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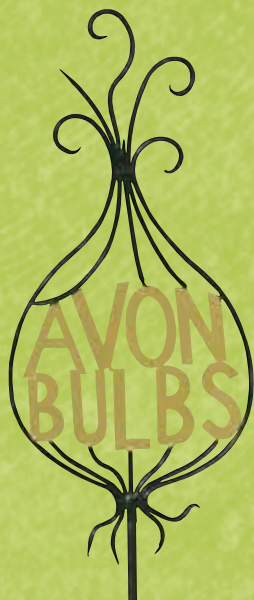
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WELCOME TO OUR CATALOGUE FOR 2022.

The catalogue is taking shape at our printers and the last of the autumn planted bulbs are disappearing as I write this, looking forward as I do to a break over Christmas and New Year and hoping that the year to come will be less of a roller coaster.

There are now plans emerging for the events and shows to be held in 2022 which is a cause for some celebration but I fear that it may be a while before life completely returns to the way it was prior to Covid. Perhaps my looking forward to that would be a mistake anyway? Maybe life ought to be different as we take on some lessons: we need to consume less, waste less, travel less and demand less and in the other direction work out what more we can each do that benefits society and the planet. But quite what to cut out, where to rein in and where to do more? These are difficult questions for any business just as they are for any home

Supplying potted bulbs by Mail Order in the spring 2021 was very necessary with no shows to attend, but less than ideal. Although well received it was relatively inefficient and costly when the same bulbs delivered dormant in the autumn ready to plant is obviously more efficient. The compost we use is heavy (and peat free) and so the parcels were often big and heavy. With the prospect of shows again, this spring catalogue offers fewer bulbs in growth but in their place we are offering more perennial plants that need to be despatched whilst still young. Some of these are a bit unusual, others not so uncommon but valuable all the same with an emphasis on plants that are good for wildlife, particularly our insect friends who sustain so much of the food chain above them.

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Spring Events that we hope to attend.

Please look at the advertising for any individual event to check whether you might need a ticket to attend and the timing etc.

8 Jan	HPS Devon, Longdown Village Hall, EX6 7SN
29/30 Jan	Stroud Museum, GL5 4AF
5 Feb	AGS Snowdrop Study Day, Newport Shropshire TF10 9AT
5 Feb	Garden House, Buckland Monochorum PL20 7LQ
12 Feb	HPS Wilts and Avon, Langley Burrell Village Hall, Chippenham SN15 4LL
12 Feb	Shaftesbury Snowdrops
13 Feb	Kingston Bagpuize House, Snowdrop and Plant Fair, OX13 5AX
17 Feb	Welford Park, Newbury RG20 8HU
19/20 Feb	Shepton Mallet Snowdrops
5 Mar	Sidmouth Daffodil Day EX10 8NG
6 Mar	Forde Abbey, Chard TA20 4LU
20 Mar	Bishops Palace, Wells, Rare Plants Fair BA5 2PD
10 Apr	Mapperton Gardens, Beaminster Plant Sale DT8 3NR
17 Apr	Burrow Hill Gardens, Axminster Plant Sale EX13 7ET
29/30 Apr	Powderham Castle, Exeter Toby Buckland's Plant Fair EX6 8JQ
5-8 May	Malvern Spring Flower Show

COLLECTOR'S SNOWDROPS

These are the Crown Jewels of the winter garden - the number of cultivars and interest in new forms of *Galanthus* continues to grow year on year. All these are propagated and grown on the nursery, a very labour-intensive process which is reflected in the price - and many are strictly limited in their availability and sold on a first-come-first-served basis. There will be a few more varieties listed on the website which are only available in even smaller numbers than these. Very occasionally mistakes do happen, in the process of growing these plants over the past 3 or 4 years or when potting dormant snowdrops which all look alike, but if this happens tell us and these will be rectified.

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

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

Flowers -

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

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

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

Scape - The (leafless) flower stem.

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

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

Outer Segments - The outer ring of 'petals'.

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

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

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

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

Leaves -

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

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

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

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

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



Galanthus Alan's Treat (28/01)



Galanthus Anglesey Candlelight (30/01)

ALAN'S TREAT

Found in an abandoned garden in Normandy, this form of *G. nivalis* is a poculiform, each of the segments boldly marked with green. A charming favourite.

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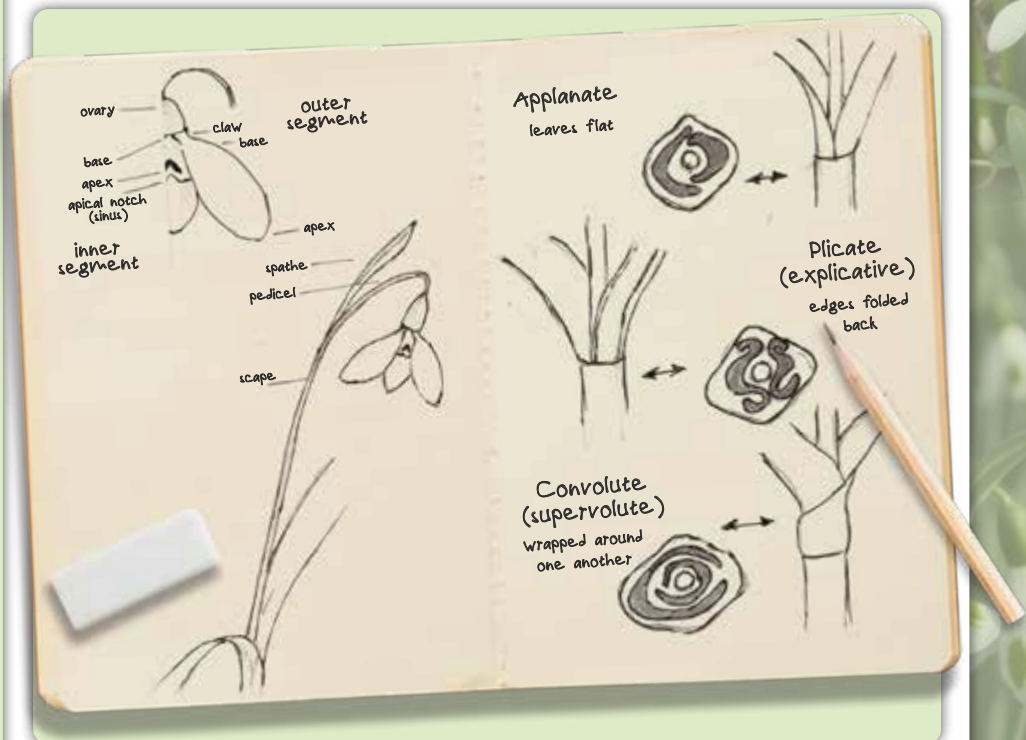
£40.00

ANGLESEY CANDLELIGHT

From Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire, with large flowers which can show a tinge of pale orange when first open. Attractive lettuce-green leaves on this hybrid.

22-373

£35.00



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



Galanthus Anglesey Doublet



Galanthus Art Nouveau (29/01)



Galanthus Belles Etoiles



Galanthus Barbara's Double (21/02)



Galanthus Bess (19/01)



Galanthus Bagpuize Virginia (5/02)

ANGLESEY DOUBLET

A lovely neat double *G. plicatus* selected at the world-famous Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire. Long lasting in flower and flowering relatively early in the season.

22-426 £30.00

ART NOUVEAU

This was originally given to us by the owners of Le Jardin d'Angelique who had rescued it from a nearby wood. It has a characteristic curved spathe, long inner segments and the outers washed in pale green, most alluring as well as quick to clump up.

22-99 £18.00

BAGPUIZE VIRGINIA

From Kingston Bagpuize House in Oxfordshire, where snowdrops flourish in the rich, alluvial soil. This is a double form of *G. nivalis*, very vigorous and with a wonderful set of inner floral segments.

22-10 £13.00 (114)

BARBARA'S DOUBLE

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

22-140 £18.00 (289)

BELLES ETOILES

Selected by Johan Mens in Belgium, this charming form of *G. nivalis* has 6 segments of more or less equal lengths, each with a magical green tip. A truly wonderful snowdrop – rarely offered (and we do not have many).

22-447 £70.00

BESS

A very robust and vigorous seedling, selected by Daphne Chappell and named after Bess Milford, similar in many ways to S Arnott but 2-3 weeks earlier. Easy and reliable, often in flower for the early New Year, so doubly serendipitous.

22-81 £13.00 (243)

BETTY HANSELL

Found in Norfolk in 1994, this is a double of hybrid origin which has noticeably boat shaped and pointed outer segments with pale green lines meeting at the apex. All the inner segments are darkly marked with a large X. Well grown plants produce two scapes when growing well.

22-295 £22.00 (298)

BIG ONE

Admittedly not a great name for a snowdrop somehow - but accurate in as far as it goes and a rival for Big Boy in size. A well-proportioned flower with huge outer segments twice as long as the inners which are simply marked with a thick single green apical arch. A *G. elwesii* selection.

22-339 £25.00



Galanthus Betty Hansell (9/01)



Galanthus Big One (29/01)

▲ Credit: National Collection (Scientific) of Margaret & David MacLennan

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Galanthus Bill Clark (02/02)



Galanthus Bitter Lemons (26/01)



Galanthus Bubble (22/02)



Galanthus Boyds Double (05/03)



Galanthus Bitton (06/02)



Galanthus Bryan Hewitt (12/02)



Galanthus Blonde Inge (16/02)



Galanthus Bumblebee (2/02)

BILL CLARK

One of the very best and brightest of the 'golden snowdrops' this comes from the same area where Wendy's Gold was found, but is more reliably yellow.

22-347 £35.00 (160)

BITTER LEMONS

A seedling found under the same tree under which Midas appeared, but some years later. Both are 'colour change' x valentinei hybrids turning more yellow as the flower ages, but this one is much earlier to flower and is usually over well before Midas is at its best.

22-351 £80.00

BITTON

From Bitton Rectory, near Bristol – the home of Canon Ellacombe. This is an early, tall and slightly pale form of *G. nivalis* which soon makes fine clumps. A historic snowdrop.

22-235 £15.00 (79)

BLONDE INGE

Found in Cologne, Germany and introduced by Nicholas Top. This mid-late season selection of *G. nivalis* has a green ovary and a bright golden yellow apical mark when established. A truly beautiful snowdrop.

22-109 £14.00 (94)

BOYD'S DOUBLE

An old variety, one of the oldest virescent snowdrops, said to have come from Scotland. It is late to flower and has amazing green spiky flowers.

22-239 £55.00 (123)

BRYAN HEWITT

Selected by the Head Gardener at Myddelton House, this form of *G. plicatus* has 6 segments of pure white, a more or less poculiform miracle.

22-413 £40.00

BUBBLE

A lovely, rounded form of *G. elwesii*, which arose here at the Nursery in Somerset under a Birch tree. Large, globular flowers on relatively short scapes make for an eye-catching effect.

22-205 £25.00

BUMBLEBEE

Intentionally bred using x *plicatus* Trym; the flower shape is slightly more rounded than the usual x *plicatus* Trym offspring. A really outstanding snowdrop with beautiful, dark green marks on the outer segments and solid green inners.

22-385 £70.00



Galanthus Button (25/01)



Galanthus Chantry Green Twins (25/01)



Galanthus Cliff Curtis (16/02)



Galanthus Chameleon (15/02)



Galanthus Cowhouse Green (25/02)



Galanthus David Baker (2/02)

BUTTON

Picked out from amongst a seedling colony of *G. elwesii*, this dainty form is of perfect proportions, with a bold inner apical mark and two very faint spots at the base.

22-402 **£15.00**

CHAMELEON

One of the best of recent years. This was spotted by expert grower Richard Bashford in his Northamptonshire garden. Marks may appear green when first open, but this x *valentinei* seedling soon comes into its own when they turn bright golden yellow. Outstanding.

22-430 **£75.00**

CHANTRY GREEN TWINS

From the amazing Glen Chantry garden of Sue & Wol Staines, this large flowered form not only has two flowers per scape, but each has bold dark green marks to the outer segments.

22-448 **£50.00**

CLIFF CURTIS

A lovely snowdrop named for a true Galanthophile and very kind gardener. This seedling is a hybrid and has amazing flowers, beautifully marked and somewhat creamy coloured when first open.

22-296 **£25.00**

COWHOUSE GREEN

A wonderful virescent snowdrop, found by Mark Brown in Buckinghamshire, which sent the snowdrop lovers mad when first shown at the RHS Vincent Square in 1994. Lovely pale green ghostly outers, a mid-late season flowerer and a must for any serious collection.

22-166 **£30.00 (276)**

DAVID BAKER

From the garden of Ruby and David Baker in 1997 these were originally identified as a green tipped *Atkinsii*, a hybrid form. The other markings are similar but the reflexed curve of the outer petals and the solid green V marking on the tips of the outer petals stand it apart.

22-255 **£20.00 (277)**

DESDEMONA

One of the *Greatorex* doubles, a very vigorous hybrid double which earns its keep by making large clumps which remain in flower over a long period.

22-15 **£12.00 (290)**

DIGGORY

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 recognisable, even from several steps away, and as a result still very sought after. The lantern-like shape is formed as the still enlarging outer segments balloon out but cannot flare due to their fused tips. The surface of the petal has a seersucker-like texture, altogether unique.

22-161 **£35.00 (147)**



Galanthus Diggory (25/01)



Galanthus Desdemona (5/02)



Galanthus E A Bowles (16/02)



Galanthus elwesii hiemalis (10/12)



Galanthus elwesii monostictus (28/02 at Wisley)



Galanthus Dragonfly (19/01)



Galanthus Eric Fisher (15/01)



Galanthus Ermine Lace (11/03)



Galanthus Dorothy Foreman (15/01)

DRAGONFLY

From the wonderful late Veronica Cross who also gave us the amazing G. Wasp and this is a continuation of that insect-like theme. This however 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. Believed to be x valentinei (G. nivalis x G. plicatus).

22-279

£40.00

E A BOWLES

One of the best snowdrops of recent years – this is a giant poculiform of G. plicatus found by Michael Myers at Myddelton House, and aptly named for one of Britain's greatest gardeners.

22-275

£40.00

ELWESII HIEMALIS

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

22-240

£15.00 (169)

ELWESII MONOSTICTUS



A single marked form of G. elwesii, at its best here by mid-late January. Foliage is bold and blue/grey. Flowers rounded but hold well.

22-21

£12.00

ERIC FISHER

A superb seedling from John Morley's Suffolk garden in 2010, this can show four outer and four inner segments with good green markings when established. Most effective and striking.

22-382

£45.00

ERMINE LACE

Given to us by the late Veronica Cross, this double hybrid was raised by Hector Harrison and has a perfectly formed ruff of inner segments – long lasting and vigorous.

22-268

£23.00 (300)

DOROTHY FOREMAN

Given to us by David Foreman, in whose garden it arose, and named for his late mother. This is a December flowering garden hybrid with matt green leaves and large flowers, with a single apical mark on the inner segments. A stalwart for Christmas Day, and still a rare snowdrop.

22-380

£25.00

The captions for the images are followed by the date (DD/MM) when they were taken if available. Some years are earlier than others so only a guide. If not taken in Somerset it is noted. What has surprised me in adding these dates is how many are in January, We used to think February was the peak snowdrop month.



Galanthus Fenstead End (27/02 in Germany)



Galanthus Fieldgate Prelude (15/01)



Galanthus Forge Double (27/02 in Germany)



Galanthus Flocon de Neige (23/02)



Galanthus Fly Fishing (8/01)



Galanthus Franz Josef (25/01)

FENSTEAD END

Found by Chris Grey Wilson in the village of the same name in Suffolk when he moved there in 1987, an early flowering *G. elwesii* form with noticeably upright foliage and inner segments nearly all covered in green. Quite short stemmed at flowering and quite leafy - but that is probably a good thing as good leaves build bigger bulbs and indicate a healthy vigour.

22-103 £22.00 (182)

FIELDGATE PRELUDE

Selected by the late, great Galanthophile Colin Mason, from his garden in Fieldgate Lane, Kenilworth. It reliably flowers very early (before Christmas) and has a bold extended X on the inner segment, fading towards the ovary.

22-130 £15.00 (178)

FLOCON DE NEIGE

The French name for a Snowflake and named for its resemblance (when seen from above) to a view of a miniature snowflake with its six evenly spaced outer segments. A double form of *G. nivalis* selected by Mark Brown in Buckinghamshire in the mid 1980s.

22-191 £25.00 (114)

FLY FISHING

An outstanding seedling found under hazel bushes at Avon Bulbs almost 20 years ago, and has *G. elwesii* as one parent. Remarkably long pediceled, perhaps longer than any other snowdrop. Reliably in flower here at the end of December/early January.

22-178 £15.00

FORGE DOUBLE

A rarely offered very late double – slightly narrow and spiky in appearance, this was selected by Richard Britten from The Forge, one of his two gardens in Chelsworth, Suffolk over 40 years ago. A charming snowdrop which soon makes a fine clump.

22-280 £30.00 (301)

FRANZ JOSEF

A neat and handsome double form of *G. elwesii*, with inner segments marked by a broad green cross, clearly visible because the narrow, green tipped, and more pointed outer segments seem not to meet to enclose the bulk of the packed inner segments which seem to be bursting out. From an old garden in Germany.

22-276 £30.00



Galanthus Gerard Parker (27/01)

GERARD PARKER

A very large flowered snowdrop with a strongly puckered and ridged surface to the outer segments. The foliage is broad and plicate. The inner segment markings form an upside down Y fading towards the ovary. Named for a keen gardener and Galanthophile.

22-84 £18.00 (154)



Galanthus Golden Fleece (29/01)



Galanthus Green Lantern (16/02)



Galanthus Grumpy's Brother (29/01)



Galanthus Godfrey Owen (7/02)



Galanthus Greenfinch (25/01)



Galanthus Heffalump (29/01)



Galanthus Green Hayes (13/02)

GOLDEN FLEECE

One of the most outstanding snowdrops of recent years, this was the result of Joe Sharman's breeding work. Aply named, this hybrid has broad plicate leaves, a golden ovary and bright golden yellow markings on both inner and outer segments. Outstanding.
22-405 £130.00

GREEN HAYES

A selection made by David Bromley from the garden of the late Primrose Warburg at South Hayes. It has lovely green inner markings and faint green tips to the outer segments, a hybrid *G. plicatus* seedling.
22-02 £30.00

GREEN LANTERN

Given to us by Paul Cutler from Altamont Gardens in Ireland. A truly lovely, late flowering, very green snowdrop of hybrid origin – most eye-catching.
22-379 £60.00

GREENFINCH

Selected by Richard Hobbs from the old garden of Heyrick Greatorex in Brundall, Norfolk in 1990. This late flowering form has wonderful outer segments, heavily striped with dark green lines.
22-212 £25.00 (278)

GRUMPY'S BROTHER

This selection from Patricia Elkington in Hampshire looks at first like 'Grumpy', but is a true *G. plicatus*, with lovely long segments and the characteristic 'Grumpy' down turned mouth mark on the inner segments.
22-404 £25.00

HEFFALUMP

This was the affectionate name for the husband botanist of the late Primrose Warburg and her famous garden near Oxford. Whether it arose there or not doesn't belittle its charm. A double seedling of *G. nivalis* with long green tipped outer segments, a vigorous form that soon makes for fine clumps. Mid season and long lasting in flower.
22-138 £20.00 (301)

GODFREY OWEN



Another outstandingly symmetrical and rounded snowdrop flower, the only one with six outer segments of the same proportions hiding six short inner segments, these usually marked by two small green dots. Quite a leafy plant, as are many *G. elwesii* and named after the late Margaret Owen's husband in 1996. From plants found near Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
22-238 £22.00 (205)



Galanthus Janet Cropley (25/01)



Galanthus Jaquenetta (18/12)



Galanthus Ivy Cottage Corporal (22/01)



Galanthus Henley Green Spot (5/02)



Galanthus Hippolyta (5/02)



Galanthus Jonathan (22/02)

▲ Photo credit: Judy's Snowdrops

HENLEY GREEN SPOT

From Henley Park in Surrey, this seedling was found by Ruby and David Baker in 1992 amongst a colony of naturalised *G. elwesii*. It stood out for its fine habit and boldly green marked, pointed outer segments, really most eye catching, and will throw seedlings of its own.
22-345 £20.00 (194)

HIPPOLYTA

One of the Greatorex clones of double flowered hybrid snowdrops which were all named after Shakespearean characters. They are sometimes difficult to tell apart but this one is more distinct with neat, symmetrical flowers and broad glaucous foliage, the splayed outer segments arched around the inner ones.
22-450 £12.00 (293)

IVY COTTAGE CORPORAL

A boldly marked and vigorous hybrid, aptly named as its inner marking recalls the chevrons on a corporal's uniform. Probably of *G. nivalis* x *G. plicatus* parentage found by Michael Broadhurst in 2013. Strong growing and vigorous.
22-257 £22.00

JADE

From an old garden in Wiltshire, this form of *G. nivalis* has beautifully marked long outer segments washed to half their length with pale green.
22-173 £25.00

JANET CROPLEY

A selection made by Richard Bashford and Valerie Bexley at Woodchippings, Northamptonshire, this *G. nivalis* form has charming green tips and a dainty but vigorous habit.
22-420 £25.00

JAQUENETTA

One of the Greatorex doubles, an easy and vigorous double *G. plicatus* seedling with a very neat rosette of inner segments. Best to divide them every four years and replant into a fresh site.
22-141 £12.00 (297)



Galanthus Jade (25/01)

JONATHAN

A form of *G. elwesii* found in North Yorkshire by Michael Myers in 2000. It is large flowered and not unlike Grumpy although the markings are less obviously upset. It can appear to have a faint apricot flush when first it opens.
22-258 £25.00 (202)



Galanthus Kersen (5/03)



Galanthus Little Dorrit (5/02)



Galanthus Long John Silver (1/01)



Galanthus Kildare (9/02)



Galanthus Kermode Bear (21/01)



Galanthus Kryptonite (1/01)



Galanthus Lola

KERMODE BEAR

A superbly stunning form of *G. elwesii*, this has bold quality blooms which are true poculiforms – pure white and the segments of equal length. An outstanding new introduction.

22-417

£75.00

KERSEN

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 *G. nivalis* found by Nicholas Topp in Germany in 1996.

22-249

£15.00 (81)

KILDARE

These derive from the Emerald Isle and they take up that theme with outer segments washed to about half their length in a pale ghostly green. The ovary is quite pale and the leaves plicate and glaucous. A hybrid form found by Ruby and David Baker on a trip there in 1995.

22-149

£30.00 (279)

KRYPTONITE

This December flowering virescent *G. elwesii*, when established, one of the best of the green snowdrops but it is a slightly fickle one and we sometimes do not judge the size at which they will flower correctly when they are potted in the autumn! We will correct the availability on the website when they emerge in the spring. They have green washed outers with a nearly all green inner segment under a dark green ovary. As it flowers so early they may be best planted where one remembers to look.

22-305

£65.00

LITTLE DORRIT

This was found in the snowdrop rich masterpiece of North Green – the garden of John Morley in the early 1990s. It is a hybrid of perfect proportions and charm, and on account of its vigour, soon makes fine clumps.

22-77

£15.00 (254)

LOLA

Found by well-known gardener and grower Phil Cornish, and named for one of his granddaughters. This very special double flowered form of *G. elwesii* has a charm all of its own when seen growing as a clump in the February garden. Nicely marked inner segments show a dark green distinct signature. One of the latest new introductions well worth the space.

22-437

£55.00

LONG JOHN SILVER

Another seedling from the island in the garden of the late Veronica Cross, this charming flower has very bold dark green outer markings on relatively long scapes. A joy to behold when seen in a clump.

22-325

£50.00



Galanthus Lord Monostictus (20/01)



Galanthus Madelaine (21/02)



Galanthus Margery Fish (8/01)



Galanthus Lucy (23/01)



Galanthus Magic (16/02)



Galanthus Marjorie Brown (21/02)

LORD MONOSTICTUS

A favourite of mine, simply because it is so tough and vigorous and even a pair of pigs employed to clear some ground only succeeded in stirring them up. The name is only a convenient 'handle' to indicate that these are a superior, well-marked, large and unfussy selection of *G. elwesii monostictus*, well worth growing.

22-13

£12.00

LUCY

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

22-307

£40.00

MADELAINE

A plicate selection with yellow marked flowers that we consider as good, or better, than Wendy's Gold. All the yellow marked forms seem to increase more slowly (here at least) but this one does make good solid clumps in due course. Plant it where the low February sunshine will reach it in order to provide that golden winter magic. A *G. plicatus* selection made by Joe Sharman from Scottish plants.

22-172

£25.00

MAGIC

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

22-375

£85.00

MARGERY FISH

A form of *G. nivalis* with narrow petals, a massively elongated spathe and a very long pedicel this plant has what might be regarded as a gawky appearance, but it is also almost half green both on the inner and outer petals so merits more interest. It also hails from just around the corner at the East Lambrook Manor Garden where it reminds us that Mrs Fish was an early force in the renewal of Cottage Gardening.

22-213

£35.00 (108)

MARJORIE BROWN

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

22-203

£15.00 (176)



Galanthus Marlie Raphael (19/01)

MARLIE RAPHAEL

From the garden at Kingston Bagpuize House in Oxfordshire found in 2000 and named after a former owner of the house. This is a form of *G. elwesii* with long outer segments tipped with strong green splashes, more remarkably the inner segment markings are not the same deep green as those on the outs, but a pale olive-green.

22-259

£35.00 (185)



Galanthus Modern Art (5/02)



Galanthus Matt Bishop (9/12)



Galanthus Meteor



Galanthus Merlin (22/01)



Galanthus Morgana (15/02)



Galanthus Miss Prissy (25/01)



Galanthus Midas (22/02)

MERLIN



An old historic variety and still one of the best. This classic beauty has wonderful dark green inner segments and makes quite a statement when seen as a clump.

22-30

£20.00 (260)

METEOR

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

22-422

£70.00



Galanthus Martha McLaren (23/01)

MARTHA MACLAREN

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

22-330

£25.00 (266)

MATT BISHOP

Originally a gift from the author of The Snowdrop Book, this is a large and very early flowering virescent form of *G. elwesii* often at its best in early December. Heavily washed with green so as to appear almost luminous. Another where we sometimes do not judge correctly the size at which they will flower when they are potted in the autumn! We will correct the availability on the website when they emerge in the early winter.

22-308

£80.00

MIDAS

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

22-309

£65.00

MISS PRISSY

A floriferous form of *G. elwesii* crossed with *G. nivalis flore plena*, selected by Stephen Jackson, this has very neat outward facing double flowers with very pointed outer segments with green tips and lots of green on the inners.

22-387

£30.00

MODERN ART

The seemingly stiffly held outer segments 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 by E B Anderson in the late 1950s.

22-34

£25.00 (280)

MORGANA

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

22-376

£100.00



Galanthus Mother Goose (21/02)



Galanthus Mr Taylor (3/02)



Galanthus Northern Lights (25/01)



Galanthus Moyas Green (10/02)



Galanthus Narwhal (23/02)



Galanthus Peg Sharples (25/02)



Galanthus Moses' Basket (12/02)

MOSES BASKET

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

22-367

£25.00

MOTHER GOOSE

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

22-352

£60.00

MOYA'S GREEN

A distinctive narrower flowered *G. elwesii* with long outer petals, seemingly banded in a strange pale olive green away from the tip, originally found by Moya Green. The inners are all green. One of the most easily identified green marked snowdrops.

22-246

£40.00

MR TAYLOR

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

22-353

£35.00

NARWHAL

A small late flowering selection of *G. nivalis*, which resembles a collection of mostly green tusks – hence the name – they often have a quaint curve to them too. A most unusual and rarely offered snowdrop.

22-421

£30.00

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Discovered by Andy Byfield, a virescent *x valentinei* hybrid which has wonderful pale glowing green-washed outer segments, difficult to capture on a camera, but when seen quite unforgettable and desirable. The inner segments are also all green, darker at the apex.

22-378

£90.00

PEG SHARPLES

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

22-142

£20.00 (258)

▲ Photo credit: Judy's Snowdrops

▲ Credit: National Collection (Scientific) of Margaret & David MacLennan



Galanthus Phantom (18/01)



Galanthus Philippe Andre Meyer (15/03)



Galanthus Primrose Warburg (5/02)



Galanthus Phil Cornish (12/02)



Galanthus Pom-Pom (18/12)



Galanthus Percy Picton (15/02)



Galanthus Pieces of Eight (14/02)

PERCY PICTON

A very long pedicel and arching stem means that in even the slightest breeze this flower is hardly ever still. It is often seen with two stems flowering together with the inner segment marked by a bright green X. A G. plicatus form named after the father of Paul Picton of Old Court Nursery (famed for their Michaelmas daisies) near Malvern in 1999. Deserving pride of place.

22-104

£20.00 (156)

PHANTOM

Aptly named, as the origin of this unique snowdrop is a bit of a mystery, as are its puzzling flowering habits. When established they seem capable of producing two very different flowers from the same bulb. The first a beautiful, large, six even-petalled poculiform (without green markings) the second more normally arranged with more standard green markings, one basal and one apical like G. plicatus ssp byzantinus - how does that happen?

22-262

£40.00

PHIL CORNISH

An early flowering G. plicatus Trym-type selection from the garden of that great galanthophile Phil Cornish. Quite pointed in shape with wonderful all green inners, the outers also heavily marked with a darker green heart shaped mark at the apex and a paler one at the base. The leaves are glaucous with a pale stripe down the middle.

22-228

£50.00

PHILIPPE ANDRE MEYER

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. The well splayed outers display a green stripe down their length (rather like South Hayes), the inners are all green. Showy and quick to increase when planted in the ground, not a tall snowdrop.

22-229

£50.00

PIECES OF EIGHT

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

22-326

£60.00

POM POM

Found in a naturalised and seeding colony of G. nivalis in Berkshire, this double form has incredibly neat, full inner segments. As vigorous as it is easy and long lasting in flower.

22-136

£12.00

PRIMROSE WARBURG

A great yellow marked snowdrop named in honour of one of the leaders of the resurgence in the interest in snowdrops in the 1980s and 1990s who gardened at South Hayes near Oxford. This probably a hybrid between a G. plicatus and a yellow G. nivalis. With glaucous foliage this is a bulb to treasure.

22-75

£25.00 (274)

There will be a few additional snowdrops available on the website over and above these, but their numbers are even more limited.



Galanthus Puffin (25/01)



Galanthus Pumpot (15/02)

PUCK

A mischievous fairy, Puck is unusual in having 3 outer segments, 3 inner segments and then 3 more inner segment all slightly quirky – found in naturalised *G. nivalis* in South Devon over 30 years ago.

22-92

£12.00

PUFFIN

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

22-397

£30.00

PUMPOT

A gift from Jorg Lebsa in Germany, this *x valentinei* seeding is a delight to the eye, with all six segments more or less the same length and all marked with green tips, simply charming (but we have very few to sell).

22-449

£50.00

REGINAE-OLGAE



The autumn flowering species from Greece, flowering before the leaves have emerged very far and so they have a rather fragile appearance. They are however cold tolerant although need a warmer and better drained dormancy which perhaps is why we suggest them for raised beds or more protected situations. Their distinguishing feature (apart from their flowering time) is the silvery line down the centre of the leaves.

22-37

£20.00 (126)

RIZEHENSIS BAYTOP

A striking form of *G. rizehensis* with larger, bolder flowers and matt-green leaves that are slightly wider. Altogether a handsome, early flowering addition to the winter garden.

22-316

£15.00 (136)



Galanthus Puck (5/02)



Galanthus Sentinel (17/02)

RODMARTON ARCTURUS

Another wonderful seedling from Rodmarton Manor in Gloucestershire. This fine hybrid has large rounded flowers of exquisite quality. One of the very best of recent years, really quite outstanding.

22-371

£30.00

SARAH DUMONT

A very lovely mid-late flowering golden snowdrop, originally selected from a naturalised population in Scotland. Large shapely flowers with golden apical marks below a yellow ovary.

22-319

£25.00

SENTINEL

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

22-150

£25.00 (270)

SHIMMER

A spontaneous seedling appearing here under a Spindlesh. It is usefully early to flower and has outer segments with bright and intense green shading, most enviable. This green tipped *G. elwesii* hybrid named in 2019 really does stand out in the garden.

22-365

£70.00



Galanthus reginae-olgae (20/10)



Galanthus Rodmarton Arcturus (1/01)



Galanthus Sarah Dumont (25/01)



Galanthus Shimmer (25/01)



Galanthus Sir Herbert Maxwell (18/01)



Galanthus Svelte



Galanthus Starling (29/01)



Galanthus Sprite (21/02)



Galanthus Sutton Court (2/02)



Galanthus The Wizard (15/02)



Galanthus Streets Ahead (25/01)

SPRITE

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 outer segments open - they are seemingly painted with 5 or 6 parallel pale green well-spaced lines on a slightly clawed petal.

22-197

£18.00

STARLING

A seedling from the copse at Avon Bulbs, possibly *G. elwesii* x *G. Hill Poe*. It is very recognisable with a star-like quality due to the effect of the flower being held on a very short pedicel leading to one looking more directly into the very green inner segments. The outer segments are quite long, rather pointed and boat shaped. Very long lasting in flower, perhaps longer than any other snowdrop.

22-208

£20.00

STREETS AHEAD

A handsome and fascinating seedling of *G. elwesii*, selected by Andy Byfield from the wonderful snowdrop-rich garden of Helen Squires in Oxfordshire. Large flowers with long outer segments show big bold splashes of dark green.

22-406

£85.00

SUTTON COURT

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

22-21

£20.00 (242)

SVELTE

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

22-388

£10.00

THE WIZARD

Another seedling found in the copse at Avon Bulbs. The outer segments tend not to flare as some of the other *G. plicatus* Trym-like seedlings do but the edges reflex on an otherwise quite flat petal. The apical marking is darker than the one at the base. A tall upright plant with plicate leaves.

22-209

£30.00

SIR HERBERT MAXWELL

An early flowering selection with intensely glowing flowers of great quality and as a result long lasting. A vigorous grower and soon makes very bold clumps.

22-253

£12.00 (240)



Galanthus Trimmer (29/01)



Galanthus Trumps (18/01)



Galanthus Trymlet (16/02 in Devon)



Galanthus Trinity (4/02)



Galanthus Trymting (6/02)



Galanthus Two Eyes (5/02)

TREASURE ISLAND

'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 G. Mighty Atom, a very sought-after hybrid, large petalled and well-proportioned yellow marked beauty.

22-323

£125.00

TRIMMER

A lovely, very early seedling with a distinctive shape – the outer green marked segments show a slight curl outwards.

22-217

£35.00

TRINITY

A stunning G. plicatus form which always produces two or even three scapes from bulbs that are large enough. Standing bolt upright, the flowers have a wonderful green arch marked inner along with outer segments that are marked with what resemble a pale green scallop shell.

22-264

£35.00

TRUMPS



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

22-164

£25.00 (283)

TRYMLET

A very vigorous upright hybrid selected from seed off plants of G. Trym by Kathleen Beddington in 1995 with plicate leaves and generous splashes of green in all the right places, soon bulking up to a floriferous clump. The outer segments hardly flare out at all and show a paler green chevron marking just at the apex.

22-198

£35.00 (163)

TRYMMING

Another choice Trym seedling, found in the wooded copse on the Nursery here in Somerset some 18 years ago. It is fertile and might produce further interesting seedlings, with its boldly green marked segments, inners and outers alike.

22-181

£25.00



Galanthus Treasure Island (25/01)

TWO EYES

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

22-342

£25.00 (201)



Galanthus Walter's Double (12/02)



Galanthus Wayside (16/02)



Galanthus Walker Canada (25/01)



Galanthus Wasp (02/02)



Galanthus Wind Turbine (02/02)



Galanthus Yashmak (17/02)



Galanthus Wonston Double (09/02)

WALKER CANADA

From the collection of the late Richard Nutt, this really is an outstanding quality snowdrop with large flowers of intense substance but its origin is a mystery.

22-369 £25.00

WALTER'S DOUBLE

From Celia and Walter Sawyer, this is a mid-late season hybrid with charming very double flowers.

22-439 £35.00

WASP

We obtained this hybrid form indirectly from a seedling population at Sutton Court, Herefordshire. Aptly named with a long silhouette dangling on a long pedicel with plenty of green on the inner segments looking quite insect-like, the long slender outer segments looking like the wings. Best seen as a swarm and they are vigorous enough to become one quite soon.

22-101 £25.00 (271)

WAYSIDE

Distributed by Eddie Roberts, a x valentinei double with charming, neat flowers, the inner segments very dark green whilst the outer segments have faint green lines. Long lasting in flower and soon makes a fine clump.

22-386 £30.00

WIND TURBINE

A great find by Jo Hynes in West Devon and a great name for this early flowering plicate form especially when seen from above with the huge paddle shaped outer petals splayed wide, often with a slight twist so that they lose some of their symmetry. They have a green marking at the base, and sometimes another at the tip of the outer petals. The inners show a strongly arched apical mark as well as a less defined basal smudge.

22-337 £55.00

WONSTON DOUBLE

This late double form of G. nivalis has very neat inner segments, beautifully arranged in dense, tight whorls. Established clumps can sometimes show a slightly different flower formation where the tighter flowers are even more dense and spherical in shape.

22-48 £15.00

YASHMAK

David Baker named this in 1998 as the pale 'eyes' reminded him of hidden eyes peeping out from behind a Muslim veil. The 'eyes' in question are small yellowish dots at the base of the inner segments on an otherwise unmarked flower. The ovary is also quite olive yellow in the G. elwesii form.

22-267 £30.00 (204)

DUG SNOWDROPS



Galanthus Acton Pigot No 3 (15/01)



Galanthus Atkinsii (11/01)



Galanthus Byfield Special (25/01)



Galanthus Alison Hilary (2/02)



Galanthus Blewbury Tart (6/02)



Galanthus Chedworth (5/03)

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.

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.

The captions for the images are followed by the date (DD/MM) when they were taken if available. Some years are earlier than others so only a guide. If not taken in Somerset it is noted. What has surprised me in adding these dates is how many are in January, We used to think February was the peak snowdrop month.

ACTON PIGOT NO 3

A lovely useful very early flowering form selected by the late Margaret Owen, with a longish ovary and two almost separate markings on the inner segments.

22-100 £25.00 for 3 (259)

ALISON HILARY

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

22-16 £25.00 for 3 (248)

ATKINSII

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 although rapidly forms good clumps from its offsets. It is noted for its earliness with tall stems and elegant long outer segments in the outline shape of a capital A.

22-09 £13.00 for 3 (225)

BLEWBURY TART

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 applanate 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).

22-18 £22.00 for 3 (120)

BYFIELD SPECIAL

Originally found by Andy Byfield this plant was named by Michael Barron of Brandy Mount House in the early 1990s. A fine hybrid which flowers quite early here.

22-12 £30.00 for 3 (244)

CHEDWORTH

A G. nivalis form 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.

22-74 £20.00 for 5 (80)



Galanthus Curly (5/02)



Galanthus Hippolyta 22/01



Galanthus Lady Beatrix Stanley (10/02)



Galanthus Elfin (9/02)



Galanthus Imbolc (5/03)



Galanthus Magnet (15/01)



Galanthus Honeysuckle Cottage (2/02)

CURLY

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. Is there a reason for the name? That is probably due to the foliage being unusually upright and attractively arched.

22-201 £18.00 for 3 (277)

ELFIN

A small flowered applanate 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.

22-83 £25.00 for 3 (107)

HIPPOLYTA

One of the Greatorex clan of hybrid 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. There is the choice of these dug plants or ones from pots (in the Collector's section).

22-31 £30.00 for 3 (293)

HONEYSUCKLE COTTAGE

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.

22-134 £22.00 for 3

IMBOLC

An enormous flowered hybrid (another of those in the Mighty Atom-like confusion). It remains one of our favourite snowdrops with thick petals, lined in white, never very tall but always very showy. The name refers to the Celtic Festival of Spring.

22-69 £30.00 for 3 (272)

LADY BEATRIX STANLEY



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 flowered hybrid seemingly in the grip of the longer fang-like outer petals. Smaller statured and early into flower but increasing well when left alone.

22-25 £8.00 (296)

MAGNET



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

22-27 £18.00 for 3 (235)



Galanthus melvillei (18/01)



Galanthus rizehensis (11/01)



Galanthus Straffan (25/01)



Galanthus S Arnott (4/02)



Galanthus Sally Pasmore (16/02)



Galanthus Viridapice (21/02)

MELVILLEI (OF HORT)

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, often even before *G. Atkinsii* and noticeable for a very long ovary on an applanate plant.

22-158 £15.00 for 3 (82)

RIZEHENSIS

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

22-38 £24.00 for 3 (50)

S. ARNOTT

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 as another triploid it never sets seed). A superlative hybrid snowdrop.

22-40 £15.00 for 3 (238)

SALLY PASMORE

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.

22-60 £28.00 for 3 (157)



STRAFFAN

Sometimes the best tunes are played on the oldest fiddles, and this reliable, late flowering hybrid 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.

22-42 £22.00 for 3 (241)

VIRIDAPICE

Found about a century ago in the north of Holland, so they have been around a while. These are still one of the strongest growing of the green and emerald tipped applanate snowdrops, with a particularly erect habit and a noticeably long and thickened spathe.

22-44 £24.00 for 3 (108)



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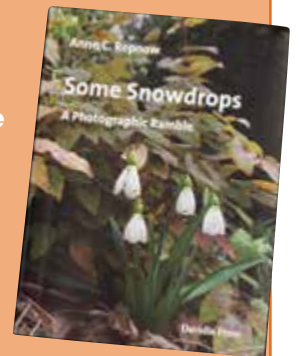


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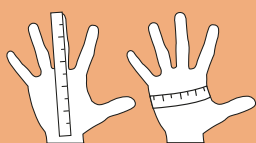
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Anne is the organiser of the Plant and Snowdrop sale in Mannheim that we have attended for several years. She has a great eye for a 'natural' photograph and has put together this book with 90 iconic snowdrops illustrated and described (in English) with over 250 photographs. It is lovely and also accurate. Available whilst we have stocks.



Maxiflex Gardening Gloves

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



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

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



'Glorious Galanthus' A2 Posters

666-80 **£5.00 for 2**

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

All the photos are named. Supplied in a cardboard wrap so as to avoid any creases and so posted separately.
These cost £5.00 for 2 when posted to UK addresses. Now get two posters for the price of one, no need to choose which side you should display!

Snowdrop Greeting Cards

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Viridian Collection

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Viridian

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Firm Favourites

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



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The Firm Favourites Collection

Plants and bulbs to flower this Summer

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Actaea Chocoholic



Actaea Pink Spike



Agapanthus Alan Street

Photo credit: GAP Images

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.

CHOCOHOLOC

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

↔ 24" (60cm)

Sept/Oct
90-04

60" (1.5m)
£8.00

SIMPLEX PINK SPIKE

Pale pink and white flowered with the same contrasting dark foliage. If yours is a permanently moist soil then these will grow very happily in the open, as well as in shade which would be the normal recommendation. Large plants filling their 1 litre pots.

↔ 24" (60cm)

Sept/Oct
90-03

60" (1.5m)
£10.00

AGAPANTHUS

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

Most importantly they are sun lovers. They are very drought tolerant but often perform better in wet summers. If the soil is good, they will make huge clumps. New flower buds are formed the previous autumn, so they flower better after a long damp autumn. They should be with you for many years so apart from hardiness, select your purchases by colour, height, form of the flower, abundance of flower and flowering time. Well established plants only need further division when flowering diminishes. They are very versatile, ideal for seaside gardens, are not palatable to rabbits and relatively unaffected by slugs and snails.

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

There is a new pest of Agapanthus that we suggest that you look out for, the Agapanthus Gall Midge, recently named as Enigmadiplosis agapanthi who infects the flower stem buds and flowers causing them to become deformed and or discoloured. There is no recommended chemical or biological control available here in Somerset, we have taken all the flowers off all our nursery stocks for the past four years as a precaution in an attempt prevent any larvae emerging from the flowers to pupate on the ground. If you have a problem this seems to be a chemical free means of helping to break the cycle. There is scant information anywhere about it, just type in Agapanthus Gall Midge on the Internet to find out what little there is. The indication as to whether plants will be supplied from 1 litre pots or from division is offered as a guide only, it cannot be guaranteed. Plants from division (ones which we have divided from bigger 'crowns' dug on the nursery) may take a year to settle in. But within a year, plants from division and plants from pots will be very similar, all other things being equal.

ALAN STREET



A beautiful dark-flowered seedling identified by our head nurseryman Alan, here, some 14 years ago, we first listed them in 2013. Nearly indigo-coloured flowers are produced in profusion, on a dark stem, the heads not too congested, so that one sees the individual flowers. Outstanding. The foliage is deciduous. One of the very best at the Wisley trial where it was awarded an AGM in 2019. Plants from 1 litre pots.

July / August
2-26

↔ 12" (30cm)
30" (75cm)
£8.00 or £22.00 for 3



Agapanthus Aquamarine



Agapanthus Blue Rinse



Agapanthus Flower of Love



Agapanthus Arctic Star



Agapanthus Castle of Mey



Agapanthus Headbourne White

AQUAMARINE

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

July
2-04

↔ 12" (30cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 for 3

ARCTIC STAR

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

July
2-32

↔ 12" (30cm)
20" (50cm)
£7.00

BLUE RINSE

Very pale blue, particularly at the base of the individual flower tubes. The heads quite crowded with flower. Deciduous and supplied from division.

Early July
2-24

↔ 12" (30cm)
16" (40cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 for 3

CASTLE OF MEY

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

July / August
2-23

↔ 12" (30cm)
30" (75cm)
£7.00

FLOWER OF LOVE



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 Wisley trial. From pots.

Early July
2-54

↔ 12" (30cm)
16" (40cm)
£7.00

HEADBOURNE WHITE

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. But the variety was seed raised initially so there may be slight variation from plant to plant in height & size of flower.

July/Aug
2-08

↔ 12" (30cm)
24-30" (60-75cm)
£6.50 or £17.50 for 3

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

Flowering time
Item Code

Flowering height
Price



Agapanthus inapertus



Agapanthus Shades of Grey



Agapanthus Silver Mist



Agapanthus Northern Star



Agapanthus Silver Baby



Agapanthus Silver Moon

INAPERTUS

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

Aug/Sept
2-10

↔ 12" (30cm)
Up to 5ft (150cm)
£6.50 or £17.50 for 3

NORTHERN STAR

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

July
2-35

↔ 12" (30cm)
30" (75 cm)
£7.00

SHADES OF GREY

Slightly shorter and later than Windsor Grey which it resembles, our local florist (whom we supply with Agapanthus flower stems in their season) loves these ones best of all. Despite the name they are a clone, semi-deciduous and all the same grey-blue shade. From division.

Late August
2-58

↔ 12" (30cm)
26" (65cm)
£6.50 or £17.50 for 3

SILVER BABY

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

July
2-55

↔ 12" (30cm)
12-15" (30-40cm)
£7.00

SILVER MIST

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

July
2-59

↔ 15" (36cm)
24" (60 cm)
£8.00

SILVER MOON

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

July
2-56

↔ 12" (30cm)
28" (70 cm)
£7.00



Agapanthus Twister



Agapanthus Windsor Grey



Allium angulosum



Allium angulosum (Tall Form)



Alchemilla mollis



Alchemilla mollis

Photo credit: GAP Images

ALBUCA

NELSONII

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

TWISTER

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

July/August
2-57

↔ 12" (30cm)
18" (50cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 for 3

WINDSOR GREY

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

August
2-20

↔ 12" (30cm)
30" (75cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 for 3

↔ 18" (45cm)
30" (75cm)
£7.00

ALCHEMILLA

MOLLIS

I think it is unlikely that anyone reading this will need any introduction to the Lady's Mantle. But you can never really have enough of it either. A great foil for bulbs, a soft green backdrop and yet a tough plant once established that can withstand hacking back when it does overstep the mark. Frothy pale green flowers in summer. Hardy, good in heavy soils in more sun than deep shade. Plants from 1 litre pots.

June/ July
201-01

↔ 12" (30cm)
20" (55cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 for 3

ALLIUMS

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

ANGULOSUM

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

July/August
153-28

↔ 8" (20cm)
12" (30cm)
£6.50 for 3 (small clumps)

ANGULOSUM (TALL FORM)

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

August
153-64

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



Allium lenkoranicum



Allium senescens glaucum



Alstroemeria Frances



Allium senescens Lisa Green



Alstroemeria ligtu hybrid



Amarine Anastasia

Photo credit: GAP Images

LENKORANICUM

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

Summer **↔ 4" (10cm)**
12" (30cm)
153-21 **£4.50 for 3**

SEnescens LISA GREEN

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

Summer **↔ 6" (15cm)**
16" (38cm)
153-74 **£4.00 (small clumps)**

SEnescens SSP. GLAUCUM

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

Summer **↔ 8" (20cm)**
8" (20cm)
153-30 **£10.50 for 3 (small clumps)**

ALSTROEMERIA

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

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

LIGTU HYBRID

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

June/July **↔ 24" (60cm)**
4-04 24-36" (60-90cm)
£5.50 or £16.00 for 3 (pots)

LIGTU FRANCES

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

June/July **↔ 24" (60cm)**
4-08 24-36" (60-90cm)
£5.50 or £16.00 for 3 (pots)

AMARINE

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

ANASTASIA

Pink with a darker midrib.

Nov **↔ 4" (10cm)**
94-03 24-30" (60-70cm)
£5.00 or £14.00 for 3



Anemone leveillei



Amarine Aphrodite

▲ Photo credit: GAP Images



Amarine Emanuelle



Anemone Wild Swan



Anemone Dreaming Swan

▲ Photo credit: GAP Images



Anemone Ruffled Swan



Anemone Frilly Knickers

▲ Photo credit: GAP Images

ANEMONE

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

LEVEILLEI

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

↔ 18" (45cm)
18" (45cm)
£8.00

June-Oct
157-40



WILD SWAN

First identified by Elizabeth Macgregor on her nursery and believed 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 under which their very fibrous roots do not seem to like it too dry. They are far less invasive than the Anemone japonica! For sun or partial shade, with broad white flowers, the backs of which are washed in blue, showing more strongly in the lower angled evening sunlight. Well established plants in 1 litre pots sent out in growth ready to flower this summer.

↔ 18" (45cm)
18" (45cm)
£10.00

June-Oct
157-35

DREAMING SWAN

There are now a number of variants on the original Wild Swan. This one is different in that the backs of the flowers have a wide lilac-blue band. Mostly single petalled flowers with a very long flowering period and surprisingly good cut flower as well. From 1 litre pots.

↔ 18" (45cm)
18" (45cm)
£9.00

June-Oct
157-42

FRILLY KNICKERS

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

↔ 18" (45cm)
24" (60cm)
£9.00

June-Oct
157-43

RUFFLED SWAN

Rather taller than Wild Swan with extra petals in the flowers, their backs a lilac hue. Grown in 1 litre pots.

↔ 18" (45cm)
22" (50cm)
£9.00

June-Oct
157-41

APHRODITE

Pink flowered beauties.

Nov 24-30" (60-70cm)
94-04 £5.00 or £14.00 for 3

↔ 4" (10cm)

EMANUELLE

Broad petalled in a very pale pink.

Nov 24-30" (60-70cm)
94-01 £5.00 or £14.00 for 3

↔ 4" (10cm)

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

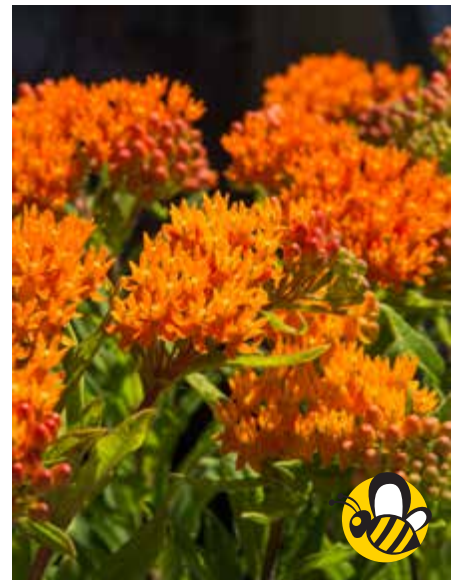
Flowering time	Flowering height
Item Code	Price



Anthericum ramosum



Arisaema candidissimum



Asclepias tuberosa



Anthriscus Ravenswing



Arisaema jacquemontii



Aruncus Kneiffii

ANTHERICUM

RAMOSUM

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

July-Sept
158-07

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

ANTHRISCUS

SYLVESTRIS RAVENSWING

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 do allow them to seed about a bit. In 1 litre pots.

May - July
5-01

↔ 12" (30cm)
36" (90cm)
£6.50

ARISAEMA

CANDIDISSIMUM

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

July
54-02

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)
15" (40 cm)
£10.00

JACQUEMONTII

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

July /Aug
54-01

↔ 9" (24cm)
24" (60cm)
£4.00

ARUNCUS

DIOICUS KNEIFFII

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

Summer
55-01

↔ 24" (60cm)
18-30" (50-100 cm)
£8.00

ASCLEPIAS

TUBEROSA

From the eastern USA where it is known as the Butterfly Plant or Milkweed. A plant of sunny and drier conditions where it appears hardy in this country, although if growing them in colder or heavier soil you may need to take more care. Grown in 9 cm pots.

June-Oct
190-01

↔ 18" (45cm)
14" (35cm)
£5.00

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Photo credit: GAP Images



Astrantia Gill Richardson



Astrantia Roma



Astrantia Claret



Astrantia major



Astrantia Venice

ASTRANTIA

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

BUCKLAND



Pale pink-flowered, with pink and green highlights in the silvery bracts surrounding the flower. These are from 1 litre pots.

May/July 1-12 ↔ 12-18" (30-45cm) 18" (45cm) £7.00

CLARET



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

May/July 1-02 ↔ 12-18" (30-45cm) 24" (60cm) £7.00

GILL RICHARDSON



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

May/July 1-08 ↔ 12-18" (30-45cm) 18" (45cm) £7.00

MAJOR



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

May/July 1-04 ↔ 12-18" (30-45cm) 24" (60cm) £7.00

ROMA



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

May/July 1-07 ↔ 12-18" (30-45cm) 20" (50cm) £7.00 or £18.00 for 3

VENICE



With deep plum coloured bracts with green stems these are in flower for ages in the early summer. From 1 litre pots.

May/July 1-10 ↔ 12-18" (30-45cm) 18" (45cm) £7.00 or £18.00 for 3

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



Begonia sutherlandii



Bomaria salsilla

BEGONIA

SUTHERLANDII



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 can be used as a houseplant. Lots of people tell us that they, or a friend, had a plant for years and formed quite an attachment to their Begonia but having eventually lost it they have not been able to find it for sale again. Not quite hardy enough to leave out in the garden in the winter. Dried off in the autumn and kept dry over winter the tubers will gradually get larger in size each year, and the plant bigger.

Summer

9-07

£3.00

BOMAREA

SALSILLA



We are confused by the naming of the Bomaria. The Plantfinder suggests B. edulis, hirtella and salsilla are synonyms but these are deciduous and pink flowered, different from the bigger orange flowered form we call B. edulis. A summer growing climber in the Alstroemeria family, originating from Central America. In winter they go dormant to a tuber below ground and if planted deeply and mulched they seem to be hardy enough in warmer areas. The bunches of flowers are reddish pink on the outside, darkly marked on the inside and form attractive red seeds in the autumn. The tubers, reminding one of rather muddy grapes, are apparently edible.

Late summer

10-05

5' (1.6 m)

£10.00



Brunnera Jack Frost



Brunnera Alexander's Great

BRUNNERA

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

MACROPHYLLA ALEXANDER'S GREAT

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

April/May
18-06

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

18" (45cm)

£7.00 or £19.00 for 3

MACROPHYLLA HADSPEN CREAM



The leaves of these have a broad but irregular cream edge, the centre darker with the overall effect somewhat like camouflage material. A handsome plant with a long season of interest. Small blue flowers follow later in the spring. Well established plants in 1 litre pots.

April/May
18-07

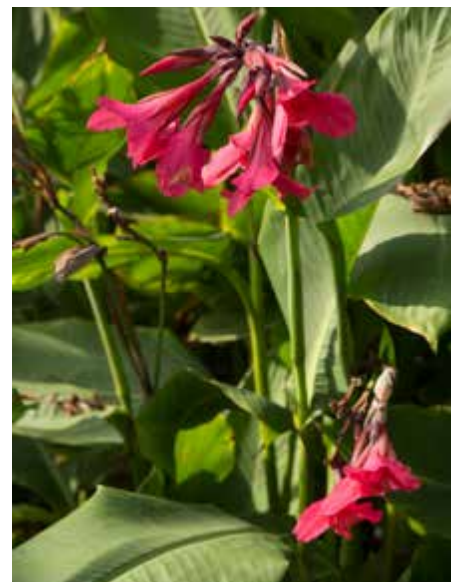
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18" (45cm)

£7.00 or £19.00 for 3



Brunnera Hadspen Cream



Canna iridiflora

MACROPHYLLA JACK FROST



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

April/May
18-04

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

18" (45cm)

£7.00 or £19.00 for 3

CANNA

IRIDIFLORA (X EHEMANII)



A big bold plant, with broad deep-green banana-like foliage and carmine flowers. We grow them in a high roofed unheated greenhouse unprotected but growing in the ground and divide them biennially. Dormant in winter they will need some protection outdoors or to be kept dry, but if you start them off in the warm in their pots and put them outside in June they grow very fast to make very impressive plants by the summer's end.

Summer-Autumn
7-04

↔ 24-36" (60-90cm)

6' plus (1.8 m+)

£8.00



Cosmos peucedanifolius



Cosmosia Lambrook Gold



Crocoshmia Lucifer



Crocoshmia Pauls Best Yellow



Crocoshmia Peach Sunrise



Crocoshmia Queen Mary II

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COSMOS

PEUCIDANIFOLIUS

Plants originating from Bolivia, closely related to those favourite annuals you all know, but these form a tuber and are perennial which is a big bonus. They thrive here on our heavy loam, in flower continuously with simple pink flowers from mid to late summer on long stems. These are from seed sown last year and their growth filled a 1 litre pot by the autumn. The resulting tubers will flower well in 2022 with slight variation in the shade of pink. Sunny situations in good soil suit them.

Summer 25-05 ↔ 12" (30cm)
18" (45cm)
£7.50

CROCOSHMA

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

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

Aug 15-32 ↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)
24" (60cm)
£6.50 for 10

LUCIFER

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

July 15-07 ↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)
36" (90cm)
£4.50 for 3

PAUL'S BEST YELLOW

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

Aug 15-37 ↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)
36" (90cm)
£7.50 for 3

PEACH SUNRISE

The name says it all, arching stems carry peachy orange flowers of a starry shape over pale rush like leaves. Raised in Northern Ireland we believe. These have been pot grown rather than field grown.

July 15-39 ↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)
24" (60cm)
£6.00 (for 2 bulbs)

QUEEN MARY II

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

Aug/Sept 15-35 ↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)
30" (75cm)
£6.00 for 15 or £9.00 for 25

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

Flowering time Flowering height
Item Code Price



Dahlia Checkers



Dahlia Hapet Daydream



Dahlia Impression Fantastico



Dahlia Creme de Cassis



Dahlia Hy Trio



Dahlia Cafe au Lait

DAHLIA

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

There are not too many cultivation 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.

HYTRIO

(CACTUS)

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

Summer **↔ 12-15"(30-40cm)**
26-89 39" (100cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3

IMPRESSION FANTASTICO

(COLLARËTTE)

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 as beneficial as single Dahlias to our bees.

Summer **↔ 12-15"(30-40cm)**
26-90 22" (55cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3

CAFÉ AU LAIT

(DECORATIVE)

Opening pale pink these are big flowered beauties, fading as they age to the palest pearly pink. Because of the weight and size of the flower these are more likely to need staking in windier sites.

Summer **↔ 18-24"(45-60cm)**
26-106 44" (110cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3

CHECKERS

(DECORATIVE)

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

Summer **↔ 12-15"(30-40cm)**
26-88 44" (110cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3

CRÈME DE CASSIS

(DECORATIVE)

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.

Summer **↔ 12-15"(30-40cm)**
26-59 44" (110cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3

HAPET DAYDREAM

(DECORATIVE)

Yellow petalled but they are tipped in a crimson wash which sets them off very well. The flowers are held above the foliage and are held on long clean stems for cutting, and then in big numbers.

Summer **↔ 12-15"(30-40cm)**
26-105 39" (100cm)
£3.80 or £10.00 for 3



Dahlia Karma Naomi



Dahlia Salmon Runner

KARMA NAOMI

(DECORATIVE)

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)
 26-93 £3.80 or £10.00 for 3

PACIFIC JEWEL

(DECORATIVE)

Double petalled with the deeper pink centre gradually fading to a very pale pink on the outside petals. Floriferous and upstanding.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
 Summer 39" (100cm)
 26-102 £3.80 or £10.00 for 3



Dahlia Natal



Dahlia Pacific Jewel

SALMON RUNNER

(DECORATIVE)

Coral or salmon pink flowers produced in great profusion, easy to place in the garden and they go with anything. Our top pick if you want to cut them to use indoors, they outperformed any other variety for stem length and number of flowers.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
 Summer 39" (100cm)
 26-96 £3.80 or £10.00 for 3

SEDUCTION

(DECORATIVE)

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

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
 Summer 39" (100cm)
 26-62 £3.80 or £10.00 for 3



Dahlia Pink Isa



Dahlia Seduction

NATAL

(POM POM)

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

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
 26" (65cm)
 26-44 £3.80 or £10.00 for 3

PINK ISA

(POM POM)

The picture shows why this one made it onto the list. Very pretty with a wash of pale pink toned flowers in great profusion. Masses of flower and thus especially important to deadhead them to keep them coming.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
 Summer 24" (60cm)
 26-95 £3.80 or £10.00 for 3

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



Dahlia Happy Single Date



Dahlia Sunshine

HAPPY SINGLE DATE

(SINGLE)

Apricot and orange, a fruity mix over dark foliage.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

24-36" (60-90cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3

26-97

HAPPY SINGLE FLAME

(SINGLE)

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

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

24-36" (60-90cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3

26-50

MEXICAN STAR

(SINGLE)

These remind us of a variety that we raised many years ago called Dark Desire. That too had flowers that were cosmos-like. These are much taller with elegantly held nodding flowers 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)

36" (90cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3

Summer
26-94



Dahlia Karma Maarten Zwaan



Dahlia Happy Single Flame

SUNSHINE (SYN MOONFIRE)

(SINGLE)

The contradiction in 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)

32" (80cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3

Summer
26-99

KARMA MAARTEN ZWAAN

(WATERLILY)

Glistening white with a green note, with just the unfolding central petals rather more creamy coloured. A larger flowered form. White is so useful in the garden, but also great for cutting. Just three stems can make a generous bunch which might cost upwards of £7 bought at a florist's shop.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

32" (80cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3

Summer
26-92

MISS DELILAH

(WATERLILY)

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)

48" (120cm)

£3.80 or £10.00 for 3

Summer
26-100



Dahlia Mexican Star



Dahlia Miss Delilah



Dahlia coccinea var palmeri

COCCINEA VAR. PALMERI

(MISCELLANEOUS)

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 single flowers abound in the late summer in a clear zingy orange.

↔ 15-18" (30-40cm)

6-8' (180-230cm)

£6.00

26-08



Eryngium Jade Frost



Erigeron karvinskianus Profusion



Eryngium Big Blue



Eryngium Magical Blue Lagoon



Eryngium Picos Amethyst



Photo credit: Fairweathers Nursery

ERIGERON

KARVINSKIANUS PROFUSION 🏆

A summer stalwart that seems to grow in or self seed into any crevice or similarly unlikely spot like these in a nearby village, flowering their socks off with pretty daisy-like flowers in white and pink. They hide ugly stonework, soften the edges of paths and tumble off ledges, seemingly completely drought tolerant. 1 litre pots.

July-Sept
185-05

↔ 9" (24cm)
6" (15cm)
£5.00 or £13.00 for 3

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.

MAGICAL BLUE LAAGOON 🐝

A fine Sea Holly with spiky deeply lobed green leaves with porcelain lining, violet stemmed and a spiky collar around a dome shaped flower. Initially grey- green but turning a deep blue.

July - Sept
17-09

↔ 15" (40cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.50

PLANUM JADE FROST 🐝

Possibly less tough than the other forms offered they are outstanding with white and cream variegated foliage marked by a touch of pink in the rosette of leaves at the base of the plant. Well branched and spiky stems with blue highlights carry blue creamy heads that turn blue in the sun.

July - Sept
17-06

↔ 15" (35cm)
20-24" (50-60cm)
£7.50

PICOS AMETHYST 🐝

One of the characteristics of this variety's parent (*E. bourgatii*) is the deeply lobed dark green leaves which show in this hybrid as well. Before the flowers open the dark marbled foliage is intriguing, and thereafter the flowers light up the summer months in silvery blue.

July - Sept
17-08

↔ 18" (45cm)
32" (80cm)
£7.50

X ZABELII BIG BLUE 🏆 🐝

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

July - Sept
17-03

↔ 18" (45cm)
32" (80cm)
£7.50



Eucomis Aloha Kona

EUCOMIS

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

Eucomis plants go dormant and disappear underground with the frost, having emerged from the ground very late in the spring (in late May or early June) 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. zambeziaca*) is thought to be the most tender. In tubs or planters, they will need more protection in winter, but needing no moisture or light when dormant, they could spend the coldest months in a dry shed.

ALOHA KONA

These are all hybrids which have been bred in America for their pot plant trade and raised with *E. vandermerwei* as one of the parents, but we do grow them outside with care 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! This one is deep purple.

Aug/Sept 21-19 **↔ 3" (8cm)**
12" (30cm)
£5.50 or £13.50 for 3

ALOHA LEIA

Upright with reddish-purple flowers over bright green leaves. Often forming a 'crown' of fused bulbs.

Aug/Sept 21-15 **↔ 3" (8cm)**
12" (30cm)
£5.50 or £13.50 for 3

ALOHA NANI

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

Aug/Sept 21-17 **↔ 3" (8cm)**
12" (30cm)
£5.50 or £13.50 for 3



Eucomis Aloha Leia



Eucomis Aloha Nani

BICOLOR

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.

Aug/Sept 21-05 **↔ 10" (25cm)**
18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3

COMOSA

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

Aug/Sept 21-08 **↔ 15" (40cm)**
24-48" (60-120cm)
£4.00 or £11.00 for 3



Eucomis bicolor



Eucomis comosa



Eucomis Dark Stemmed

COMOSA (OUR DARK STEMMED SELECTION)

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 the darkest clone *E. Sparkling Burgundy* (now not easily obtained). Very limited stocks.

Aug/Sept 21-10 **↔ 15" (40cm)**
30" (75cm)
£7.00



Eucomis Cornwood



Eucomis pallidiflora ssp. pole evansii



Galtonia candicans



Eucomis Pink Gin



Eucomis zambeziaca

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

CANDICANS

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

Aug 23-04 **↔ 6" (15cm)**
36" (90cm)
£5.00 for 3 or £7.50 for 5

COMOSA CORNWOOD

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

Aug/Sept 21-09 **↔ 12" (30cm)**
18" (45cm)
£9.00

COMOSA PINK GIN

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

Aug/Sept 21-11 **↔ 15" (40cm)**
3-4' (90-120cm)
£11.00

PALLIDIFLORA SSP. POLE-EVANSII

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

Sept/Oct 21-18 **↔ 20" (50cm)**
4-5' (120-150cm)
£12.00

ZAMBESIACA (AUTUMNALIS)

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.

Aug/Sept 21-04 **↔ 5" (13cm)**
12" (30cm)
£8.00 for 3 or £12.50 for 5



↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

Flowering time
Item Code

Flowering height
Price



Gaura Whirling Butterflies



Photo credit: GAP Images



Geum Totally Tangerine



Photo credit: GAP Images



Gladiolus murielae



Geum Pink Petticoats

Photo credit: GAP Images



Gladiolus murielae

GLADIOLUS

MURIELAE

The 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 or reflower successfully outside in most British gardens. Fortunately, they are reasonably inexpensive and supplying big bulbs (as we do) they will produce an impressive show in the same year as planting. If you do wish to try to over-winter bulbs they will need a dry winter rest and flower better if stored at above 15°C. I would suggest that you stagger your planting in the spring and keep some bulbs back to plant 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 buds emerge, having been almost unnoticed previously, to reveal white flowers with a chocolate throat that sway gently on the lengthening flower stems. Understated and refined they have a subtle perfume, stronger in the evenings, so do position them near to a door or path to take full advantage of the scent, for by that stage their flowers are nearly at nose level. A 12" (30cm) pot will take about 7-10 bulbs but choose a heavy and deep one for increased stability. 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?

GAURA

LINDHEIMER WHIRLING BUTTERFLIES



The Plantfinder has these under *Oenothera* but everyone loves Gauras so I feel that we do not need to overcomplicate the issue! A hazy, see-through plant as the numerous flowers are individually slender and flower all summer. Allow a plant some space because it will drape itself into nearby paths and the like. They need sun and established plants are very drought tolerant.

↔ 24" (60cm)
28" (70cm)
Aug 202-01
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

GEUM

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

PINK PETTICOATS

For those that will not have orange flowers in the garden (and there are some) these are rosy pink and a lot shorter than *Totally Tangerine*. From 1 litre pots.

Summer 203-01

↔ 12" (30cm)
12" (30cm)
£8.00 or £22.00 for 3

TOTALLY TANGERINE



In flower from mid to late summer with sterile apricot orange coloured flowers on quite a leafy plant. These are already bursting out of their 1 litre pots.

Summer 203-02

↔ 18" (45cm)
36" (90cm)
£8.00 or £22.00 for 3

↔ 3" (8cm)
30" (75cm)
Aug/Sept 24-19
£6.00 for 20 or £14.00 for 50



Gladiolus Atom



Gladiolus Nymph



Gladiolus The Bride



Gladiolus papilio David Hills



Gladiolus Ruby



Gladiolus papilio

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 so they are best not planted too early, wait till March. They are best in sheltered sunny spots in fairly well drained soils, in colder areas they might do better in some protection.

ATOM

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

July 24-18 ↔ 3" (8cm) 30" (75cm) £6.00 for 10 or £13.00 for 25

NYMPH

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

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

THE BRIDE

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

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

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

PAPILIO

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

Late summer 24-13 ↔ 3" (8cm) 36" (90cm) £4.50

PAPILIO DAVID HILLS

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

Late summer 24-23 ↔ 3" (8cm) 30" (70cm) £7.50 for 3

RUBY

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

Late summer 24-14 ↔ 4" (10cm) 36" (90cm) £6.00



Gladiolus Thunder



Hedychium Assam Orange



Hedychium coronarium



Hakonechloa macra Beni-Kaze



Hedychium Stephen



Hedychium spicatum

THUNDER

This is a clone that we have raised originally from selected seedlings of G. Ruby. Having identified ten or more potentially good ones these have been the most successful of those over 10 or more years' assessment with deep plum coloured flowers. A gorgeous discovery, now with an Award of Merit (not yet the Award of Garden Merit confusingly).

↔ 4" (10cm)
36" (90cm)

Late summer
24-24

£7.00 or £19.00 for 3

HAKONECHLOA

MACRA BENI-KAZE

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

↔ 18" (45cm)
18" (45cm)
£7.50

Aug/Sept
204-01

HEDYCHIMUM

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

CORONARIUM

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

Sept
27-04

↔ 14" (35cm)
48-60" (120-150cm)
£7.50



DENSIFLORUM ASSAM ORANGE

Completely hardy, the same form as collected by Kingdon Ward in 1938, with many narrow, scented orange flowers. Vigorous and increasing, and if you need a late summer screen these would provide it and a verdant jungly atmosphere at the same time.

↔ 14" (35cm)
30" (75cm)
Aug/Sept
27-06 £6.50 for 3 or £10.50 for 5

DENSIFLORUM STEPHEN

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

↔ 14" (35cm)
40-50" (100-125cm)
Aug/Sept
27-08 £7.50

SPICATUM

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

↔ 14" (35cm)
6" (180cm)
Aug/Sept
27-09 £7.50 or £20.00 for 3



Hedychium Tara



Helianthemum Ben Fhada



Helianthemum Firedragon



Helleborus Wester Flisk



Helianthemum Ben More



Helianthemum Georgeham

TARA



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

Aug/Sept
27-05

↔ 14" (35cm)
6' (180cm)
£7.50

HELLEBORUS

FOETIDUS WESTER FLISK



The selection of H. foetidus with its dark leaves and green bell like flowers edged in red with reddish stems. Originally raised in a garden on the south side of the Tay, possibly from seed collected in Spain around 1800. Seed raised plants in 9 cm pots.

Jan-Mar
92-20

↔ 14" (35cm)
18" (45 cm)
£5.50

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 very drought tolerant when established. These are all nearly evergreen, but perfectly hardy, available in 7 cm pots. They all flower for a long period in the summer and only need a light trim after flowering to keep them tidy and to encourage further flowering.



Helianthemum Wisley Primrose



Helianthemum The Bride

BEN FHADA



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

↔ 12" (30cm)
12"-15" (30-40cm)
£3.90

Summer flowering
49-02

BEN MORE



Deep orange flowers and a mid-green foliage.

↔ 12" (30cm)
8"-10" (20-25cm)
£3.90

Summer flowering
49-01

FIRE DRAGON



Grey leaved with orange - red flowers.

↔ 12" (30cm)
10"-12" (25-35cm)
£3.90

Summer flowering
49-07

GEORGEHAM



Big pink flowers with a creamy inner ring.

↔ 12" (30cm)
10"-12" (25-35cm)
£3.90

Summer flowering
49-03

THE BRIDE



White flower with a yellow centre and silvery foliage.

↔ 12" (30cm)
10"-12" (25-35cm)
£3.90

Summer flowering
49-05

WISLEY PRIMROSE



Soft primrose coloured flowers over silvery foliage.

↔ 12" (30cm)
12"-15" (30-40cm)
£3.90

Summer flowering
49-06



Hemerocallis Kwanso Flore Plena



Hesperantha coccinea Major

HEMEROCALLIS

KWANSO FLORE PLENA

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)**
30" (75cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Aug
19-09



Hesperantha Mollie Gould



Hesperantha Wilfred H Bryant

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

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

Sept/Oct
41-04

↔ **2" (6cm)**
24" (60cm)
£5.00 for 5

MOLLIE GOULD

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

Sept/Oct
41-05

↔ **2" (6cm)**
18" (45cm)
£5.00 for 3



Iris sibirica Cambridge



Iris sibirica Dreaming Yellow

WILFRED H BRYANT

Upright stemmed and in the palest of pinks which fade to a rosy white.

Sept/Oct
41-06

↔ **2" (6cm)**
18" (45cm)
£5.00 for 3

IRIS

SIBIRICA CAMBRIDGE

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. From division.

May/June
103-30

↔ **10" (25cm)**
26" (65cm)
£6.00 or £16.50 for 3

SIBIRICA DREAMING YELLOW

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

May/June
103-31

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



Iris sibirica Melton Red Flare



Ismene x festalis



Iris sibirica Papillon



Iris sibirica Ruffled Velvet



Iris sibirica Silver Edge

SIBIRICA PAPILLON

Rich purple-blue with the tongues of the blue falls crazed with pale cracks.

June 103-35 ↔ 10" (25cm) 30" (80cm) £6.00 or £16.50 for 3

SIBIRICA MELTON RED FLARE

Much shorter than the other varieties, the flowers are a purple-red with veining on the falls.

June 103-36 ↔ 8" (20cm) 14" (35cm) £6.00 or £16.50 for 3

SIBIRICA RUFFLED VELVET

Deep blue with the standards now more feather-like.

June 103-37 ↔ 10" (25cm) 30" (80cm) £6.00 or £16.50 for 3

SIBIRICA SILVER EDGE

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

June 103-32 ↔ 10" (25cm) 30" (80cm) £6.00 or £16.50 for 3

SIBIRICA SPARKLING ROSE

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

June 103-33 ↔ 10" (25cm) 30" (80cm) £6.00 or £16.50 for 3

ISMENE

X FESTALIS

A hybrid between *I. narcissiflora* and *I. longipetala* both of which derive from the Andes and were crossed around 1900. by Arthington Worsley, a famous horticulturalist and civil engineer. They are not quite hardy enough to leave in the garden overwinter so if planted out will need lifting in all but the most sheltered gardens. They grow well in big pots kept rather dry in the winter when they will be dormant. In growth they have broad green leaves and very fragrant and exotic looking white flowers with long twisted pennants fringing the flower. Big bulbs.

Early summer 191-01 ↔ 10" (25cm) 24" (60cm) £8.50 or £22.00 for 3



Iris sibirica Sparkling Rose



Ixia Mabel



Ixia Spotlight

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 bulbs, somewhere between a large pea and a small marble.

MABEL

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

Summer 1" (2.5cm)
105-05 36" (90cm)
£4.00 for 10 or £8.50 for 25

SPOTLIGHT

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

Summer ↔ 1" (2.5cm)
105-09 20" (48cm)
£4.00 for 10 or £8.50 for 25



Knautia Melton Pastels



Kniphofia Buttercup

KNAUTIA

MACEDONIA MELTON PASTELS

A form of Scabious with flowers of pale pinks, pale reds and verging towards lilac. They love anywhere in the sun or part shade with very insect friendly flowers on upright stems from early to late summer. They will self seed if you allow them to do so without being too thuggish.

Summer ↔ 18" (45cm)
205-01 36" (90cm)
£7.50

KNIPHOFIA

The Kniphofia are sun lovers and would prefer an open sunny position. But gardening books generally suggest that they need very well drained soils to do well. We think that in 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.



Kniphofia Bees Sunset



Kniphofia Rich Echoes

BEES SUNSET

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

July/Aug ↔ 14" (34cm)
145-05 40" (100cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 for 3

BUTTERCUP

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

July/Aug ↔ 14" (34cm)
145-06 40" (100cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 for 3

RICH ECHOES

Mid to late summer flowering, a slightly finer leaved variety than the ones above which are all quite wide and chunky by comparison.

Mid-Late summer ↔ 10" (24cm)
145-17 24" (60cm)
£7.00



Kniphofia Wol's Red Seedling



Lathraea clandestina

WOL'S RED SEEDLING

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

↔ 12" (30cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.00

Aug/Sept
145-15

LATHRAEA

CLANDESTINA

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 having wounded a piece of its root. These arrive as a bag containing a handful of white 'roots' in coin.

April
71-05

3" (8cm)
£5.50



Lilium regale

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



Much like a good string of pearls on a simple black dress, Lilium regale provides that indefinable understated but classical look, and in this case with a huge scent. Glistening white, with some yellow in the throat, the backs of the petals flushed with pink. The regale lilies prefer alkaline conditions. We were disappointed in the autumn when the L. regale were too small and we had to postpone those orders to the spring. It was worth doing, I am assured that these will be 24cm bubs.

July
31-04

↔ 6" (15cm)
36" (90cm)
£9.50 for 3



Lilium White Planet



Lilium African Queen

x longiflorum hybrids:

AFRICAN QUEEN



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

July
31-51

↔ 6" (15cm)
48" (120cm)
£9.50 for 3

WHITE PLANET

As close as we can get to the unavailable L. regale album with long white trumpets with a yellow throat which have a tendency to look upwards.

July
31-56

48" (120cm)
£9.50 for 3

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

Flowering time
Item Code

Flowering height
Price



Lilium Golden Splendor



Lilium Black Beauty

GOLDEN SPLENDOR



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)**
48" (120cm)
£9.50 for 3

July
31-52

Oriental forms:

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

CASA BLANCA



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

↔ **6" (15cm)**
36" (100cm)
£6.50 for 3

July/Aug
31-11

CANDY CLUB

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

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

Summer
31-53



Lilium henryi



Lilium Candy Club

Species types:

HENRYI



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.

Summer
31-20

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

SPECIOSUM BLACK BEAUTY

A floriferous variety with rolled back petals in the turkscape style, dark red with white edges the petals. Best grown shaded at the roots if possible and in moist fertile soils.

July/Aug
31-54

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



Lilium Casa Blanca

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

Flowering time
Item Code

Flowering height
Price



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Liriope Big Blue



Photo credit: Visions Images NL

Nerine Amandi



Nerine bowdenii



Photo credit: GAP Images

Liriope Ingwersen



Mathiasella Green Dream

LIRIOPE

Flowering late in the year these are normally evergreen plants, sometimes known as 'Turf lilies', with strap-like foliage. Although they have a preference for more acidic and moister soils they are tough and surprisingly unfussy and like the black leaved *Ophiopogon* to which they are related can be grown in quite a bit of shade. Both these from 1 litre pots.

MUSCARI BIG BLUE

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

Late summer / autumn
109-07

↔ 12" (30cm)
12" (30cm)
£7.50

MUSCARI INGWERSEN

Green leaved with purple flowers on erect plumes like ropes of grape hyacinths.

Late summer / autumn
109-05

↔ 10" (25cm)
8" (20cm)
£7.50

MATHIASELLA

A Mexican umbellifer which was first described only in 1954 by Mildred Mathias. Architectural plants that seem to do well in full sun or part shade with green foliage in the spring turning more olive as the year progresses and taking on pink and purple tints in the summer. They last ages in flower and seem to produce no seed, the flowers are lime green when the first appear but, like the foliage, turn darker as they age. Certainly hardy in the south, may need a more sheltered spot in colder climates.

BUPLEROIDES GREEN DREAM

These look familiar because they look like plants we already love - Hellebores, Angelica and Euphorbia. Plants from 1 Litre pots that may well flower in 2022.

May/July
69-04X

↔ 24" (60cm)
24" (60cm)
£9.00

NERINE

Late-flowering members of the *Amaryllis* family which flower in the autumn without their leaves. They are one of the parents of the *Amarine* cross 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



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.

Sept/Oct
33-04

↔ 4" (10cm)
15" (40cm)
£4.50 for 5 or £7.30 for 9

BOWDENII AMANDI

A new form with flowers that are a softer more salmonish-pink than one expects of Nerines.

Sept/Oct
33-28

↔ 6" (15cm)
18" (45cm)
£5.50 for 3



▲ Photo credit: Visions Images NL

Nerine Bianca Perla



Nerine Vesta



▲ Photo credit: GAP Images

Omphalodes Cherry Ingram



Nerine Isabel



Nerine Zeal Giant

BOWDENII BIANCA PERLA

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.

Sept/Oct
33-26

↔ **6" (10cm)**
18" (45cm)
£5.50 for 3

BOWDENII ISABEL



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

Sept/Oct
33-25

↔ **6" (15cm)**
18" (45cm)
£5.50 for 3

BOWDENII VESTA

Pale, baby pink coloured flowers and they seem to hang onto their leaves rather longer in the autumn so are flowering with their foliage.

Sept/Oct
33-27

↔ **6" (15cm)**
18" (45cm)
£5.50 for 3

ZEAL GIANT



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
33-19

↔ **6" (15cm)**
18" (45cm)
£4.50 each or £12.00 for 3

OMPHALODES

CAPPADOCICA CHERRY INGRAM



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

Summer
210-01

↔ **15" (35cm)**
Up to 9" (25cm)
£7.50



Ophiopogon nigrescens



Orlaya grandiflora



Pimpinella major rosea



Pennisetum alopecuroides

Photo credit: GAP Images

ORLAYA

GRANDIFLORA



We use these as companion plants to the more 'stemmy' bulbs in our flower displays in April and May where their white flowers soften the more strident colours of the late spring flowers such as the tulips. These are plants that have been grown from seed to have become well rooted in 9cm 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
12-01

18-24" (45-60 cm)
£5.00 or £13.00 for 3



Polygonatum odoratum

OPHIOPOGON

PLANISCARPUS NIGRESCENS



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

12" (30cm)
8" (20cm)
£8.00

Summer
116-04

PENNISETUM

ALOPECUROIDES

An evergreen 'Fountain Grass' with softly hairy bottle-brush -like flowers in green turning pale brown towards the summer's end. From 1 litre pots.

↔ 12" (30cm)
24" (60cm)

June
206-01

£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

POLYGONATUM

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

ODORATUM

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

↔ 4" (10cm)
18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3

PIMPINELLA

MAJOR ROSEA

Cow Parsley-like plants with flattened flower heads comprising of many tiny pale pink flowers over several weeks in late spring to early summer. Best in a little shade and in soils that are not too dry. A clump forming hardy perennial. Plants in 9 cm pots.

↔ 12" (30cm)

May-June
28-01

24-36" (60-90cm)
£6.50 or £18.00 for 3

May
42-09



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.



Polygonatum sibiricum



Polygonatum odoratum flore plena

ODORATUM FLORE PLENA

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

May
42-12

↔ 4" (10cm)
18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3

SIBIRICUM

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

June
42-13

↔ 6" (15cm)
38" (90cm)
£10.00 for 3



Polygonatum verticillatum rosea



Polygonatum x hybridum

VERTICILLATUM ROSEUM

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

June
42-06

↔ 4" (10cm)
36" (90cm)
£10.00 for 3

X HYBRIDUM

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

May/June
42-04

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



Primula denticulata Lilac



Primula denticulata rubra

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 7cm pots unless otherwise noted.

DENTICULATA LILAC

Mar-Apr
91-01

↔ 3" (7cm)
8-10" (20-24cm)
£3.90 each

DENTICULATA RUBRA

Mar-Apr
91-02

↔ 3" (7cm)
8-10" (20-24cm)
£3.90 each

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

Flowering time
Item Code

Flowering height
Price



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Primula capitata mooreana



Photo credit: GAP Images

Pulsatilla vulgaris



Photo credit: GAP Images

Pulsatilla vulgaris rubra



Primula denticulata White



Photo credit: GAP Images

Primula veris



Photo credit: GAP Images

Pulsatilla vulgaris alba

DENTICULATA WHITE

Mar-Apr
91-03

↔ 3" (7cm)
8-10" (20-24cm)
£3.90 each

CAPITATA MOOREANA

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.

Summer
91-04

↔ 3" (7cm)
8-10" (20-24cm)
£3.90 each

VERIS

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.

Mar-Apr
91-05

9" (22cm)
8-10" (20-24cm)
£3.90 each

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 silky soft hairy foliage produce these much-loved flowers in March and April, followed by fluffy seed heads on their lengthening stems. Supplied in 7cm pots.

VULGARIS

Mar-Apr
98-01

↔ 9" (20cm)
6-8" (15-20cm)
£3.90 each

VULGARIS RUBRA

Mar-Apr
98-02

↔ 9" (20cm)
6-8" (15-20cm)
£3.90 each

VULGARIS ALBA

Mar-Apr
98-03

↔ 9" (20cm)
6-8" (15-20cm)
£3.90 each



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



Roscoea auriculata

Photo credit: GAP Images



Rhodohypoxis Goya



Roscoea cautleyoides



Roscoea beesiana

RHODOHYPOXIS

BAURII HYBRID

Small South African bulbs which, when happy, really do flower their socks off for very little return in effort. They do not like it wet in winter (when they are dormant), so we would suggest that you either need very well drained conditions (a raised bed perhaps, as illustrated) or to pot the bulbs into mesh pots which can be planted out into the garden for the summer, and lifted (in their pot) for a winter's rest, somewhere dry. The bulbs are naturally small and knobbly – 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)
4" (10cm)
Summer 39-04 £4.00 for 7 or £7.00 for 15

GOYA

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

Summer 39-05

↔ 1" (2.5cm)
4" (10cm)
£4.50 for 3

ROSCOEIA

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

AURICULATA

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

Late summer 40-08

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

BEESIANA

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

Late summer 40-05

↔ 4" (10cm)
15" (40cm)
£4.50 for 3

CAUTLEYOIDES

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

Early summer 40-06

↔ 4" (10cm)
15" (40cm)
£7.00 for 3

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



Roscoea Brown Peacock



Roscoea Red Gurkha



Roscoea purpurea



Rudbeckia Goldsturm



Saxifrage Southside Seedling



Stachys Hummelo with Lychnis coronaria

PURPUREA

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

↔ 5" (12cm)

Late summer 24" (60cm)
40-10 £7.50 for 3

PURPUREA BROWN PEACOCK

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

↔ 6" (15cm)

Late summer 24" (60cm)
40-11 £7.50



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PURPUREA F. RUBRA RED GURKHA



A remarkable colour when you consider that almost all the other Roscoea in cultivation are either yellow or in shades of purple. A find attributed to Bill Baker. (a different Bill Baker to the one I thought it was this time last year!) Often very late to emerge through the ground in the spring.

↔ 6" (15cm)

Late summer 24" (60cm)
40-14 £8.50

RUDBECKIA

FULGIDA VAR. GOLDSTURM SULLIVANTII



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

↔ 18" (45cm)

Late summer 24-36" (60-90cm)
207-01 £7.50

SAXIFRAGE

SOUTHSIDE SEEDLING

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

↔ 3" (8cm)

Late spring 10" (30cm)
16-01 £3.90

STACHYS

MONIERI HUMMELO



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

↔ 15" (40cm)

Late summer 12-24" (30-60cm)
208-01 £7.50 or £20.00 for 3



Thalictrum Little Pinkie



Photo credit: Visions Images NL



Tricyrtis formosana



Tricyrtis stolonifera



Thalictrum Nimbus White



Tritonia rosea

THALICTRUM

Rhizomatous perennials with slender stems and tufted small flowers in many colours that are loved by insects and bees. Their common name of Meadow Rue suggests a use in herbal medicine. Species plants of the family are found in sun or part shade in areas where it is not dry for too long. These smaller hybrids love roughly similar conditions.

LITTLE PINKIE



Relatively dwarf in habit these are simple small plants with a summertime punch that the insects and bees will love. The bright pink is a colour that is not out of place in the summer garden and they can be cut back in the autumn when you are tidying up the garden. From 1 litre pots.

Summer
192-01

↔ 12" (30cm)
12-15" (30-45cm)
£8.00

NIMBUS WHITE



Initially with quite attractive fern-like foliage in a blue-green colour the flowering is rather floss like with plumes of white, long, fine-petalled lightly perfumed flowers on quite thick dark stems. Pale pink seedheads follow. An easy and rewarding plant from 1 litre pots.

Summer
192-02

↔ 15" (36cm)
26" (65cm)
£8.00

TRICYRTIS

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

FORMOSANA

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

Sept/Oct
45-04

↔ 3" (8cm)
36" (90cm)
£5.50 for 5

FORMOSANA STOLONIFERA

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

Sept/Oct
45-06

↔ 3" (8cm)
45" (1m)
£4.50 for 3

TRITONIA

X ROSEA (DISTICHA RUBROLUCENS)

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

Summer
15-11

↔ 3" (8cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.50 for 5 or £13.00 for 10

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



Tulbaghia Silver Lace



Tulbaghia coddii



Tulbaghia cominsii x violacea



Tulbaghia violacea



Tulbaghia violacea Pallida



Verbena rigida

TULBAGHIA

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

CODDII

I am quite happy to be corrected on this name - I have tried to find it out but the stock just gets bigger whilst I seem to get no closer to an answer! They are growing in the ground in an unheated glasshouse and have now formed thick clumps. Although it is deciduous to a large extent, I do not think that it is properly hardy. But it flowers for months. By division.

↔ **9" (20cm)**
Summer 16" (38cm)
130-18 £4.50 or £11.00 for 3

COMINSII X VIOLACEA

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

↔ **9" (20cm)**
Summer 14" (35cm)
130-12 £4.50 or £12.00 for 3

VIOLACEA

These plants flower profusely and continuously from June to October. Probably the hardiest member of the family, we grow these outside here, and one could get away with growing them outside in colder areas, especially where it is drier in winter. Glowingly violet-purple flowers, with hundreds of stems on established plants providing colour for about 5 months. 1 litre pots and by division.

All summer ↔ **8" (20cm)**
130-17 18" (45cm)
130-17X £4.00 (division),
£6.00 or £15.00 for 3 (pots)

VIOLACEA PALLIDA

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

↔ **8" (20cm)**
Summer 18" (45cm)
130-07 £4.50

VIOLACEA SILVER LACE

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

↔ **5" (12cm)**
Summer 14" (35cm)
130-08 £5.00 or £12.00 for 3

VERBENA

RIGIDA

A butterfly magnet with masses of purple to magenta coloured flowers all summer. Better in a sheltered, sun drenched spot in good but not wet conditions they are not regarded as fully hardy so in colder garden maybe give them a bit of a mulch, but winters are not as bad as they once were so well worth a shot. They will self seed in sunny warm spots. From 1 litre pots.

↔ **14" (40cm)**
Summer 24" (60cm)
209-01 £7.50 or £20.00 for 3

Seeds from Avon Bulbs

Any packet
of seeds
£2.50

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

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



Average seed contents: 20

Allium cernuum

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

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



Average seed contents: 25

**Dahlia coccinea
var palmeri**

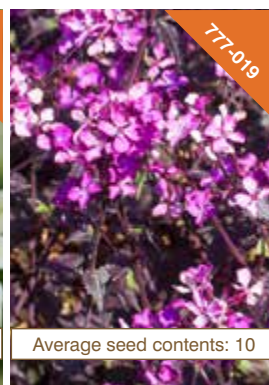
Single orange-red flowers in late summer on a plant which exhibits very dissected 'frothy' foliage. The plant can be large, the seed was collected from an established plant about 7' tall. Dahlias like a rich fertile soil and need planting in the sun. They may need a mulch (or to be lifted) in cold gardens,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



Average seed contents: 25

Gladiolus tristis

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



Average seed contents: 10

**Lunaria annua
Chedglov**

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



Average seed contents: 10

**Lunaria
Corfu Blue**

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



Average seed contents: 80

**Nicotiana mutabilis
(Ornamental Tobacco)**

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



Average seed contents: 15

**Tulbaghia cominsii
x violacea**

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



Average seed contents: 30

Tulipa sprengeri 🐝

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

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

Order for Spring 2022 despatch

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

Stock ref. no.	Plant name	Price and pack size	No. of packs required	£
23 - 04	Galtonia candicans (EXAMPLE ONLY)	£5.00/3	2	10.00

The example at the top shows the information we need – in particular, the **reference number** given beside the plant name in the catalogue.

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Normal postage on your Spring bulb order is £5.95 (UK mainland).

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Avon Bulbs - How it all works

Generally: This catalogue is **valid** through the spring of 2022 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.

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.

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In detail: 'Mainland' UK: 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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For Destinations in the Highlands and Islands and the remoter parts of Britain: see the paragraph above under How Much?

For Northern Ireland and Europe: We anticipate providing a dormant snowdrop list to our EU and NI customers interested in snowdrops and sending these when dormant in the summer, much as we did in a small way in 2021

Regrettably we cannot send plants to Northern Ireland or Europe. You can still order anything that is not a plant and requires a Phytosanitary Certificate. The postage costs will be applied at cost to us.

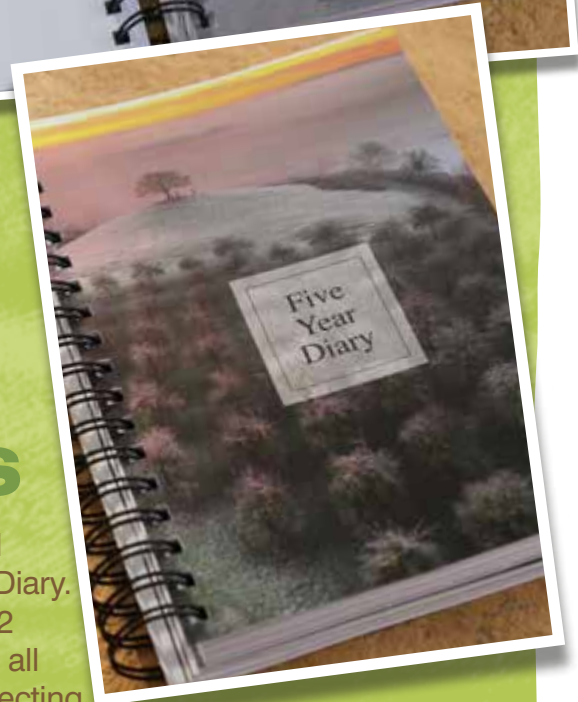
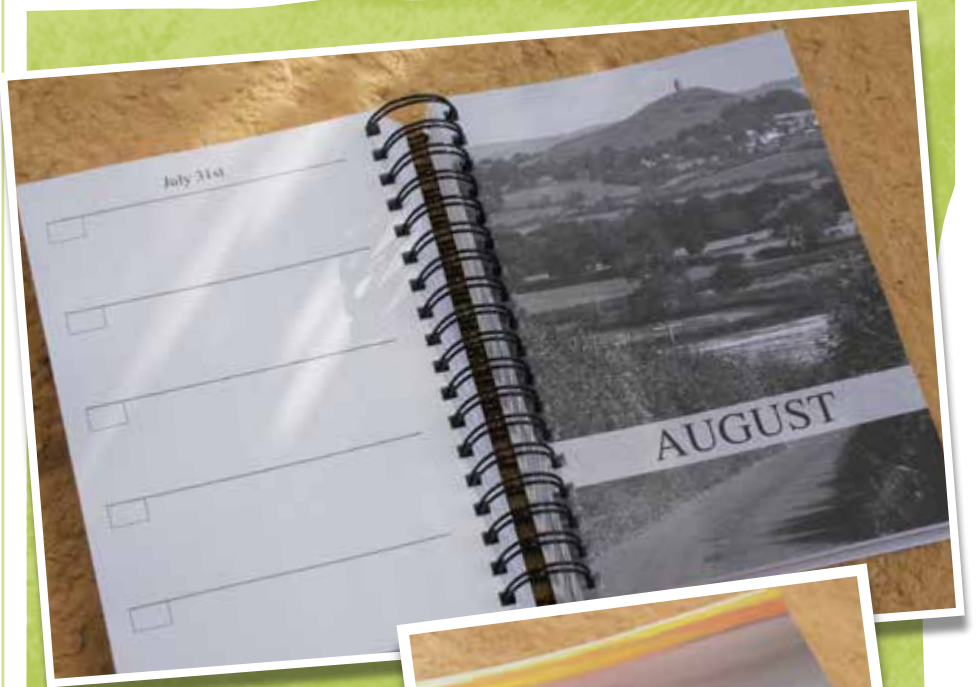
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Five Year Diaries

We have revamped and reprinted our Five Year Diary. It is now illustrated by 12 black and white images all taken in our locality, reflecting the seasons where they are used.

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

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