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**Autumn 2018**

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TO FLOWER IN THE SPRING

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## WELCOME TO THE AVON BULBS AUTUMN CATALOGUE 2018



You will see references to being RHS Master Growers through this catalogue. One nursery is chosen by the RHS to be the Master Grower at each of the five major RHS shows. Our turn came at Malvern in early May where we presented a larger

than usual exhibit beneath big images provided by the RHS of the nursery and staff. The result was great and boosted what was an already good show for us. It was a major effort, but a successful one.

We had already decided to take a year off from doing the Chelsea Flower Show and with those shows so close together were glad that we had. As it is, we have had a rare opportunity to do a lot more this spring without the preparation for Chelsea. We have split more plants at the 'right' time, seem to have temporarily got on top of the weeds and hope to have a very busy time at the Gardeners' World event in June having been able to prepare better for that.



One of the points that we were trying to make at Malvern was that the display was grown from just the same bulbs that we supply to our customers. What you see is what you potentially should be able to grow if bought from us. We do try always to provide the biggest and best bulbs to achieve this.



Wishing you good gardening

CHRIS IRELAND-JONES

### The Chelsea question:

Do better results from other shows replace Chelsea for us? They do go some way to doing that but the jury is still out and we will have to make a decision this summer on whether we return. Much has changed since (for us) the best days of Chelsea some 10- 15 years ago. The winters are warmer (so chilling plants to exhibit in late May gets progressively more difficult), immediate orders that result from Chelsea have plummeted (as the Internet effect grows), the show is longer and more costly to do (London is very expensive), the TV coverage of exhibits in the marquee is so limited and patchy that its potential benefit has to be discounted (and have you noticed, nurseries now no longer get mentioned in the straplines on TV even if their plants are being filmed?) Most importantly I suspect that the public who attend are in the main no longer such interested gardeners, it seems that a lot of the tickets are going to the 'wrong sort of people' for us!! Chelsea is now an 'Experience' or a 'Destination' and a Social Event. We provide part of the spectacle but seemingly without much measurable benefit.

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### LATE AVAILABILITY AND WEBSITE

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

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

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

# Late Summer 2018

## PLANTS AND BULBS TO FLOWER IN THE AUTUMN

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

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



COLCHICUM AUTUMNALE



AMARYLLIS X AMARYGIA PARKERI ALBA



AMARYLLIS X TUBERGENII



COLCHICUM AUTUMNALE ALBUM



ACIS AUTUMNALIS

### ACIS

#### AUTUMNALIS 🏆 106-10

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

Aug/Sept • 9" (22cm)  
£8.00 for 5

### AMARYLLIS

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

### XAMARYGIA

#### PARKERI ALBA 56-10

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

Sept/Oct • 20" (50cm)  
£8.75

### XAMARINE

#### TUBERGENII 56-11

Unusual hybrids between Amaryllis and Nerines. Bright cerise pink flowered like Nerines but more like Amaryllis in that they are winter growing, so protection is needed from severe frosts.

Sept/Oct • 15" (38cm)  
£4.50 each

### COLCHICUM

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



### 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)

#### AUTUMNALE 73-05

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

Sept • 6" (15cm)  
£12.00 for 3

#### AUTUMNALE

#### ALBUM 73-06

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

Sept • 6" (15cm)  
£12.00 for 3



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COLCHICUM SPECIOSUM ALBUM



CYCLAMEN COUM



CYCLAMEN COUM ROSEUM



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COLCHICUM SPECIOSUM



Photo credit: GAP Images

COLCHICUM WATERLILY



Photo credit: GAP Images

CYCLAMEN COUM SILVER LEAF



CYCLAMEN COUM ALBUM

**SPECIOSUM** 🏆 73-15

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

Sept/Oct • 8" (20cm)  
£12.00 for 3

**SPECIOSUM ALBUM** 🏆 73-16

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

Sept/Oct • 8" (20cm)  
£6.00 each or £17.00 for 3

**WATER-LILY** 🏆 73-23

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

Oct • 6" (15cm)  
£13.00 for 3

**CYCLAMEN**

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

**SPRING FLOWERING FORMS**

**COUM** 🏆 51-116

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

£15.00 for 5

**COUM ROSEUM** 51-117

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

£14.00 for 3



CYCLAMEN COUM DARK PINKS

**COUM ALBUM** 51-118

White flowered, but even the white ones have a dark pink 'nose'.  
£14.00 for 3

**COUM DARK PINK** 51-131

Tubers that have been selected for their dark pink flowers.  
£14.00 for 3

**COUM SILVER LEAF** 51-119

The rounded leaves are largely silvery patterned so a few tubers planted amongst others with more green leaves increases the variety of the green tapestry, their flowers are mostly pink.  
£16.00 for 3



Plants we list which have received the RHS Commendation 'Award of Garden Merit' are now tagged with the trophy symbol.

Space does not allow us to add the hardiness rating – please be aware the award applies to the ease of cultivation, excellence and constitution, but not necessarily hardiness.



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM  
ALBUM



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM  
SILVER LEAF



CROCUS GOULIMYI



CROCUS SATIVUS



CROCUS IMPERATI DE JAGER



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM



CROCUS BORYI



CROCUS SPECIOSUS

## AUTUMN FLOWERING FORMS

### HEDERIFOLIUM 51-107

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

£14.00 for 5

### HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM 51-108

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

£12.50 for 3

### HEDERIFOLIUM SILVER LEAF 51-132

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

£12.50 for 3

## CROCUS – AUTUMN FLOWERING

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

### BORYI 77-40

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

Nov • 5" (12cm)  
£7.50 for 3

### GOULIMYI 77-36

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

Nov • 5" (12cm)  
£7.50 for 3

### IMPERATI DE JAGER 77-39

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

Jan • 5" (12cm)  
£7.50 for 3



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### SATIVUS 77-20

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

Oct • 4" (10cm)  
£6.00 for 10 or £15.00 for 30

### SPECIOSUS 77-26

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

Sept/Oct • 5" (12cm)  
£4.00 for 15 or £12.00 for 50



CROCUS TOURNEFORTII



CYPRIPEDIUM GISELA



HIPPEASTRUM X ACRAMANNII



GLADIOLUS TRISTIS



CROCUS SPECIOSUS ALBUS

**SPECIOSUS ALBUS** 🏆  
77-27

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

Sept/Oct • 5" (12cm)  
£9.00 for 15

**TOURNEFORTII** 🏆 77-38

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

Sept/Oct • 5" (12cm)  
£7.50 for 3

**CYPRIPEDIUM**  
GISELA 64-07

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

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

**GLADIOLUS**  
TRISTIS 88-15

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

April/May • 3' (90cm)  
£15.00 for 3

**HIPPEASTRUM**  
X ACRAMANNII 🏆 56-14

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

Sept • 18" (45cm)  
£13.50

**Calling all Galanthophiles...** If you are a Galanthophile do call us to get your name added to the list to receive our list of rare snowdrops when they are dormant in Aug. This is only sent out as an email. (If you already regularly receive this list there is no need to call!)



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HYACINTH DELFT BLUE



HYACINTH PINK PEARL



HYACINTH WHITE PEARL



NARCISSUS CYCLAMINEUS



NARCISSUS PAPERWHITE ZIVA



LILIUM CANDIDUM



IRIS TUBEROSA

## PREPARED HYACINTHS

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

### DELFT BLUE 86-05

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

**£4.00 for 3 or £8.00 for 7**

### PINK PEARL 86-35

Delicately pink, and like the others deliciously fragrant.

**£4.00 for 3 or £8.00 for 7**

### WHITE PEARL 86-34

Strong-growing, broad, gleaming white flowers.

**£4.00 for 3 or £8.00 for 7**

## IRIS TUBEROSA

### (HERMODACTYLUS)

103-110

The 'Widow Iris' does better from early planting, and if you have tried before with limited success, we do suggest that you add some of these to a Late Summer order and try again. Alternatively see page 35 of the Autumn Catalogue. Translucent black and jade-green flowers are preceded by long rush-like leaves. They require time to establish and flower better in the spring following a hot summer. They love growing around heat absorbing sun-drenched paving, or at the base of a warm wall in the sun.

**April • 6" (15cm)  
£5.50 for 10**

## LILIUM

### CANDIDUM 107-114

Like the Hermodactylus above, a plant that is better started off early, and inevitably the first orders get the pick of the crop, so ordering from this section has its benefits. See page 35 of the Autumn Catalogue for more details.

**June • 36" (90cm)  
£5.80 or £16.50 for 3**

## NARCISSUS

*Also see the main Autumn Catalogue pages 38-43 for the main listing. These either need early planting (N. cyclamineus) or could provide a very early display from bulbs potted early (Ziva).*

### CYCLAMINEUS 113-179

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

**March • 5" (12cm)  
£5.50**

### PAPERWHITE ZIVA 113-152

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

**Dec/Jan • 15" (38cm)  
£7.00 for 5 or £13.00 for 10**



SCILLA AUTUMNALIS



SCILLA LILIO HYACINTHUS ALBUS



TECOPHILAEA C. LEICHTLINII

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NERINE FLEXUOSA ALBA



SCILLA LILIO-HYACINTHUS

## NERINE

### FLEXUOSA

#### ALBA

33-23

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

Sept/Oct • 14" (35cm)  
£7.50 for 3

### LILIO-HYACINTHUS

125-28

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

Mar/April • 8" (20 cm)  
£10.00 for 3

## SCILLA

### AUTUMNALIS

125-18

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

Aug/Oct • 5" (12cm)  
£8.50 for 3

### LILIO-HYACINTHUS

#### ALBA

125-29

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

Mar/April • 8" (20 cm)  
£10.00 for 3

## TECOPHILAEA

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

### CYANOCROCUS

#### LEICHTLINII

128-04

White centred with gentian blue petals.

March • 5" (12cm)  
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

### CYANOCROCUS

#### VIOLACEA

128-06

Amazingly brilliant dark blue petalled.

March • 5" (12cm)  
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3





## Order for Late Summer Despatch 2018 Bulbs that need Early Planting this Autumn

Office use only:

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Order No:

**Avon Bulbs Ltd • Burnt House Farm • Mid Lambrook  
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**Please complete these questions (We now need your permission to stay in touch, except with regard to this order)**

**By Post:** Are you happy to receive our printed catalogues in the future?  Yes  No

**By Email:** Do you wish to receive occasional emailed Newsletter from us along with any Special Offers?  Yes  No

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Please include payment or please charge my Visa/Mastercard account.

Cheque enclosed  Yes, value £ \_\_\_\_\_, or

Card No.     •     •     •

Valid from date   /   Card expiry date   /

Security code (last three digits on reverse of card)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

## ALLIUM

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

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

### AMBASSADOR 🏆 53-60

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

June/ July • up to 50" (130 cm)  
£8.50 for 3

### ANGULOSUM (PYRENAICUM) 53-28

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

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



ALLIUM AMBASSADOR



ALLIUM CERNUUM

### CÆRULEUM 53-14

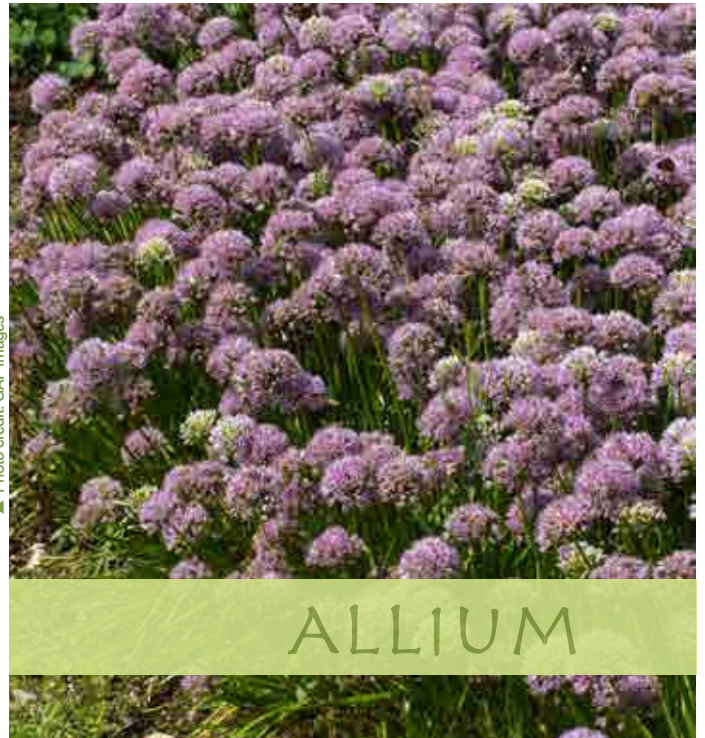
Unusual blue flowered drumstick flowers originating from the steppes of Russia and China. They will do best in a well drained sunny spot or rockery where the small bulbs can be planted quite closely, only 1-2" (2.5-5cm) apart.

June • 18" (45cm)  
£4.50 for 15

### CERNUUM 53-04

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

Summer • 18" (45cm)  
£7.50 for 5



ALLIUM ANGULOSUM



ALLIUM CÆRULEUM

### CRISTOPHII 🏆 53-11

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

June • 10-24" (25-60cm)  
£3.80 for 3, £11.00 for 10  
or £21.00 for 20



ALLIUM CRISTOPHII



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ALLIUM HIS EXCELLENCY



ALLIUM GLADIATOR



ALLIUM GIGANTEUM



ALLIUM HOLLANDICUM

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**EARLY EMPEROR** 🏆 53-68

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

May • 30" (75cm)  
£9.00 for 3

**GIGANTEUM** 53-20

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

Late June/July • 48" (120cm)  
£13.00 for 3

**GLADIATOR** 🏆 53-55

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

June • 40" (100cm)  
£9.00 for 3

**GLOBEMASTER** 🏆 53-46

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

May/June • 40" (100cm)  
£15.00 for 3

**HIS EXCELLENCY** 53-69

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

June 48" • (120cm)  
£9.00 for 3

**HOLLANDICUM** 53-08

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

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



ALLIUM PURPLE SENSATION



ALLIUM IVORY QUEEN



ALLIUM HYALINUM



ALLIUM MOUNT EVEREST



ALLIUM NIGRUM PINK JEWEL



ALLIUM NIGRUM

**HOLLANDICUM PURPLE SENSATION** 🍷 53-09

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

May/ June • 35" (90cm)  
 £4.80 for 5, £8.80 for 10 or  
 £16.50 for 20

**HYALINUM** 53-70

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

May • 12" (30cm)  
 £5.00 for 5

**KARATAVIENSE IVORY QUEEN** 53-23

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

May/June • 10" (25cm)  
 £5.00 for 5 or £14.00 for 15

**MOUNT EVEREST** 🍷 53-43

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

May/June • 36" (90cm)  
 £8.50 for 3 or £13.50 for 5

**NIGRUM (MULTIBULBOSUM)** 53-24

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

June • 24" (60cm)  
 £6.00 for 5 or £11.00 for 10

**NIGRUM PINK JEWEL** 53-65

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

May/June • 36" (90cm)  
 £10.00 for 3



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ALLIUM SCHUBERTII



ALLIUM POWDER PUFF



ALLIUM ROUND 'N' PURPLE



ALLIUM PURPLE RAIN



ALLIUM PINBALL WIZARD



ALLIUM OBLIQUUM

**OBLIQUUM** 53-26

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

June • 24" (60cm)  
£8.50 for 3

**PINBALL WIZARD** 53-61

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

May • 40" (100 cm)  
£9.00 for 3

**POWDER PUFF** 🐝 53-66

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

May/June • 15" (35cm)  
£9.00 for 3



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**PURPLE RAIN** 🐝 53-67

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

June (later than Purple Sensation)  
34" (85cm)  
£7.00 for 5 or £13.00 for 10

**SCHUBERTII** 53-31

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

June • 18" (45cm)  
£11.50 for 3

**ROUND 'N' PURPLE** 🐝 53-62

The leaves on these actually still look good at flowering time, and good sized bulbs often produce two stems each. The heads are densely packed with silvery- lilac flowers forming a head about 6" (15cm) across. Good seedheads follow.

June • 36" (90cm)  
£3.20 or £8.50 for 3



ALLIUM STIPITATUM VIOLET BEAUTY



ALLIUM SPHAEROCEPHALON



NECTAROSCORDUM SICULUM




ALLIUM TUBEROSUM



ALLIUM UNIFOLIUM



NECTAROSCORDUM TRIPEDALE

**SPHAEROCEPHALON**  53-33

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

Summer • 24" (60cm)  
£4.50 for 15, £8.50 for 30 or  
£13.00 for 50

**STIPITATUM VIOLET BEAUTY**  53-71

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

May/June • 27" (70cm)  
£4.80 for 5 or £8.80 for 10

**TUBEROSUM** 53-38

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

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

**UNIFOLIUM**  53-40

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

May • 10" (25cm)  
£6.50 for 20

**NECTAROSCORDUM**

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

**SICULUM** 53-32

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

Early summer • 30" (75cm)  
£3.80 for 5 or £7.00 for 10

**TRIPEDALE** 53-25

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

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

# ANEMONE



ANEMONE APENNINA



ANEMONE BLANDA PINK STAR



ANEMONE BLANDA BLUE



ANEMONE APENNINA



ANEMONE WHITE SPLENDOUR

## ANEMONE

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

### APENNINA 🏆 57-11

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

March/April • 8" (20cm)  
£6.00 for 3

### BLANDA BLUE 🏆 57-07

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

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

### BLANDA PINK STAR 🏆 57-08

Pale pink flowered plants of the same stature.

March • 4" (10cm)  
£4.70 for 10

### BLANDA WHITE SPLENDOUR 🏆 57-12

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

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





ANEMONE NEMOROSA



ANEMONE RAN. FLORA PLENA



BOMAREA SALSILLA



BONGARDIA CHRYSOQONUM



ANEMONE VIRESCENS



ANTHERICUM LILIAQO MAJOR

### NEMOROSA 57-20

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

April • 4" (10cm)  
£4.50 for 5

### NEMOROSA VIRESCENS 57-17

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

April • 4" (10cm)  
£4.50 for 5

### RANUNCULOIDES FLORE PLENA 57-27

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

April • 4" (10cm)  
£5.50 for 3

### ANTHERICUM

#### LILIAQO MAJOR 58-05

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

May • 24" (60cm)  
£7.00

### BOMAREA

#### SALSILLA 10-04

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

Summer flowering • 30" (70cm)  
£5.50

### BONGARDIA

#### CHRYSOQONUM 67-04

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

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



CAMASSIA LEICHTLINII ALBA



## CAMASSIA

CAMASSIA LEICHTLINI



CAMASSIA MAYBELLE



CAMASSIA BLUE CANDLE



CAMASSIA LEICHTLINII CAERULEA

## CAMASSIA

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

### LEICHTLINII ALBA 70-07

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

May/June • 36" (90cm)  
£6.50 for 3 or £18.00 for 9



CAMASSIA BLUE HEAVEN



CAMASSIA ELECTRA

### LEICHTLINII CAERULEA 70-06

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

April/May • 32" (80cm)  
£6.00 for 5 or £11.00 for 10

### LEICHTLINII CAERULEA MAYBELLE 70-16

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

May • 24" (60cm)  
£5.25 for 3

### BLUE CANDLE 70-19

Rather the colour of the RAF uniform, grey blue with a tidy head. It generally forms big bulbs and flowers at the same time as *C. l caerulea* but is rather shorter.

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
£10.00 for 3

### BLUE HEAVEN 70-17

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
£8.50 for 3

### LEICHTLINII ELECTRA 70-10

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

April/May • 36" (100cm)  
£8.50



CAMASSIA SACAJAWEA



CAMASSIA AVON'S STELLAR HYBRIDS



CHIONODOXA BLUE GIANT



QUAMASH (ESCULETA)



CAMASSIA SEMI PLENA



CHIONODOXA LUCILIAE



CHIONODOXA PINK GIANT

### CHIONODOXA

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

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

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

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

### LEICHTLINII SEMI-PLENA 70-08

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

June • 36" (90cm) £10.00 for 3

### QUAMASH (ESCULETA) 70-05

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

May/June • 12" (30cm) £4.70 for 10 or £10.50 for 25

### LEICHTLINII SACAJAWEA 70-15

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

May/June • 36" (90cm) £9.50 for 3

### LUCILIAE 72-04

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

Feb/March • 4" (10cm) £4.50 for 20 or £10.00 for 50

### FORBESII PINK GIANT 72-10

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

Feb/March • 5" (12cm) £3.30 for 10 or £8.00 for 25

### FORBESII BLUE GIANT 72-11

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

March/April • 6" (15cm) £4.50 for 10 or £10.00 for 25



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS HOFHEIM



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS ROSEA



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS FERNWOOD'S GOLDEN SLIPPERS



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS BLUSH



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS HARDWICK HALL



CONVALLARIA MAJALIS FORTINS GIANT

## CONVALLARIA

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

### MAJALIS BLUSH 75-10

In paint terms these are probably rose white, so they are the palest of pinks but they increase well. Do plant them in light shade so avoiding direct warm May sun on the flowers which bleaches the pink. **£6.50 for 3**

### MAJALIS FORTINS GIANT 75-05

Larger flowered and taller than the 'common' white Lily of the Valley but equally scented. For sun or shade but in the former they need a more moisture retentive soil. Good, strong, fresh-dug rhizomes (stringy roots) to plant horizontally about 2" deep (5 cm) and double that apart. **£3.80 for 5**

### MAJALIS HARDWICK HALL 75-09

Wide leaved with a creamy coloured margin to the leaf, providing a feature of interest even before they flower. The flowers are large, white and scented. **£10.00 for 3**

### MAJALIS HOFHEIM 75-12

A creamy yellow edge to the otherwise plain green leaf marks these out, these marginal highlights are considered rather stronger in this form than it is in C. Hardwick Hall, the flower is creamy white and scented. **£4.00**

### MAJALIS FERNWOOD'S GOLDEN SLIPPERS 75-11

A startlingly golden leaved form, particularly in the early spring before the flowers appear. They appear perfectly stable as there has been no reversion to green. There is an ongoing argument regarding the name, should it be Verwood, Fernwood or what? We obtained the initial stock from the late Stephen Taffler (inveterate variegated plant addict) who used to live nearby. **£7.00 for 3**

### MAJALIS ROSEA 75-07

Like small and very exclusive pink pearls, a vigorous form which we know to be tough and productive with lovely pale pink fragrant flowers, Best in dappled light or part shade, direct bright sunshine tends to burn out the pink. As with any Convallaria you'll need a degree of patience before they thicken up. **£8.00 for 5**



CORYDALIS CHINA BLUE



CORYDALIS GEORGE BAKER



CHRYSANTHUS CREAM BEAUTY



CORYDALIS SOLIDA



CORYDALIS BETH EVANS



CORYDALIS BLUE DRAGON



CHRYSANTHUS BLUE PEARL

## CORYDALIS

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

### FLEXUOSA CHINA BLUE 76-22

Exhibiting beautiful pink-fringed juvenile foliage when planted in some sunshine and startling pale blue flowers, this still remains a 'buy on sight' plant. Sold by the potful.  
Spring/Summer • 6" (15cm)  
£3.30

### FLEXUOSA BLUE DRAGON 76-12

Bronze purple foliage, its colour heightened when planted in some direct sunshine, particularly in the early spring, with deep purple-blue flowers. Sold by the potful.  
Spring/Summer • 6" (15cm)  
£3.30

### SOLIDA 76-15

Small wizened pebble-like tubers, the size of small marbles which produce froths of grey-green foliage and attractive spikes of spurred flowers in lilac, pink and purple hues. Easy in any well drained soil, even in our heavy loam they happily seed about planted in summer shade.  
March/April • 4" (10cm)  
£4.50 for 10

### SOLIDA BETH EVANS 76-16

Pale pink with pale green leaves, very pretty. These do set seed and the resulting seedlings may themselves produce varied colours.  
March/April • 4" (10cm)  
£3.00 or £8.50 for 3

### SOLIDA GEORGE BAKER 76-04

A vibrant red coloured clone, originally discovered in Romania in the 1930s and further selected in Holland, being named after a famous mountaineer. These do set seed, though the resulting seedlings may themselves produce varied colours.  
March/April • 4" (10cm)  
£3.80 or £10.50 for 3

## CROCUS (SPRING FLOWERING)

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



# CROCUS

CHRYSANTHUS PRINS CLAUS



CHRYSANTHUS SNOW BUNTING

## CHRYSANTHUS BLUE PEARL 78-12

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

£4.30 for 20 or £9.90 for 50

## CHRYSANTHUS CREAM BEAUTY 78-14

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

£4.30 for 20 or £9.90 for 50

## CHRYSANTHUS DOROTHY 78-69

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

£4.30 for 20 or £9.90 for 50

## CHRYSANTHUS PRINS CLAUS 78-70

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

£4.30 for 20 or £9.90 for 50

## CHRYSANTHUS SNOW BUNTING 78-18

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

£4.30 for 20 or £9.90 for 50

## KOROLKOWII JANUARY GOLD 78-67

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

£2.70 for 3 or £5.80 for 7

## MINIMUS SPRING BEAUTY 78-59

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

£4.30 for 20 or £9.90 for 50

## TOMMASINIANUS RUBY GIANT 78-44

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

£4.30 for 20, £9.75 for 50 or £18.00 for 100



RHS Perfect for Pollinators.



CHRYSANTHUS DOROTHY



MINIMUS SPRING BEAUTY



KOROLKOWII JANUARY GOLD



TOMMASINIANUS WHITEWELL PURPLE



TOMMASINIANUS RUBY GIANT



YALTA

## TOMMASINIANUS WHITEWELL PURPLE 78-45

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

£4.30 for 20, £9.75 for 50 or £18.00 for 100

## YALTA 78-64

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

£3.70 for 10 or £8.30 for 25



# CROCUS VERNUS

MIXED CROCUS AT WISLEY

## CROCUS VERNUS 'DUTCH' HYBRIDS

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

### FLOWER RECORD 78-71

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

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



**RHS Perfect for Pollinators.**

### PICKWICK 78-53

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

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

### GOLDEN YELLOW 78-52

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

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

### JEANNE D'ARC 78-51

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

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



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CROCUS QUEEN OF THE BLUES



Photo credit: GAP Images

CROCUS FLOWER RECORD



CROCUS PICKWICK



CROCUS JEANNE D'ARC



Photo credit: GAP Images

CROCUS REMEMBRANCE

### QUEEN OF THE BLUES 78-68

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

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

### REMEMBRANCE 78-63

The deep purple blue, and again slightly shorter stemmed. Brought back into our list by popular demand.

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



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CROCUS GOLDEN YELLOW

## CYCLAMEN

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

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

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

## SPRING FLOWERING FORMS



CYCLAMEN COUM SILVER LEAF



CYCLAMEN COUM DARK PINK



CYCLAMEN COUM ROSEUM



CYCLAMEN REPANDUM



CYCLAMEN COUM



CYCLAMEN COUM ALBUM

### COUM 51-16

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

Jan/March  
£15.00 for 5

### COUM ROSEUM 51-17

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

Jan/March  
£14.00 for 3

### COUM ALBUM 51-18

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

Jan/March  
£14.00 for 3

### COUM DARK PINK 51-31

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

Jan/March  
£14.00 for 3

### COUM SILVER LEAF 51-19

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

Jan/March  
£16.00 for 3

### REPANDUM 51-29

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

April/May  
£5.40 each or £15.00 for 3





DICHELOSTEMMA IDA MAIA



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM



DICHELOSTEMMA CONGESTUM



CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM



ERYTHRONIUM DENS CANIS

## AUTUMN FLOWERING FORMS

### HEDERIFOLIUM 51-07

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

Aug/Oct  
£14.00 for 5

### HEDERIFOLIUM ALBUM 51-08

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

Aug/Oct  
£12.50 for 3

## DICHELOSTEMMA

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

### CONGESTUM 82-04

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

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

### IDA-MAIA 82-05

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

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

## ERYTHRONIUM

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

### DENS CANIS 84-08

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

March • 4" (10cm)  
£5.50 for 3



ERYTHRONIUM OLD ABERDEEN



ERYTHRONIUM DENS CANIS SNOWFLAKE



ERYTHRONIUM PAGODA



ERYTHRONIUM KNIGHTSHAYES PINK



ERYTHRONIUM WHITE BEAUTY



ERYTHRONIUM REVOLUTUM

**DENS CANIS OLD ABERDEEN** 🏆 84-09

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

March • 4" (10cm)  
£4.00 or £10.00 for 3

**DENS CANIS SNOWFLAKE** 84-11

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

March • 4" (10cm)  
£5.00

**PAGODA** 🏆 84-17

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

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

**REVOLUTUM** 84-21

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

April • 8" (20cm)  
£12.00 for 3

**REVOLUTUM KNIGHTSHAYES PINK** 84-13

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

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

**WHITE BEAUTY** 🏆 84-15

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

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



FRITILLARIA ACMOPETALA



FRITILLARIA RASCAL CHOPIN



FRITILLARIA WILLIAM REX



FRITILLARIA ELWESII



# FRITILLARIA

FRITILLARIA IMPERIALIS LUTEA

## FRITILLARIA

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

### ACMOPETALA 🏆 85-04

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

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

### ELWESII 85-07

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

April • 15" (35cm)  
£7.00 for 3

### IMPERIALIS WILLIAM REX 85-20

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

April • 30" (75cm)  
£6.00 or £16.00 for 3

### IMPERIALIS RASCAL CHOPIN 85-23

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

March/April • 30" (75cm)  
£6.00 or £16.00 for 3

### IMPERIALIS LUTEA 85-21

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

April • 36" (90cm)  
£6.00 or £16.00 for 3



FRITILLARIA UVA-VULPIS



FRITILLARIA RADDEANA



FRITILLARIA PONTICA



FRITILLARIA MELEAGRIS



FRITILLARIA PALLIDIFLORA



FRITILLARIA MICHAILOVSKYI

**MELEAGRIS** 🍷 85-27

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

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

**MICHAILOVSKYI** 85-31

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

March / April • 8" (20cm)  
**£3.00 for 3**

**PALLIDIFLORA** 🍷 85-36

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

April • 12" (30cm)  
**£4.20**

**PONTICA** 🍷 85-39

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

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

**RADDEANA** 85-41

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

Mar/ April • 18" (45cm)  
**£6.00 or £16.00 for 3**

**UVA VULPIS** 85-42

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

March/April • 10" (26cm)  
**£3.00 for 5**



GLADIOLUS NYMPH



GLADIOLUS NATHALIE



GLADIOLUS THE BRIDE



GLADIOLUS MIRELLA



GLADIOLUS BYZANTINUS



GLADIOLUS ATOM

## GLADIOLUS

### BYZANTINUS 88-04

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

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

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

### ATOM 88-18

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

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

### MIRELLA 88-17

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

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

### NATHALIE 88-19

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

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

### NYMPH 88-11

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

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

### THE BRIDE 88-06

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

June • 18" (45cm)  
£5.50 for 10 or £10.50 for 20



HYACINTHOIDES NON SCRIPTA



HYACINTHUS



HYACINTHUS CARNEGIE



HYACINTHUS WOODSTOCK



HYACINTHOIDES



HYACINTHOIDES NON SCRIPTA ALBA



HYACINTHUS DELFT BLUE



HYACINTHUS GIPSY QUEEN

HYACINTHOIDES

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

NON SCRIPTA 125-10

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

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

NON SCRIPTA ALBA

125-12

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

April/May • 12" (30cm)  
£7.50 for 3

HYACINTHUS

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

CARNEGIE 86-12

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

£3.60 for 3 or £8.00 for 7

DELFT BLUE 🏆 86-11

Compact spikes of purple-blue with a darker stem.

£3.60 for 3 or £8.00 for 7

GIPSY QUEEN 🏆 86-36

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

£3.60 for 3 or £8.00 for 7

WOODSTOCK 86-17

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

£3.60 for 3 or £8.00 for 7



HYACINTHUS ANASTASIA



HYACINTHUS ROMAN BLUE



IPHEION ALBERTO CASTILLO



HYACINTHUS MULTIFLORA



HYACINTHUS ROMAN WHITE



IPHEION CHARLOTTE BISHOP

**MULTIFLORA ANASTASIA** 86-20

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

£7.30 for 3 or £11.50 for 5

**MULTIFLORA WHITE** 86-09

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

£7.30 for 3 or £11.50 for 5

**'ROMAN' HYACINTHS**

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

**WHITE ROMAN HYACINTHS** 86-32  
£5.90 for 3

**BLUE ROMAN HYACINTHS** 86-33  
£5.90 for 3

**IPHEION**

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

**ALBERTO CASTILLO** 97-09

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

March/April • 9" (22cm)  
£3.30 for 7

**UNIFLORUM CHARLOTTE BISHOP** 97-10

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

March/April • 6" (15cm)  
£3.80 for 5



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IRIS BLUE MAGIC



IRIS APOLLO



IRIS GYPSY BEAUTY

## IRIS

### UNIFLORUM FROYLE MILL 97-08

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

March/April • 6" (15cm)  
£3.80 for 5

### IRIS X HOLLANDICA

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

### APOLLO 99-04

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

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

### BLUE MAGIC 99-12

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

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

### GYPSY BEAUTY 99-06

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

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

### LION KING 99-13

Deep reddish violet and greeny-brown petals, a combination that should sound pretty enticing? Dark leaved as well providing additional contrast, late flowering.

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

### PROFESSOR BLAAUW 99-08

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

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





IRIS GORDON



IRIS LADY BEATRIX STANLEY



IRIS GEORGE



IRIS SILVERY BEAUTY



IRIS HARMONY



IRIS RED EMBER



IRIS KATHARINE HODGKIN

### RED EMBER 99-10

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

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

### SILVERY BEAUTY 99-11

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

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

### DWARF IRIS

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

### HISTRIOIDES GEORGE 101-06

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

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

### HISTRIOIDES LADY BEATRIX STANLEY 101-22

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

Feb/March • 6" (15cm)  
£3.80 for 5

### GORDON 101-20

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

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

### HARMONY 101-11

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

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

### KATHARINE HODGKIN 101-07

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

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

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IRIS UNGUICULARIS MARONDERA



IRIS UNGUICULARIS MARY BARNARD



IRIS UNGUICULARIS ALBA



IRIS PAULINE



IRIS PIXIE



IRIS UNGUICULARIS WALTER BUTT



IRIS UNGUICULARIS

**PAULINE** 101-13  
Narrower petalled with dark velvety purple flowers with bright white highlights on the falls. Mid-season flowering.

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

**PIXIE** 101-23  
Closer to I. George in appearance these are similarly wide petalled but these are of the deepest of blue, not purple, and are equally scented.

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

## IRIS UNGUICULARIS (STYLOSA)

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

**MARY BARNARD** 102-05  
The darkest of them all and a glossy marvel in the winter. Tissue-like velvety purple blue flowers with white and golden markings on the falls, the foliage shorter and darker than the other forms. Discovered by E.B. Anderson near Algiers in 1962.  
Feb/March • 15" (32cm)  
£6.50

**MARONDERA** 102-13  
Bigger flowered than the 'ordinary' unguicularis and slightly darker, this is a strain that goes back to a garden in the town of that name in Zimbabwe. It is as good and tough as all the others, and goes back a long way. Sadly a wedding present to us from New Zealand has not survived, though its name remains etched in my memory - Starkers Pink.  
Feb/March • 15" (32cm)  
£6.50

**WALTER BUTT** 102-06  
Palest of pale ice blues with some fine purple veining, drawing ones attention to the fact that they are not white. Longer leaved and with more upright, paler, foliage. The first form to flower with the largest flowers and the most scented too.  
Nov/Feb • 18" (45cm)  
£6.50

**UNGUICULARIS** 102-04  
The species plant with pale mauve flowers, the standards slightly paler and more silvery. A tough survivor even in poor soil conditions.  
Feb/March • 15" (32cm)  
£5.50

**UNGUICULARIS ALBA** 102-11  
Narrower petalled with all white flowered except for the yellow markings at the throat. Reportedly slightly less tough than its sisters but they have grown apace despite the cold winter.  
Feb/Mar • 15" (32cm)  
£7.00



IRIS BUCARICA



IRIS TUBEROSA (HERMODACTYLUS)



LILIUM CLAUDE SHRIDE



LILIUM CANDIDUM

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## IRIS (OTHER TYPES)

### BUCARICA 🌸 103-09

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

March/April • 12" (30cm)  
£3.30 for 3

### TUBEROSA (HERMODACTYLUS)

103-10

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

April • 6" (15cm)  
£5.50 for 10

## LEUCOJUM

### AESTIVUM GRAVETYE GIANT 🌸 106-07

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

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



LEUCOJUM GRAVETYE GIANT

## LILIUM

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

*Plant at least 5" deep (except L. candidum). If planting in the confinement of a container, try to ensure regular watering. Lily beetle are a problem in warmer parts. Readily seen as red and black beetles they eat any foliage of the Liliaceae (which includes the Fritillaria) These beetles drop off and hide on the ground if you alarm them, but sneakily picking off the adults and cleaning the messy black 'eggs' off the foliage is moderately effective (and squashing them satisfies a lust for retribution) although Provado used systematically seems to reduce future generations more effectively. Please Note: The martagon lilies are usually not ready for despatch till mid-October so if you include them on your order it may affect the delivery time of your whole order (we do try to save costs and have your order all come at once)...*



LILIUM REGALE



LILIUM MARTAGON SCARLET MORNING

### CANDIDUM 107-14

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

June • 36" (90cm)  
£5.80 or £16.50 for 3

### MARTAGON CLAUDE SHRIDE 107-41

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

June/July • 36" (90cm)  
£8.00

### MARTAGON SCARLET MORNING 107-44

Russet scarlet coloured flowers with quite thick petals, yellow striped on the reverse with yellow freckling at the throat on the inside.

June/July • 36" (90cm)  
£8.00

### REGALE 🌸 107-04

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

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



MAIANTHEMUM BIFOLIUM  
KAMTSCHATICUM



MUSCARI OCEAN MAGIC



MUSCARI AZUREUM



MAIANTHEMUM BIFOLIUM



MATHIASELLA GREEN DREAM



MUSCARI BLUE MAGIC

## MAIANTHEMUM

### BIFOLIUM 110-04

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

May • 4" (10cm)  
£4.50 for 5

### BIFOLIUM VAR KAMTSCHATICUM

110-05

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

May • 8" (20cm)  
£4.50 for 5

## MATHIASELLA

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

### BUPLEUROIDES GREEN DREAM 69-04

Unfamiliar plants to many which look to have some of the characteristics of some other well known garden plants - Hellebores, Angelica and maybe even Euphorbia, so one can see how these have become desirable. Plants from 9cm pots that ought to settle in this winter and flower in 2019.

May • 24" (60cm)  
£7.00

## MUSCARI

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

### AZUREUM 111-15

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

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

### AUCHERI BLUE MAGIC 111-20

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

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

### AUCHERI OCEAN MAGIC 111-21

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

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



MUSCARI GOLDEN FRAGRANCE



MUSCARI BOTRYOIDES ALBUM



MUSCARI MUSCARIMI



MUSCARI VALERIE FINNIS



MUSCARI WHITE MAGIC



MUSCARI BABY'S BREATH

**AUCHERI  
WHITE MAGIC 111-14**

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

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

**BABY'S BREATH (JENNY  
ROBINSON) 111-23**

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

April • 6" (15cm)  
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25

**BOTRYOIDES  
ALBUM 111-06**

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

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



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**MACROCARPUM  
GOLDEN FRAGRANCE 111-10**

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

April • 7" (18cm)  
£5.00 for 3

**MUSCARIMI 111-11**

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

April/May • 6" (15cm)  
£4.70 for 3

**VALERIE FINNIS 111-18**

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

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



## NARCISSUS

NARCISSUS CORDUBENSIS



NARCISSUS ANGEL'S BREATH



NARCISSUS BATH'S FLAME

## NARCISSUS (DAFFODILS)

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

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

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

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



NARCISSUS BUTTER AND EGGS



NARCISSUS PAPERWHITE ZIVA

## NARCISSUS – PROTECTED

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

### PAPERWHITE ZIVA (8) 113-52

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

Dec/Jan • 15" (38cm)  
£7.00 for 5 or £13.00 for 10

## NARCISSUS – GARDEN VARIETIES

### ANGEL'S BREATH (5) ♡ 113-99

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

April • 10" (25cm)  
£4.00 for 5

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

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

April • 20" (50cm)  
£6.50 for 3

### BUTTER AND EGGS (4) 113-18

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

April • 20" (50cm)  
£6.50 for 3

### CORDUBENSIS (13) 113-103

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

April • 10" (25cm)  
£4.00 for 5





NARCISSUS ELKA



NARCISSUS FEBRUARY GOLD



NARCISSUS HAWERA



NARCISSUS JULIA JANE



NARCISSUS LITTLE SENTRY



NARCISSUS MARTINETTE

**ELKA (1)** 🏆 113-61

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

March/April • 6" (15cm)  
£4.00 for 5

**FEBRUARY GOLD (6)** 🏆  
113-09

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

Feb/March • 12" (30cm)  
£4.80 for 10, £10.70 for 25  
or £19.50 for 50

**HAWERA (5)** 🏆 113-38

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

April • 10" (25cm)  
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25  
or £28.00 for 50

**JULIA JANE (10)** 113-101

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

Feb • 6" (15cm)  
£3.50 for 5

**LITTLE SENTRY (7)**  
113-102

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

April • 9" (22cm)  
£6.50 for 3

**MARTINETTE (8)** 113-84

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

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



NARCISSUS MOONLIGHT SENSATION



NARCISSUS MORE AND MORE



NARCISSUS MOSCHATUS



NARCISSUS MITE



NARCISSUS MINNOW



NARCISSUS NIVETH

**MINNOW (8) 🏆 113-51**

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

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

**MITE (6) 🏆 113-34**

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

March • 9" (25cm)  
£4.00 or £11.00 for 3

**MOONLIGHT SENSATION (5) 113-105**

Pale yellow throughout, fading to a pale primrose, the combination of darker buds and paler flowers is enchanting. Expect 2 or 3 stems per bulb each with 3-5 flowers with a sweet fragrance.

April • 9" (25cm)  
£5.00 for 5 or £14.00 for 15

**MORE AND MORE (7)**

113-104

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

April • 9" (25cm)  
£5.00 for 5 or £14.00 for 15

**MOSCHATUS (13) 🏆 113-94**

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

April • 12" (30cm)  
£6.00 for 3

**NIVETH (5) 113-85**

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

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

## Collection Times

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

We are open for such circumstances by arrangement from **17 September to the end of October 2018.**



NARCISSUS OXFORD GOLD



NARCISSUS PIPIT



NARCISSUS RIJNVELD'S EARLY SENSATION



NARCISSUS SAILBOAT



NARCISSUS SEGOVIA



NARCISSUS SILVER CHIMES

**OXFORD GOLD (10) 🏆 113-92**

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

**April • 6" (15cm)  
£5.00 for 5**

**PIPIT (7) 113-32**

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

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

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

Bright yellow throughout with a short flared trumpet. So far not so unusual for a daffodil. But this variety's real star quality is that it really does flower in the garden around New Year, sometimes earlier. It is going over when the main daffodil season begins.

They provide a blast of spring in the middle of winter, even before the snowdrops. Plant them where they might be a bit protected from wintery gales.

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

**SAILBOAT (7) 🏆 113-89**

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

**March/April • 14" (35cm)  
£3.50 for 3**

**SEGOVIA (3) 🏆 113-87**

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

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

**SILVER CHIMES (8) 113-41**

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

**April • 12" (30cm)  
£4.70 for 5 or £9.00 for 10**



NARCISSUS TETE-A-TETE



NARCISSUS THALIA



NARCISSUS W.P. MILNER



NARCISSUS SWEETNESS



NARCISSUS TOTO



NARCISSUS SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL



NARCISSUS WHITE LADY

**SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL (4)** 🏆

113-97

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

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

**SWEETNESS (7)** 🏆 113-24

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

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

**TETE-A-TETE (12)** 🏆 113-16

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

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

**THALIA (5)** 113-42

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

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

**TOTO (12)** 🏆 113-90

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

March/ April • 12" (30cm)  
£4.40 for 3

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

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

March/April • 9" (22cm)  
£4.50 for 5 or £8.50 for 10

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

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

April • 18" (45cm)  
£7.50 for 5



NARCISSUS LOBULARIS (PSEUDONARCISSUS)



## NARCISSUS NATURALISING FORMS

NARCISSUS POETICUS RECURVUS



NARCISSUS OBVALLARIS



ORNITHOGALUM NUTANS



## ORNITHOGALUM

ORNITHOGALUM MAGNUM MOSKOU

### NARCISSUS – NATURALISING FORMS

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

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

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

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

#### OBVALLARIS (13) 🌱 113-30

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

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

#### POETICUS RECURVUS (13) 🌱 113-28

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

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

#### ORNITHOGALUM

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

#### MAGNUM MOSKOU 117-16

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

June • 24" (60cm)  
£6.50 for 3

#### NUTANS 🌱 117-09

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

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



SANGUINARIA CANADENSIS



ORNITHOGALUM PYRENAICUM



PARADISEA LUSITANICA



ORNITHOGALUM UMBELLATUM



PAEONIA LATE WINDFLOWER

**PYRENAICUM 117-11**

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

June • 18" (45cm)  
£10.00 for 3

**UMBELLATUM 117-13**

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

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

**PAEONIA**

**EMODI 'LATE WIND FLOWER' 38-11**

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

May • 24-36" (60-90cm)  
£15.00

**PARADISEA**

**LUSITANICA 140-04**

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

May/June • 36-48" (90-120cm)  
£8.00

**SANGUINARIA**

**CANADENSIS 124-04**

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

April • 6" (15cm)  
£6.00



## SCILLA

SCILLA PERUVIANA



SCILLA BIFOLIA



SCILLA SIBERICA SPRING BEAUTY



SCILLA MISCHTSCHENKOANA (TUBERGENIANA)



SCILLA HYACINTHOIDES BLUE ARROW

▲ Photo credit: Linda de Goede

## SCILLA

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

### BIFOLIA 125-05

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

Feb/Mar • 6" (15cm)  
£4.70 for 10, £11.00 for 25,  
or £20.00 for 50

### HYACINTHOIDES BLUE ARROW 125-33

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

July • 36" (90cm)  
£4.50

### MISCHTSCHENKOANA (TUBERGENIANA) 125-17

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

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

### PERUVIANA 125-11

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

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

### SIBERICA SPRING BEAUTY 125-14

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

Mar/April • 6" (15cm)  
£3.00 for 10 or £6.50 for 25



TRITELEIA FOXY



TRITELEIA RUDY



## SPECIES TULIPS

TULIPA BATALINII BRONZE CHARM



## TRITELEIA

TRITELEIA CORRINA



TRITELEIA WHITE CLOUD



TULIPA BAKERI LILAC WONDER

### TRITELEIA

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

#### CORRINA 68-06

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

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

#### RUDY 68-07

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

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

#### FOXY 68-15

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

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

#### WHITE CLOUD 68-14

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

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

### SPECIES TULIPS

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

If we have enough *T. sprengeri* they will be available online, the harvest currently looks too small for us to list them this year.

#### BAKERI LILAC WONDER 131-53

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

Late April/early May • 6" (15cm)  
£3.30 for 10 or £7.25 for 25

#### BATALINII BRONZE CHARM 131-08

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

Late April/early May • 10" (25cm)  
£7.25 for 10, £16.50 for 25  
or £30.00 for 50





BATALINII SALMON GEM



TULIPA HUMILIS PERSIAN PEARL



TULIPA CLUSIANA CYNTHIA



TULIPA BATALINII HONKY TONK



TULIPA CLUSIANA PEPPERMINTSTICK



TULIPA LINIFOLIA

**BATALINII SALMON GEM** 131-146

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

Late April/early May • 10" (25cm)  
£4.40 for 5 or £12.50 for 15

**BATALINII HONKY TONK** 131-03

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

Late April/early May • 10" (25cm)  
£3.00 for 5 or £8.50 for 15

**CLUSIANA CYNTHIA** 131-167

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

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

**CLUSIANA PEPPERMINTSTICK** 131-02

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

April • 10" (25cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25  
or £28.50 for 50

**HUMILIS PERSIAN PEARL** 131-12

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

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

**LINIFOLIA** 131-26

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

May • 6" (15cm)  
£3.50 for 10 or £7.75 for 25,



TULIPA LITTLE BEAUTY



TULIPA WHITTALLII



TULIPA SYLVESTRIS



TULIPA LITTLE PRINCESS



TULIPA TARDA



TULIPA TURKESTANICA

**LITTLE BEAUTY** 🏆 131-27

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

April • 5" (12cm)  
£3.50 for 10 or £7.75 for 25

**LITTLE PRINCESS** 🏆 131-05

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

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

**SYLVESTRIS** 131-37

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

April • 12" (30cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25  
or £28.50 for 50

**TARDA** 🏆 131-38

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

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

**TURKESTANICA** 🏆 131-134

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

April • 9" (20cm)  
£3.50 for 10, £7.75 for 25

**WHITTALLII** 131-42

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

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



TULIPA RED RIDING HOOD



TULIPA CORONA

▲ Photo credit: GAP Images



TULIPA CAPE COD



TULIPA FLAMING PURISSIMA



TULIPA JOHANN STRAUSS

## KAUFMANNIANA TULIPS

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

### CORONA 131-141

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

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

### JOHANN STRAUSS

131-111

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

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

## GREIGII TULIPS

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

### CAPE COD 131-113

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

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

### RED RIDING HOOD ♡ 131-18

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

April • 8" (20cm)  
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25  
or £27.00 for 50

## FOSTERIANA

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

### EXOTIC EMPEROR 131-100

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

April • 18" (45cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25  
or £28.50 for 50

### FLAMING PURISSIMA 131-71

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

Mar/April • 14" (35cm)  
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25  
or £27.00 for 50



TULIPA EXOTIC EMPEROR



TULIPA ORANGE EMPEROR



TULIPA ANNIE SCHILDER



TULIPA BARCELONA



TULIPA PURISSIMA



TULIPA BROWN SUGAR



TULIPA ARMANI

## MID SEASON TULIPS

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### ORANGE EMPEROR 131-72

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

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

### PURISSIMA 131-16

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

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

### MID SEASON TULIPS

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



Suggested planting companions

### ANNIE SCHILDER 131-135

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

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

 With Ballerina, Paul Scherer and Havran

### ARMANI 131-158

Brought in last autumn as a substitute for Abu Hassan (which is still unavailable) we were impressed with them and used them in the display at Malvern where many viewers also admired them. Deep crimson red with a white edge.

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

 With City of Vancouver, Sunny Prince or Couleur Cardinal

### BARCELONA 131-159

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

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

 With Hotpants, Merlot or Honeymoon

### BROWN SUGAR 131-142

Difficult to pin down in colour terms, bronzed apricot or coppery pink perhaps with some purple on the reverse, tall and strong stemmed with a beautiful perfume. More red and taller than Cairo below, both are a bit more unusual and interesting in their hues.

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

 With Pieter de Leur, Queen of Night or Firework



TULIPA CAIRO



TULIPA CALGARY



TULIPA CALGARY FLAMES



TULIPA COULEUR CARDINAL



TULIPA GRAND PERFECTION



TULIPA FLAMING FLAG

### CAIRO 131-160

Nearly brown, which (believe me) is a great colour against the blueish green that is the colour of the foliage on most tulips, but as they age they become more bronzed and slightly orange with petals that shimmer in the sun.

April • 20" (50cm)  
**£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25,  
 or £28.50 for 50**

👉 With Merlot, Brown Sugar or Firework

### CALGARY 131-48

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

April • 9" (22cm)  
**£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25  
 or £27.00 for 50**

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

### CALGARY FLAMES 131-136

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

April • 9" (22cm)  
**£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25  
 or £28.50 for 50**

👉 With Prinses Irene, Orange Princess or Calgary

### COULEUR CARDINAL 131-126

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

April 16" (40cm)  
**£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25  
 or £28.50 for 50**

👉 With Paul Scherer, Hotpants or Shirley.

### FLAMING FLAG 131-168

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

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

👉 With Paul Scherer, Shirley, Queen of Night

### GRAND PERFECTION 131-123

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

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

👉 With Nightclub, Couleur Cardinal or Sanne



TULIPA HAVRAN



TULIPA MISTRESS



TULIPA NEGRITA



TULIPA HOTPANTS



TULIPA HEMISPHERE



TULIPA JAN REUS

### HAVRAN 131-57

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

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

With Flaming Flag, City of Vancouver or China Pink

### HEMISPHERE 131-137

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

April • 18" (45cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25  
or £28.50 for 50

With Flaming Flag, Flyaway or China Pink

### HOTPANTS 131-161

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

April • 20" (50cm)  
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25  
or £27.00 for 50

With Barcelona, Shirley or Tres Chic

### JAN REUS 131-62

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

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

With China Pink, Havran, Negrita or nearly everything else

### MISTRESS 131-162

A clear strong pink with simple flowers, they remind me of an old favourite now unobtainable called Douglas Bader which also showed very well. Less leafy and more showy than China Pink and they should be earlier flowering too.

April • 20" (50cm)  
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25  
or £27.00 for 50

With Honeymoon, Foxtrot or Angelique

### NEGRITA 131-149

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

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

With Paul Scherer, Honeymoon or La Belle Epoque



Suggested planting companions



TULIPA SANNE



TULIPA SHIRLEY



TULIPA SUNNY PRINCE



TULIPA PRINSES IRENE



TULIPA PAUL SCHERER



TULIPA UNIQUE DE FRANCE

PAUL SCHERER  131-107

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

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


With Honeymoon, Shirley, Couleur Cardinal or Sanne

PRINSES IRENE  131-10

An earthy mix of oranges, marmalade and purple, but unlikely as it seems they work brilliantly together. This is a great favourite, with low reddish marked leaves and on short stem it is less affected by poor weather and adding in a huge scent, one can see why it is so popular. See also 'Orange Princess' which is a double form of the same tulip, page 58.

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

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

SANNE  131-122

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25,  
or £28.50 for 50

With Pacific Pearl, Jan Reus or Paul Scherer

SHIRLEY 131-56

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

April/May • 24" (60cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25,  
or £28.50 for 50

With Antoinette, Pacific Pearl or Havran.

SUNNY PRINCE 131-143

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

April • 14" (34cm)  
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25  
or £27.00 for 50

With Lambada, Armani or Prinses Irene

UNIQUE DE FRANCE 131-121

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

April • 16" (40cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25,  
or £28.50 for 50

Outstanding on its own.



## PARROT TULIPS

TULIPA ROCOCO



TULIPA WHITE PARROT



TULIPA BLACK PARROT

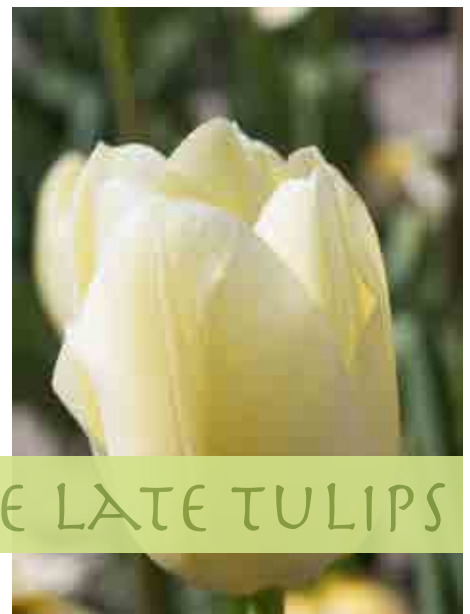
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TULIPA ANGEL'S WISH



TULIPA ANTOINETTE



TULIPA CITY OF VANCOUVER

## SINGLE LATE TULIPS

### PARROT TULIPS

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

### BLACK PARROT 🏆 131-17

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

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25  
or £28.50 for 50

👉 With White Triumphator, Greenland or Spring Green

### ROCOCO 131-127

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

April • 12" (30cm)  
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25  
or £27.00 for 50

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

### WHITE PARROT 131-64

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
£7.75 for 10, £17.50 for 25,  
or £31.50 for 50

👉 With Queen of Night, Violet Bird or Backpacker

### SINGLE LATE

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

### ANGEL'S WISH 🏆 131-32

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

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25  
or £28.50 for 50

👉 With Pieter de Leur, Shirley or Sanne

### ANTOINETTE 131-153

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25,  
or £28.50 for 50

👉 With Firework, Nightclub or Angeliqne

### CITY OF VANCOUVER 131-156

Pale creamy yellow and turning paler as they age, smaller headed than Angel's Wish. Simply gorgeous.

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25,  
or £27.00 for 50

👉 With Queen of Night, Pacific Pearl or Mistress



Suggested planting companions





TULIPA QUEEN OF NIGHT



## LILY FLOWERED TULIPS

TULIPA BALLERINA



TULIPA NIGHT CLUB



TULIPA CHINA PINK



TULIPA FIREWORK

### NIGHT CLUB 131-154

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

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
**£7.25 for 10, £16.50 for 25,  
 or £30.00 for 50**

👇 With *Negrita, Couleur Cardinal or Armani*

### QUEEN OF NIGHT 131-58

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

April/May • 24" (60cm)  
**£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25,  
 or £27.00 for 50**

👇 With *City of Vancouver, Honeymoon or Pacific Pearl*

## LILY FLOWERED TULIPS

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

### BALLERINA 🏆 131-65

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

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
**£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25,  
 or £27.00 for 50**

👇 With *Queen of Night, Sanne or Firework*



TULIPA FLYAWAY

### CHINA PINK 🏆 131-59

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

April • 14-16" (35-40cm)  
**£7.25 for 10, £16.50 for 25,  
 or £30.00 for 50**

👇 With *Angelique, Mistress or Merlot*

### FIREWORK 131-163

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

April/May • 16" (40cm)  
**£7.25 for 10, £16.50 for 25,  
 or £30.00 for 50**

👇 With *Foxtrot, Hemisphere or Groenland*

### FLY AWAY 131-164

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

April/May • 22" (55cm)  
**£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25,  
 or £27.00 for 50**

👇 With *Firework, Unique de France or Hemisphere*



TULIPA PIETER DE LEUR



TULIPA MERLOT



TULIPA TRÉS CHIC



TULIPA GREENSTAR



TULIPA MADALYN



TULIPA WHITE TRIUMPHATOR

### GREENSTAR 131-165

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

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
**£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25,  
 or £28.50 for 50**

👉 With Groenland, Flyaway or White Parrot

### MADALYN 131-166

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

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
**£7.25 for 10, £16.50 for 25,  
 or £30.00 for 50**

👉 With Barcelona, Pieter de Leur or Pacific Pearl

### MERLOT 131-130

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

April/May • 28" (65cm)  
**£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25,  
 or £28.50 for 50**

👉 With Barcelona, Cairo or Pieter de Leur

### PIETER DE LEUR 131-150

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

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

👉 With Spring Green, Groenland or White Triumphator

### TRÉS CHIC 131-66

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

April/May • 12" (30cm)  
**£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25,  
 or £27.00 for 50**

👉 With Unique de France, Mistress or Negrita

### WHITE TRIUMPHATOR 131-46

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

April/May • 20" (50cm)  
**£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25,  
 or £28.50 for 50**

👉 Safe as houses, goes with everything!



Suggested planting companions



TULIPA HONEYMOON



TULIPA LAMBADA



TULIPA PACIFIC PEARL

## FRINGED TULIPS



TULIPA SPRING GREEN



TULIPA VIOLET BIRD



TULIPA GROENLAND



TULIPA ARTIST

## VIRIDIFLORA TULIPS

### FRINGED TULIPS

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

#### HONEYMOON 131-95

Creamy white, sometimes with a tinge of green and edged in a sparkling white frosted fringe. A cracking tulip that looks as though it has just been drawn from the ice bucket. We have been showing them and selling them as Daytona, but they seem to also be called Honeymoon, I think that they are the same thing and Honeymoon a better name to my eyes and ears!

April/May • 15" (38cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25,  
or £28.50 for 50

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

#### LAMBADA 131-151

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25,  
or £28.50 for 50

☞ With Sunny Prince, Artist or Cairo

#### PACIFIC PEARL 131-152

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

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

☞ With Lambada, Honeymoon or City of Vancouver

### VIRIDIFLORA TULIPS

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

#### ARTIST 131-155

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

April/May • 12" (30cm)  
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25  
or £27.00 for 50

☞ With Lambada, Greenstar or Night Club

#### GROENLAND 131-44

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

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

☞ With Sanne, Madalyn or Greenstar

#### SPRING GREEN 131-51

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

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

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

#### VIOLET BIRD 131-145

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
£7.75 for 10, £17.50 for 25,  
or £31.50 for 50

☞ With Groenland, Pieter de Leur or White Parrot



TULIPA FOXTROT



TULIPA ORANGE PRINCESS



TULIPA BACKPACKER

## DOUBLE PETALLED TULIPS



TULIPA LA BELLE EPOQUE



TULIPA ANGEIQUE



UVULARIA GRANDIFLORA

### DOUBLE PETALLED TULIPS

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

#### ANGEIQUE 131-24

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

April/May • 16" (40cm)  
£6.75 for 10, £15.50 for 25,  
or £28.50 for 50

👉 With China Pink, Backpacker or Hemisphere

#### BACKPACKER 131-157

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

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

👉 With Angelique, La Belle Epoque or Unique de France

#### FOXTROT 131-147

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

April • 12" (30cm)  
£6.25 for 10, £14.50 for 25,  
or £27.00 for 50

👉 With Sunny Prince, Havran or Orange Princess



Suggested planting companions

#### LA BELLE EPOQUE 131-104

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

April/May • 18" (45cm)  
£7.75 for 10, £17.50 for 25,  
or £31.50 for 50

👉 With Ballerina, Angel's Wish or Sanne

#### ORANGE PRINCESS 131-140

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

April/May • 16" (40cm)  
£7.25 for 10, £16.50 for 25,  
or £30.00 for 50

👉 With Firework, Calgary Flames or Annie Schilder

### UVULARIA

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

#### GRANDIFLORA 133-05

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

April • 12" (30cm)  
£5.00

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

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# Seeds from Avon Bulbs

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

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



T77-002

Average seed contents: 15

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

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



T77-025

Average seed contents: 20

**Allium cernuum**

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



T77-003

Average seed contents: 80

**Camassia leichtlinii**  
**'Avon's Stellar hybrids'**

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



T77-004

Average seed contents: 15

**Dahlia coccinea**  
**var palmeri**

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



T77-009

Average seed contents: 50

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

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



T77-019

Average seed contents: 10

**Lunaria annua**  
**'Chedglow'**

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



T77-028

Average seed contents: 10

**Lunaria**  
**'Corfu Blue'**

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



T77-008

Average seed contents: 80

**Nicotiana mutabilis**  
**(Ornamental Tobacco)**

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



T77-021

Average seed contents: 80

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

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



T77-005

Average seed contents: 20

**Orlaya Grandiflora** 🌿  
**(White Lace Flower)**

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



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777-006

Average seed contents: 25

### Gladiolus tristis

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777-018

Average seed contents: 80

### Iberis umbellatum (Candytuft)

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



777-007

Average seed contents: 10

### Lunaria annua 🏆 'Alba Variegata'

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



777-013

### Double Black



777-014

### Double Lilac

### Papaver somniferum

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



777-012

### Double Shiraz



777-011

### Double Pink



777-017

### Blackcurrant Fizz



777-026

Average seed contents: 50

### Pimpinella major rosea

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



777-010

Average seed contents: 15

### Tulbaghia cominsii x violacea

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

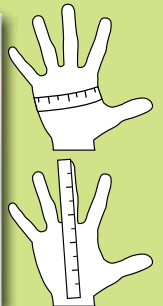


777-023

Average seed contents: 30

### Tulipa sprengeri 🏆

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



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