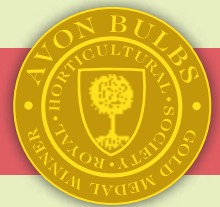




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WELCOME TO THE AVON BULBS SPRING CATALOGUE 2020

As usual the first section of the catalogue has, I hope, much to interest our snowdrop devotees. The pages that follow with plants for summer flowering have some new offerings too. These include a different range of Dahlias based on visits to some Dahlia show gardens last summer, two new Anemones and the first listing of seedling of *Gladiolus Ruby* called 'Thunder' that we have raised and multiplied.

Beyond that there is an emphasis on consolidation as we weather uncertain times. Business uncertainty around our ongoing ability to export plants, especially snowdrops, to Europe which has become a valuable part of our business is certainly daunting. Phytosanitary Certificates and CITES permits will be required post-Brexit. The implementation of Plant Passporting rules is imminent and although as I write we are only days away from them coming into force it is still decidedly unclear how they will work. Added to the general political uncertainty affecting everyone these "known unknowns" certainly make the future seem challenging.

On a more positive note we are making efforts to reduce our carbon footprint as best we can. One part of that is making use of a waste product from a biodigester nearby which we use as a mulch on our field grown plants and there we have noticeably reduced our water use and improved our weed control. We shall be experimenting with pots that can be kerbside recycled in the spring and are doing what we can to reduce our use of single use plastic in our packaging and elsewhere, although there is a certain amount of old stock still to be used (no point sending it to landfill unused). On a seven acre site that only sported a single tree thirty years ago we now enjoy a considerable tree coverage with all the benefits that this brings. Some solar panels also provide electricity and in a couple of months of the year we even generate more than we use. We also use DPD as our carriers who claim to be a carbon neutral delivery service.

↔ A new addition to our descriptions in this catalogue is an indication of the plant spacings that we might suggest. These are given considering the size of plants that we expect to supply and our expectations for their growth in garden borders. These may be different if the same plants are potted.

CHRIS IRELAND JONES

Five Year Diaries!

This remarkable diary really is a real memory builder!

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

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

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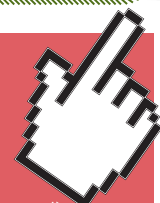
We recycle and reuse the pots in which the snowdrops have been grown, but we do get asked for pots by keen Galanthophiles who might be growing their own snowdrops to sell or give away. We try not to encourage the growing of snowdrops in pots long term, but of all the pots we have used over the years these seem the most suitable for single snowdrop bulbs. They are 9cm square and 12.5cm deep with good drainage holes and of a robust construction and only available in black!



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

668-01 Snowdrop Pots £2.50 for 10

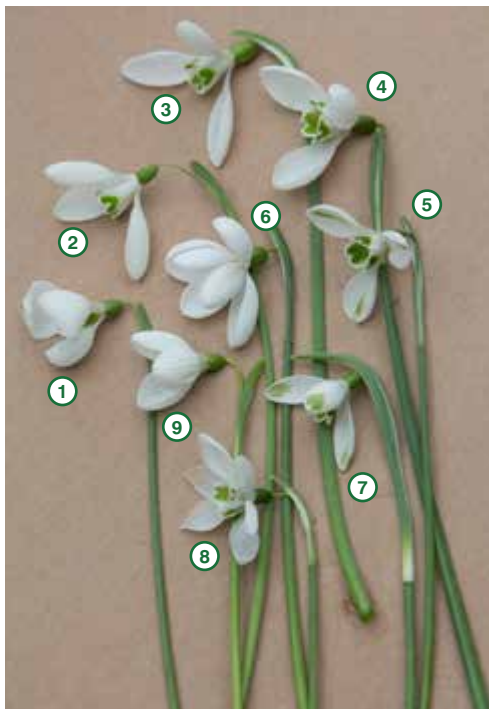
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Plants we list which have received the **RHS Commendation 'Award of Garden Merit'** are now tagged with the trophy symbol. Space does not allow us to add the hardiness rating – please be aware the award applies to the ease of cultivation, excellence and constitution, but not necessarily hardiness.



COLLECTOR'S SNOWDROPS

Some of the best snowdrops

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|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Diggory ♡ | 4. S. Arnott ♡ | 7. Viridapice ♡ |
| 2. Magnet ♡ | 5. Trumps ♡ | 8. Godfrey Owen ♡ |
| 3. Atkinsii ♡ | 6. E A Bowles ♡ | 9. Augustus |

Trym type snowdrops

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|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 10. Veronica Cross | 13. Pieces of Eight | 16. Turncoat |
| 11. The Wizard | 14. South Hayes ♡ | 17. Long John Silver |
| 12. Trimmer | 15. Trumps ♡ | |

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

past 3 or 4 years or when potting dormant snowdrops which all look alike, but if this happens these will be rectified. All are flowering size and will either be in flower or will have flowered when we send them, having been carefully knocked out of the pots in which they have been individually grown for the past five months with their root systems intact and carefully packaged along with their label.

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

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



ALISON HILARY 22-16

Slim outer segments, slightly clawed at the base provide for an attractively rounded shape to the flower, the inner segments are heavily marked at the base in a X or H shape which fades towards the apex. Found at Sutton Court, Herefordshire, the famous Backhouse garden.
£15.00 each (potted) or £35.00 for 3 (dug) (248)



ANGELINA 22-286

This came from Slovenia and is a stunning and sought after virescent form of *G. nivalis* with large and very bold green outer segments. One of those that you can say with justification 'Once seen, never forgotten'.

£60.00



ARIADNE 22-349

In mythology she was the bearer of twins. A selection of *G. plicatus* ssp. *byzantinus* found in the copse here. When established these have two large flowers on each scape (flower stems) making it a very floriferous clump. Mid to late season.

£45.00

**BEANY****22-287**

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

£30.00**BITTER LEMONS****22-351**

A seedling found under the same tree under which Midas appeared, but some years later. Both are colour change hybrids but this one is much earlier to flower and is usually over well before Midas is at its best. Few available.

£120.00**CARYL BARON****22-220**

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

£35.00**BETTY HANSELL****22-295**

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

£25.00 (298)**BLONDE INGE****22-109**

Probably the first snowdrop discovered that exhibits a green ovary in combination with a yellow inner segment colouration. That original find was near Cologne in Germany and the name is a reference to a song title. The degree of yellowing is often variable, even within the same clump, who knows why?

£15.00 (94)**CELIA'S DOUBLE****22-335**

A new and unusual double with a very tightly bunched inner segments and curiously pointed outer segments. Reputed to be violet scented. From Celia Sawyer, at the time in charge of the rock garden at the University Botanic Garden, Oxford.

£40.00

**COMPUTED****22-297**

A hybrid given to us by John Sales and named for his computer-obsessed grandson Ted. Large flowered with long boat shaped and slightly ribbed outer segments, the inners marked with both pale and dark markings.

£40.00**DEER SLOT****22-125**

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

£30.00 (173)**DRAGONFLY****22-279**

From the wonderful but late Veronica Cross who also gave us the amazing G. Wasp and a continuation of the insect-like theme. This is bigger and much more substantial with very long outer segments which sway and dangle on long pedicels to show the dark green marked inners.

£45.00**COTSWOLD BEAUTY****22-327**

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

£20.00 (250)**DIGGORY** 🏆**22-161**

Found in a population of *G. plicatus* near Wells, Norfolk by Rosie Steele and Richard Hobbs in 1993 and named after Rosie's late son. Instantly recognizable and as a result still very sought after. Even from several steps away the lantern-like shape formed from the thickly puckered and inward curving outer segments is distinctive and outstanding.

£35.00 (147)**E.A. BOWLES** 🏆**22-275**

One of the very best snowdrops, which like Diggory stands out even at a distance. This is a huge poculiform form (all white with six equal length outer petals) with the broad leaves of *G. plicatus* found at Myddelton House by Michael Myers in 2002, a fitting plant to commemorate a true lover of plants at a place where Bowles lived all his life.

£40.00



EDITH 22-338

This *G. elwesii* selection is a large growing form with good sized flowers displaying a broad Y marking on the inner segments over broad leaves. Found by Phil Cornish and named for his mother early in the 21st Century.

£20.00 (185)



FARINGDON DOUBLE 22-113

Rescued by Ruby and David Baker from the churchyard of its name, just in time, for a little later the site had been 'tidied up' with no sign of the former plants. Double and doubly useful as it starts flowering before Christmas in a mild year.

£15.00 (303)



FEODORA 22-300

A lovely *G. nivalis* with a distinctly long and glowing pale yellow-green ovary, matched by an inner marking in the same colour, selected by Nicholas Top somewhere in the middle of Germany.

£50.00



ERMINE LACE 22-268

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

£35.00 (300)



FENSTEAD END 22-103

Found by Chris Grey Wilson in the village of the same name in Suffolk when he moved there in 1987, an early flowering form with noticeably upright foliage and inner segments nearly all covered in green.

£15.00 (182)



FIELDGATE FORTE 22-190

A seedling of *G. Modern Art* raised by Colin Mason in the 1990s. Called 'Forte' on account of its ability to regularly produce two flower stems. It has green staining at the tips and base of the outer segments and dark green inner segments.

£20.00 (278)



FIELDGATE SUPERB 22-168
A late flowering snowdrop with broad outer petals, pinched at the tip to provide body and curvature to the outer petals, the inner markings form a green X, the bottom half usually solid green, the upper part fading away from the apex.
£20.00 (252)



FLY FISHING 22-178
This stock is derived from a seedling selected at Avon Bulbs, characterised by its incredibly long, slender and gracefully arched pedicel, one that is perhaps longer than in any other snowdrop, early flowering. Pots with 2 bulbs.
£25.00



GABRIEL 22-221
A simple but early flowering form of *G. elwesii* monostictus, usually in flower in December identified at Avon Bulbs in the 1980s. The name comes from its habit of raising its outer segments in a wing-like manner when brought into warm conditions.
£15.00 (174)



FLOCON DE NEIGE 22-191
French for snowflake and named for its resemblance (when seen from above) to a microscopic view of a snowflake with its six evenly spaced outer segments. A *G. nivalis* double cultivar selected by Mark Brown in Buckinghamshire in the mid 1980s.
£35.00 (114)



FRANZ JOSEF 22-276
A neat and handsome double form of *G. elwesii*, the narrow, green tipped, outer segments seem to need to be broad shouldered to enclose the bulk of the inner segments which exhibit a clear green cross, from an old garden in Germany.
£40.00



GLENORMA 22-355
An early flowering plicate, with one of the largest flowers. The outer segments are slightly puckered whilst the inner ones show a strong green X mark over most of the petal. Strong stemmed and raised at Glen Chantry.
£35.00



GLORIA 22-135

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

£25.00



GRAVITY 22-225

Another of those spontaneous seedlings that arose here at Avon Bulbs, this time under some hazelnuts. Large and heavy flowered with long, shapely outer segments over a shorter scape so the effect is of a very solid clump. The inner markings are a strong upside-down V over the apical notch and smudges of pale green towards the base.

£30.00



GREEN EYES 22-374

A recent selection with a short pedicel and a long ovary below which it has long outer segments and inner segments marked by two paler green spots at the base, so aptly named. Vigorous and soon makes a clump.

£35.00



GODFREY OWEN 22-238

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

£25.00 (205)



GREEN BRUSH 22-156

Big flowered with very broad arched petals resulting in a squareness to the flower that is distinctive, with the tips of the outer segments strongly marked in green as though dipped in paint.

£18.00



GREEN MAN 22-93

An easy and vigorous hybrid *G. nivalis* x *G. plicatus* with a bold green inner marking somewhat resembling a human figure. A charming mid-season snowdrop, though not as big as is suggested in the Snowdrop 'bible'.

£15.00 (252)

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GREENFINCH 22-212
 A tall robust plant with leaves that indicate a *G. plicatus* ancestry. The flowers are rounded and have deep green lining that runs together on the outer segments. Good sized bulbs do usually produce a second scape. It was originally found by Richard Hobbs in the Greatorex garden.
£30.00 (278)



IVY COTTAGE CORPORAL 22-257
 A boldly marked hybrid, aptly named as its inner marking recalls the chevrons on a corporal's uniform. Strong growing and vigorous. Pots with 2 bulbs
£25.00



JESSICA 22-01
 Found by Phil Cornish near Wroxall, Warwickshire in 1997. A fine form of *G. elwesii* with sharply defined green markings on the outer segments and a long green ovary and broad, arching foliage. Phil named it after his wife.
£25.00 (191)



HELOISE DES ESSOURTS 22-361
 From Jean-Luc Panier in 2009 from St Germain des Essourts, Normandy, and named after his younger daughter. This is a charming neat double *G. nivalis*, very even and with green tips to the outer segment.
£40.00



JENNY'S PEARL 22-344
 Huge flowers are a feature of this *G. plicatus* selection, with an all green inner making a dramatic feature. Clumps up well. Originally from Jenny Robinson's garden in Suffolk
£25.00



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



KENCOT KALI 22-226

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

£35.00



KILDARE 22-149

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

£25.00 (279)



LADY PUTMAN 22-364

A favourite of ours amongst the many green-tipped *G. nivalis*, this is a small flowered form, very dainty with boldly marked outers and a charming cupped shape, rather like a small thimble.

£80.00



KERSEN 22-249

The name is descriptive of the inner green marking and is Dutch for Cherries, and indeed the outline describes a pair of green cherries on their stalks above the apical notch. A smaller and very neat looking plant. Pots with 2 bulbs.

£25.00 (81)



KRYPTONITE 22-305

The December flowering virescent *G. elwesii* is when established, one of the best green snowdrops of recent years. Green washed outers with a nearly all green inner segment under a dark green ovary. As it flowers so early best under a wall or in some protection from the coldest winds.

22-305 **Flowering £80.00**

22-357 **Non-flowering £65.00**



LONG JOHN SILVER 22-325

From the late Veronica Cross' garden and from the same area that provided the amazing *G. Pieces of Eight*, both remarkable snowdrops. Under a deep green ovary hangs a handsomely large flower with a deep green chevron marking which seems to accentuate the angle on the outer segment, that marking is associated with all the Trym seedlings.

£90.00



LOUISE ANN BROMLEY 22-129

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

£18.00



MAGIC 22-375

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

£100.00



MARGERY FISH 22-213

With all the narrower petals being washed in pale green this is a distinctive and interesting but slightly awkward looking plant with the pedicel held erect resulting in a flower that does not hang well as a result. It is overtopped by an exaggerated curving spathe. Found in The Ditch at East Lambrook in 1987.

£35.00 (108)



LUCY 22-307

Another fabulous seedling from Richard and Val at Woodchippings, home to some of the best new snowdrop hybrids. This Trym type seedling has stunning green marked outer segments, a broad one at the tip and a narrower one closer to the ovary, occasionally they tend to merge.

£70.00



MANDARIN 22-289

A selection of *G. elwesii* made by Phil Cornish in Gloucestershire. It has a bright olive-green ovary and has an overall chunky appearance with broad upright foliage and has unusual curved outer segments like a mandarin's hat. Pots with 2 bulbs.

£25.00 (202)



MARJORIE BROWN 22-203

A late flowering form of *G. elwesii* discovered by Ruby Baker in 1999. Quite unusually wide of leaf with noticeably glaucous and distinctly bluish foliage, the flowers are large and the form very vigorous. Pots with 2 bulbs.

£20.00 (176)



MARLIE RAPHAEL 22-259

From the garden at Kingston Bagpuize House in Oxfordshire and found in 2000 this is a form of *G. elwesii* with long outer segments tipped with strong green splashes, the inner segments are marked in a pale olive-green.

£35.00 (185)



MATT BISHOP 22-308

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

£90.00



MISS ADVENTURE 22-310

From Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire, this form of *G. reginae-olgae* ssp. *vernalis* (these are the spring flowering forms of what are more usually September/ October flowering autumnal snowdrops from Greece) has unusual and very eye-catching white spathes. This additional whiteness is noticeable even before the flower opens and remains as a small parasol over the flower when it opens.

£25.00 (134)



MARTHA MACLAREN 22-330

From the once famous snowdrop garden of Primrose Warburg at South Hayes near Oxford, this is a late flowering and impressive selection with thick broad and very white outer segments and strongly green marked inners, usually with 2 scapes from each bulb.

£30.00 (266)



MIDAS 22-309

Midas was found here at Avon Bulbs the same week that we hosted the Immortals' Lunch Party in February 2011. The just noticed seedling Midas, then in its first flowering, was secreted away under an upturned pot in the copse where much snowdropping was being enjoyed, hidden from our visitors! It took 6 years before we sold any. A colour change snowdrop - the green markings turning a glowing golden yellow a few days after first opening. We think that it is a *G. x valentinei* hybrid and colours up better in more direct spring sunshine.

£70.00



MODERN ART 22-34

The seemingly stiffly held outer segments held on a short pedicel are marked with green at the tip, the inner segments are also quite heavily marked in pale green. One of the earliest of the green tipped *G. nivalis* to be recognised in the late 1950s.

£20.00 (280)



MOORTOWN 22-232

A lovely large flowered snowdrop which came to us from David Bromley in Shropshire. Its flowers are exceptionally white, bold and broad, the inner segments marked both by pale and dark green. It is one of our best though slightly less well known snowdrops as well as being an excellent doer.

£25.00 (235)



MORGANA 22-376

Selected by the late Simon Savage, this form of *G. elwesii* has a dramatic glowing green colour to the outer segments, truly outstanding and always in great demand.

£100.00



MOTHER GOOSE 22-352

A newish hybrid from John Morley's garden, this flower has a single inner segment mark of a rich golden glowing yellow. Some seasons it shows better colour than in others, nobody seems to know why, perhaps temperature and light levels play a part, but patience helps too.

£70.00



MORETON MILL 22-260

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

£30.00



MOSES BASKET 22-367

A seedling from Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire, this *G. elwesii* form shows distinctly 'shouldered' outer segments which curve inwards when well established, the inner segments only marked by two pale green ticks.

£25.00



MOYA'S GREEN 22-246

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

£45.00



MR STINKER 22-315

From the late Veronica Cross and named for one of her terriers, Tinker, officially Mr Stinker! This bizarre form of *G. nivalis* has petals like a bunch of green claws, it is vigorous and long lasting in flower.

£50.00



NORTHERN LIGHTS 22-378

A new selection from Andy Byfield, a virescent x valentinei hybrid which has wonderful pale glowing green flowers, difficult to capture on a camera, but when seen quite unforgettable and desirable.

£100.00



PEG SHARPLES 22-142

A late flowering convolute with long outer segments and a shaded X on the inner segment with a large sinus notch and quite slim grey-green leaves. It goes back to the early 1970s so has stood the test of time. Pots with 2 bulbs.

£25.00 (258)



MR TAYLOR 22-353

Yet another classic snowdrop from the island within the garden of the late Veronica Cross. A mid-late flowering hybrid convolute with amazing dark green-tipped outer segments and almost all green inners.

£70.00



ONE DROP OR TWO? 22-250

A charming snowdrop where mature bulbs will throw two flowers from each pedicel, doubly serendipitous - and an explanation for the name. The flowers are most distinct for their dark green inner markings. Pots with 2 bulbs.

£25.00



PERCY PICTON 22-104

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

£15.00



PHANTOM

22-262

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

£40.00



PHILIPPE ANDRE MEYER 22-229

Mark Brown's discovery and named for a generous previous employer in France. This is a *G. plicatus* hybrid and one of the best Trym type seedlings. Showy and quick to increase when planted in the ground, not a tall snowdrop. Pots with 2 bulbs.

£60.00



POLAR BEAR

22-270

Glistening white flowered, with rounded segments, held on very short pedicels, so they seem to look outwards. The inner markings are clearly separated. Very late flowering and quite charming and forming very big bulbs.

£15.00



PHIL CORNISH

22-228

An early Trym type selection from the garden of that great galanthophile Phil Cornish. Quite pointed with wonderful all green inners, the outers also heavily marked with pale green. Pots with 2 bulbs.

£60.00



PIECES OF EIGHT

22-326

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

£75.00



ROBIN HOOD

22-39

A tall, upright and elegant snowdrop with pretty flowers held at an angle to the stem on account of a very short pedicel. The inners are darkly marked with a high waisted X in dark green. An old snowdrop first written about by Allen in 1891, drawn by E A Bowles and distributed by Elizabeth Parker-Jervis, a plant with lots of history.

£20.00 (255)



ROBYN JANEY 22-368

A shapely hybrid with very long segments, a pale ovary and a faint pair of green dots at the base of the inners.

£25.00



SENTINEL 22-150

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

£20.00 (270)



SHIMMER §22-365

A spontaneous seedling appearing here under a Spindlebush. It is early to flower and has outer segments with bright and intense green shading, most enviable. This green tipped G. elwesii hybrid really does stand out in the garden.

£90.00



ROSEMARY BURNHAM 22-263

A plant that made the return crossing back from British Columbia to much acclaim when first exhibited in 1998. It is so covered in pale green that lines the outer petal that the effect is of a pale green wash. Quite distinctive and evidently better in more shade.

£35.00 (187)



SERAPH 22-283

The original clone was selected and named by Daphne Chappell and then thought to have been lost. Found again by Phil Cornish some years later this is a fine, even outstanding, poculiform which grows well.

£55.00 (270)



SMARAGDSPLITTER 22-320

An outstandingly early flowerer, usually at its best in December. This form of G. elwesii also has arrow shaped green markings on its outer segments, a literal translation from the German is Emerald Splitter. These may need a year to settle down to show the green markings properly.

22-320 **Flowering £50.00**

22-381 **Non-flowering £40.00**



SNOW ANGEL 22-321

A gift from Viscountess Boyd of Ince Castle and found in her wonderful garden. A form of *G. nivalis scharlockii* which has unusually large and extremely long spathes tending to make the flower look a bit smaller.

£45.00



SPRITE 22-197

A seedling originally found about 15 years ago on the nursery, and all these arise from that single bulb. All green inner segments are revealed when the outers rise, they are painted with 5 or 6 green lines on a slightly clawed petal.

£15.00



STARLING 22-208

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

£20.00



SOUTH HAYES 🏆 22-244

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

£35.00 (282)



ST ANNE'S 22-45

A neat snowdrop with a rather pointed shape, much longer than it is wide with attractive markings that can be clearly seen as it flares slightly. Its name comes from the once home of Lady Barbara Buchanan near St Anne's Church, Sutton Bonnington.

£18.00 (268)



THE WIZARD 22-209

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

£25.00



TREASURE ISLAND 22-323

'That is where I keep my treasures, on the island' was how the late Veronica Cross described the birthplace of her wonderful new snowdrops. This seedling is like a golden Mighty Atom, of perfect balance and substance, outstanding.

£125.00



TRUMPS 🏆 22-164

A stunning and vigorous hybrid first spotted in John Morley's garden by Matt Bishop in 1999. Early to flower with bright green heart shaped markings on the outer segment and quick to form good clumps. As the flower matures it becomes more flared and pagoda-like in shape. One of the best green-tipped snowdrops and a must have variety for every snowdrop garden. Think of your bridge hand rather than the man?

£20.00 (283)



TRYMPOSTOR 22-182

This is shorter, earlier into flower and much more vigorous, so probably much more rewarding. First shown at the RHS in Vincent Square in 2011, where it was awarded a Preliminary Commendation. Pots with 2 bulbs.

£30.00



TRINITY 22-264

A stunning new *G. plicatus* form which always produces two or three scapes from large bulbs. Standing bolt upright, the flowers have a wonderful green inner plus outers marked with what resemble a pale green scallop shell.

£40.00



TRYMLET 22-198

A very vigorous hybrid with plicate leaves and generous splashes of green in all the right places, soon bulking up to a floriferous clump. Pots with 2 bulbs.

£30.00



TRYZM 22-265

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

£30.00



TURNCOAT

22-354

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

£50.00



VERONICA CROSS

22-292

Full of superlatives. One of the best snowdrop hybrids to come from one of the best snowdrop gardens. A *G. gracilis* x *G. Trym* hybrid which has amazingly green marked segments which lift and flare dramatically as the flower ages. This was one of many of her gifts to us, she was a very generous gardener.

£70.00



WENDY'S GOLD

22-05

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

£30.00 (271)



UNDER CHERRY PLUM

22-285

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

£30.00



WASP

22-101

We obtained this form indirectly from a seedling population at Sutton Court, Herefordshire. Aptly named with a long, narrow silhouette which dangles on a long pedicel with plenty of green on the inner segments. Pots with 2 bulbs.

£25.00 (271)



YASHMAK

22-267

David Baker named this as the pale 'eyes' reminded him of hidden eyes peeping out from behind a muslin veil. The 'eyes' in question are small yellowish dots at the base of the inner segments on an otherwise unmarked flower.

£25.00 (204)

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

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

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

DUG SNOWDROPS



ATKINSII 🏆 22-09

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

£13.00 for 3 (225)



BLEWBURY TART 22-18

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

£8.00 or £22.00 for 3 (120)



CHEDWORTH 22-74

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

£13.00 for 3 (80)



CURLY 22-201

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

£6.00 or £15.00 for 3 (277)



ELFIN 22-83

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

£8.00 or £22.00 for 3 (107)



HIPPOLYTA 22-31

One of the Greatorex clan of double snowdrops (mostly with Shakespearean names and often quite difficult to tie down) this is one of the most stable and distinctive. Neatly double with well-rounded flowers and not too tall over broad glaucous foliage. Clumps thicken up quite readily.

£12.00 (293)



HONEYSUCKLE COTTAGE 22-134

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

£8.00 or £22.00 for 3



**LADY BEATRIX
STANLEY** ♣

22-25

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

£8.00 (296)



LITTLE MAGNET 22-132

When first found on thin chalky soil, the small original plants were well named. When moved to Somerset from Blewbury the better growing conditions mean that the name is rather unhelpful. But it still has an exceptionally long pedicel and a 'chunkier' version of *G. Magnet*

£8.00 or £22.00 for 3 (234)



MAGNET ♣

22-27

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

£7.00 or £18.00 for 3 (235)



MELVILLEI (OF HORT) 22-158

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

£6.00 or £15.00 for 3 (82)



MIDWINTER

22-28

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

£13.00



PAGODA

22-11

First shown in 1994 on David Bromley's Shropshire NCCPG Gold Medal winning exhibit at Vincent Square, but found before that by Simon Savage in Shropshire. Characterised by recurved outer segments (more especially pronounced on a mild spring day) with consequently very visible pale green markings in the inner segment. The original clone.

£20.00 (86)



RIZEHENSIS

22-38

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

£9.00 or £24.00 for 3 (50)

▲ Photo credit: Mark Smyth



S. ARNOTT 🏆 22-40

The trump card in the Giant Snowdrop Company's lists of the 1950s, but still a snowdrop that can infect the innocent with Galanthomania, such is its magic and appeal. Its characteristics are that it is a tall mid-season flowering snowdrop with thick petals, is very white, and has handsomely proportioned flowers, scented (when it is warm) as well as being vigorous to increase (although it never sets seed). A superlative snowdrop.

£14.50 for 3 (238)



VIRIDAPICE 🏆 22-44

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

£9.00 or £24.00 for 3 (108)



SALLY PASMORE 22-60

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

£10.00 (157)



STRAFFAN 🏆 22-42

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

£7.00 or £18.00 for 3 (241)



WORONOWII 🏆 22-20

A neat and robust species found in southern Russia and Georgia with glossy bright green leaves and dainty flowers with a single marking. Many of the snowdrops supplied in pots to garden centres are in fact this plant, often wild dug and then domesticated for a year to make it more legal. It still goes on. These are home grown and healthy.

£8.00 (44)

Snowdrop Greeting Cards

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

£1.50 each or £13.00 for either set of 10

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

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

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

The **'Viridian'** Collection is an entirely new set.

Cards ordered alone will be charged £3.00 P&P

The Viridian Collection

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| 83 | 86 | 89 |



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

Viridian

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

Firm Favourites

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

The Firm Favourites Collection

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| 76 | 77 | 79 |



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



Gift vouchers

These can be supplied at any time of year for any value over £15.00. We will send it with an attractive card with your message,

adding the recipient to our mailing list for future catalogues. Our new ones can now be ordered and used on-line as well.

Maxiflex Gardening Gloves

More and more people now garden in gloves. These are hard wearing and comfortable gardening gloves that still allow you to feel what you are doing but most importantly one's hands do not sweat inside them. Washable (inside out in a cool wash). The Medium size fits nearly everyone here, though a Small size is offered too. Include these with an order for £5.00 each (sent on their own please add £3.00 postage).

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| 669 - 01 | Maxiflex gloves (Medium) | £5.00 |
| 669 - 02 | Maxiflex gloves (Small) | £5.00 |



Glove sizing: If unsure this is a guide – finger to wrist, or right round the palm, whichever the larger measure – under 8" we think the Small (7) size is likely to fit best, over 8" our Medium (10) may be better.

Plants and bulbs to flower this Summer

From here on please use the order form on P57/58

ACTAEA

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



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PACHYODA MISTY BLUE 90-02

A selected form of unusual woodland perennial. They grow to a multi-stemmed clump with unusual blue-green foliage above which it has clusters of white flowers in the spring. In the autumn it has weird looking white fruits with a black dot on red pedicels known as 'doll's eyes' (which are poisonous). Plants from large 2 litre pots.

↔ 24" (60cm) April - June • 18-30" (50-70cm) £9.00



SIMPLEX BRUNETTE 90-01

Lovely dark leaved plants (so long as they receive some direct light) but also shade lovers which thrive on heavy moist soils, so very different from our usual fare that requires "well drained" soils. They used to be called Cimicifuga and plenty of our older readers will recognise that name better. The flowers appear as tall, white, scented plumes in late summer and early autumn and go on to have interesting seed heads into the winter. Large plants in 2 litre pots or bigger.

↔ 24" (60cm) Sept/Oct • 60" (1.5m) £9.00



SIMPLEX PINK SPIKE 90-03

Pale pink and white flowered with the same contrasting dark foliage. If yours is permanently moist soil then these will grow very happily in the open, but often the moist spots are shaded and typically if drought stressed the leaves wither. 9cm pots with well established plants.

↔ 24" (60cm) Sept/Oct • 60" (1.5m) £8.00

Insect friendly Plants

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AGAPANTHUS

Perennial plants that originate in South Africa, but many hybrid forms are now available providing the potential to have a display of Agapanthus in the garden or pots from late June through to September. There are fully deciduous (and hardy) ones and fully evergreen (and tender) forms and much that is between the two. It is not always apparent where the divide lies! Do be aware of your growing conditions so that you choose the right variety for your particular aspect, soil, latitude and altitude. All factors to take into consideration with regard to hardiness.

Most importantly they are sun lovers. They are also very drought tolerant but do often perform better in wet summers. If the soil is good, they will make huge clumps. New flower buds are formed the previous autumn, so they flower better after a long damp autumn. They should be with you for many years so apart from hardiness, select your purchases by colour, height, form of the flower, abundance of flower and flowering time. Well established plants only need further

division when flowering diminishes. They are very versatile, ideal for seaside gardens, are not palatable to rabbits and relatively unaffected by slugs and snails.

The evergreen forms derive from plants from milder and wetter parts, they tend to have broader and fleshier leaves and because they keep their foliage through our winters, they require some protection. At the other end of the scale the deciduous forms tend to have narrower foliage and shed their leaves before the winter, so they are considerably hardier. All the same, it is still worth mulching their 'crowns' with something in the late autumn - if this is soil-enriching manure all the better as they are hungry feeders, and therein lies the problem for plants in pots - the restricted root run is fine whilst there is some nutrition available, but when the compost has been depleted of nutrients they will not flower. Also the compost in pots suffers more from freezing and thawing than the soil at any depth unless you provide some added protection during the winter.

There is a new pest of Agapanthus that we suggest that you look out for, the Agapanthus Gall Midge, so new that it has yet to be properly named. It is uncertain yet whether this is just going to be an annoying pest that we are going to have to learn to live with, or how devastating or manageable it might be. But I feel that it demonstrates a case for better biosecurity on imported plants. We have taken all the flowers off all our stocks for the past three years as a precaution. If you have a problem this seems to be a chemical free means of helping to break the cycle. There is scant information anywhere about it, just type in Agapanthus Gall Midge on the Internet to find out what little there is.

The indication as to whether plants will be supplied from pots or from division is offered as a guide only, it cannot be guaranteed upon. Plants from division (ones which we have divided from bigger 'crowns' dug on the nursery) may take a year to settle in. But after a year plants from division and plants from pots will be very similar, all other things being equal.



ALAN STREET 🏆 2-26

A beautiful dark flowered seedling identified by Alan here some 12 years ago, we first listed them in 2013. Nearly indigo coloured flowers produced in profusion on a dark stem, the heads not so full that you do not see the individual flowers, outstanding. The foliage is deciduous. One of the very best at the Wisley trial where it was awarded an AGM. Plants from division.

↔ **12" (30cm)** July / August • 30" (75cm)
£10.00



ARCTIC STAR 🏆 2-32

Early flowering (for Agapanthus) as we sometimes have these flowering for Hampton Court in early July. Large headed, in arctic white on short thick stems. The foliage is greyish green and quite broad, semi evergreen but tougher than that seems to suggest. From pots

↔ **12" (30cm)** July • 20" (50cm)
£6.50



FLOWER OF LOVE 🏆 2-54

A deep mid blue flower from inky buds over broad strappy deciduous foliage, nothing unusual in that perhaps but this relatively short variety performed very well in the trials and as 'standard' Agapanthus go this is about as good as one gets. From pots

↔ **12" (30cm)** Early July • 16" (40cm)
£6.50



AQUAMARINE 2-04

Rather earlier than most and altogether shorter with tennis ball sized heads on erect stems, the flowers are deep dark blue with a purple hue. Vigorous but smaller headed and with quite short foliage these are very suitable for pots or towards the front of a border for earlier flowering. Divisions.

↔ **12" (30cm)** July • 24" (60cm)
£7.50



ARDERNEI 2-18

Narrow leaved and deciduous, so tough. White flowered with a pink tinge as they fade, the flower stalks holding the flower are reddish brown adding depth and contrast. Vigorous plants with numerous long flower stems, providing mid-season display. The flowers, rather bigger than an orange, delicate looking rather than dense. From divisions.

↔ **12" (30cm)** August • 30" (75cm)
£7.50



HEADBOURNE HYBRIDS (WHITE) 2-08

Derived from a strain that was developed with hardiness in mind by Lewis Palmer at Headbourne Worthy in Hampshire in the 1940s. These are white flowered plants from that strain, deciduous, mid-season flowering and supplied from division.

↔ **12" (30cm)** July/Aug • 24-30" (60-75cm)
£7.50



INAPERTUS

2-10

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

↔ **12" (30cm)** Aug/Sept • Up to 5ft (150cm) **£7.50**



NORTHERN STAR 🏆

2-35

Stiff stemmed, these slightly angled from the upright topped by large rounded heads, often with a second flush of flowers on a second shorter stem, the individual blue flowers showing darker purple stripes down the petals. Deciduous and from pots.

↔ **12" (30cm)** July • 30" (75cm) **£6.50**



SILVER BABY 🏆

2-55

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

↔ **12" (30cm)** July • 12-15" (30-40cm) **£6.50**



1515

2-15

Late mid-season flowering with deep blue flowers, the stems characteristically angled towards the sun. The heads are not very big but are produced in profusion. This is not a widely grown form but ours came from Beth Chatto and she knew a good plant. Named after the stretch of the Thames. Deciduous and from division.

↔ **12" (30cm)** August • 26" (65cm) **£7.50**



SHADES OF GREY

2-58

Slightly shorter and later than Windsor Grey which it fairly closely resembles, our local florists whom we supply with flowers love them best of all. Despite the name they are a clone. From division.

↔ **12" (30cm)** Late August • 26" (65cm) **£7.50**



SILVER MOON 🏆

2-56

Deciduous and variegated with large pale blue flowers set off by the apparently silvery foliage resulting from the broad white edge to the leaves. From pots.

↔ **12" (30cm)** July • 28" (70cm) **£6.50**

The Agapanthus Collection

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ARCTIC STAR (3 POTS)



NORTHERN STAR (3 POTS)



SILVER BABY (3 POTS)

9 plants for £52.00 (save £6.50)

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations



TWISTER 🐝 2-57
 Very unusually these open white and then develop deep blue bases to the flower whilst the tips remain white and flare. A very engaging combination. More evergreen and will be requiring protection in the coldest gardens. From pots
 ↔ **12" (30cm)** July/August • 18" (50cm) £6.50



WINDSOR GREY 2-20
 Refined large headed long-stemmed plants with dense heads of silver grey, turning slightly pink as they age. From the Saville Garden near Windsor. Late mid-season flowering with semi deciduous foliage, from division.
 ↔ **12" (30cm)** August • 30" (75cm) £7.50

ALBUCA



NELSONII 52-05
 Ivory and green flowers face upward in a tall spike, opening from the bottom of the spike. The waxy flowers are strongly almond scented. Attractive glossy succulent foliage is present through much of the year. Big pale green bulbs, Tough and drought tolerant so good in pots in a conservatory.
 ↔ **9-12" (22-30cm)** June/July • 30" (75cm) £6.50

ALLIUMS

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



ANGULOSUM 153-28
 Bright green and glossy leaved for most of the year. Pale lilac flowered in late summer and increasing to tight clumps in time when they visibly shimmer and hum on a warm late summer day when beset by feeding insects. Probably the most butterfly friendly plant we grow. This is a more compact but sterile clone, brilliant in every regard.
 ↔ **8" (20cm)** July/August • 12" (30cm) £6.70 for 3 (small clumps)



ANGULOSUM (TALL FORM) 153-64
 Standing twice as tall (as the form above) when in flower and bearing a secondary flush of flowers on stems that are taller still than those of the first flowers. Apart from the flowers looking very similar they hardly look related.
 ↔ **8" (20cm)** August • 24" (60cm) £5.00 (small clumps)



CANADENSE 153-71
 A very tolerant Allium that seems to cope with both very dry soils right through to our heavy clays. Fine leaved with pinkish white flowers, quite often sporting bulbils in the flowering head.
 ↔ **2" (5cm)** Summer • 18" (45cm) £4.50 for 3



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LENKORANICUM 153-21

A quirky wispy plant that is native to Azerbaijan and reportedly only discovered in 1987, it increases steadily both forming clumps and increasing from seed in a sunny bed in well drained soils. It lasts ages in flower and in the second half of the year never seems not to be in flower.

↔ **4" (10cm)** Summer • 12" (30cm)
£4.50 for 3



SENESCENS SSP. GLAUCUM 153-30

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

↔ **8" (20cm)** Summer • 12" (30cm)
£4.00 or 3 for £10.50 (small clumps)

ALSTROEMERIA

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

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



LIGTU HYBRID 4-04

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

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



LIGTU FRANCES 4-08

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

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

AMARINE

The result of crossings between the Nerine and Amaryllis families. They require full sun and (like Neries) quite shallow planting. If you have a cold garden perhaps it might be better to pot them, but there has been a sizeable display of them for some years against a wall at RHS Wisley which should provide some assurance as to their hardiness.



ANASTASIA 94-03

Pink with a darker midrib
↔ **4" (10cm)** Sept-Nov • 24-30" (60-70cm)
£5.00 or £14.00 for 3



EMANUELLE 94-01

Broad very pale pink petalled with a darker midrib.
↔ **4" (10cm)** Sept-Nov • 24-30" (60-70cm)
£5.00 or £14.00 for 3

ANEMONE



DAINTY SWAN 157-38

There are now a number of variants on the original Wild Swan, the backs of these flowers are much more pink rather than the blue of the other forms. Very long flowering and a surprisingly good cut flower as well.

↔ **18"(45cm)** June-Oct • 18" (45cm)
£10.00



ELFIN SWAN 157-39

Shorter in stature but still with blue backed semi double flowers as the original Wild Swan. These two newer forms are by repute a bit easier to grow, but the cause of any failure is invariably dryness at the roots which they dislike.

↔ **18"(45cm)** June-Oct • 14" (35cm)
£10.00



WILD SWAN 157-35

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

↔ **18"(45cm)** June-Oct • 18" (45cm)
£10.00

ANTHRISCUS



SYLVESTRIS RAVENSWING 5-01

A form of cow-parsley with dark lacy foliage that contrasts strongly with the tiny pink tinged white flowers. An easy perennial that should seed about, best grown in the sun to encourage the dark foliage and in reasonably good soil. A biennial or short lived hardy perennial, so allow them to seed about a bit. In 1 litre pots.

↔ **12"(30cm)** May - July 36" (90cm)
£6.50

ARISAEMA



CANDIDISSIMUM 🍷 54-02

Big tubers of this amazing aroid. White and pink striped scented trumpets arise in the summer with large three lobed leaves (one lobe of which is usually smaller) to follow. They enjoy shade and moisture and are hardy, though do very little growing in the winter and for a long time into the spring. These are UK grown.

↔ **12-18"(30-45cm)** July 15" • (40 cm)
£10.00

ASTRANTIA

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



CLARET 1-02

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

↔ **12-18"(30-45cm)** May/July • 24" (60cm)
£6.00





FLORENCE 1-11

Pink flowered with a touch of lavender that sets it aside. From 1 litre pots.

↔ 12-18"(30-45cm) May/July • 18" (45 cm) £6.00



ROMA 🏆 1-07

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

↔ 12-18"(30-45cm) May/July • 20" (50cm) £6.00

BEGONIA



SUTHERLANDII 🏆 9-07

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

Summer £3.00



GILL RICHARDSON 1-08

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

↔ 12-18"(30-45cm) May/July • 18" (45 cm) £6.00



VENICE 1-10

Adorned by deep plum coloured bracts, in flower for ages during the early summer. These are mostly from 1 litre pots.

↔ 12-18"(30-45cm) May/July • 15" (40cm) £6.00

BRUNNERA

Incredibly useful in many of our displays these are plants with architectural merit. We use them to soften up the more upright displays of regimental looking bulbs on our spring and early summer displays. They are members of the Bugloss family, enjoying slightly damper conditions in part shade.



MACROPHYLLA ALEXANDER'S GREAT 18-06

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

↔ 12-18"(30-45cm) April/May • 18" (45cm) £6.00 or £17.00 for 3



MAJOR 1-04

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

↔ 12-18"(30-45cm) May/July • 24" (60cm) £6.00

Insect friendly Plants

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MACROPHYLLA
JACK FROST 🏆 18-04
 With lovely broad leaves, mainly white but 'crazed' with green and overlapping attractively to cover the ground well with sprays of tiny bright blue flowers in the late spring adding a smokey haze. Well established plants in 1 litre pots.
 ↔ 12-18" (30-45cm) April/May • 18" (45cm)
 £6.00 or £17.00 for 3



MACROPHYLLA
LOOKING GLASS 🏆 18-05
 Whilst the leaves on Jack Frost are veined in green (which breaks up the silvery leaf effect) those of Looking Glass are almost entirely silvered. The same blue flowers follow in the spring.
 ↔ 12-18" (30-45cm) April/May • 18" (45cm)
 £6.00 or £17.00 for 3

CANNA



IRIDIFLORA
(X EHEMANII) 🏆 7-04
 A big bold plant with broad deep green banana-like foliage and carmine flowers. We grow them in a high roofed unheated greenhouse unprotected in the ground and divide them biennially. Dormant in winter they will need some protection or to be kept dry, but if you start them off in the warm and put outside in June they grow very fast to make very impressive plants by the summer's end.
 ↔ 36-48" (90-120cm)
 Summer-Autumn • 6' plus (1.8 m+)
 £7.50

CAUTLEYA



SPICATA ROBUSTA 154-04
 Interesting Himalayan members of the ginger family closely related to the Roscoea and Hedychium which are listed later. Hardy here with no winter protection, but as they are winter dormant, they are easy to mulch in colder parts if necessary. They might prefer some shade in summer but a root cooling bark mulch on ours keeps them quite happy despite the heat. Yellow and orange flowers highlighted by the bright red bracts within which they are held. Bright green foliage. They would also be happy in damp part shade, as they are at Rosemoor in Devon growing among ferns. Plants from divisions.
 ↔ 12" (30cm) Summer • 18" (45cm)
 £7.00 or £18.50 for 3

COSMOS



PEUCEDANIFOLIUS 25-05
 Tuberos perennial plants from Bolivia closely related to those favourite annuals. They thrive here on our heavy loam with lovely simple pink flowers from mid to late summer on long stems. These are from seed sown last year and although the tubers will be small they will flower in 2020 and will vary one to another in the shade of pink. Sunny situations in good soil suit them. Limited in number.
 ↔ 12" (30cm) Summer • 18" (45cm)
 £7.50

CRINUM



MOOREI ALBUM 14-07
 Easily confused with x powellii album, but the moorei form is rather less 'rigid' and softer looking with more flared flowers in white with a tinge of pink at the petal tips. They are also nicely fragrant. They do become big plants in the course of time and love the extra heat that might come from being planted up against a south facing wall. Big bulbed, and even these bulbs may not flower this summer although it is difficult to be certain, only available in limited numbers.
 ↔ 24-36" (60-90cm) Summer • 3' (90cm)
 £7.00

CROCOSMIA

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



LAMBROOK GOLD 15-32

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

↔ 4-6" (12-15cm) Aug • 24" (60cm)
£6.50 for 10



LUCIFER 15-07

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

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



PAUL'S BEST YELLOW 15-37

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

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



QUEEN MARY II 15-35

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

↔ 4-6" (12-15cm) Aug/Sept • 30" (75cm)
£6.00 for 15 or £9.00 for 25

DAHLIA

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

There are not too many cultivation suggestions but if you can follow some of them you will get far better plants. 1) Plant them in the sun and don't do it too early, better to plant into warm soils a bit late than cold soils too early. 2) Provide plenty of feeding once they are growing well, so incorporate muck or slow release plant food when you plant them and/or liquid feed in the summer. 3) They don't want to be too dry, especially when flowering profusely so drench them regularly if you can in hotter weather. 4) Deadheading will repay you handsomely so cut off the spent flowers (they are pointed in shape, the new buds are more rounded) or just cut them fresh for the house, more will follow.

A big shake up of our Dahlia offering results from visiting some Dahlia display gardens last summer!



HY TRIO (CACTUS) 26-89

Raspberry ripple like with white petals heavily flecked in lilac and purple.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 39" (100cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



IMPRESSION FANTASTICO
(COLLARETTE) 26-90

Mainly deep purple and somewhat between a single and double with a ring of pale modified petals around the yellow boss in the centre. I had to wave away the bees temporarily to get the picture, so I am certain that these are bee friendly.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 22" (55cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



BACARDI (DECORATIVE) 26-87

Double petalled in pinkish coral at the tips and a strong burgundy in the centre.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 30" (75cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



CHECKERS (DECORATIVE) 26-88

I thought this to be very distinctive with the deep velvety red petals all tipped in a clean white.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 44" (110cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



CRÈME DE CASSIS
(DECORATIVE) 26-59

I particularly like Dahlias with petals a different colour on the upper and lower surfaces. The combination provides a variation and depth in its effect. These are a lilac-violet on the upper surface and a rich plum underneath.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 44" (110cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



KARMA CHOC
(DECORATIVE) 26-40

Like velvet plush, nearly so red that they look black in some lights, larger flowered. Dark foliated plants.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 48" (120cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



KARMA NAOMI
(DECORATIVE) 26-93

Not as deep a shade as Karma Choc and the heads a bit smaller. Longer flower stems recommend it as well for cut flowers.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 43" (110cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



MISTER OPTIMIST
(DECORATIVE) 26-101

Ruby red with white edges to the petals, these become slightly more prominent as the flower ages. A pretty combination.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 30" (75cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



SALMON RUNNER
(DECORATIVE) 26-96

Coral or salmon pink flowers produced in great profusion, easy to place in the garden and they go with anything.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 39" (100cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



SEDUCTION (DECORATIVE) 26-62

White petalled, but covered over in a large part by a pretty lilac to purple wash at the edges and through the centre. The effect is gorgeous.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 39" (100cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



JAN VAN SCHAFFELAAR

(POM POM)

26-91

I do try to avoid bulbs where the names are difficult for English speakers, but there have to be exceptions. We shall call this J v S ourselves. The colour of the flowers and vigour of the plants outweighed tongue twisting issues. A deep pink, long stemmed pom pom.

↔ 12-15"(30-40cm)

Summer • 24-36" (60-90cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



NATAL (POM POM)

26-44

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

↔ 12-15"(30-40cm) 26" (65cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



PINK ISA (POM POM)

26-95

The picture shows why this one made it onto the list. Very pretty with a wash of pale pink toned flowers in great profusion.

↔ 12-15"(30-40cm) Summer • 24" (60cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



HAPPY SINGLE DATE (SINGLE)

26-97

Apricot and orange, a fruity mix over dark foliage.

↔ 12-15"(30-40cm) 24-36" (60-90cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



HAPPY SINGLE FLAME

(SINGLE) 🏆

26-50

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

↔ 12-15"(30-40cm) 24-36" (60-90cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



HAPPY SINGLE WINK

(SINGLE) 🏆

26-98

A vibrant pink coloured flower that sings in combination with the dark foliage.

↔ 12-15"(30-40cm) 24-36" (60-90cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



MEXICAN STAR (SINGLE)

26-94

These remind us of a variety that we raised many years ago called Dark Desire. That too was cosmos- like. These are taller with elegantly held flowers that nod on long stems over dark foliage. Its main flush of flowers will be a bit later than most of the others.

↔ 12-15"(30-40cm) Summer • 36" (90cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



SUNSHINE (SYN MOONFIRE)

(SINGLE) 🏆

26-99

The contradiction with the two names is not lost on me, but I can see where they both came from. Dark foliage sets off this simple warm yellow flowered beauty.

↔ 12-15"(30-40cm) Summer • 32" (80cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



KARMA MAARTEN ZWAAN
(WATERLILY) 26-92

Glistening white with a green note, with just the unfolding central petals rather more creamy. A larger flowered form but white is so useful in the garden?

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 32" (80cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



MISS DELILAH
(WATERLILY) 26-100

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

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) Summer • 48" (120cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



COCCINEA VAR. PALMERI
(MISCELLANEOUS) 26-08

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

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

DISPOROPSIS

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



ASPERSA 36-08

Dark green leathery leaves with angled stems. These are decorated with hanging bells, apple green on the outside with purple speckling within. Quite creeping in its habitat of woodland shade. Chunky divisions from our clumps with nearly finger thick rhizomes.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) May • 14" (40cm)
£4.50



PERNYI 36-04

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

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm) May • 18" (45cm)
£4.50

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ERYNGIUM

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



PEN BLUE 17-05

A fine Sea Holly with spiky green leaves, violet stems and a spiky collar of electric blue, much wider than the cone-like flower held within it. Often a secondary flowering follows. Found by Jane Edmonds of Penselwood, Somerset.

↔ 18" (45cm) July - Sept • 32" (80cm)
£9.00



X BOURGATII PICOS BLUE 17-02

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

↔ 18" (45cm) July-Aug • 18-20" (45-50cm)
£9.00



X ZABELII BIG BLUE 🌱 17-03

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

↔ **18" (45cm)** July - Sept • 32" (80cm) **£9.00**



X ZABELII NEPTUNE'S GOLD 17-07

Golden foliage immediately makes this plant stand out, the structural stems colouring up later in the year from green to purple blue with blue cone-shaped flowers surrounded by purple blue spiny collars, golden at their tips.

↔ **18" (45cm)** July - Sept • 32" (80cm) **£9.00**

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

EUCOMIS

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



▲ Photo credit: GAP Images

ALOHA LEIA 🌱 21-15

These are hybrids which have been bred in America for their pot plant trade, but we can grow them outside without them coming to harm (in the southern half of Britain at least). There is quite a lot that is potentially confusing about them. The Eucomis family are all southern African in origin, these were bred in America and have Hawaiian names! Short and upright with reddish - purple flowers over bright green leaves. Often forming a crown of fused bulbs.

↔ **3" (8cm)** Aug/Sept • 12" (30cm) **£5.00 or £13.00 for 3**



ALOHA NANI 🌱 21-17

In this case the flower spike is pale apple green, turning a clear pale pink and then forming a long-lasting seed head.

↔ **3" (8cm)** Aug/Sept • 12" (30cm) **£5.00 or £13.00 for 3**



BICOLOR 🌱 21-05

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

↔ **10" (25cm)** Aug/Sept • 18" (45cm) **£10.00 for 3**



COMOSA 21-08

The best of the 'standard' garden forms, these are waxy flowered in varying shades of green and pink topping a stem that can be as long as 18" (45cm) and they last for ages with architectural seed heads following. Excellent again as a cut flower. Possibly too big for ordinary planters. Cricket ball sized bulbs, usually with offsets (smaller bulbs) growing off them so that you'll soon have a clump.

↔ 15" (40cm) Aug/Sept • 24-48" (60-120cm)
£3.50 or £9.00 for 3



COMOSA CORNWOOD 🏆 21-09

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

↔ 12" (30cm) Aug/Sept • 18" (45cm)
£9.00



COMOSA SPARKLING BURGUNDY 21-12

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

↔ 15" (40cm) Aug/Sept • 20" (50cm)
£6.50



COMOSA (OUR DARK STEMMED SELECTION) 21-10

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

↔ 15" (40cm) Aug/Sept • 30" (75cm)
£5.50



COMOSA PINK GIN 🏆 21-11

The highlight of the Eucomis trial at Wisley. Glowing pink, especially pretty in the low angled autumn afternoon sunlight, this clone is outstanding for its combination of clear pink flowers and bright green foliage. The flowers get even more numerous as the bulb's girth grows, then through natural division, a clump develops. A brilliant plant, but produced only from division of the bulbs, the supply is somewhat inconsistent year to year. These bulbs may not flower in 2020, but they will go on to do so.

↔ 15" (40cm) Aug/Sept • 4' (120cm)
£10.00

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PALLIDIFLORA SSP. POLE-EVANSII 🏆 21-18

The biggest and tallest flowering form with yellow-green flowers held some way off the stem so that the whole flower head is more impressive. Late flowering and supplied as big bulbs from our own stock that will need deep planting to provide some support for the thick stem. We regard them as perfectly hardy though a long way north the summer may be too short to get the full benefit of them.

↔ 20" (50cm) Sept/Oct • 4-5' (120-150cm)
£12.00



GALTONIA

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

CANDICANS 🍷

23-04

Towers of waxy, milk-white flowers on sturdy stems with upright grey-green leaves. Stately plants always admired. If you delay planting your bulbs into May, you tend to get flowers that last longer in the slightly cooler autumn than those that flower in the peak of the summer heat. They also grow away much more readily and vigorously when planted late rather than sulking in the still cold soil (where they might suffer from slug damage). Unhappy with bulbs produced in Holland we have found a source in Ireland of healthy bulbs, and have grown them on for another year, so these are now flowering sized healthy bulbs. If you too have been disappointed in the past do try again, these will I am sure, surprise you.

↔ **6" (15cm)** Aug • **36" (90cm)**
£6.50 for 3



ZAMBESIACA (AUTUMNALIS)

21-04

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

↔ **5" (13cm)** Aug/Sept • **12" (30cm)**
£7.00 for 3 or £10.00 for 5

GLADIOLUS

MURIELAE 🍷

24-19

I find that the 2018 Plantfinder now lists these as Gladiolus murielae. Having called them Acidanthera murielae for years, then Gladiolus callianthus which I am now used to, another change appears to be necessary. If there are any more changes I think that I'll throw the towel in. These bulbs were first collected in Ethiopia where they are found wild throughout the mountain chains of East Africa. Our winters are too wet and cold for them and consequently they do not usually over-winter and reflower successfully in most British gardens. Fortunately they are reasonably inexpensive and supplying big bulbs (as we do) they will produce an impressive show in the same year as planting. If you do wish to try to over-winter bulbs they will need a dry winter rest and flower better if stored at above 15°C. I would suggest that you stagger your planting in the spring and keep some bulbs back to plant late (at the end of May) for an extended show into the cooler autumn days when the flowers last twice as long. Long, slightly pleated, deep green leaves provide a lush foil from which the furred buds emerge almost unnoticed to open to white flowers with a chocolate throat that sway gently on the lengthening flower stems. Understated and refined they have a subtle perfume, stronger in the evenings, so do position them near to a door or path to take full advantage of the scent, for by that stage their flowers are nearly at nose level. A 12" (30cm) pot will take about 7-10 bulbs but choose a heavy and deep one for increased stability.



We usually have these ready and available just before Christmas as a suitable gardening gift – something you might remember for another year after you have enjoyed some yourself this summer?

↔ **3" (8cm)** Aug/Sept • **30" (75cm)**
£5.50 for 20 or £13.00 for 50

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



ATOM 24-18

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

↔ **3"(8cm)** July • 30" (75cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25



NYMPH 24-11

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

↔ **3"(8cm)** July • 24" (60cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25



THE BRIDE 24-06

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

↔ **3"(8cm)** July • 18" (45cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25



PAPILIO 24-13

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

↔ **3"(8cm)** Late summer • 36" (90cm)
£7.50 for 3



PAPILIO DAVID HILLS 24-23

A named form in peach, very pretty but I don't think that they are likely to be as resilient a grower as the species, but I may be wrong. Who knows who David Hills is? We can find out nothing and presume him to have been from the USA. These have increased very well for us over the past year so we should not run out of them this year.

↔ **3"(8cm)** Late summer • 30" (70cm)
£6.00 for 3



RUBY 24-14

These were originally presumed to be a form of *G. papilio* when first sold at Hadsden many years ago. Now they are thought to be more closely linked to *G. ecklonii*. Sturdy plants which are relatively vigorous and indeed seed around the nursery where their seedlings vary widely in shape and colour, suggesting that this is a plant of hybrid origin. Possibly less hardy than *G. papilio*, but more dramatic with hooded crimson flowers. In high demand and we still have only a limited stock.

↔ **4"(10cm)** Late summer • 36" (90cm)
£5.00



THUNDER 24-24

This is a clone that we have raised originally from seedlings of *G. Ruby*. Having identified ten or more potentially good seedlings these have been the most successful over 10 or more years' selection with deep plum coloured flowers. A gorgeous discovery and their first public outing! Now with an Award of Merit too. As yet not available in big numbers.

↔ **4"(10cm)** Late summer • 36" (90cm)
£7.00

HEDYCHUM

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



CORONARIUM  27-04

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

↔ **14" (35cm)** Sept • 48-60" (120-150cm) **£7.50**



DENSIFLORUM ASSAM ORANGE 27-06

Completely hardy, the same form as collected by Kingdon Ward in 1938, with many narrow-scented orange flowers. Vigorous and increasing, and if you need a growing summer screen these would provide it and with that a jungly thicket at the same time. In wetter years we have had lots of seed formed, this year there has been none despite them flowering well, I wonder what their pollinators are?

↔ **14" (35cm)** Aug/Sept • 30" (75cm) **£6.50 for 3 or £10.50 for 5**



DENSIFLORUM STEPHEN 27-08

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

↔ **14" (35cm)** Aug/Sept • 40-50" (100-125cm) **£7.50**



DENSIFLORUM SPICATUM 27-09

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

↔ **14" (35cm)** Aug/Sept • 6' (180cm) **£7.50**



TARA  27-05

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

↔ **14" (35cm)** Aug/Sept • 6' (180cm) **£7.50**

HELIANTHEMUM

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

All the same price £3.50 each



BEN FHADA 49-02

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

↔ **12" (30cm)** Summer flowering • 12"-15" (30-40cm)



BEN MORE 49-01
 Deep orange flowers and a mid-green foliage.
 ↔ 12"(30cm)
 Summer flowering • 8"-10" (20-25cm)



GEORGEHAM 49-03
 Big pink flowers with a creamy inner ring.
 ↔ 12"(30cm)
 Summer flowering • 10"-12" (25-35cm)



WISLEY PRIMROSE 49-06
 Soft primrose coloured flowers over silvery foliage.
 ↔ 12"(30cm)
 Summer flowering • 12"-15" (30-40cm)

HEMEROCALLIS



FIRE DRAGON 49-07
 Grey leaved with orange – red flowers
 ↔ 12"(30cm)
 Summer flowering • 10"-12" (25-35cm)



THE BRIDE 49-05
 White flower with a yellow centre and silvery foliage.
 ↔ 12"(30cm)
 Summer flowering • 10"-12" (25-35cm)



KWANZO FLORE PLENA 19-09
 This daylily is, I believe, virtually indestructible in a gardening sense. Tough, vigorous and persistent, back into leaf early in the spring and with a long flowering period as the individual flowers take over, one from another. Full-petalled, brownish orange in colour with darker markings; a very old hybrid. An easy, bone hardy, bombproof herbaceous plant, also good near water. From divisions.
 ↔ 10"(25cm) Aug • 30" (75cm)
 £4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Insect friendly Plants

We believe the plants where we have highlighted the name in yellow to be particularly beneficial to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, moths and hover flies.



HESPERANTHA

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



COCCINEA MAJOR 🏆 41-04

About the reddest flower I know, and a colour that digital cameras seem not to be able to handle well.

↔ **2"(6cm)** Sept/Oct • 24" (60cm)
£6.00 for 3



MOLLIE GOULD 41-05

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

↔ **2"(6cm)** Sept/Oct • 18" (45cm)
£5.00 for 3

IRIS



SIBIRICA 103-12

A good un-named form in mid blue that is close in character to the species (which comes from NE Asia). We have tried growing this form in pots to exhibit but it rarely flowers well in a pot. In the ground it shows no such disinclination to flower. They love moisture retentive soils, even quite wet soils and to be grown unshaded.

↔ **10"(25cm)** May/June • 36" (90cm)
£5.00



SIBIRICA CAMBRIDGE 🏆 103-30

Shorter than the others with lots of foliage with the flowers only extending through the greenery by a small amount. Slightly ruffled pale Cambridge blue petals around a yellow throat.

↔ **10"(25cm)** May/June • 30" (80cm)
£6.00 or £16.50 for 3



SIBIRICA DREAMING YELLOW 103-31

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

↔ **10"(25cm)** May/June • 30" (80cm)
£6.00 or £16.50 for 3



SIBIRICA SILVER EDGE 🏆 103-32

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

↔ **10"(25cm)** June • 30" (80cm)
£6.00 or £16.50 for 3



SIBIRICA
SPARKLING ROSE 103-33

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

↔ **10" (25cm)** June • 30" (80cm)
 £6.00 or £16.50 for 3



SANGUINEA
WHITE SWIRL 103-34

All white with yellow at the base of what are more rounded petals. A neat and tidy plant producing a lot of flower.

↔ **10" (25cm)** June • 30" (80cm)
 £6.00 or £16.50 for 3

IXIA

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



MABEL 105-05

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

↔ **1" (2.5cm)** Summer • 36" (90cm)
 £4.00 for 10 or £8.50 for 25



SPOTLIGHT 105-09

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

↔ **1" (2.5cm)** Summer • 20" (48cm)
 £3.50 for 10 or £7.50 for 25

KNIPHOFIA

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



BEES SUNSET 🏆 145-05

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

↔ **14" (34cm)** July/Aug • 40" (100cm)
 £6.50



BUTTERCUP 🏆 145-06

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

↔ **14" (34cm)** July/Aug • 40" (100cm)
 £6.50



ICE QUEEN 145-08

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

↔ **14" (34cm)** Late summer • 40" (100cm)
£6.50



WOL'S RED SEEDLING 145-15

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

↔ **12" (30cm)** Aug/Sept • 30" (75cm)
£7.00

LATHRAEA



CLANDESTINA

71-05

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

April • 3" (8cm)
£5.50

LILIUM

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

Asiatic trumpet forms:

Tall lilies for borders with large hugely scented trumpets flowering in mid-summer.



REGALE ♀

31-04

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

↔ **6" (15cm)** July • 36" (90cm)
£9.50 for 3



REGALE ALBUM 31-05

Very similar to the lily above, but without the pinkness to the back of the petals and still heavily perfumed. The regale lilies prefer alkaline conditions.

↔ **6" (15cm)** July • 36" (90cm)
£9.50 for 3



GOLDEN SPLENDOUR 31-52

As the name suggests, a fragrant golden trumpeted lily, again a tall one and likely to need staking, but well worth that little effort! Not fussy with regard to soil pH.

↔ **6" (15cm)** July • 48" (120cm)
£9.50 for 3

Oriental forms:
More obviously hybrid forms, all of which have some 'Oriental' characteristics.



CASA BLANCA 31-11

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

↔ **6" (15cm)** July/Aug • 36" (100cm)
£6.50 for 3

x longiflorum hybrids:



AFRICAN QUEEN 31-51

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

↔ **6" (15cm)** July • 48" (120cm)
£9.50 for 3



NETTY'S PRIDE 31-35

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

↔ **4" (10cm)** June/July • 30" (75cm)
£6.50 for 3



CANDY CLUB 31-53

Big flowered with pink flowers edged in a broad white band. Sweetly scented. Self-supporting on strong stems when planted in sunny conditions. Not fussy with regard to soil pH.

↔ **6" (15cm)** Summer • 36" (100cm)
£9.50 for 3

Species types:



HENRYI 🏆 31-20

First found by an Irish explorer Augustine Henry, who in 1888 found it growing in the limestone gorges of Hubei province, China. Best planted as part of a group of other summer interest plants where you can take advantage of the fact that the naturally arching stems will find their own comfortable angle and 'blend' with their neighbours, forcing them into a more vertical inclination with stakes never works so well. Orange flowered with excised stamens. Happy in alkaline conditions.

↔ **6" (15cm)** Summer • 48-60" (110-150cm)
£9.50 for 3



SPECIOSUM RUBRUM UCHIDA 31-54

Named for the Japanese family who defied orders from the Imperial government to destroy their ornamental plant farm to grow potatoes and instead hid some plants of this lily throughout the war years. Not very tolerant of alkaline conditions, but a softly scented and late flowering lily very suitable for pots.

↔ **6" (15cm)** July/Aug • 36" (90cm)
£9.50 for 3

NERINE

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



BOWDENII 🏆 33-04

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

↔ **4" (10cm)** Sept/Oct • 15" (40cm)
£4.50 for 5 or £7.30 for 9



BOWDENII BIANCA PERLA 🏆 33-26

For those who find the sugar pink of the Nerines too much these have the habit of N. bowdenii (and with the deciduous nature comes hardiness) and are white flowered with a tinge of green about them.

↔ **4" (10cm)** Sept/Oct • 15" (40cm)
£5.50 for 3



BOWDENII ISABEL 🏆 33-25

As above but with much deeper rose-pink coloured flowers.

↔ **4" (10cm)** Sept/Oct • 15" (40cm)
£5.50 for 3



ZEAL GIANT 🏆 33-19

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

Sept/Oct • 18" (45cm)
↔ **6" (15cm)** £4.40 each or £12.00 for 3

ORLAYA



GRANDIFLORA 12-01

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

↔ **15" (38cm)** Summer • 18-24" (45-60 cm)
£4.00 or £11.00 for 3



POLYGONATUM

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



CURVISTYLUM 42-10

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

↔ **4" (10cm)** June • 30" (75cm)
£10.00 for 3



ODORATUM 42-09

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

↔ **4" (10cm)** May • 18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3

Insect friendly Plants

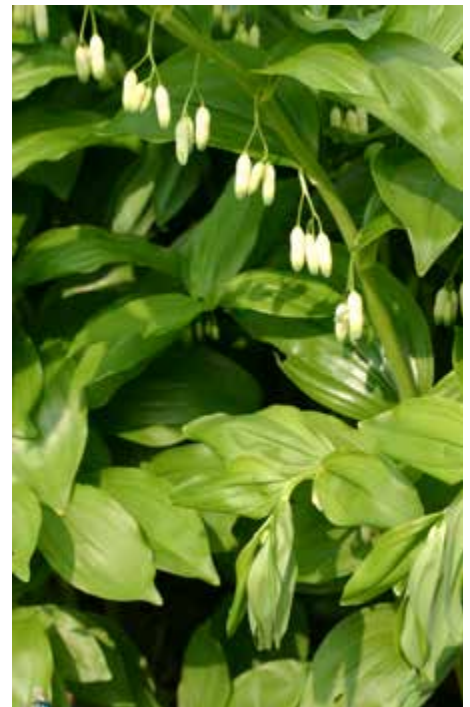
We believe the plants where we have highlighted the name in yellow to be particularly beneficial to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, moths and hover flies.



ODORATUM FLORE PLENA 42-12

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

↔ **4" (10cm)** May • 18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3



POLYANTHEMUM 42-17

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

↔ **4" (10cm)** May • 24" (60cm)
£10.00 for 3



SIBIRICUM 42-13

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

↔ **4"(10cm)** May-June • 38" (90cm) **£10.00 for 3**



VERTICILLATUM ROSEUM 42-06

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

↔ **4"(10cm)** June • 36" (90cm) **£10.00 for 3**



X HYBRIDUM 42-04

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

↔ **5"(13cm)** May/June • 24-36" (60-90cm) **£10.00 for 3**



X HYBRIDUM GRACE BARKER 42-07

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

↔ **4"(10cm)** May/June • 18-24" (45-60cm) **£10.00 for 3**



X HYBRIDUM WELSH GOLD 42-15

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

↔ **4"(10cm)** June • 30" (75cm) **£10.00 for 3**

PRIMULA

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

All priced at £3.50 each



DENTICULATA LILAC 91-01

↔ **3"(7cm)** Mar-Apr • 8-10" (20-24cm) **£10.00 for 3**



▲ Photo credit: Sue Hearnden

DENTICULATA RED 91-02
↔ 3”(7cm) Mar-Apr • 8-10” (20-24cm)



DENTICULATA WHITE 91-03
↔ 3”(7cm) Mar-Apr • 8-10” (20-24cm)



CAPITATA MOOREANA 91-04
From the Himalayas through to SW China these have more flattened flower discs peppered with deep purple flowers, the emerging buds and foliage looks as if dusted in white meal. They continue to flower all summer, quite amazing.
↔ 3”(7cm) Summer • 8-10” (20-24cm)



▲ Photo credit: GAP Images

VERIS 🐝 91-05
The cowslip, a native to temperate Europe and a plant of moisture retentive soils in the open. They do better in a damp spring. Flowering early in the year they are of great benefit to the early emerging insects.
↔ 9”(22cm) Mar-Apr • 8-10” (20-24cm)

PULSATILLA

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

All priced at £3.50 each



▲ Photo credit: Sue Hearnden

VULGARIS 🐝 98-01
↔ 9”(20cm) Mar-Apr • 6-8” (15-20cm)



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VULGARIS RUBRA 98-02
↔ 9”(20cm) Mar-Apr • 6-8” (15-20cm)



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VULGARIS ALBA 98-03
↔ 9”(20cm) Mar-Apr • 6-8” (15-20cm)

Insect friendly Plants

We believe the plants where we have highlighted the name in yellow to be particularly beneficial to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, moths and hover flies.



RHODOHYPOXIS



BAURII HYBRID 🏆

39-04

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

↔ **1"(2.5cm)** Summer • 4" (10cm)
£4.20 for 7 or £8.00 for 15



CAUTLEYOIDES

40-06

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

↔ **4"(10cm)** Early summer • 15" (40cm)
£6.00 for 3

ROSCOEÆ

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



AURICULATA 🏆

40-08

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

↔ **4"(10cm)** Late summer • 15" (40cm)
£4.50 for 5 or £8.00 for 10



BEESIANA 🏆

40-05

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

↔ **4"(10cm)** Late summer • 15" (40cm)
£4.50 for 3



PURPUREA

40-10

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

↔ **5"(12cm)** Late summer • 24" (60cm)
£6.00 for 3



**PURPUREA
BROWN PEACOCK** 40-11

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

↔ **6" (15cm)** Late summer • 24" (60cm) **£4.50**



**PURPUREA F. RUBRA
RED GURKHA** 40-14

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

↔ **6" (15cm)** Late summer • 24" (60cm) **£7.50**

SAXIFRAGE



SOUTHSIDE SEEDLING 16-01

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

↔ **3" (8cm)** Late spring • 10" (30cm) **£3.50**

TRICYRTIS

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



FORMOSANA 45-04

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

↔ **3" (8cm)** Sept/Oct • 36" (90cm) **£5.00 for 5**



**FORMOSANA
STOLONIFERA** 45-06

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

↔ **3" (8cm)** Sept/Oct • 45" (1m) **£4.50 for 3**



**FORMOSANA
PINK FRECKLES** 45-08

Pale flowered with burgundy freckling. These we have grown in pots (the ones above are field grown and dug to order) so in this case we supply what comes in a well established 1 litre pot.

↔ **8" (20cm)** Sept/Oct • 18" (45cm) **£4.50**

TRITONIA



X ROSEÆ (DISTICHA RUBROLUCENS) 15-11

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

↔ 3" (8cm) Summer • 24" (60cm)
£5.00 for 3

TULBAGHIA

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



ACUTILOBA 130-09

A small Tulbaghia with needle like leaves and green and khaki flowers flashed with orange on the stamens. They are not hardy save in very favoured gardens but very drought resistant they would survive in a pot of dry compost in any greenhouse with no water through the winter months. We will never make a fortune from them, but they have a quirky understated attraction and are no bother at all.

↔ 8" (20cm) Summer • 5" (12cm)
£5.00



COMINSII X VIOLACEÆ 130-12

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

↔ 5" (12cm) Summer • 14" (35cm)
£4.00



VIOLACEÆ SILVER LACE 130-17

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

↔ 6" (15cm) All summer • 18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3



VIOLACEÆ PALLIDA 130-07

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

↔ 5" (12cm) Summer • 18" (45cm)
£7.50 for 3



VIOLACEÆ SILVER LACE 130-08

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

↔ 5" (12cm) Summer • 14" (35cm)
£7.50 for 3

Seeds from Avon Bulbs

Any packet of seeds
£2.50

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

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

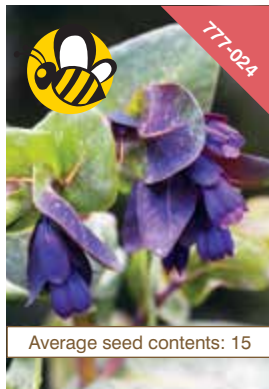


Average seed contents: 20

Allium cernuum

Claret pink flowered plants of reasonably well drained locations in full sun. Of North American origin and hardy in the UK, self sown seedlings spreading and thickening one's clumps. Summer flowering about 18" (45 cm) tall with leaves that persist for much of the year. The flowers are good for beneficial insects.

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



Average seed contents: 15

Cerinthe major *'Purpurascens'*

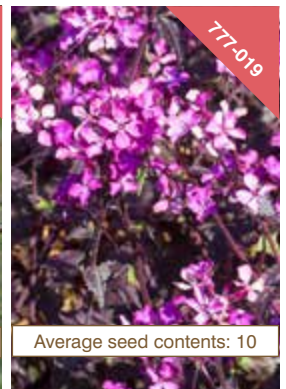
A hardy annual from the Mediterranean region, known as Honeywort. An aristocratic border plant which is beautiful and versatile. It is adored by bees and is much favoured as a cut flower. It has glaucous leaves with interesting purple bracts and bell shaped flowers from May to September. It produces large black seeds in the autumn. Soak overnight and sow indoors from November to March, in seed compost, covering them to a depth of 2mm and keeping them moist. When large enough to handle, transplant into good well drained soil in sun or partial shade spacing them 5" (12cm) or more apart where they will reach 18-24" (45-60cm) tall.



Average seed contents: 25

Dahlia coccinea *var palmeri*

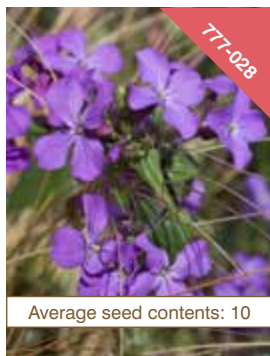
Single orange-red flowers in late summer on a plant which exhibits very dissected 'frothy' foliage. The plant can be large, the seed was collected from an established plant about 7" tall. Dahlias like a rich fertile soil and need planting in the sun. They may need a mulch (or to be lifted) in cold gardens,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



Average seed contents: 10

Lunaria annua *Chedglow*

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



Average seed contents: 10

Lunaria *Corfu Blue*

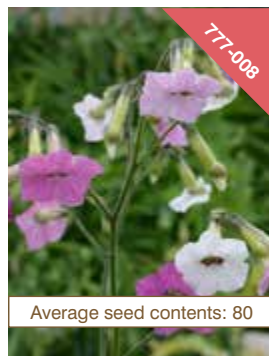
Hardy biennial, flowering in the spring often earlier than other Lunaria, with purple-blue flowers on purple flushed stems, growing to 3' (90cm) tall and a spread of up to 30" (75cm). The seed cases are distinctive as papery silvered seed heads. Sow two seeds per single pot outside in a shady sheltered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



Average seed contents: 10

Lunaria *Somerset Marble*

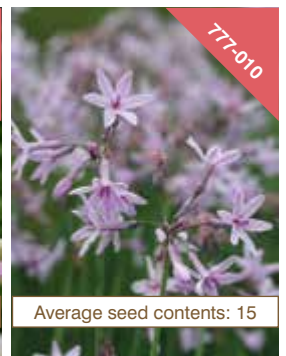
Hardy biennial, flowering in the spring with purple flowers and wonderful marbled leaves, often edged in red, growing to 3' (90cm) tall. The seed cases are like translucent discs that can be used in dried arrangements. Sow two seeds per single pot outside in a shady sheltered spot and plant out into the border in full sun or part shade when large enough. Sown in the spring, plants will flower the following year, but late sown (June onwards) will take a second year to flower. These may hybridise with other Lunaria close by. The leaves are browsed by rabbits.



Average seed contents: 80

Nicotiana mutabilis *(Ornamental Tobacco)*

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



Average seed contents: 15

Tulbaghia cominsii *x violacea*

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

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

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Avon Bulbs - how it all works

Generally: This catalogue is **valid** through the spring of 2020 and expires in May. The **prices** are for single bulbs unless it says otherwise, and can be found under each description. **VAT** is included in our prices at the prevailing rate. Please remember that this catalogue was written in late November, bulbs we offer are listed in the expectation, not the certainty, that we can supply them. Nature, the weather, and the perishability of living bulbs means that we sometimes cannot supply things that we list, despite our best intentions. If that happens we make **no substitutions** for items out of stock without contacting you for authority unless they are from our Collections, within these we do make suitable substitutions if required.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Collecting your Order: You may like to collect your order from the nursery or at a show we are attending (with two weeks' notice preferably) and avoid a delivery charge. This can be arranged for a mutually convenient moment when the bulbs are available.

Hassle Free Delivery with DPD and Safe Place Leaving Instructions

You will receive an email from us on the day that your parcel is despatched to tell you that it is on its way (as long as you provided your email address and your computer settings allow such messages to get through).

We will have put any Safe Leaving Instructions that you provided onto the DPD label. **However**, some depots insist that the drivers work entirely to instructions on their hand-held coders and **we** cannot get these instructions directly to the coders. Consequently we suggest that when you receive a message from DPD alerting you to an impending delivery (either as an email or a text message) that you **reconfirm your Safe Leaving Instructions**, as this information is sent directly to the driver's coder and is more certain to be acted on. You can also change the delivery date if it is inconvenient, but you will always be provided with a 1 hour time window for the delivery. See www.dpdlocal.co.uk





Sales and Events in the Spring of 2020 that we shall be attending.

Links to these events can be found on our website

Altamont Gardens (Co. Carlow, Ireland) Sat 1st Feb.
Lectures from Catherine Erskine (Cambo Estates) and Ross Barbour (Old Court Nurseries, Malvern) with a garden tour and plant sales at Altamont a short drive away. Always great fun and plenty of crack.

10% discount on pre ordered snowdrops taken to this event for participants

The Garden House, Buckland Monachorum PL20 7LQ Sat 1st Feb.
Snowdrop sales in the garden from 11.00

Shaftesbury Snowdrop Study Day Sat 8th Feb.
Talks by Aaron Davis, Matt Bishop and John Grimshaw with plant sales afterward and several nurseries attending.

Museum in the Park, Stroud GL5 5BJ Sat 8th and Sun 9th Feb.
A relatively new museum who will be concentrating on the rich local history of Snowdrops in the Cotswolds for this event.

Shepton Mallet Snowdrop Festival Sat 15th and Sun 16th Feb.
A town event commemorating James Allen including poetry readings, gardeners question times and plant sales.

Kloster Knechtsteden (NE of Cologne, Germany) Sat 15th and Sun 16th Feb.
An amazing venue in the courtyard of a 12th Century Monastery. Lots of European nurseries and a few from Britain.

Gartneriet Spiren (Skaelskor 4230 Denmark) Sat 15th and Sun 16th Feb.
On the site of a great Hellebore Nursery. Very welcoming and everyone speaks English!

Cottage Garden Snowdrop Group (meeting near Harrogate) Sat 22nd Feb.
Talks by Michael Myers and John Grimshaw, plant sales and garden visits.

Mannheim Spring flower Show in the Luisenpark Mannheim Sat 22nd and Sun 23rd Feb.
An hour south of Frankfurt in Germany. Many nurseries selling all sorts of plants with talks (in German!) Small entry fee charged.

Forde Abbey Plant Sale Sun 1st Mar.

Sidmouth Daffodil Day Sat 7th Mar.

East Lambrook Manor, Somerset HPS Early Plant Fair Sat 28th Mar.

HPS AGM and Lectures in Wimborne Sat 28th Mar.

Keith Wiley (Wildside) and Mat Reese (Malverleys) lecturing and plant sales as well.

Great Dixter Spring Plant Fair, East Sussex TN31 6PH Sat 4th & Sun 5th Apr.

A grand event in a gorgeous garden, rare plants and rare people.

Mapperton Gardens. Dorset DT8 3NR Sun 19th Apr.

A great plant fair with lots of plants in a lovely setting.

Toby's Garden Festival at Powderham Castle, Devon Fri 1st & Sat 2nd May

This event gets bigger and bigger. Nurseries from all over, come early to avoid the queues.

Malvern RHS Three Counties Spring Flower Show Thurs 7th – Sun 10th May

Our biggest event of the year, worth getting up early for.

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