowers, inside and out! All those who see it fall under its spell.

**£34.00**



**TRUMPS** 🏆

**22-164**

A stunning and vigorous hybrid first spotted in John Morley's garden by Matt Bishop in 1999. Early to flower with bright green heart shaped markings on the outer segment and increasing freely. As the flower matures it becomes more flared and pagoda-like in shape. One of the best green-tipped snowdrops and a must have variety for every snowdrop garden.

**£23.00 (283)**



**TRYMLET**

22-198

A wonderful green tipped selection, this time from Kathleen Beddington. It grows well, and with the vigour seen in all the Trym hybrids it soon makes a very showy clump.

**£23.00**



**TRYMPOSTOR**

22-182

This is shorter, earlier into flower and much more vigorous, so probably much more rewarding. First shown at the RHS in Vincent Square in 2011, where it was awarded a Preliminary Commendation.

**£35.00**



**TRYMMING**

22-181

First shown at the RHS Vincent Square in 2010 this often has 2 scapes on well grown plants and the bright green markings on the outer segments some of the boldest and brightest.

**£23.00**



**TRYZM**

22-265

Appearing under some larch trees on the nursery as a self sown seedling this was about equidistant from G. Trym and G. rizehensis, hence the name that indicates a provenance from both perhaps. A dainty and delightful hybrid with matt green leaves and boldly marked outer segments. Packs of 2 bulbs.

**£60.00 for 2**



**UNDER CHERRY PLUM** 22-285

A touch of mystery surrounds this snowdrop. Found under an old cherry plum on the nursery boundary was it planted or was it a seedling there? A hybrid with plenty of vigour and four outer segments rather than the normal three as well as a bold inner marking making this a snowdrop to covet.

**£65.00**

Photo credit: Matt Bishop





**VERONICA CROSS**

Full of superlatives. One of the best snowdrop hybrids to come from one of the best snowdrop gardens. A new *G. gracilis* x *G. Trym* hybrid which has amazingly green marked segments which lift and flare dramatically as the flower ages. "To die for" is one of Mrs Cross' trademark sayings and all who see it agree.

22-292

£115.00



**WALTER FISH**

An idiosyncratic plicate form that arose in the ditch at East Lambrook Manor gardens in 1988 and found by Andrew Norton. Long, narrow, flat spoon shaped outer segments with green markings around the apex but not at the base.

22-51

£32.00 (161)



**VERTIGO**

Somewhat similar to *G. Viridapice* which many will know well, but the flower on these is held between the 'rabbit's ears' that are the spathe so initially the flowers face upwards, hence the dizzying name. As the flower matures it does get released. Green washed tips to the outer segments.

22-121

£35.00



**WASP**

Originally from Veronica Cross' garden and therefore connected to *G. Dragonfly* by name at least, she had obtained it from a seedling population at Sutton Court, Herefordshire. Aptly named with a long, narrow silhouette which dangles on a long pedicel with plenty of green on the inner segments. Packs of 2 bulbs.

22-101

£30.00 for 2 (271)



**WENDY'S GOLD**

Most of the original stock of this 'benchmark' golden snowdrop was lost after it was first discovered in the 1980s, but a couple of bulbs were kept back and given to nurserymen, who ensured through twin-scaling that this wonderful snowdrop survived. The yellowness varies somewhat on situation, spring sunlight seems to encourage true yellowness.

22-05

£28.00 (159)

Photo credit: Judy's Snowdrops



# DUG SNOWDROPS

Galanthus Magnet

*This section includes the snowdrops that we supply as dug plants (as opposed to ones that have been grown for sale in individual pots) These have therefore been grown and produced in a more natural manner (through splitting of clumps and from offsets) which is a less expensive way of producing good plants, as a consequence they are generally less expensive than the ones in the Collector's section.*

*They include those that we think that all beginners should start with which we call our Foundation plants, marked within a light yellow highlight box. These are often great plants that even experienced snowdroppers cannot ever have enough of.*

*All these are supplied 'in the green' (which means that they are dug in growth, possibly still in flower (which means that we can check their identity), packed and posted out quickly with the roots protected in coir in a plastic bag. They will need replanting in the ground soon after their arrival. You will receive planting instructions and a guide to the basics with your order.*



ATKINSII 🍷

22-09

The exact origin of *G. Atkinsii* is something of a mystery. It is one of the first hybrid forms to flower and is one of the great garden-worthy snowdrops on account of its vigour and stature – it is sterile and rapidly forms good clumps from its offsets with tall stems and elegant long outer segments.

£13.00 for 3 (225)



BLEWBURYTART

22-18

Found as a single clump, where it was an oddity amongst other ordinary single and double *G. nivalis*, in Blewbury churchyard in 1975. This sterile double opens nearly flat and tends to look outwards revealing nearly all green inners. A strong grower so clumps form quickly (but need splitting up with some regularity).

£8.00 or £22.00 for 3 (120)



CHEDWORTH

22-74

Found in Chedworth, Gloucestershire by Daphne Chappell in Helen Milford's old garden. Reckoned to be rather similar to Straffan in looks but missing the second flowering scape and flowering rather later. In our experience it is more vigorous and easily one of the best to spread itself quickly.

£13.00 for 3 (80)



CURLY

22-201

A relatively short late flowering hybrid with pale green tips to the outer segments each marked by a broad X on the inner segment with the arms of the X fading towards the ovary. And is there a reason for the name? That is due to the foliage being unusually upright and attractively arched.

£6.00 or £16.00 for 3 (277)



ELFIN

22-83

This is a small flowered plant with a noticeably broad spathe. The emerging green tipped flowers point skywards till they open resulting in a very elvish appearance. Whilst individual plants are small they are vigorous and increase to fine clumps. Originally found by Phil Cornish in Warwickshire.

£8.00 or £22.00 for 3 (107)



GREENFIELDS

22-71

Another good Irish snowdrop with a deep green heart shaped inner marking often throwing a second scape. It is mid-late season flowering and a hybrid so is very vigorous and soon makes fine showy clumps.

£8.00 or £22.00 for 3 (232)





**HONEYSUCKLE COTTAGE 22-134**

From Sally Pasmore's charming country garden, this is a tall, early, vigorous *G. nivalis* x *G. plicatus* hybrid, bolt upright and showy. Vigorous and clump forming.

**£8.00 or £22.00 for 3**



**MAGNET** 🏆

**22-27**

An iconic snowdrop connected to James Allen of Shepton Mallet. The distinctive feature is the long pedicel (the spur connecting flower to stem) which allows the flower to dangle and sway with great grace in any breeze. This has to be one of the best snowdrops of all, pretty, mobile and increasing readily from offsets but setting no viable seed.

**£6.00 or £16.00 for 3 (235)**



**MIDWINTER**

**22-28**

A very early form of *G. elwesii* which (here in Somerset) is regularly at its best in the first half of January. Huge handsome thick petalled flowers, the inner segments marked by a bold X marking and with typically broad glaucous blue green foliage.

**£13.00**



**LADY BEATRIX STANLEY** 🏆 **22-25**

First circulated in the 1950s this was officially renamed by Richard Nutt in 1981 to mark its connection to Sibbertoft and Barbara Buchanan's mother. A neat double flower seemingly in the grip of the longer fang-like outer petals. Smaller statured but increasing well when left alone.

**£8.00 or £22.00 for 3 (296)**



**MELVILLEI (OF HORT)**

**22-158**

Presumably from Scotland and originally named in 1879 to commemorate David Melville, gardener at Dunrobin Castle. This came to us from Richard Nutt, famous for changing the name of a plant from year to year! Here it is a very early flowering snowdrop even before *G. Atkinsii* and marked by a very long ovary.

**£6.00 or £16.00 for 3 (82)**



**RIZEHENSIS**

**22-38**

An early flowering species from northern Turkey where it grows in shade amongst hazel. Often at its best at the end of January. It is a dainty snowdrop with relatively wide matt green leaves showing a faint central stripe and quite 'dumpy' flowers topped by a pale ovary.

**£9.00 (50)**



**LITTLE MAGNET**

**22-132**

When first found on thin chalky soil, the small clump was well named. When moved to Somerset from Blewbury the better growing conditions mean that now the name is quite un-descriptive. But it still has an exceptionally long pedicel and a 'chunkier' version of *G. Magnet*

**£8.00 or £22.00 for 3 (234)**

Photo credit: Cilve Nitcholls





**S. ARNOTT** 🏆 22-40

The trump card in the Giant Snowdrop Company's list in the 1950s, but still a snowdrop that can infect the innocent with Galanthomania, such is its magic and appeal. Its characteristics are that it is tall, thick petalled, very white, and handsomely proportioned, scented (when it is warm) and vigorous to increase (although it never sets seed). A superlative snowdrop.

£14.50 for 3 (238)



**STRAFFAN** 🏆 22-42

Sometimes the best tunes are played on the oldest fiddles, and this reliable, late flowering plant probably originally found in the Crimea and taken first to Ireland then on to England. Two stems grow from the largest bulbs, providing a white carpet en masse.

£6.00 or £16.00 for 3 (241)



**VIRIDAPICE** 22-44

Found about a century ago in the north of Holland, so they have provenance but they are still one of the strongest growing of the green and emerald tipped snowdrops, with a particularly erect habit.

£8.00 or £22.00 for 3 (108)



**SALLY PASMORE** 22-60

An elegant and well poised snowdrop, rather like the owner of the Somerset garden in which it was born. Long refined outer segments and usually adorned by two scapes above broad plicate foliage.

£10.00 (157)



**'Glorious Galanthus' A2 Poster** 666-80

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

**These cost £8.00 when posted to UK addresses, or £5.00 at Snowdrop events that we attend - if you would like to pre order one please call us ahead of the event you are attending.**





## Mail Order for Spring 2018

Snowdrops & Leucojum only, but if ordering these you may also order cards, gloves, pots and books on this form

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# Plants and bulbs to flower this Summer

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

## ACTAEA



### SIMPLEX BRUNETTE 90-01

Lovely dark leaved plants (as long as they grow in some direct light) but also shade lovers which love heavy moist soils, so very different from our usual fare that requires "well drained" soils. They used to be called the Cimicifuga and plenty of our older readers will recognise that name better. The flowers appear as tall, white, scented plumes in late summer and early autumn and we think that they will all flower in 2018 having been grown in 1 litre pots in 2017. Allow 24" (60 cm) spread

Sept/Oct • 60" (1.5m)  
**£9.00**



## ALBUCA

*Two members of the same family, although one could easily miss that they are so closely related. They derive from the Eastern Cape in South Africa. The larger of these two is a very fleshy leaved, big bulbed plant, almost a succulent, which tends to grow half in and half out of the ground. It will survive some frost but being semi evergreen needs protection in anything but the most favoured spot outside. The second is much smaller and completely deciduous so can be easily overwintered and stored as a dry bulb or left dry in pots to overwinter.*



### NELSONII 52-05

Ivory and green flowers face upward in a tall spire, opening from the bottom of the spike. The waxy flowers are strongly almond scented. Attractive glossy succulent foliage is present through much of the year. Big pale green bulbs, Tough and drought tolerant so good in pots in a conservatory.

June/July • 30" (75cm)  
**£6.00**



### SHAWII 52-06

Flowers the colour of ripe bananas, all facing down and after flowering they set a profusion of seed. The foliage is narrow and minutely toothed, feeling quite rough to the touch. A fun plant for a patio where they will love the full sunlight, bring them in to winter inside when dormant. Chestnut sized bulbs.

June/July • 24" (60cm)  
**£6.00 for 3**





## ALLIUMS

The more typical and most familiar bulbous Alliums were planted in the autumn and will have spent the winter growing roots and readying themselves to flower in the late spring. These spring planted forms have no real bulb and are more herbaceous in their appearance flowering later in the summer. They can be divided and replanted safely in the spring. Sun lovers, as are nearly all Alliums and a magnet for the insects on a warm sunny day.



### ANGULOSUM 153-28

Bright green and glossy leaved for most of the year. Pale lilac flowered in late summer and increasing to tight clumps in time when they visibly shimmer and hum on a warm late summer day when beset by feeding insects. Probably the most butterfly friendly plant we grow. This is a more compact but sterile clone.

July/August • 12" (30cm)  
£6.70 for 3 (small clumps)



### ANGULOSUM (TALL FORM) 153-64

Standing twice as tall when in flower, a secondary flush of flowers on stems that are taller still than those of the first flowers. The foliage is broader and taller than the form above.

August • 24" (60cm)  
£5.00 (small clumps)

### CANADENSE 153-71

A very tolerant Allium that seems to cope with both very dry soils right through to our heavy clays. Fine leaved with pinkish white flowers, quite often sporting bulbils in the flowering head.

Summer • 18" (45cm)  
£4.50 for 3



### CERNUUM WHITE MASTER 153-72

We sell a lot of the pink Allium cernuum in the autumn from field grown stocks but this is an unusual white coloured variant we have in pots. Equally hardy and probably as tough but as yet our stock is quite small. I am sure that the two would hybridise, and would guess that the pink would dominate.

Summer • 18" (45cm)  
£5.00 (pots)



### LENKORANICUM 153-21

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

Summer • 12" (30cm)  
£4.50 for 3



### SENESCENS SSP. GLAUCUM 153-30

Summer flowering plants with ground hugging blue-green foliage and twisted leaves which soon matt the ground. Flowering for ages when it is more difficult to see the leaves on account of the amount of flower, small tight lilac pompoms again adored by insects. Easy beneficial plants for sunny conditions. Plants from division.

Summer • 12" (30cm)  
£4.50 (small clumps)



### TUBEROSUM 153-38

Wiry stems support white flowers marked with a pink midrib flowering for the second half of summer. In flower for ages and hugely attractive to lots of beneficial insects. Tough, wiry stemmed and increasing, all parts very garlic scented and also called Chinese Chives.

Aug/Oct • 24" (60cm)  
£6.50 for 3 (small clumps)

## ALSTROEMERIA

I claim that florists would be at a loss to find an alternative to Alstroemeria which they use over many months of the year. The many forms that they sell are hybrids, various crosses between winter growing Chilean and summer flowering Brazilian species. Those we sell are much simpler, though in British gardens are more successful in a sheltered sunny site. Whilst they have a reputation for being difficult to transplant these young plants seem to grow reasonably easily, it is the old woody tubers that tend to be difficult and germination of old seed can be tricky. The A. ligtu forms will have been potted in the late autumn and each pot contains a number of tubers, the flowers of which will all vary in colour. So each pot will probably provide a mixture of colours. They tend to grow away early when in pots with only protection from harder frosts here so they may appear a bit 'leggy' on arrival, but plant them deeply, hardening them off gently if the weather is still cold.



### LIGTU HYBRID 4-04

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

June/July • 24-36" (60-90cm)  
£5.50 or £16.00 for 3 (pots)





**LIGTU FRANCES** 4-08

The emerging leaves are strongly yellow margined from emergence throughout the early spring so clumps of these are outstanding for their foliage alone early in the year. Whilst the flowers on the form above vary, these are all the same, an attractive pale biscuit pink.

June/July • 24-36" (60-90cm)  
£5.50 or £16.00 for 3 (pots)



**PSITTACINA ROYAL STAR** 4-09

We lifted our big patch of *A. psittacina* last year and it will take time to recover. These are pot grown plants of a slightly variegated form with irregular cream marked edges to the leaves and clusters of deep red and green flowers.

July/Aug • 24-36" (60-90cm)  
£5.50 (pots)

## AMARINE



**EMANUELLE** 94-01

The result of crossings between the Nerine and Amaryllis families. We have grown and listed *A. x tubergenii* for years but this pale beauty is new to us. Broad very pale pink petalled with a darker midrib. They require full sun and (like Nerines) quite shallow planting. If you have a cold garden perhaps it would be better to pot them, but there has been a sizeable display of them for some years against a wall at RHS Wisley which should provide some assurance as to their hardiness.

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

## ANEMONE



**WILD SWAN** 157-35

First identified by Elizabeth Macgregor on her nursery and thought to be of hybrid origin, one parent being the autumn flowering white *Anemone japonica*. In flower intermittently from June to late October with compact crowns over plants with very fibrous roots which seem not to like it too dry, far more controllable than the *Anemone japonica*s! For sun or partial shade with broad white flowers, the backs of which are washed in blue, showing more strongly when the light is lower and the flower less open. Allow 18" (45cm) spread. Well established plants in 1 litre pots sent out in growth.

June-Oct • 18" (45cm)  
£10.00

## ASTRANTIA

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

Photo credit: James McInnes



**GILL RICHARDSON** 1-08

Seemingly darker and tidier in its form and in all its parts and appearing tighter in their clumps for all that. From field grown divisions.

May/July • 18" (45 cm)  
£6.00



**MAJOR** 1-04

A large flowered form, the individual heads are bigger than a 50p piece (officially the 'petals' surrounding the flower are just bracts). Green and white with pinkish highlights. From field grown divisions.

May/July • 24" (60cm)  
£6.00



**CLARET** 1-02

Dark flowered and with leaves of a darker hue. These from 1 litre pots well established and having flowered late in 2017.

May/July • 24" (60cm)  
£6.00



**ROMA** 1-07

A very lovely form with soft pale pink heads which are produced in profusion. A neat plant that remains in flower for ages, one of the very best. These from 1 litre pots well established and having flowered late in 2017.

May/July • 20" (50cm)  
£6.00





**SUPERSTAR** 1-09  
 All white flowered, with green detailing on the surrounding bracts. Bob Brown suggests that this is possibly an improvement on 'Shaggy' which was a plant Margery Fish made famous. They seem to flower very late and the advice (above) for a second flush of flowers may not work with these. From field grown divisions.  
**May/July • 15" (40cm) £6.00**



**VENICE** 1-10  
 Adorned by deep plum coloured bracts, showing colour for ages during the early summer. These are from 1 litre pots well established and having flowered late in 2017.  
**May/July • 15" (40cm) £6.00**



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**BEGONIA**



**SUTHERLANDII** ♡ 9-07  
 Small leaved and adorned by strings of many smaller flowers, a very undemanding Begonia that could be used for a number of situations - in hanging baskets as it trails prettily, or in pots as it also forms a stem if it can, or it could be used as a houseplant. Lots of people tell us that they, or a friend, had it for years and formed quite an attachment to their Begonia and having eventually lost it have not been able to find it for sale again. Not hardy enough for the garden in the winter, but dried off in the autumn and kept dry for the winter they will gradually get larger as the tubers increase in size each year. Small tubers which have all flowered in 2017.  
**Summer £3.50**

**BOMAREA**



**EDULIS (HIRTELLA)** ♡ 10-05  
 Climbing plants that grow enthusiastically to flower for a long time in the summer months. Hardy in the south of England we think, but happy in a large pot so could be brought into more shelter in the winter. They are related to the Alstroemeria, this species is widespread in Central America, the Caribbean, as far south as Argentina. They probably vary considerably in that vast range. Orange green and pink flowers in clusters.  
**Summer • climbing to 5' (1.5m) £5.50**

**BRUNNERA**



**MACROPHYLLA JACK FROST** ♡ 18-04  
 Incredibly useful in many of our spring displays this plant has architectural merit. Its lovely 'crazed' broad leaves, pale green and iced in white overlap attractively and cover the ground well and then the sprays of tiny bright blue flowers in the late spring add a smokey haze. We use them to soften up the more upright displays of regimental looking bulbs on our displays. They are members of the Bugloss family, enjoying slightly damper conditions in part shade. Well established in 1 litre pots.  
**April/May • 18" (45cm) £6.00 or £17.00 for 3**



**CAMPANULA MURALIS** ♡ 93-01  
 A very easy late spring – early summer flowering cascading Campanula that many will recognise. It comes originally from the mountains of Croatia. It seems to need hardly any soil in which to grow once established and will spread its way around where you plant it into crevices and cracks but does so without looking untidy or out of place. Tough and hardy, from small 7 cm pots.  
**May/June • 6" (15cm) £3.50 or £10.00 for 3**

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## CANNA



**IRIDIFLORA (X EHEMANII)** 7-04

A big bold plant with broad deep jungle green foliage and carmine flowers. We grow them in a high roofed unheated greenhouse in the ground and divide them biennially. Dormant in winter they will need some protection then, but started off in the warm and put outside in June they grow very fast to make very impressive plants by the summer's end.

Summer-Autumn • 6' plus (1.8 m+) £7.50

## CAUTLEYA



**SPICATA ROBUSTA** 154-04

Interesting Himalayan members of the ginger family, closely related to the Roscoeia and Hedychium which are listed later. Hardy here with no winter protection, but as they are winter dormant they are easy to mulch in colder parts if necessary. They would prefer some shade in summer, scorching sun on their broad leaves is not to their liking. Yellow and orange flowers highlighted by the bright red bracts within which they are held. Bright green foliage. Happy in damp part shade, as they are at Rosemoor in Devon growing among ferns. Divisions from plants grown in the open here.

Summer • 18" (45cm) £7.00 or £18.50 for 3

## CRINUM



**POWELLII ALBUM** 14-05

Far prettier than the pink form (to my eyes anyhow) with flared white trumpets in the summer over soft green, wide strappy leaves. Taller, more graceful and somehow softer than their pink flowered cousins. But they do become big plants in the course of time and love the extra heat that might come from being planted up against a south facing wall. Big bulbed but only available in limited numbers.

Summer • 3' (90cm) £7.00

## CROCOSMIA

*Summer stalwarts in the garden, and available in a range of reds, marmalade orange and yellow flowers which the butterflies love. They will not flourish for long on thin dry soil; plant them quite deeply where they receive full sun and summer moisture. You should be prepared to split them up and move them on every 3-4 years, it rejuvenates them and without this attention they can go into a decline.*



**LAMBROOK GOLD** 15-32

Many rounded small golden apricot yellow flowers on a good strong stem with paler green foliage, easy and increasing.

Aug • 24" (60cm) £6.50 for 10



**LUCIFER** 15-07

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

July • 36" (90cm) £4.00 for 3



**PAUL'S BEST YELLOW** 15-37

We first admired this plant when we visited Dick Fulcher's nursery in Devon when he claimed that this was the best new Crocosmia. I think that he was right and I prefer the clear bright yellow colours in the high summer more than the brooding reds of some Crocosmia anyhow. Upright and quite tall with long flower tresses.

Aug • 36" (90cm) £7.50 for 3



**QUEEN MARY II** 15-35

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

Aug/Sept • 30" (75cm) £6.00 for 15 or £9.00 for 25



## DAHLIA

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

As an alphabetic list these looked pretty confusing so they are listed here by their 'classification' (in brackets after the name) so the more similar types follow one another.



**TOTO (ANEMONE CENTRED)** 26-63

White flowers with a prominent creamy yellow centre.

Summer • 16" (40cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**NUIT D'ETE (CACTUS)** 26-04

Tightly rolled petals (I admit stealing the analogy that I have read elsewhere of them)

looking like quills, deep red-black in the centre and crimson-red at the edge. Slightly 'shaggy' as they go over but dead head them for a further flush, rich and effective in the garden or as cut flower. Dark green leaved.

Summer • 30" (75 cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**ARABIAN NIGHT (DECORATIVE)** 26-13

Full headed, saucer sized heads that are packed with petals, opening the colour of really ripe raspberries, paler thereafter. Richly coloured and not so tall that they require staking and always very upright. Slightly earlier flowering than most other Dahlias.

Summer • 30" (75cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**BLUESETTE (DECORATIVE)** 26-67

Low, compact growing habit – perfect for pots. Bright lilac-purple flowers.

Summer • 20" (50cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**CRAZY LOVE (DECORATIVE)** 26-66

Soft white double petals outlined with lavender.

Summer • 24" (60cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**CRÈME DE CASSIS (DECORATIVE)** 26-59

A pinkish violet coloured flower, rather more plum coloured on the backs of the petals which provides a lovely two tone effect.

Summer • 36" (90cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**KARMA CORONA (DECORATIVE)** 26-60

Half way between the spiky forms and the ball headed forms, the florets are pointed at their ends so that the fullness of the flower is exaggerated without it being too whacky, all this in a bright pink with yellow showing through towards the centre.

Summer 36" (90cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3





**SEDUCTION (DECORATIVE)** 26-62

The white background to this flower is easy to miss as the pretty lilac staining overlaying it nearly covers the petals, though is stronger around their rim. The flowers are about 4" (10cm) across on an upright plant.

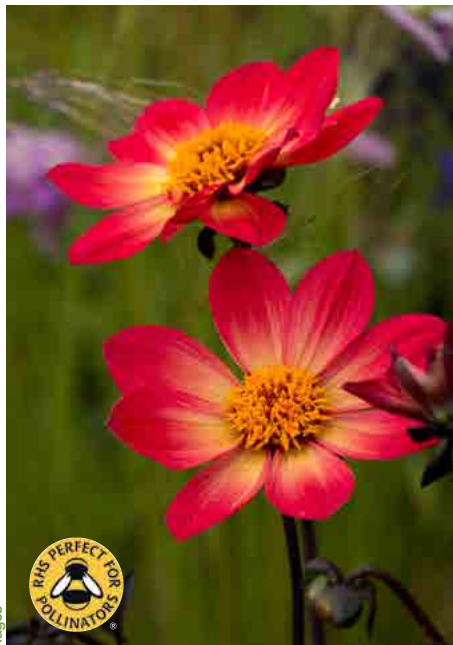
Summer • 36" (90cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**HAPPY SINGLE KISS (SINGLE)** 26-49

I am uncertain as to how to describe the colour of the flower, pale peach perhaps, with a darker brown ring around the stamens. The foliage is dark and being heavily branched results in a profusion of flowers.

Summer • 24" (60cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**HAPPY SINGLE FLAME** 26-50

One of the outstanding single flowered Dahlias seen on a visit to the National Dahlia Collection in September. It sports dark foliage, is upright with vivid red petals that are pale yellow around the deep red disc, itself covered in gold.

Summer • 24" (60cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**EDGE OF JOY (MIGNON)** 26-68

Palest of pink with a raspberry edge and a golden yellow centre.

Summer • 36" (90cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**FIREBIRD (MIGNON)** 26-69

Crimson-red, single flowers with a bright yellow centre. Shorter – perfect for pots.

Summer • 20" (50cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**BISHOP OF AUCKLAND (MISCELLANEOUS)** 26-15

Richly crimson coloured single flowers with a golden centre, nicely symmetrical and dramatic against the dark foliage, typical of the Bishop series.

Summer • 36" (90cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**BISHOP OF LLANDAFF (MISCELLANEOUS)** 26-05

Bright vibrant reddish flowers with an orange tint, the foliage is a dark burnished purple (which is always darkest if planted in direct sunlight) and the combination is always impressive. An old favourite dating back to 1924 and it is the original mother parent to the others in the Bishop series, my grandmother grew them in the post war years.

Summer • 36" (90cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**BISHOP OF YORK (MISCELLANEOUS)** 26-16

The dark foliage combines really well with the single yellow flowers, which in some lights have an apricot hue. Late into flower and at its best in late summer when mature plants are well covered in flower, to which butterflies are magnetically attracted. Elevating and vibrant.

Summer • 30" (75cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3





**COCCINEA VAR. PALMERI**  
(MISCELLANEOUS) 26-08

This is nearly a signature plant for us. These are pot grown tubers for planting out, as we did many years ago, where the same plant still persists despite occasionally experiencing temperatures lower than -12°C with just a mulch in some years. Now 8' or more tall and nearly as broad, without being bold, the characteristically dissected foliage provides a light and airy feel. The scattered flowers abound in the late summer in a clear zingy orange.

Late summer • 6-8' (180-230cm)  
£7.00



**FRANZ KAFKA**  
(POMPON) 26-45

Possibly the breeder was a fan of the Prague born writer, evidently single sentences of his sometimes spanned a whole page, tricky for translators! The Dahlia that is named after him is simpler - pink with paler edges to the petals and about 3" (8cm) across.

Summer • 26" (65cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**TWYNINGS WHITE CHOCOLATE**  
(COLLARETTE) 26-71

Simple, pure white single flower with a yellow centre

Summer • 48" (120cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**GENOVA (POMPON)** 26-42

This form has pale lavender colour flowers which gradually fade to near white as they gently expand. Heads initially about 3" (8cm) across. Always covered in blossom later in the summer.

Summer • 30" (75cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**DAVID HOWARD**  
(MISCELLANEOUS) 26-64

A chance seedling from Bishop of Llandaff, raised in the 1950s and named after the owner of Howards Nursery. Large burnt orange flowers and dark foliage. Good for use in a 'hot' border.

Summer • 36" (90cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**MARY EVELYN**  
(COLLARETTE) 26-72

Dark red petals with a very pale pink ruff-like collarette and a yellow centre.

Summer • 36" (90cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



**NATAL (POMPON)** 26-44

Vibrant crimson red with many flowers on each plant. A flower that really stands out but one that is easy to place as green and red always works well. Heads about 3" (8cm) across.

Summer • 26" (65cm)  
£4.50 or £11.75 for 3



## DISPOROPSIS

Similar in some ways to the Solomon's Seal in that the flowers are ranged up the stems appearing at the leaf axils in shades of white and happy in the same conditions of cool shade. Very hardy and unusual plants originating from the far East.



**ASPERSA** 36-08

Dark green leathery leaves with angled stems. These are decorated with hanging bells, apple green on the outside with purple speckling within. Quite creeping in its habitat of woodland shade.

May • 14" (40cm)  
£4.50



**PERNYI** 36-04

White belled with green within and pleasantly perfumed. The stems speckled with brown and the leaves rather finer than the form above. The foliage is near evergreen and they really do best from a removal of last year's stems in the spring to tidy them up.

May • 18" (45cm)  
£4.50



**TAIWANENSIS** 36-06

Thicker leaved, with the leaves being more pleated than those of D. pernyi with white bells marked with purple within. The foliage is more persistent, even evergreen in mild winters. For woodland conditions in full or part shade.

May • 14" (40cm)  
£4.50

## ERYNGIUM

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



**X BOURGATII PICOS BLUE** 17-02

Exceptionally for many sea hollies these have large deeply lobed dark green leaves (itself a typical characteristic of E. bourgatii) before the flowers so it is another dual season plant with the flowers lighting up the late summer months.

July-Aug • 18-20" (45-50cm)  
£7.00



**X ZABELII BIG BLUE** 17-03

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

July - Sept • 32" (80cm)  
£6.00



**X ZABELII PEN BLUE** 17-05

Sea green three lobed leaves, and although the central cones are not huge the blue collar is outstanding on this variety, both in size and in its stiff spikiness. Found by Jane Edmonds from Penselwood who has a very good eye for a plant.

July - Sept • 32" (80cm)  
£7.00



**X ZABELII JOS EIJKING** 17-04

Most intense in colour when grown in full sun, these tolerate poorer soils once established and in such produce 'tighter' plants. Egg sized flowers mass on the branched and spiny stems. This and Pen Blue tend to have blue stems.

July-Aug • 28" (70cm)  
£7.00

Photo credit: Jane Edmonds



## EUCOMIS

*Eucomis plants go dormant and disappear underground with the frost, having emerged from the ground very late in the spring (in late May or early June) by when the threat of frost had passed. Planted deeply in the ground and emerging late they thus avoid any frost damage. The earliest flowering (E. zambesiaca) is thought to be the most tender. In tubs or planters they will need more protection in winter, but needing no moisture or light when dormant, they could spend the coldest months in a dry shed.*

*In summer the flowers are topped off by a crown of small tufted leaves, hence the common name for them – the Pineapple Lilies. They last ages in flower, and architectural seed heads follow the flowers till the frost cuts the stems down as dormancy returns. Looking a bit exotic they are much easier to grow than first imagined, only requiring deep planting in a reasonably fertile and moisture retentive soil in the sun to do well. Slugs can be a problem as they emerge from the ground, but they are not palatable to rabbits. And the flower stems last ages in water, just cut off a short amount of stem each week as you change the water and you'll get 3 or 4 weeks use from them. There is a trial of all the Eucomis being undertaken at the trial ground at RHS Wisley should you be interested.*



**BICOLOR**  21-05

Held on a tough succulent stem, some of which are darkly freckled, the flowers hang densely jostling for space, each flower a pale ivory green with a purple centre and hemmed in purple. As they set seed these swell and inflate to an architectural green cudgel that develops a purple and brown suntan as it ages. Glossy leaved and good for pots or the garden. Allow 10" (25cm) spread or 3 bulbs in a 14" (35cm) pot.

Aug/Sept • 18" (45cm)  
£8.50 for 3



**COMOSA** 21-08

The best of the 'standard' garden forms, these are waxy flowered in shades of green and pink topping a stem that can be as long as 18" (45cm) and they last for ages with architectural seed heads following. Excellent again as a cut flower. Possibly too big for ordinary planters, so allow 15" (40cm) spread in a sunny border. Cricket ball sized bulbs.

Aug/Sept • 24-48" (60-120cm)  
£3.50 or £9.00 for 3



**COMOSA (OUR DARK STEMMED SELECTION)** 21-10

Especially selected plants identified and isolated here from the group above with dark leaves, dark stems and purple flowers. But not quite as dark, or as uniform, as E. Sparkling Burgundy.

Aug/Sept • 30" (75cm)  
£5.50



**COMOSA CORNWOOD** 21-09

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

Aug/Sept • 18" (45cm)  
£7.00



**COMOSA LEIA** 21-15

A short upright variety with reddish - purple flowers over bright green leaves. Very suitable for pots or smaller gardens on account of its smaller stature and if planted deeply hardy enough to be planted out. If grown in pots will need winter protection. Vigorous and increasing and with the shorter stem length will be less likely to flop if the light is not perfect.

Aug/Sept • 16" (38cm)  
£5.00 or £13.00 for 3





**COMOSA  
SPARKLING ROSY** 21-16

Doing well presently at the RHS trials at Wisley this is paler flowered than Sparkling Burgundy but follows the same theme. No-one I know seems to know whether it was a selection from Sparkling Burgundy.

Aug/Sept • 20" (50cm)  
£7.00



**PALLIDIFLORA** 21-07

Some sell the same plant as E. pole evansii, we think ours is its correct name, though the former is highly regarded. These are yellow-green flowered on stems which get greater than 3" (8cm) thick, the individual flowers on stiff pedicels are held away from the stems which do not fall over as long as the bulbs are planted deeply enough. Late flowering and very tall, the bulbs are equally sizeable and planted deeply provide support to the stem.

Sept/Oct • 4-5' (120-150cm)  
£12.00

**COMOSA PINK GIN** 21-11

Glowing pink, especially in the low angled autumn afternoon sunlight this clone is outstanding for its combination of clear pink flowers and bright green foliage. The flowers get bigger as the bulb's girth grows, then through natural division, a clump develops. A brilliant plant, but produced only through splitting from our limited stocks they will always be in great demand, but combine it with the plant below for a 'boozy' pairing near the patio?

Aug/Sept • 4' (120cm)  
£10.00



**COMOSA SPARKLING  
BURGUNDY** 21-12

A striking selection identified in the 1960s with deep burgundy-purple leaves and flower stems which emerge from the ground in the early summer near black, turning more olive green by mid-summer. The flowers open quite creamy pink and turn dark. Cricket ball size bulbs. They must be grown in direct sun to achieve their true colouration.

Aug/Sept • 20" (50cm)  
£8.50



**ZAMBEZIACA  
(AUTUMNALIS)** 21-04

Glistening in bright sunlight these produce cylinders of white flowers opening first from the bottom with a bright green top knot. These are the earliest into flower and then in either flower or decorative seed head for months. Plant bulbs about 6" (15cm) apart. If you delay planting them till mid May they flower later and then last much longer, flowering in the cooling months after the summer heat. They should be known as E. zambeziaca, E. autumnalis is a different species.

Aug/Sept • 12" (30cm)  
£7.00 for 3 or £10.00 for 5

**GALTONIA**

*I am told that it may not be too long before we should be calling these Ornithogalum, but till then we will stick with the familiar Galtonia? These are South African bulbs which are best in sunny borders. They seem to love a wetter summer here, remember that the South African summers are wet and the winters dry. The bell shaped flowers hang on short pedicels away from the green stem, waxy and elegant. The effect is peaceful and cooling, providing useful vertical accents and they combine perfectly with other South African plants such as Agapanthus and ornamental grasses. If you garden on particularly cold wet soils further north you may think about lifting the bulbs in November and storing them dry overwinter. On lighter soils they seed about. Plant the bulbs about 5" (12cm) apart, and beware of slug attack as they emerge through the soil.*



**CANDICANS** 23-04

Towers of waxy, milk-white flowers on sturdy stems with upright grey-green leaves. Stately plants, always admired. If you delay planting your bulbs into May you tend to get flowers that last longer in the slightly cooler autumn than those flowering in the peak of the summer heat. They also grow away more readily when planted later rather than sulking in the still cold soil. Masses of seed results. Unhappy with the standard bulbs produced in Holland we have found a different source of really healthy bulbs, and despite some concern over the size of the bulbs they flowered beautifully, if you too have been disappointed in the past do try again, these will I am sure surprise you.

Aug • 36" (90cm)  
£5.00 for 3



**VIRIDIFLORA** 23-06

Less ramrod straight than G. candicans and later flowering with pale green flowers and broader pale green leaves. These bulbs all flowered in 2017 and will grow on to be much bigger, it just takes a few years so do anticipate thicker, longer and more numerous stems from your clump in time, flower arrangers love them.

Sept/Oct • 30" (75 cm)  
£7.00 for 3



## GLADIOLUS



**CALLIANTHUS  
MURIELAE** ♡

24-19

Often still called *Acidanthera murielae* these bulbs were first collected in Ethiopia where they are found wild throughout the mountain chains of East Africa. Our winters are too wet and cold for them and consequently they do not successfully over winter in most British gardens. But they are reasonably inexpensive and supplying big bulbs (as we do) they will produce an impressive show in the same year as planting. If you do wish to try to over-winter bulbs they will need a dry winter rest and they flower better if stored at about 15° C. I would suggest that you stagger your planting in the spring and keep some bulbs back to plant late (the end of May) for an extended show into the cooler autumn days when the flowers last twice as long. Long, slightly pleated, deep green leaves provide a lush foil from which the furled buds emerge almost unnoticed to open with white flowers with a chocolate throat that sway gently on the lengthening flower stems. Understated and refined they have a subtle perfume, stronger in the evenings, so do position them near to a door or path to take full advantage of the scent for by that stage their flowers are nearly at nose level. A 12" (30cm) pot will take about 7-10 bulbs, but choose a heavy and deep one for increased stability. We usually have these ready and available just before Christmas as a suitable gardening gift – something you might remember for another year after you have enjoyed some this summer?

Aug/Sept • 30" (75cm)  
£5.30 for 20 or £12.50 for 50

*There is a huge range of hybrid Gladioli. These shorter forms (which often appear under the epithet of 'nanus') are very suitable for small gardens and will not need staking. In cold areas their early emerging leaves can be frost burnt, and where mice are a problem the bulbs can present an attractive meal. They are best in sheltered sunny spots in fairly well drained soils, in colder areas they might do better in some protection.*



**NANUS ATOM**

24-18

Orange red flowers, each emboldened by a white edge enhancing the petal shape especially where they overlap, they are rather lovely.

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



**NANUS MIRELLA**

24-17

Initially pillar box red in flower, fading gently, with good upright stems. We have found them to be long lasting in flower.

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



**NANUS NYMPH**

24-11

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

July • 24" (60cm)  
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25



**NANUS THE BRIDE**

24-06

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

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



The flevo series are the result of a breeding program led by the Snoek family in Flevoland, a polder reclaimed from the IJsselmeer in central Holland. They are very upright with the flowers held close to the stem in a variety of 'modern' colours with good lasting qualities. These may also need some mulching in cold gardens in the winter, though could also be lifted and stored dry as they tend to be pretty inactive in the winter when kept dry.



**HYBRID FLEVO COOL** 24-21

Two tone lilac coloured flowers with a darker reddish purple tongue of colour in the throat, I can see them being used in flower arrangements with Agapanthus heads.

Aug/Sept • 24" (60cm)  
£5.50 for 10



**HYBRID FLEVO VITO** 24-22

Scarlet red flowered, broken up with yellow rays down the centre of the petals and by pale anthers.

Aug/Sept • 24" (60cm)  
£5.50 for 10



**PAPILIO** 24-13

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

Late summer • 36" (90cm)  
£6.00 for 3



**PAPILIO DAVID HILLS** 24-23

A named form in peach, very pretty but I don't think that they are likely to be as resilient as the species, but I may be wrong. Who knows who David Hills is? We can find out nothing, and presume him to have been from the USA.

Late summer • 30" (70cm)  
£5.00



**RUBY** 24-14

These were originally presumed to be a form of *G. papilio* when first sold at Hadspen. Now they are thought to be more closely linked to *G. ecklonii*. Sturdy plants which are relatively vigorous and indeed seed around the nursery, but evidently less hardy than *G. papilio*, with hooded crimson flowers exhibiting slight variability in shade and flower shape. The seedlings they throw do vary widely in shape and colour, suggesting that this is a plant of hybrid origin. In demand and we still have a limited stock.

Late summer • 36" (90cm)  
£5.50

## HEDYCHUM

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



**CORONARIUM** 27-04

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

Sept • 48-60" (120-150cm)  
£5.00



## HELIANTHEMUM

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

All the same price £3.50 each



**DENSIFLORUM ASSAM ORANGE** 27-06

Completely hardy, the same form as collected by Kingdon Ward in 1938, with many narrow scented orange flowers. Vigorous and increasing, and if you need a growing summer screen these would provide it and with that a jungly thicket at the same time. With a large stock of these we are selling them in bigger 'units' so now is your chance to be bold! They emerge from the ground very late. This summer they have set masses of seed which has been unusual.

Aug/Sept • 30" (75cm)  
£6.50 for 3 or £10.50 for 5



**SPICATUM** 27-09

More tousled in appearance with individual flowers opening over several weeks this plant came to us from Patricia Marrow (of Papaver Patty's Plum fame) at Kingsdon. They recover well from intermittent division and inattention, evidently thriving on that treatment.

Aug/Sept • 6' (180cm)  
£7.50



**BEN MORE** 49-01

Deep orange flowers and a mid green foliage.

Suggested planting interval 12" (30cm)  
Summer flowering • 8"-10" (20-25cm)



**DENSIFLORUM STEPHEN** 27-08

The flower is much longer and looser than those of Assam Orange, yellow and orange in colour. In the late summer these colour up as the nights cool providing a golden yellow focus, spangled this year by red seed heads. Taller and more upright on thicker stems.

Aug/Sept • 40-50" (100-125cm)  
£6.50 or £16.00 for 3



**TARA** 27-05

Fragrant orange coloured flowers in a loose arrangement on strong tall stemmed plants. Here they are grown in the open and unprotected but in cold gardens it may be wise to mulch them in cold winters. These do not seem to colour up in the same way that H. Stephen does, remaining green leaved till the frosts.

Aug/Sept • 6' (180cm)  
£8.00



**BEN FHADA** 49-02

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

Suggested planting interval 18" (45cm)  
Summer flowering • 12"-15" (30-40cm)





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**GEORGEHAM** 49-03  
 Big pink flowers with a creamy inner ring.  
 Pale apricot with touches of orange.  
**Suggested planting interval 15" (38cm)**  
**Summer flowering • 10"-12" (25-35cm)**



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**WISLEY PRIMROSE** 49-06  
 Soft primrose coloured flowers over silvery foliage.  
**Suggested planting interval 18" (45cm)**  
**Summer flowering • 12"-15" (30-40cm)**

**HESPERANTHA**

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



**COCCINEA MAJOR** 41-04  
 About the reddest flower I know, and a colour that digital cameras seem not to be able to handle well.  
**Sept/Oct • 24" (60cm)**  
**£6.00 for 3**



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**THE BRIDE** 49-05  
 White flower with a yellow centre and silvery foliage.  
**Suggested planting interval 15" (38cm)**  
**Summer flowering • 10"-12" (25-35cm)**

**HEMEROCALLIS**



**KWANZO FLORE PLENA** 19-09  
 This daylily I believe to be virtually indestructible in a gardening sense. Tough, vigorous and persistent, back into leaf early in the spring and with a long flowering period as the individual flowers take over, one from another. Full-petalled, brownish orange in colour with darker markings; a very old hybrid. An easy, bone hardy, bombproof herbaceous plant, also good near water. Allow 18" (45cm) spread from divisions.  
**Aug • 30" (75cm)**  
**£4.00 or £10.50 for 3**



**MOLLIE GOULD** 41-05  
 More upright than coccinea with flowers that do not seem to open up so widely, but pretty in pink with deeper freckling  
**Sept/Oct • 24" (60cm)**  
**£5.00 for 3**



## HOSTA



### PLANTAGINEA VAR. JAPONICA 142-05

Not really a bulb at all, but one Hosta that loves the protected space we can afford it in an unheated glasshouse, planted in the soil. In the late summer it is an island of ribbed pale green leaves with sprays of scented white flowers. Undemanding in a pot that one could bring into protection in the winter.

Aug/Sept • 24" (60cm)  
£7.50

## IRIS

A huge family and our list for autumn planting offers many more truly bulbous ones. These are the open ground grown forms which are dug and divided in the early spring to order, so will all be planted as divisions.



### SIBIRICA 103-12

A good mid blue unnamed form close in character to the species (which comes from north east Asia), it always flowers brilliantly in the open ground but efforts to flower it in a pot to exhibit have always failed for us. This is a tall form, the flowers reaching 3-4' (90-120cm) especially in good moisture retentive soils. The named forms that follow are all a bit shorter.

May/June • 36" or more (90cm)  
£11.50 for 3



### SIBIRICA CAMBRIDGE 103-30

A little shorter than the others but with lots of foliage (and flowers!) this is an easy and rewarding form for fairly full sun, the pale Cambridge blue petals surround the yellow throat.

May/June • 24" (60cm)  
£6.00 or £16.50 for 3



### SIBIRICA DREAMING YELLOW 103-31

White standards with pale creamy falls and the centre darker yellow again.

June • 30" (80 cm)  
£6.00 or £16.50 for 3



### SIBIRICA SILVER EDGE 103-32

Two tone blue flowers, the standards paler than the falls with a distinguished fine thread of silver edging the flower.

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



### IRIS SIBIRICA SPARKLING ROSE 103-33

Seemingly less leafy but with rosy purple flowers, veined with white towards the centre, with a yellow throat.

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



### SANGUINEA SNOW QUEEN 103-28

A clean white flower with golden yellow markings at the base with more rounded petals. A subsection of I sibirica, these are originally central Asian. For open conditions in moisture retentive soil, a neat and tidy plant producing lots of flower.

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



## IXIA

We used the *Ixia* to great effect at Chelsea over the last couple of years, they provide a waxy upright and colourful addition to the display. But despite some people telling us that they grow them in their gardens and that they self-seed and reappear regularly they are evidently not always easy plants in the British climate. These successful gardeners must be gardening on light sandy soils as ordinarily our winters are too wet and cold for unprotected bulbs. But on the other hand they are pretty cheap to buy and we feel that by planting them in the early spring you will get a worthwhile display the same summer. Generally small bulbed, somewhere between a large pea and a small marble.



**CASTOR** 105-04

A shorter form with pale cerise pink coloured flowers. Without the stem length of Mabel they tend to not arch as dramatically but are better in smaller spaces.

Summer • 24" (60cm)  
£4.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 25



**MABEL** 105-05

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

Summer • 36" (90cm)  
£4.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 25



**SPOTLIGHT** 105-09

Not quite as tall as Mabel with white flowers, red striped down the back of each petal.

Summer • 20" (48cm)  
£4.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 25

## KNIPHOFIA

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



**BEES SUNSET** 145-05

This is a large and vigorous glowing orange on an apricot stem forming good barrel shaped flowers. An outstanding form in the RHS trials 2007-2009. These make thick clumps in time and have many flowers. We provide generous divisions from open ground raised plants. Allow 15" (40cm) spread.

July/Aug • 40" (100cm)  
£6.50



**BUTTERCUP** 145-06

Warm orangey-yellow flowered plants, vigorous and making good mounds of healthy foliage, well able to support the strong flowering stems. Divisions from field grown stock. Allow 15" (40cm) spread.

July/Aug • 40" (100cm)  
£6.50



**ICE QUEEN** 145-08

Flowering late in the summer and then into the early autumn with ghostly green spikes in bud turning to creamy white flower heads, the last flower stems bravely resisting any early frosts and lovely in the early autumn when the spent flower stems provide natural scaffolding for splendid spider's webs. Divisions from field grown stocks. Allow 18" (45cm) spread.

Late summer • 40" (100cm)  
£6.50





**WOL'S RED SEEDLING** 145-15

Indirectly from Wol and Sue Staines, we have been increasing these intermittently when we have the time. Closer to red than orange and both the foliage and the flower spike are relatively fine and narrow. From division. Allow 15" (40cm) spread.

Aug/Sept • 30" (75cm)  
£6.50

## LATHRAEA



**CLANDESTINA** 71-105

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

April • 3" (8cm)  
£5.50

## LILIUM

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

**Asiatic trumpet forms:**  
Tall lilies for borders with large hugely scented trumpets flowering in mid summer.



**REGALE** 🍷 31-04

Much like a good string of pearls on a simple black dress, Liliium regale provides that indefinable understated but classical look, and in this case with a huge scent. Glistening white with some yellow in the throat, the backs of the petals flushed with pink. Reportedly less attractive to the lily beetle when grown alone?

July • 36" (90cm)  
£11.00 for 3



**REGALE ALBUM** 31-05

Very similar to the lily above, but without the pinkness to the back of the petals and still heavily perfumed.

July • 36" (90cm)  
£10.00 for 3



**RED VELVET** 31-36

Deep mahogany red with lots of flowers on each stem all marked with darker speckling. A really good, upright lily with poise, the dark stem adding to the effect.

July • 36" (90cm)  
£7.00 for 3

**Asiatic forms:**



**NETTY'S PRIDE** 31-35

A rather more 'modern' lily compared with many of the others that we list but it is popular for the contrast between the ivory exterior and the dark cappuccino dusted centres, speckled where they meet. Really good in containers and if you have some that provide a contemporary feel then these lilies will only enhance that look.

June/July • 30" (75cm)  
£6.50 for 3



**Asiatic double forms:**



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**SPRING PINK** 31-43

A very pretty semi double flowered lily in peachy pink with a sprinkling of darker freckles. Columnar rather than branched in habit and quite tall with tidy wide leaves. A pollen free variety with a good vase life, if you can bear to cut them for the house.

June/July • 36-48" (90-120cm)  
£6.50 for 3

**Oriental forms:**

*More obviously hybrid forms, all of which have some 'Oriental' characteristics. Generally not so tall and perhaps better suited to containers.*



**CASA BLANCA** 31-11

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

July/Aug • 30" (75cm)  
£6.50 for 3

**Species forms:**



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**HENRYI** 31-20

First found by an Irish explorer Augustine Henry, who in 1888 found it growing in limestone gorges in Hubei province, China. Best planted as part of a group of other summer interest plants in the sun where you can take advantage of the fact that the naturally arching stems will find their own comfortable angle, forcing them into a more vertical inclination with stakes never works so well. The pendulous orange flowers with their raised papillae, reflexed tepals and extended stamens suggest comparisons with weird sea creatures.

Summer • 48-60" (110-150cm)  
£6.50 for 3



**LEICHTLINII** 31-37

A species form deriving from Korea, deep yellow with strongly reflexed petals covered in small brown speckles. It is one of the very best yellow lilies and planted with care should do many seasons.

July • 48" (110cm)  
£6.50 for 3

**NERINE**

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



**BOWDENII** 33-04

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

Sept/Oct • 15" (40cm)  
£4.00 for 5 or £7.00 for 9



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**BOWDENII EDELWEISS** 33-24

For those who find the sugar pink of the Nerines too much these have the habit of N.bowdenii (and with the deciduous nature comes hardiness) and rather frilly glistening white flowers.

Sept/Oct • 15" (40cm)  
£5.50 for 3



## OPHIOPOGON



**NIGRESCENS** 🏆 116-04

This is a useful companion plant to many bulbs in particular, providing a dramatic contrast equally well to bright foliage plants or shorter low pale flowered plants such as Snowdrops, Colchicum or Cyclamen for instance. In leaf all year round the small purple flowers are a nice adornment in the early summer but if planted in a little shade these set strings of shiny black berries which last for ages through the autumn and winter. (The resulting seedlings may well be green leaved however). Easy, tough and slowly creeping. Plants from division

Summer • 8" (20cm)  
£3.50 or £9.00 for 3



**BOWDENII ISABEL** 33-25

As above but with much deeper rose pink coloured flowers.

Sept/Oct • 15" (40cm)  
£5.50 for 3



**ZEAL GIANT** 🏆 33-19

A certain favourite with bright cerise-pink flowers, on long clean stems. Big bulbed (relative to N. bowdenii) and quite slow to increase. The long lasting flowers adorn many Harvest Festival flower arrangements locally! Raised by the late Terry Jones in Devon. Late flowering and hence better in some shelter in some sun warmed soil. It is also winter dormant and should be as hardy as N. bowdenii.

Sept/Oct • 18" (45cm)  
£4.40 each or £12.00 for 3



**BOWDENII BIANCA PERLA** 33-26

White flowered with a tinge of green about them.

Sept/Oct • 15" (40cm)  
£5.50 for 3

## ORLAYA



**GRANDIFLORA** 🏆

We use these as companion plants to the more 'stemmy' bulbs in our flower displays in April and May where their white flowers soften the more strident colours of the late spring flowers such as the tulips. These are plants that have been grown from seed to have become well rooted in 9 cm pots by March, ready to send out, for you to carefully pot them on to a larger size (probably 2L) to allow them to grow bigger before planting them out into a border in early May. They freshen up and light up the plants around them - why else does one tend to see lots of it in the gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show? We find them self seeding here but not everyone experiences that, sowing the seed in late August seems a must. They are attractive to rabbits.

Summer • 18-24" (45-60 cm)  
£4.00 or £11.00 for 3



12-01



## POLYGONATUM

The Solomon's Seals, a family of hardy perennials which will grow nearly anywhere. Their preference is for heavier, moisture retentive soils in a bit of shade, but we grow most of them in full sun! Some will get impressively tall in such shade, sunnier situations will result in shorter plants. They are sometimes stripped of their leaves by the Gooseberry Saw Fly caterpillar – though not all to the same extent. These are supplied as divisions (roots).



### CURVISTYLUM 42-10

Dark stemmed plants with narrow, purple tinted foliage and an arching habit carrying mauve, waisted bell-shaped flowers in whorls at each leaf axil up the stem. Graceful yet very tough.

June • 30" (75cm)  
£10.00 for 3



### ODORATUM 42-09

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

May • 18" (45cm)  
£6.50 for 3



### ODORATUM FLORE PLENA 42-12

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

May • 18" (45cm)  
£6.50 for 3



### POLYANTHEMUM 42-17

Broader leaved with a distinctly more glossy appearance and white flowers. Their natural range is east of Turkey through into Russia.

May • 24" (60cm)  
£6.50 for 3



### SIBIRICUM 42-13

Tall plants with slender stems and long fine leaves which are more olive green in colour. Dangling greenish white flowers appear at the nodes in the stem, a clump of them has something of the appearance of a miniature bamboo.

May-June • 38" (90cm)  
£6.50 for 3



### VERTICILLATUM ROSEUM 42-06

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

June • 36" (90cm)  
£10.00 for 3





**X HYBRIDUM** 🏆 42-04

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

May/June • 24-36" (60-90cm)  
£6.50 for 3



**X HYBRIDUM WELSH GOLD** 42-15

Grown in the open the leaves of this form do turn golden in the spring (under the influence of what we are not sure). In some years the effect is stronger than in others but when it happens it is dramatic.

June • 30" (75cm)  
£6.50 for 3

## PRIMULA

Easy drumstick Primulas which originate from the Himalayas where they grow in light woodland. Here they need somewhere that never really dries out, in neutral to acidic soils, in sun or part shade. They overwinter with the buds seemingly on the starting blocks just visible ready to pop up in March. The flower stems elongate whilst in flower with the longer toothed leaves extending to 12" (30cm) in length later in the spring. From 7 cm pots, and a suggested planting interval of about 10" (25cm)

All at £3.50 each



**DENTICULATA PURPLE** 91-01

Mar-Apr • 8-10" (20-24cm)



**DENTICULATA RED** 91-02

Mar-Apr • 8-10" (20-24cm)



**X HYBRIDUM GRACE BARKER**

42-07

The variegated leaf form, shorter and more compact plant with dominant creamy white flashes over the grey-green leaves. The flowers are white, dangling below the arching stems just as you would expect, coordinating nicely with the foliage. Disturbance sometimes affects the degree of variegation.

May/June 18-24" (45-60cm)  
£6.50 for 3



**DENTICULATA WHITE** 91-03

Mar-Apr • 8-10" (20-24cm)



## PULSATILLA

The Pasque Flower (Pasque means Easter in French), but with Easter so moveable that may not be very useful? Plants of open conditions and grassland – and the answer to a possible quiz question – which is the county flower of Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire as well as being the province flower of Manitoba and the state flower of Dakota? Mounds of silk soft hairy foliage produce these well loved flowers in March and April, followed by fluffy seed heads on their lengthening stems. Supplied in 7 cm pots, allow a planting interval of about 9" (20cm)

All priced at £3.50 each



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**MOOREANA** 91-04  
Also from the Himalayas through to SW China these have more flattened flower discs peppered with deep purple flowers, the emerging buds and foliage looks as if dusted in white meal.  
Summer 8-10" (20-24cm)



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**VULGARIS** 98-01  
Mar-Apr • 6-8" (15-20cm)



▲ Photo credit: Sue Hearnden

**VULGARIS RUBRA** 98-02  
Mar-Apr • 6-8" (15-20cm)



▲ Photo credit: GAP Images

**VERIS** 🐝 91-05  
The Cowslip, a native to temperate Europe and by which name one gets a good idea of where they like to grow, in open conditions where it remains wet through the spring. The seed ripens surprisingly late, but flowering early they are of great benefit to early emerging insects.  
Mar-Apr 8-10" (20-24cm)



**VULGARIS ALBA** 98-03  
Mar-Apr • 6-8" (15-20cm)



## RHODOHYPOXIS



**BAURJI HYBRID** 🌱

39-04

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

Summer • 4" (10cm)  
£4.20 for 7 or £8.00 for 15



**PURPUREA**

40-10

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

Late summer • 24" (60cm)  
£6.00 for 3

## ROSCOEÆ

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



**AURICULATA** 🌱

40-08

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

Late summer • 15" (40cm)  
£4.50 for 5 or £8.00 for 10



**CAUTLEYOIDES**

40-06

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

Early summer • 15" (40cm)  
£5.00 for 3



**PURPUREA**

**BROWN PEACOCK**

40-11

Darker leaved and with red or purple tinged 'stems' (pseudostems to be correct), the flowers are mauve and lilac, blooming later in the year.

Grown for the stockier habit and the much more highly coloured stems.

Late summer • 24" (60cm)  
£8.50 for 3



## SANDERSONIA



**AURANTIACA** 62-01

A tender bulb, closely related to the Gloriosa (the Flame Lily of Southern Africa and India). These are never as tall as Gloriosa or such good climbers as they are only equipped with small tendrils on the ends of the terminal leaves on which to hook themselves up. Late to emerge from the soil but in flower for many weeks, even months, with bright orange lanterns (which if you wanted to, last ages as cut flower too). They must be overwintered dry and probably somewhere warmer than the greenhouse or shed. A good conservatory plant too.

Summer • climbing to 3' (90cm)  
£4.00

## SAXIFRAGE



**SOUTHSIDE SEEDLING** 16-01

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

Late spring • 10" (30cm)  
£3.50

## TRICYRTIS

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



**FORMOSANA** 45-04

Orchid-like flowers on first sight. The white background nearly covered with rosy-purple freckling. Very upright and wiry stemmed, the first flowers are replaced by sequences of further flushes of flowers on the lower branches.

Sept/Oct • 36" (90cm)  
£4.50 for 5



**FORMOSANA STOLONIFERA** 45-06

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

Sept/Oct • 45" (1m)  
£4.50 for 3



**WHITE TOWERS** 45-07

Softly felted leaves alternate along the arched stems with, at each leaf base, flower stems emerging holding tight buds which gradually open with white flowers with a yellow ring at the base. Very suitable for shade where the paler flowers will stand out.

Sept/Oct • 18" (45cm)  
£4.50 for 3

## TRITONIA



**X ROSEA (DISTICHA RUBROLUCENS)** 15-11

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

Summer • 24" (60cm)  
£4.50 for 3



## TROPAEOLUM



### TUBEROSUM

47-07

Some tubers trained over some pea sticks flower for months in the autumn and a few bulbs trained up some netting have camouflaged an oil tank for the summer. Pretty, knobby pink flushed bulbs (remining me of Jerusalem artichokes) produce Nasturtium-like foliage that scrambles into the light to produce masses of slightly periscope like flowers in green and orange. The tubers tend to grow toward the soil surface so may need reburying at intervals. I am uncertain whether this is the form 'Ken Aslet' or not, that one is meant to flower earlier. Easy and increasing.

Autumn • climbing to 8' (2.5m)  
£5.00

## TULBAGHIA

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



### ACUTILOBA

130-09

A small Tulbaghia with needle like leaves and green and khaki flowers flushed with orange on the stamens. They are not hardy save in very favoured gardens but very drought resistant they would survive in a pot of dry compost in any greenhouse with no water through the winter months. We will never make a fortune from them but they have a quirky understated attraction and are no bother at all. Grown in 1 litre pots, there may be several plants in each, priced per pot, and a bargain.

Summer • 5" (12cm)  
£6.50



### COMINSII X VIOLACEA



130-12

One of the longest flowering plants we grow, some early flowers are usually to be seen in late May, and there are usually still some flowers in October. One deadheading session in mid-summer and a sunny well drained soil is all that is required! On the edge of being hardy so protection is probably a wise precaution. Finer and more petite than T. violacea. Narrow lilac mauve flowers which, with the foliage, is all quite strongly onion scented. A really good patio plant.

Summer • 14" (35cm)  
£4.00



### VIOLACEA



130-17

These plants flower profusely and continuously from June to October. Probably the hardiest member of the family, we grow them outside here with a mulch in winter, but I think that one could get away with growing these outside further north where it is drier in winter, glowingly violet purple flowers and clump forming.

All summer • 18" (45cm)  
£3.50 or £10.00 for 3



### VIOLACEA PALLIDA

130-07

Daintily flowered in white, flushed with the palest pink. These are smaller flowered with shorter and less coarse foliage and are generally more delicate but increase well where happy, they do need a bit of shelter, a mulch in winter and a sunny site.

Summer • 18" (45cm)  
£7.00 for 3



### VIOLACEA

#### SILVER LACE



130-08

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

Summer • 14" (35cm)  
£7.00 for 3



# Seeds from Avon Bulbs

Any packet of seeds  
**£2.50**

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

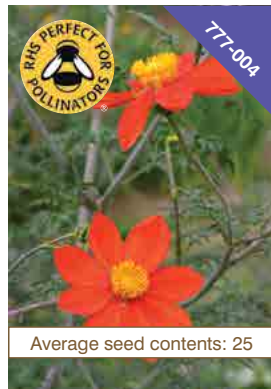
However, many of our mail order customers do not see us at the shows and may like the chance to buy a packet or two? Availability may be limited depending on the demand at the shows!



Average seed contents: 15

### *Tulbaghia cominsii x violacea*

Long flowering perennial of South African origin. Long thin leaved foliage, onion scented when crushed. Purple – pink flowers from June to October, 18-24" (45-60 cm) tall. Seedlings may vary, due to the hybrid nature of the plant. Sow in the very early spring, thinly in a coarse, soil based seedbed or pot and grow as you might do leek plants. Plant out when easy to handle about 1.5" (5 cm) apart in a sunny situation in free draining soil. Plants flower in their second year. Very good patio plants in planters, enjoying warm conditions and very drought tolerant. In cold areas mulch plants in the ground in winter and protect pots from extended freezing temperatures. Hardy outside to about -10 °C.



Average seed contents: 25

### *Dahlia coccinea var palmeri*

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



Average seed contents: 20

### *Allium cernuum*

Claret pink flowered plants of reasonably well drained locations in full sun. Of North American origin and hardy in the UK, self sown seedlings spreading and thickening one's clumps. Summer flowering about 18" (45 cm) tall with leaves that persist for much of the year. The flowers are good for beneficial insects. Either sow directly where they are to be grown in the autumn or early spring, or thinly in a seed tray of well drained compost. Prick out when large enough to handle without damage. They may take 3 years to flower from seed, some will flower in their 2nd year



Average seed contents: 80

### *Nicotiana mutabilis (Ornamental Tobacco)*

A striking tender plant up to 5' (1.5m) with showers of white flowers which turn through pink to a deep magenta as they mature. The effect is spectacular with both colours present on the plant together. Sow thinly in warm moist conditions in the late spring only covering the seed very thinly (the seed is tiny). Once large enough to handle prick out a few plants into individual pots and grow them in warm, light conditions. Keep potting the plant on till it is 6" tall (15cm) when it can be planted out into a sunny border. Flowers in the late summer. If a plant is overwintered (in frost free conditions) flowering is much earlier and more profuse the second year.



Average seed contents: 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)



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. Soak overnight and sow indoors from November to March, in seed compost, covering them to a depth of 2mm and keeping them moist. When large enough to handle, transplant into good well drained soil in sun or partial shade spacing them 5" (12cm) or more apart where they will reach 18-24" (45-60cm) tall.



Average seed contents: 10

### *Lunaria annua 'Chedglo'*

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



Average seed contents: 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 in sunny but moist soil. Sow the very small seed thinly in either early autumn (August-September) or in the spring (March-April) directly into well drained soil in a sunny position.



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







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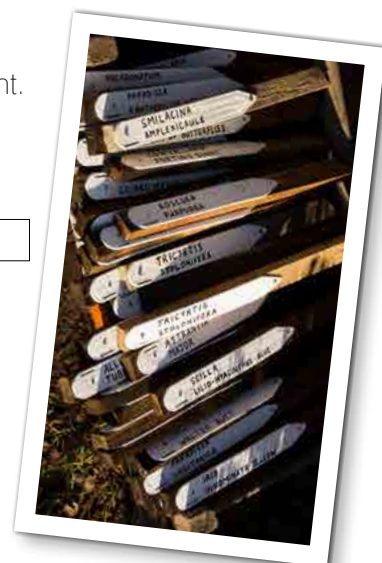
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# Avon Bulbs - how it all works

**Generally:** This catalogue is **valid** through the spring of 2018 and expires in May. The **prices** are for single bulbs unless it says otherwise, and can be found under each description. **VAT** is included in our prices at the prevailing rate. Please remember that this catalogue was written in late November, bulbs we offer are listed in the expectation, not the certainty, that we can supply them. Nature, the weather, and the perishability of living bulbs means that we sometimes cannot supply things that we list, despite our best intentions. If that happens we make **no substitutions** for items out of stock without contacting you for authority unless they are from our Collections, within these we do make suitable substitutions if required.

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

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

**Paying:** Please provide a means of payment with your order. This could be your **credit or debit card** details (the card payment is then taken as the parcel is despatched), similarly a **Not to Exceed cheque** - made out like a normal cheque but undated and with no values. Across the top of the cheque you instead write "Not to Exceed £XX" where the value is a slightly greater than the amount you expect to pay. We will then complete it at the time of despatch for the correct total. Or a normal **cheque** for what you believe is the right amount (which we will bank when the order is placed). If the card payment is not authorised at the point of despatch your order will be held up whilst we contact you and obtain your correct card details.

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

**How much?** The basic **postage charge** is £4.95 for all parcels within mainland UK, but there are exceptions. For addresses in the Scottish Highlands, the Scottish islands, Northern Ireland and Island destinations such as the Channel Islands, Isle of Wight, Isle of Man and Scillies we may need to add a surcharge dependant on parcel weight, these are generally sent by Royal Mail or ParcelForce.

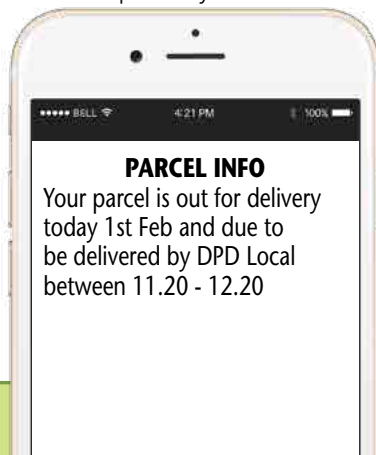
**In detail:** Parcels under 2 Kg are sent by the Royal Mail, Snowdrop orders usually by First Class post, other bulbs by Second Class post. Parcels heavier than 2 Kg will be sent to mainland UK addresses with our carriers, DPD Local, on a next working day service (no deliveries on a Saturday). Providing us with your **email address** will result in a message from us to confirm despatch of the parcel (whoever the carrier) and will also result (for the parcels sent with DPD Local) a further advisory message to allow you to track the delivery. From DPD Local also (if you provide a **mobile telephone number**) you will be sent a text message telling you exactly when your parcel will be delivered (to within an hour) and you can reply to this to change that time slot. Whichever service we use we do recommend that you provide us with **Safeplace** leaving instructions. The delivery will then not require your signature but will be left where you nominate.

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## Make your delivery convenient to yourself!

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These can be supplied at any time of year for any value over £15.00. We will send it with an attractive card with your message, adding the recipient to our mailing list for future catalogues. Our new ones can now be ordered and used on-line as well.



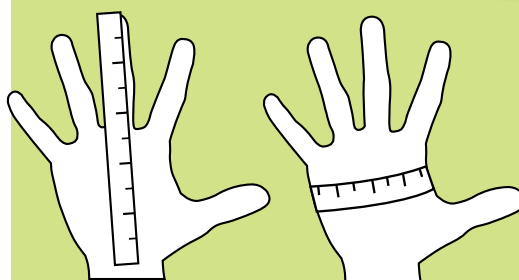
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