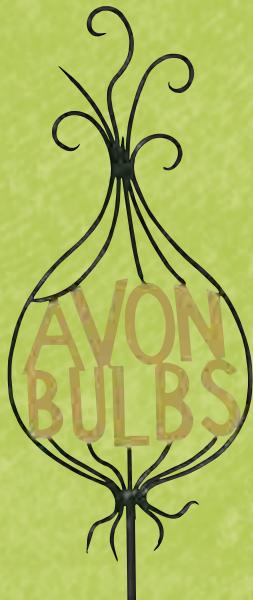




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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST CATALOGUE FOR 2023.

I hope that this Spring 2023 catalogue arrives on a promising January day with the sun in evidence and in an atmosphere of positivity! Given the news that we endure daily nowadays, that would be especially nice as I write this in what has been a rather grey and gloomy week of doom-laden news. But the spring, its longer days and increasing warmth will encourage us to get out and garden again. The exercise and engagement with nature will be good for us (one needs to believe that) and the results life-affirming.

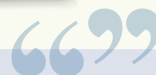
In November we bade a sad farewell to Alan Street at his funeral in Dorset. He had been head nurseryman at Avon Bulbs since before I took over the business in 1987. We received many wonderful comments along with sympathy messages when the announcement of his death was made. They centred around his pithy wit, his ability to enthuse and educate and his eye for a plant and its potential, in the right place. He had been absent from work with his battle against cancer for a lot of the past year but approaching this snowdrop season without his input has been strange. I think he had been building up to a crescendo – we have never listed so many snowdrops as we have in the following pages. If you already have most of them, take a bow! If you haven't, there must be some new ones there that tickle your fancy. There remain a few



Alan Street with John Fielding and Phil Cornish
Credit: Wol Staines

readers who are not self-confessed Galanthophiles so more than half of this catalogue will provide them with much material to digest and choose from. Some new entries in this section include a wonderful Hedychium, new Liatris, a potentially impressive Arisaema, a dark purple Roscoea and a Begonia that we have been itching to list for a while.

CHRIS IRELAND JONES



Amongst the emails and cards received following his death were the following touching comments, there are a few more scattered through this catalogue.

He gave a lifetime of dedication and expertise to horticulture, almost entirely with Avon Bulbs and in the process, enriched and enhanced RHS shows for many years, at Vincent Square, Chelsea and beyond

His love for them and willingness to share his knowledge and tales of both snowdrops and people and all the stories that go with them was a joy.

Always jolly, welcoming and friendly, always made me feel part of the gang

Such an eminent and inspiring nurseryman and person

Always polite, cheerful, pleasant, knowledgeable and professional, you are going to sorely miss him. To me he was the snowdrop King

Wonderful, funny, exciting man

I will never forget his mischievous tongue

He's done more than enough for his name to be remembered in horticultural history

Never too busy to give advice, and put one at ease

SNOWDROPS IN THE GREEN

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.

The grey numbers in brackets after the price reflect the page number where you can find a longer description in the snowdrop 'bible' by Matt Bishop, Aaron Davies 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 greyness in colour.

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



ADAM (30/1)

A jewel from The Island in the garden of the late and much missed Veronica Cross. This stunning *G. plicatus* has the most amazing green-marked outer segments and is a snowdrop that has been named for Adam Greathead, a horticulturalist protege of John Massey's at Ashwoods Nurseries who died in 2017 at only 27.

22-466

£110.00

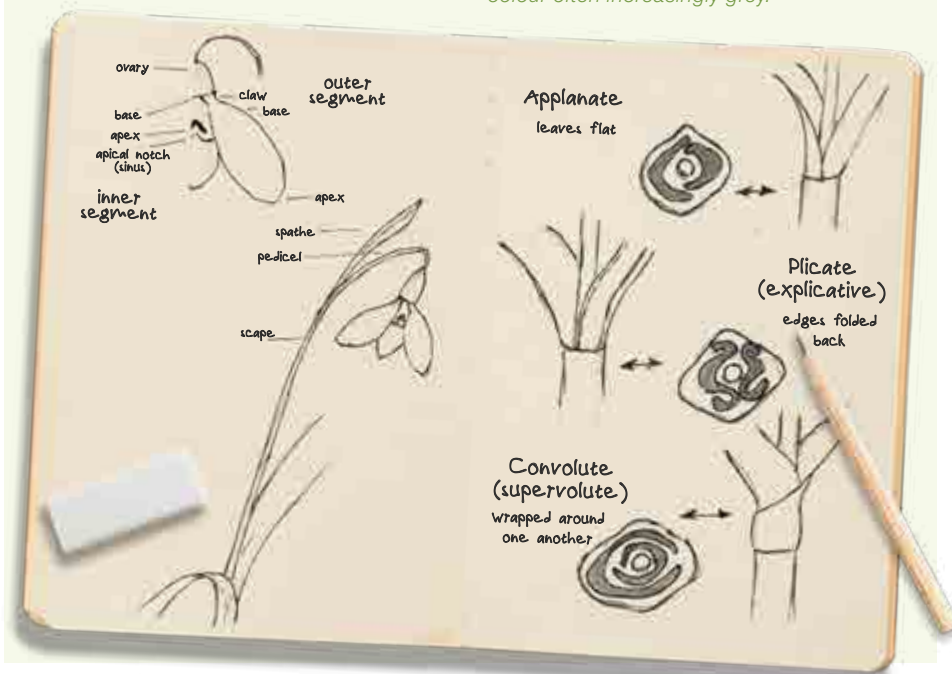


ALISON HILARY (1/1)

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

£18.00 (248)



The snowdrops are followed by the date (DD/MM) when the photograph was 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.



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.



ANGELINA (13/2)

This one was discovered in Slovenia and is a stunning and sought-after virescent form of *G. nivalis* with large and very bold green outer segments. One of the more immediately recognisable forms, even from a distance!

22-286 £50.00



ANGLESEY ORANGE TIP (4/2)

A form of *G. elwesii* which exhibits a strange faint creamy-orange glow when first open.

22-401 £30.00



BAGPUIZE VIRGINIA (25/1)

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

22-10 £14.00 (114)



ANGLESEY ABBEY (3/2)

Named after the famous National Trust garden between Cambridge and Newmarket, which has a good collection. This snowdrop has distinctively bright green narrow leaves. They show a variable inclination to be poculiform (all 6 petals the same length and unmarked) but the inners on these often show a single green marking.

22-06 £15.00 (84)



ATKINSII (4/2)



The exact origin of *G. Atkinsii* is something of a mystery. It is one of the early flowering hybrid forms 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 and benefits from regular division. As well as for its earliness it is characterised by its tall stems and long outer segments outlined in the shape of a capital A. These will be dug plants not pot grown.

22-09 £15.00 for 3 (225)



BALLERINA (17/2)

Found by Phil Cornish in 1991 at Twigworth, Gloucestershire. A short and very pretty double flowered form, the mature head of petals so full as to form a tutu.

22-237 £23.00 (302)



ANGLESEY CANDLELIGHT (30/1)

From the same garden (one of the most highly visited in the NT portfolio – which shows how this early spring interest boosts their visitor season). These have large flowers which can show a tinge of pale orange close up against the ovary when first open. Attractive lettuce-green leaves on this hybrid.

22-373 £30.00



AUGUSTUS (4/3)



A very broad leaved plicate form which is late to emerge and late flowering. The flowers are rounded, dumpy and strongly puckered, with thick petals. Named and distributed by the famous plantswoman Amy Doncaster in honour of EA Bowles (Augustus being his middle name).

22-53 £15.00 (152)

BANKSIDE

A hybrid *G. nivalis* x *plicatus* found in Blewbury, Oxfordshire, named by the late Alan Street after the house that he grew up in. When established they can show two flowers on each scape with a pale yellowish ovary and dark green sinus mark.

22-204 £25.00

D - DUG SNOWDROPS

This section includes the snowdrops that we supply as dug plants rather than potted plants.



BARBARA'S DOUBLE (21/2)

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 Barbara Buchanan the daughter of Lady Beatrix Stanley (who has a snowdrop and an Iris named after her) and whose family home was Sibbertoft Manor in Northamptonshire.

22-140

£20.00 (289)



BAXENDALE'S LATE (5/3)

One of the latest to flower, at its best when most of the others are well over for the season. A quite leafy form of *G. plicatus*, best in a cool spot so that so that the late flowers are not faded too quickly in the warming sun.

22-102

£10.00 (142)



BERTRAM ANDERSON (29/12) 🏆

Named by Chris Brickell in 1971 as a posthumous credit to EB Anderson as it was found in his garden in the Cotswolds, a fine rounded beauty with thickly textured petals, one of the Mighty Atom - like varieties that are hard to differentiate but are brilliant snowdrops.

22-108

£20.00 (219)



BARNES (13/11)

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

22-170

£15.00 (170)



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.

22-447

£60.00



BESS (19/1)

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

22-81

£13.00 (243)



BARNHILL (1/2)

An outstanding form of *G. elwesii* with a lovely glowing greenish gold hue to the ovary and inner segment marks. Came from the Barnhill Garden in Ireland.

22-452

£70.00



BERNHARD ROLLICH (15/1)

This hybrid double selection from Germany has small but beautifully formed neat flowers with distinct markings on the inner segment above greyish leaves.

22-218

£20.00



BETTY HANSELL (9/1)

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 (stems) when growing well.

22-295

£22.00 (298)



BIG ONE (29/1)

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 which are 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



BILL BISHOP (18/2)

This *Galanthus* is another of the sought-after, large flowered, Mighty Atom - like snowdrops with huge and thickly sculptured outer petals, so heavy indeed that they often bend the stems back close to the ground. Bill Bishop was a superintendent of the Harrogate Parks department in the 1980's.

22-19 £10.00 (229)



BITTER LEMONS (26/1)

A seedling found under the same tree under which Midas appeared, but some years later. Both are very unusual 'colour change' x valentinei hybrids so their markings turn more yellow as the flower ages, but this one is much earlier to flower and is usually a month earlier flowering than Midas.

22-351 £60.00



BLEWBURY TART (9/2)

Found as a single clump in Blewbury churchyard in 1975 where it stood out as an obvious oddity amongst other ordinary single and double *G. nivalis*. This sterile applanate double opens so wide as to be nearly flat and tends to look outwards, revealing nearly all green inners. A strong grower so clumps form quickly (but they also need splitting up with some regularity). Dug bulbs, not potted, and even the flowering bulbs are often quite small.

22-18 £21.00 for 3 (120)



BLONDE INGE (26/2)

Found in Cologne, Germany and introduced by Nicholas Top. This mid-late season selection of *G. nivalis* with the unusual characteristic of having a green ovary but a bright golden yellow apical mark. In some seasons this is more noticeable than others! A truly beautiful snowdrop.

22-109 £13.00 (94)



BRYAN HEWITT (12/2)

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

22-413 £40.00



BUMBLEBEE (6/2)

Intentionally raised by seed using x *plicatus* Trym as a parent by Joe Sharman; the flower shape is smaller and more rounded than the other x *plicatus* Trym offspring. A really outstanding snowdrop with beautiful, dark green marks on the outer segments and solid green inners.

22-385 £60.00



BUTTON (16/2)

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

22-402 £18.00



BYFIELD SPECIAL (14/1)

Originally found by Andy Byfield this plant was named by Michael Barron of Brandy Mount House in the early 1990s. A fine and very vigorous hybrid which flowers quite early here. Superficially similar to Bess. These will be dug plants not pot grown.

22-12 £10.00 (244)



CELIA MEGERS (23/2)

Selected in Germany by Nicholas Top, this is a late flowering selection of *G. nivalis* with a strange pale creamy glow to the flowers and with noticeably paler foliage.

22-429 £30.00



CHANTRY TAFFETA (5/2)

The name was suggested by Val Bourne for this *G. plicatus* seedling from Glen Chantry. The segments are beautifully crinkly, as the name suggests.

22-391 £45.00



COMET (4/2)



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

22-76 £15.00 (173)



CELIA'S DOUBLE (12/2)

An unusual, neat double snowdrop with a very tightly bunched inner segments and clawed outer segments. The flower is held on a short spathe tipping it into a more outward facing attitude. A very vigorous *G. x valentinei* hybrid, scented of violets to some. From Celia Sawyer, at the time in charge of the rock garden at the University Botanic Garden, Oxford.

22-335 £35.00



CHEDWORTH (11/3)



A *G. nivalis* form found originally 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, if leafy, and easily one of the best to spread itself quickly. These will be dug plants not pot grown.

22-74 £15.00 for 3 (80)



DAS GELBE VOM EI (25/2)

From Hagen Englemann, this discovery in Germany, a form of *G. nivalis* has an intense golden yellow mark on the inner segment whilst retaining the green ovary.

22-431 £100.00



CHANTRY GREEN TWINS (25/1)

From the amazing gardens at Glen Chantry 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 £35.00



CLIFF CURTIS (16/2)

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

22-296 £25.00



DAVID SHACKLETON (25/2)

A late flowering *G. elwesii* with upright, rather pale foliage. The markings and ovary on this snowdrop all continue this paler theme with an inner segment showing a broad X marking, darker at the apex.

22-151 £15.00 (199)



DESDEMONA (30/1)

One of the Greatorex doubles, a confusing, if slightly plastic group, all attributed to Heyrick Greatorex of Brundall in Norfolk, all with Shakespearian names. This is a very vigorous hybrid double which earns its keep by making large clumps which remain in flower over a long period.

22-15 £10.00 (290)



DOUBLE DOES (10/3)

An unusual selection, although we are perplexed as to which is the right way to say its name. This is a very small, round, neat late flowering double with green tips to the outers, from the Northamptonshire garden of Ruth Dashwood identified by Richard Bashford.

22-463 £70.00



DRYAD GOLD STAR (1/1)

A slightly narrower flowered Dryad form, with narrower, pointed segments, but equally strong growing.

22-393 £75.00



DIGGORY (4/2)

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 £25.00 (147)



DR. ROGERSON NO 2 (15/2)

Raised from seed, this hybrid has intriguing fused inner markings of pale green and also a pallid ovary. We know nothing about who he was, does anyone else know?

22-343 £15.00



EDITH (8/1)

This is a large flowered *G. elwesii* selection with a broad green marking on the inner segments and broad leaves. Found by Phil Cornish and named after his mother early in the 21st Century.

22-338 £25.00 (185)



DONCASTER'S DOUBLE SCHARLOCKII (18/3)

A double snowdrop with good green marks on the outer segments and a split spathe and narrow finger-like petals.

22-241 £20.00 (119)



DRAGONFLY (17/1)

From the garden of the wonderful late Veronica Cross who also gave us the amazing *G. Wasp*. Continuing the insect theme this is bigger and much more substantial than *Wasp* with very long outer segments which sway and dangle on long pedicels to show the dark green marked inners. Believed to be a *x valentinei* hybrid (*G. nivalis* x *G. plicatus*).

22-279 £40.00



EGRET (16/1)

Another from that well-known Galanthophile Phil Cornish, this selection of *G. nivalis* has amazing outer segments which curl back on themselves recalling the plumes of that charming bird.

22-245 £45.00

“He was such a lovely man and loved his snowdrops for their great beauty and not for just their monetary value”



ELLIE BOARDMAN (12/2)

This rarely seen or yet offered yellow snowdrop is a selection of *G. plicatus* from the wonderful seeding population in the orchard garden of June Boardman in Norfolk. The yellow has an element of olive in it and the petals are narrow allowing full view of the long inner marking.

22-454 £70.00



ELWESII MONOSTICTUS (1/1)

With its simple single marking on the inner segment these are at its best here by mid-late January with bold, blue /grey foliage.

22-21 £12.00



ERMINE LACE (12/3)

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 as well as a marking with an interesting shape – long lasting and vigorous.

22-268 £25.00 (300)



ELMLEY LOVETT (25/1)

A snowdrop found and named by keen gardener and Galanthophile, Olive Mason, this is probably a hybrid between *G. elwesii* and *G. nivalis*. Large flowers with a bold diffused X on the inner segments.

22-187 £15.00



EMMA THICK (20/1)

A strong and vigorous, green-tipped *G. elwesii* found by Emma, now in charge of the snowdrops at Thenford, Northamptonshire.

22-407 £30.00



EXCELSIS (6/2)

Found here on the nursery, with long shapely outers and heavenly green marked inners.

22-188 £20.00



ELWESII HIEMALIS (10/12)

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 treats ahead. Flowering with short leaves (which lengthen later) they are smaller plants, the long flowers marked with a single arched apical bridge. Because they flower so early we do suggest they be planted where they will be noticed.

22-240 £10.00 (169)



ERIC FISHER (15/1)

A superb seedling from John Morley's Suffolk garden in 2010 which can flaunt four outer and four inner segments with good green markings when established.

22-382 £45.00



FEDERSCHWINGEN (10/3)

A lovely late-flowering form of *G. nivalis* from Kurt Kleisa. The name translates from the German to Feather Wings with flowers strongly marked with pale green lines on the long outer segments.

22-389 £80.00



FENSTEAD END (13/1)

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* with noticeably upright foliage and inner segments nearly all covered in green. Quite short stemmed at flowering and quite leafy - but that is probably advantageous as good leaves build bigger bulbs and indicate a healthy vigour.

22-103 £20.00 (182)



FIELDGATE IMP

With strongly recurved outer petals and a robust constitution this was a find made in Colin Mason's garden by Matt Bishop.

22-479 £60.00



FLOCON DE NEIGE (23/1)

The French name for a Snowflake and named for its resemblance (as illustrated) 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 (27/1)

An outstanding seedling found under hazel bushes at Avon Bulbs almost 20 years ago. A hybrid with *G. elwesii* as one parent. Remarkably long pediceled, perhaps longer than any other snowdrop.

22-178 £12.00



FRANZ JOSEF (25/1)

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



FUZZ (7/2)

One of the earliest spikey forms of *G. nivalis*. The original plant was selected in the woods near Cornwood, Devon by Peter Glover. Long lasting in flower.

22-137 £30.00



GABRIEL (10/12)

A simple but early flowering form of *G. elwesii* monostictus, usually in flower in December, identified at Avon Bulbs in the 1980s. The name comes from its outer segments raising, wing-like when the conditions are warmer.

22-221 £15.00 (174)

QIMLI

A green leaved diminutive form of double *G. plicatus* selected by John Grimshaw in Oxford in 1991. Named after the dwarf warrior character in Tolkein's Lord of the Rings.

22-473 £15.00



GODFREY OWEN (7/2)



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 £20.00 (205)

This will leave an enormous hole in the world of Galanthophiles



GOLDEN FLEECE (29/1)

One of the most outstanding snowdrop discoveries, the result of Joe Sharman's breeding work. Aptly named, this hybrid has broad plicate leaves, a golden ovary and bright golden yellow markings on both inner and outer segments. Outstanding.

22-405

£100.00



GREEN TEAR (17/1)

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

22-322

£85.00 (104)



GRUMPY'S BROTHER (29/1)

This selection from Patricia Elkington in Hampshire looks at first like 'Grumpy'. It 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



GREEN LANTERN (25/2)

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



GREENFIELDS (5/3)

Another good Irish snowdrop found originally by Lian Schofield in Tipperary in the 1950s. It is mid-late season flowering and a hybrid with very dark green markings. Vigorous and it soon makes fine showy clumps.

22-71

£12.00 (232)



GUNTHER WALDORF (28/1)

A large, shapely and handsome flower with very long outer segments, to commemorate Gunther, who did so much to kindle German interest in snowdrops.

22-390

£30.00



GREEN RIBBON (25/1)

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

22-115

£20.00



GREENFINCH (29/1)

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)



HAGEN HAST DU NICHT GESEHEN (11/3)

From Hagen Engelman in Germany – the name translates as 'Hagen didn't you see'. This is a late flowering *G. nivalis* that shows very bold virescent markings.

22-409

£90.00

▲ Photo credit: Clive Nicholls



HELOISE DES ESSOURTS (5/2)

From Jean-Luc Panier in 2009 of St Germain des Essourts, Normandy, and named after his younger daughter. This is a charming, neat, double G. nivalis, with very evenly arranged segments and with green tips to the outers.

22-361 £35.00



HENLEY GREENSPOT (5/2)

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.

22-345 £25.00 (194)



HILL POË (20/2)

A double form of G. plicatus with a great history going back over 100 years since being found in Ireland. The outer segments number five which is unusual but this can vary, but is enough for pretty immediate identification even from a distance. Those outer segments do not meet at the base (where they meet the ovary) leaving space between them to see the tightly packed inner segments beneath. A vigorous, well loved but relatively short variety.

22-56 £15.00 (292)



HIPPOLYTA (16/2)

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)



HOLLIS (26/12)

A seedling of G. elwesii from the garden of Dr Dowling Munro, this very early form is at its best in December and when established has very large, elegant flowers.

22-302 £12.00



HONEYSUCKLE COTTAGE (2/2) D

From Sally Pasmore's charming country garden in Somerset. This is a tall, early, vigorous G. nivalis x G. plicatus hybrid, bolt upright in stance and showy. Vigorous and clump forming. Dug plants rather than potted.

22-134 £24.00 for 3



IKARJAE (5/3)



Rarely offered in the green these are home grown (millions of dry imported ones are sold at garden centres with a low survival rate). A matt green leaved snowdrop species from the NE Mediterranean. Late flowering with large pointed flowers and they seed freely, but seemingly better in more shade.

22-291 £12.00



IMBOLC (16/2) D



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. Dug plants rather than potted.

22-69 £12.00 (272)



IVY COTTAGE CORPORAL (22/1)

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



JANET CROPLEY (25/1)

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



JOE SHARMAN (5/2)

A fine virescent form of *G. plicatus* with handsome green stripes on its outer segments and darkly marked inners. Early flowering and vigorous.

22-384

£130.00



KILDARE (9/2)

These come originally from the Emerald Isle and following that green theme their outers are washed with pale ghostly green to about half their length. The leaves are plicate and glaucous with a pale ovary. A hybrid form discovered by Ruby and David Baker in 1995.

22-149

£30.00 (279)



JAQUENETTA (5/3)

Another 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. The date on the image suggests that it is later flowering than I remember it to be.

22-141

£12.00 (297)



JOHN GRAY (29/1)

A sought-after form from the Mighty Atom-like group, rightly one of the special early flowering varieties. On warm days when the flower is fully extended the flowers look huge and seem to weigh down the scape slightly too close to the ground (for comfortable photography anyhow).

22-65

£18.00 (247)



KRYPTONITE (1/1)

This December flowering virescent *G. elwesii* is, 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! 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 cannot miss them.

22-305

£60.00



JENNY'S PEARL (25/1)

Originally from Jenny Robinson's garden in Suffolk. A *G. plicatus* selection with large flowers which when the conditions are right (usually as it warms up) open widely to seemingly make themselves look even bigger! That reveals the all-green inner segments.

22-344

£20.00



JONATHAN (25/2)

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)



LADY PUTMAN (15/2)

A favourite among the many green-tipped *nivalis*, this dainty selection has boldly marked outers and a charming thimble-like shape.

22-364

£70.00

▲ Photo credit: Judy's Snowdrops



LAUBFROSCH (5/1)

The name translates as Tree Frog from the German. A Jorg Lebsa discovered hybrid between *G. nivalis* and *plicatus*, over noticeably green (rather than glaucous) foliage.

22-455 £90.00



LITTLE GREENY (4/2)

A hybrid between *G. nivalis* and *plicatus*, this is a very strong growing form which has a nicely marked inner segment and a long green ovary.

22-461 £15.00



LOUISE ANN BROMLEY (22/1)

One of the largest flowered selections of *G. elwesii* with outers that can reach three times the length of the inner segments. It has very broad grey-green leaves typical of the group. Found by David Bromley in Shropshire and named for his sister

22-129 £20.00



LITTLE BEN (17/2)

A fine if not tall, large flowered form with rounded petals on a flower that bends the long arching pedicel, often with two scapes per bulb so one soon builds up the flowering display.

22-157 £15.00 (234)



LOLA (25/2)

Phil Cornish found this and named it after a granddaughter. It is quite a late flowering double flowered *G. elwesii* with nicely marked inner segments marked with a bold X.

22-437 £50.00



LUCY (23/2)

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



LITTLE DORRIT (5/2)

This was found in the garden of John Morley at North Green in the early 1990s. It is a hybrid of perfect proportions and noted for the 'roundness' of the flower, and on account of its vigour, soon makes fine clumps.

22-77 £15.00 (254)



LONG JOHN SILVER (1/1)

Another inverse poculiform seedling from The Island in the garden of the late Veronica Cross, this has an early Trym-type flower with very bold dark green outer markings on relatively long scapes.

22-325 £35.00



MADELAINE (21/2)

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

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A kind of 'Master of ceremonies'
in the Snowdrop world



MAGIC (16/2)

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 **£50.00**



MANDARIN (15/2)

When sun warmed the out-curving outer segments create a shape that resulted in this *G. elwesii* selection being named after the mandarin's hat. That was Phil Cornish's reasoning anyhow when he discovered it. A chunkier looking flower with a bright green olive-green ovary.

22-289 **£25.00 (202)**



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 being a sterile triploid it sets no viable seed. Dug plants rather than potted

22-27 **£21.00 for 3 (235)**



MAPPERCOMBE (31/12)

A fine selection of *G. elwesii* with shapely pointed segments, the outers having a bold green splash, really quite outstanding. Given to us by Anna Pavord, from the wonderful old garden of Annie Crutchley at Mappercombe Manor in Dorset.

22-451 **£40.00**



MARGARET BIDDULPH (28/1)

Originally from Rodmarton Manor in the Cotswolds (still a snowdrop venue in the spring and owned by the same family), this is a very lovely *G. elwesii* with green-washed outer segments.

22-410 **£65.00 (198)**



MARGERIE FISH (5/2)

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)**



▲ Photo credit: Clive Nichols

MARJORIE BROWN (17/2)

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)**



▲ Photo credit: Clive Nichols

MARLIE RAPHAEL (19/1)

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, the inner segment markings are not the same deep green as those on the outers, but a pale olive-green.

22-259 **£35.00 (185)**



MARTHA MACLAREN (14/2)

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 and just perfect, usually with two scapes from each bulb.

22-330 **£25.00 (266)**



MATT BISHOP (17/12)

Presented as 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.

22-308 £60.00



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 £60.00



MODERN ART (25/1)

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)



MELANIE BROUGHTON (26/2)

A mid to late season bloomer with tall, sculptured flowers with darkly marked inner segments. One of the very best hybrids to come out of Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire and named after the daughter of Lord Fairhaven (a past owner of the property).

22-33 £12.00 (266)



MIDAS (22/2)

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 best when in receipt of more direct spring sunshine.

22-309 £55.00



MORGANA (15/2)

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 £90.00



MERLIN (25/1)

An old historic variety and still one of the best, spotted and named by James Allen when he found it growing in his garden in Shepton Mallet, Somerset. This classic beauty has wonderful dark green inner segments and makes quite a statement when seen as a clump.

22-30 £15.00 (260)



MISS PRISSY (4/2)

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 £35.00



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

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MOSTLY GHOSTLY (14/12)

An enchanting pale *G. elwesii* which starts flowering in December, the inner segment mark is a pale ghostly yellowish - cream. Most alluring.

22-456 £75.00



MR TAYLOR (25/2)

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

22-353 £35.00



NORTHERN LIGHTS (25/1)

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



MOTHER GOOSE (21/2)

From John Morley's Suffolk garden and possibly a *G. x valentinei* hybrid with 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



MRS THOMPSON (21/2)

A favourite amongst all who see it, this big and bold snowdrop can't decide what to do! Sometimes 3, 4 or 5 outer segments, sometimes 2 flowers per scape, who can tell. Nevertheless, altogether charming as well as showy.

22-88 £15.00 (236)



OCTOPUSSY (10/2)

A weird and wonderful form of *G. nivalis* originally from Phil Cornish with long spathe, sometimes split open, and green tipped outer segments as well as a double neat rosette of inner segments.

22-419 £15.00 (119)



MOYA'S GREEN (10/2)

A distinctively narrower flowered *G. elwesii* with long outer petals, seemingly banded in a strange pale olive green midway down the outer segment. The inners are all green. One of the most easily identified green marked snowdrops. Originally found by Moya Green.

22-246 £40.00



NARWHAL (25/2)

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

22-421 £25.00



PEG SHARPLES (25/2)

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; 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)



PERCY PICTON (15/2)

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 £15.00 (156)



PHILIPPE ANDRE MEYER (4/2)

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 £35.00



PRIMROSE WARBURG (5/2) 🏆

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 glaucescent foliage this is a bulb to treasure.

22-75 £30.00 (274)



PHANTOM (18/1)

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, like G. plicatus ssp byzantinus - how does that happen?

22-262 £40.00



PIECES OF EIGHT (16/2)

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



PUCK (5/2)

A mischievous fairy, Puck is unusual in having 3 outer segments, 3 more normal inner segments and then 3 more which are all slightly quirky. Found within naturalised G. nivalis in South Devon over 30 years ago.

22-92 £12.00



PHIL CORNISH (12/2)

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 £35.00



PRIDE O'THE MILL (25/1)

From the Mill House Garden of Daphne Chappell in the early 1990s, what is thought to be a G. gracilis x G. plicatus hybrid. The inner segments are almost all green, darker at the apex where they seem to flare more widely. The outer segments are thick and rounded under a rather yellowish ovary. The leaves are quite glaucous and low to the ground making the stems more apparent

22-159 £12.00 (254)



PUFFIN (12/2)

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

22-397 £30.00



PUMPOT (15/2)

A gift from Jorg Lebsa in Germany, this x valentinei seeding is a delight to the eye. All six segments are more or less the same length and all are marked with green tips, simply charming.

22-449 £40.00



QUASIMODO (6/2)

A form of G. elwesii selected from the garden of Helen Squires in Oxfordshire. It is very short growing snowdrop with strange unpredictable flowers, the spathe can be variable and often white itself.

22-424 £60.00

QUENINGTON QUEER

An unusual and aptly named very late flowering form of G. nivalis flore-plena, found in the village of Quenington in Gloucestershire. Vigorous, soon makes fine clumps.

22-471 £15.00



REFLECTION (16/2)

A vigorous selection of G. elwesii, late to flower, with intriguing inner markings, the green X half dark below and pale above as though mirrored. This makes a fine later season display.

22-331 £15.00



REGINAE-OLGAE (20/10)

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 warm 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)



REVEREND HAILSTONE (10/1)

A very tall and early G. elwesii from the grounds of Anglesey Abbey with a great long pedicel. The Rev. John Hailstone was an owner of Anglesey Abbey in the 1850s - I can't see the diocese approving that nowadays!

22-179 £15.00 (136)



RISING SUN (5/1)

An outstanding early flowering selection of G. elwesii with very boldly marked green tipped outer segments.

22-457 £70.00



RIZEHENSIS BAYTOP (14/2)

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. A sterile triploid collected by Prof Baytop in Turkey in the 1970s.

22-316 £12.00 (136)



ROBYN JANECY (15/2)

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

22-368 £20.00



RODMARTON ARCTURUS (28/1)

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

22-371 £25.00



Photo credit: Alan Street

RON GINNS (25/1)

Given to us by bulb specialist Ray Cobb (who also has a snowdrop named after him), this mid-late vigorous hybrid has inner markings rather like G. Lapwing but a month later. Easy and clump forming.

22-271

£20.00 (159)



ROSEMARY BURNHAM (16/2)

Found in the 1960s in British Columbia these only arrived in Britain in the late 1990s. That seems like a strange origin and there must be more to that story. They are quite a small G. elwesii but covered on the backs of the outer segment with pale green lines that it sometimes looks like a pale green wash. The inner is entirely all pale green. Probably best grown in more shade from experience.

22-263

£35.00 (305)



RYTON RUTH (27/1)

A short semi double with paler markings and noticeably short leaves, only one third the height of the scape height when it is in flower.

22-317

£20.00 (305)



S. ARNOTT (31/1)



The trump card in the Giant Snowdrop Company's lists of the 1950s, but still a magical and unmissable snowdrop. Its features are that it is a tall mid-season flowering snowdrop with very thick white petals forming 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. Dug plants rather than potted

22-40

£15.00 for 3 (238)



SALLY PASMORE (18/2)



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. Dug plants rather than potted.

22-60

£12.00 (157)



SARAH DUMONT (25/1)

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



SEAGULL (12/2)

Looks very similar to the Mighty Atom (which I know that we don't list but it is great snowdrop that is often confused amongst many that are very similar) but this might even be better, with healthy plants exhibiting two scapes in most years. It has broad glaucous foliage and chunky, sculptured, honey scented flowers.

22-120

£15.00 (240)



SENTINEL (17/2)

From the Backhouse garden at Sutton Court, Herefordshire collected by Daphne Chappell. A large flowered mid-late season hybrid (often one of the first to show through the ground in the autumn) with bold blooms topped by enlarged spathes. 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

£15.00 (270)



SHIMMER (25/1)

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

22-365

£60.00



SIBBERTOFT MAGNET (5/2)

A much admired *elwesii* cultivar found on the 'Sibbertoft Bank' at South Hayes. A mid-late flowering snowdrop with pale inner marking under an elegant long ovary and with a very long pedicel which shows off the flowers beautifully.

22-63 £12.00 (192)



SMARAGDSPLITTER (1/1)

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

22-320 £40.00



SNOW ANGEL (25/1)

This wonderful form of *G. nivalis* Scharlockkii, selected by Lady Alice Boyd when she lived in her wonderful garden at Ince Castle, Cornwall. Its charm lies in the amazingly long pedicel and green marked outers which gives elegance to the whole snowdrop.

22-321 £30.00



ST PANCRAS (21/2)

A double flowered hybrid (possibly *G. nivalis* x *elwesii*) found by Alan Street in West Bagborough in the Quantocks and named after the church. A tall, robust, late flowering form with noticeably grey leaves. The inner segments show three additional longer segments jutting from the centre of the flower, the outer segments large and rounded.

22-58 £15.00 (305)



ST SYLVESTRE (1/1)

This is an unusual hybrid selected by Mark Brown from his garden in Normandy. Possibly *G. elwesii* x *fosteri*. The Feast of St Sylvestre falls on New Year's Eve and that is when you can expect the first flowers to open. Still a lovely rare, early flowering snowdrop.

22-318 £20.00



STARLING (23/2)

A seedling from the copse at Avon Bulbs, possibly *G. elwesii* x Hill Poe. Instantly recognisable with a star-like quality due to the flower being held on a very short pedicel leading to one looking more directly into the very green inner segments. Very long lasting in flower, perhaps longer than any other snowdrop.

22-208 £20.00



STREETS AHEAD (25/1)

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 £75.00



SUTTON COURT (2/2)

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

22-21 £15.00 (242)



SVELTE (25/2)

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 (4/3)

A late flowering seedling found in the copse at Avon Bulbs. The outer segments tend not to flare as widely as some of the other *G. plicatus* Trym-like seedlings 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



TILEBARN JAMIE (20/10)

These flower in the autumn often producing two scapes per bulb and so even a small clump appears more floriferous. A snowdrop of good quality, short in stature with fairly rounded flowers, the leaves emerging fully in the spring.

22-155

£20.00 (131)



TREASURE ISLAND (24/2)

'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 of hybrid origin, looking like a golden *G. Mighty Atom*, a large petalled and well-proportioned yet very yellow marked beauty.

22-323

£100.00



TRIMMER (16/2)

A lovely Trym-like seedling with a distinctive pagoda-like shape – the outer green marked segments show a slight curl outwards at their tips.

22-217

£30.00



TRINITY (4/2)

A stunning *G. plicatus* form found in a Suffolk churchyard which always produces two or even three scapes from bulbs that are large enough. Straight stemmed, with flowers that have a wonderful green arch marked inner along with outer segments and marked with what resemble a pale green scallop shell.

22-264

£35.00



TROYANUS (18/1)

A very rare species from Turkey. Our stock came from the late Ruby Baker who grew them from a few seeds sent from Germany. One germinated and is the origin of this elegant, early flowering plant.

22-459

£85.00

TRUMPOLUTE

A hybrid from John Morley at North Green - large boldly marked outer segments have bright green tips.

22-438

£40.00



TRUMPS (18/1)



A stunning and easy to grow hybrid first spotted in John Morley's garden by Matt Bishop in 1999. Probably the result of *G. plicatus* Trym crossing 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)



TRYMMING (29/1)

Another choice Trym seedling, found in the wooded copse on the Nursery here in Somerset some 19 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



TRYZM (5/3)

This snowdrop appeared under some Larch trees here on the nursery and is another self-sown seedling, this time not far from *G. Trym* and *G. rizehensis*, hence the name that indicates its possible provenance. A dainty and delightful hybrid with matt green leaves and boldly marked outer segments.

22-265

£20.00

TUPPENCE

A small but charming double form of *G. woronowii* which was spotted by Gill Richardson and given to us a few years ago. Choice and unusual, needs a prominent front of border spot.

22-470

£35.00



TURNCOAT (25/1)

From Richard Bashford and Valerie Bexley's collection at Woodchippings in Northamptonshire, a desirable green marked plicate beauty. This is a tall form with Trym in its parentage. The large outer segments turned upwards and outwards providing a dramatic effect
22-354

£25.00



VERDURE (16/2)

Found in Normandy, this charming and vigorous selection of *G. nivalis*, has leaves emerge late and are of a distinct matt green quite unlike anything else.
22-441

£15.00



VIRIDAPICE (28/2)



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. Dug plants rather than potted.
22-44

£8.00 (108)



TWO EYES (5/2)

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.
22-282

£20.00 (201)



VERONICA CROSS (5/2)

This snowdrop was given to us by the late and much missed gardener and plantaholic, Veronica. A seedling of *G. gracilis* x *Trym*, growing lodged in the roots of a Willow and *Lathraea clandestina* at the edge of the moat in her garden. One of the very best and distinctive *Trym* seedlings – a fitting tribute for a much loved friend.
22-292

£60.00



WALKER CANADA (25/1)

From the collection of the late Richard Nutt, this really is an outstanding quality snowdrop with large flowers of intense substance, but its origin remains a mystery.
22-369

£25.00



UNDER CHERRY PLUM (20/1)

A touch of mystery surrounds this snowdrop. Found under an old cherry plum on the nursery boundary, was it planted or was it a seedling there? A hybrid with plenty of vigour and four outer segments rather than the normal three as well as a bold inner marking making this a snowdrop to covet.
22-285

£15.00



VERTIGO (11/3)

Somewhat similar to *G. Viridapice* which many will know well, but the flower on these is held between the 'rabbit's ears' that are the spathe so initially the flowers face upwards, hence the dizzying name. As the flower matures it does get released. Green washed tips to the outer segments.
22-121

£35.00 (108)



WALTER'S DOUBLE (12/2)

From Celia and Walter Sawyer, this is a mid-late season hybrid with charming very double flowers.
22-439

£35.00



WASP (2/2)

We obtained this hybrid form indirectly from a seedling population at Sutton Court, Herefordshire, the former Backhouse garden. Aptly named by Veronica Cross, with a long silhouette dangling on a long pedicel with plenty of green on the inner segments looking quite insect-like. Best seen as a swarm so do buy three and they will become one quite soon.
22-101 £15.00 or £35.00 for 3 (271)



WAYSIDE (16/2)

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.
22-386 £30.00



WELSHWAY (17/2)

Named after the property owned by the Purkess' near Cirencester in 1995. A double with narrow outer segments and slightly ruffled inner segments
22-162 £15.00 (305)



WENDY'S GOLD (16/2)

A benchmark golden snowdrop that nearly disappeared completely. Read the entry in the snowdroppers Bible 'Snowdrops' to unearth the story! Spring sunshine on the area in which they are planted helps show off their colouration.
22-05 £25.00 (159)



WOL STAINES (16/2)

A fitting plant to honour Wol at Glen Chantry, home of some of the very best snowdrops, with handsome green washed flowers with a cheeky green 'dimple' on the outer petal.
22-460 £95.00



WONSTON DOUBLE (20/2)

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, nearly spherical in shape.
22-48 £15.00



WOZZLE (23/2)

A small flowered, weird yet wonderful form of G. nivalis selected by Joe Sharman with strange spiky flowers, often with a white petal-like spathe. Not miffy at all and seems to increase well.
22-442 £25.00



YASHMAK (11/3)

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. A late flowering form of G. elwesii with an olive yellow ovary.
22-267 £30.00 (204)



YORK MINSTER (26/11)

A dainty virescent seedling from Jorg Lebsa in Germany, flowering from early December in England, so doubly serendipitous!
22-377 £75.00

Photo credit: Clive Nichols

Shows/Events we are attending in 2023

Date	Event
28th & 29th January	Museum in the Park, Stroud
Sat. 4th February	The Garden House, Yelverton.
Sat. 4th February	Alpine Garden Society Snowdrop Study Day, Lilleshall
Sat. 11th February	Thenford House, Banbury
Wed. 15th February	Welford Park, Hampshire
17th & 18th February	Shepton Mallet Snowdrop Festival
Sun. 26th February	Snowdrop & Plant Fair, Kingston Bagpuize
Sat. 11th March	Sidmouth Daffodil Festival
Sun. 19th March	Bishop's Palace Plant Sale, Wells
Sat. 25th March	HPS Early Spring Plant Fair, Yeo Valley
Sat. 1st April	Forde Abbey Plant Sale
1st & 2nd April	Great Dixter Spring Plant Fair
Sun. 9th April	Plant Sale, Burrow Farm, Axminster
Sun. 16th April	Mapperton Plant Sale, near Beaminster, Dorset
28th & 30th April	Toby Buckland's Plant Fair Powderham, Exeter
11th - 14th May	Malvern Spring Flower Show

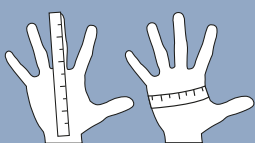
Gift Vouchers

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



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

666-90



666-82



666-85



666-88



666-83



666-86



666-89



666-81



666-84



666-87

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

Viridian

666-81 Big Eyes

666-84 Dragonfly

666-87 E A Bowles

Firm Favourites

666-50 Alan's Treat

666-65 Angelique

666-51 Blewbury Tart

666-82 Green Tear

666-85 Madelaine

666-88 Midas

666-62 Blonde Inge

666-54 Diggory

666-73 Magnet

666-83 Pieces of Eight

666-86 Rosemary Burnham

666-89 Veronica Cross

666-76 S. Arnott

666-77 sandersii

666-79 Straffan



666-50



666-65



666-51



666-62



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666-54



666-73



666-76



666-77



666-79

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

The Firm Favourites Collection

Plants and bulbs to flower this Summer

From here on please use the order form on P61/62

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.



CHOCOHOLIC

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)
£8.50



Insect friendly Plants

We believe the plants marked with our bee symbol to be particularly beneficial to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, moths and hover flies.

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

Flowering time
Item Code

Flowering height
Price

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 hardier. All the same, it is still worth mulching their 'crowns' with something

in the late autumn - if this is soil-enriching manure all the better as they are hungry feeders, and therein lies 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 late 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. Your choice of pot grown plants or divisions (which I would expect will be a bit larger, see the intro above).

↔ 12" (30cm)

July / August
2-26 (pots)
2-64 (divisions)

30" (75cm)
£6.50 or £18.00 for 3
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



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)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



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)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



EXMOOR



Mid - late flowering with striped flower petals, both dark blue and paler. The foliage is deciduous and this has become one of my favourites for its dark flower stems which make a vaseful stand out. From division.

July / Aug
2-60

↔ 24"(60cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.50



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



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)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



GEM

Mid blue flowers in a more compact head than some. Slightly evergreen here in mild winters. From division.

August
2-61

↔ 24"(60cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.50



He was fun, outrageous and extremely knowledgeable



INAPERIUS

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)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



MIDNIGHT STAR

Mid- late season flowering with tidy mid blue heads about the size of a grapefruit. Deciduous and vigorous. From division.

July / Aug
2-62

↔ 24" (60cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.50



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)
£7.50



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)
£7.50 or £20.00 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)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



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)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

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

“”
Lovely human being who welcomed everyone and included everyone in his conversations and meetings



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)
£6.50 or £18.00 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)
£7.50 or £20.00 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)
£5.00 for 3 (small clumps)



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)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

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.

June/ July
52-05

↔ 18" (45cm)
30" (75cm)
£7.50



ANGULOSUM (TALL FORM)



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

August
153-64

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

Insect friendly Plants

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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 always appears to be in flower. From division.

Summer 153-21

4" (10cm)
12" (30cm)
£4.00 for 3



SENESENS 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 153-74

↔ 6" (15cm)
16" (38cm)
£4.00 (small clumps)



SENESENS SSP. GLAUCUM

Summer flowering plants with ground hugging blue-green foliage which soon mats 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 153-30

↔ 8" (20cm)
8" (20cm)
£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 9cm 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 4-04

↔ 24" (60cm)
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 4-08

↔ 24" (60cm)
24-36" (60-90cm)
£5.50 or £16.00 for 3 (pots)



Photo credit: GAP Images

PSITTACINA

In our heavier soils these flower late in the year often in October, though it seems that in lighter soils they can flower from July. Supplied as dug tubers which will be chunky but will vary in size quite a bit. They can cope with some shade and in cold areas they may need mulching in their first winter. Red and green trumpets.

Sept / Oct 4-06

↔ 12" (30cm)
30" (80cm)
£7.50

AMARINE

Amarines are hybrids resulting from crossings between the *Nerine* and *Amaryllis* families, the petals 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. In 2022 they flowered exceptionally late for us. Our own grown plants.



ANASTASIA

Pink with a darker midrib.

Nov 94-03

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



APHRODITE

Pink flowered beauties.

Nov
94-04

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



EMANUELLE

Broad petalled in a very pale pink.

Nov
94-01

4" (10cm)
24-30" (60-70cm)
£5.00 or £14.00 for 3

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.

June-Oct
157-40

↔ 18" (45cm)
18" (45cm)
£8.00



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.

June-Oct
157-35

↔ 18" (45cm)
18" (45cm)
£8.00



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.

June-Oct
157-42

↔ 18" (45cm)
18" (45cm)
£8.00



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.

June-Oct
157-43

↔ 18" (45cm)
24" (60cm)
£8.00



RUFFLED SWAN

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

June-Oct
157-41

↔ 18" (45cm)
22" (50cm)
£8.00

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

Insect friendly Plants

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ANTHERICUM



RAMOSUM

The branched 'St Bernard's Lily'. They produce many branched stems from each plant with starchy 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.

↔ **14" (35cm)**
24" (60cm)

July-Sept
158-07

£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



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.

↔ **9" (24cm)**
24" (60cm)

July /Aug
54-01

£7.00 for 3

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 and when they sell out there are some in smaller pots.

↔ **24" (60cm)**
18-30" (50-100 cm)

Summer
55-01

£8.00

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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.

↔ **12-18" (30-45cm)**
15" (40 cm)

July
54-02

£10.00



TORTUOSUM BLACK ROD

Some bulbs are beautiful even when dormant - this is one of those. This is a potential giant though, our biggest tuber (1.4 Kg !) resulted in a stem that we had to stake and the plant reached over 6' with the spadix taller still. The tubers for sale are a lot smaller will not reach that height yet, but will flower. The black velvety stems are impressive too. Hardy shade lovers.

June / July
54-03

up to 6' (2 m) in time
£12.00

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.

↔ **12-18" (30-45cm)**
18" (45 cm)

May/July
1-12

£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



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CLARET



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

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

May/July 1-02 24" (60cm) £6.50 or £18.00 for 3



HADSPEN BLOOD



Darker foliage still and reddish – purple in flower. Originally from the nursery superseded by The Newt in Somerset. From 1 litre pots.

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

May/July 1-05 18" (45 cm) £7.50 or £20.00 for 3



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.

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

May/July 1-07 20" (50cm) £6.50 or £18.00 for 3



GILL RICHARDSON



Darker of foliage and a darker purple- pink in flower. Somewhat shorter in stature and a tidier plant. From 1 litre pots.

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

May/July 1-08 18" (45 cm) £7.50 or £20.00 for 3



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 1 litre pots

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

May/July 1-04 24" (60cm) £7.50 or £20.00 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.

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)

May/July 1-10 18" (45cm) £7.50 or £20.00 for 3



His knowledge and deep love of plants shone through

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

Flowering time
Item Code

Flowering height
Price

BEGONIA



BOLIVIENSIS SANTA CRUZ

Given an unlabelled plant some years ago we have been slow to find the right name, but now that do know it is one one to knock your socks off! They only come into their own in the late summer and will need a dry frost-free winter rest but are amazing for 3 months. An upright plant with a good structure and deep red long-lasting flowers alongside bright green foliage.

Late summer
9-09

18" (45cm)
£4.50



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

pendulous
£3.50

BOMAREA



EDULIS



The Plantfinder suggests that *B. edulis* is a synonym for *B. salsilla*. The latter however (according to Kew) comes from southern Chile and *B. edulis* from most of the northern half of South America, but not Chile, so I am confused. A summer growing climber in the Alstroemeria family. 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. Otherwise a fab conservatory climber.

Late summer
10-05

5' (1.6 m)
£10.00

BRUNNERA

Incredibly useful in many of our plant displays. 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.



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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.

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)
18" (45cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 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

↔ 12-18" (30-45cm)
18" (45cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



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)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

CANNA



X EHEMANII (SYN IRIDI FLORA)

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 clumps biennially. When dormant they will need some protection outdoors or to be kept dry in winter, 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.

↔ 24-36" (60-90cm)

Summer-Autumn 7-04 6' plus (1.8 m+) £8.50

CAUTLEYA



SPICATA ROBUSTA

Members of the ginger family with broad Canna-like leaves, though much shorter. Hardy here but they did not enjoy the 2022 drought. They are happier in some shade (as in the fernery at Rosemoor) where it remains more humid. Yellow and orange flowers highlighted by red bracts. Bare roots packed in coir.

↔ 9-12" (20-30cm)

Summer 154-4 18" (45cm) £7.50

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.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer 25-05 18" (45cm) £7.50

CROCOSMIA

Summer stalwarts in the garden, and available in a range of reds, marmalade orange and yellow flowers. 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. The yellow ones in particular suffered in the 2022 drought here.



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.

↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)

Aug 15-32 24" (60cm) £3.50 for 5



A nurseryman's holiday snap in Croyde

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.

↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)

July 15-07 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.

↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)

Aug 15-37 36" (90cm) £8.00 for 3



QUEEN MARY II



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

↔ 4-6" (12-15cm)

Aug/Sept 15-35 30" (75cm) £4.50 for 10 or £6.00 for 15

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 tips 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. If you feel that you really need to start them off sooner plant them in pots which you can protect from the cold and plant out at the end of May. 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. We do not grow these dahlias ourselves (apart from *D.coccinea* var *palmeri*) and nowadays they are machine lifted and dried, sometimes we feel rather brutally, leading to a proportion of the tubers being damaged. Some varieties are worse affected than others but as long as there is a growing point (like the eye on a potato) they will grow. Those eyes are not visible till late March on most varieties. So even if the occasional tuber seems rather battered when it arrives be reassured, it will grow.



HYTRIO

(CACTUS)

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

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

39" (100cm)

Summer
26-89

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



ELECTRIC FLASH

(SEMI-CACTUS)

Fun and flamboyant, though because it is not a full cactus type the spiky looking petals have space around them and the flower appears less dense. Well named I feel!

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

39" (100cm)

Summer
26-107

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



IMPRESSION FANTASTICO

(COLLARÈTTE)

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, confirmation that these are just as attractive as single Dahlias to our bees.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

22" (55cm)

Summer
26-90

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



HAPPY SINGLE DATE

(SINGLE)

Apricot and orange, a fruity mix over dark foliage.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

24-36" (60-90cm)

Summer
26-97

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



HAPPY SINGLE FLAME

(SINGLE)

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

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

24-36" (60-90cm)

Summer
26-50

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



HAPPY SINGLE WINK

(SINGLE)

Dark leaved with a contrasting bright pink single flower. Someone naming these originally seems to have been on a roll? Wink, Date, Kiss, Flame, First Love...

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

24-36" (60-90cm)

Summer
26-98

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



HAPPY DAYS LEMON



(SINGLE)

Dark leaved but with pretty, pale lemon coloured flowers. A contrast to most of the other Dahlias that we offer which seem to concentrate more on the reddish spectrum.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
24-36" (60-90cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-108



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 here.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
36" (90cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-94

Flowering time	Flowering height
Item Code	Price

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SUNSHINE



(SYN MOONFIRE)

(SINGLE)

The contradiction in the two names (both of which seem valid) is not lost on me, but I can see where they both came from. Dark foliage sets off this simple warm yellow flowered beauty with a darker red centre.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
32" (80cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-99



CAFÉ AU LAIT

(DECORATIVE)

These are big flowered beauties, opening pale shell pink they fade as they age to a more creamy pink. Because of the weight and size of the flower (particularly when wet) these are more likely to need staking.

↔ 18-24" (45-60cm)
44" (110cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-106



Every meeting seemed to have interest, jokes, gossip, plant history



CHECKERS

(DECORATIVE)

I thought this to be very distinctive with the deep velvety red petals all tipped in a clean white. Occasional flowers we find are all red or all white.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
44" (110cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-88



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. I am afraid some people ordering these inadvertently received D. Crème de Cognac last year. I hope that these will all be correct.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)
44" (110cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-59



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)

39" (100cm)

Summer
26-102

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



SEDUCTION

(DECORATIVE)

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

12-15" (30-40cm)

39" (100cm)

Summer
26-62

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



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)

Summer
26-44

£4.50 or £12.00 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 so especially important to deadhead them to keep them coming.

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

24" (60cm)

Summer
26-95

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



MAARTEN ZWAAN

(WATERLILY)

Glistening white with a green note, with just the unfolding central petals rather more creamy coloured. White is so useful in the garden, but also great for cutting. Just three stems can make a generous bunch. This image was taken right at the end of October!!

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

32" (80cm)

Summer
26-92

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



MISS DELILAH

(WATERLILY)

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

↔ 12-15" (30-40cm)

48" (120cm)

Summer
26-100

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

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PACIFIC VIEW

(WATERLILY)

My powers of description come up short in what I think of as the 'coral' area. Where did that name come from and why? Unable to answer that question I can only say that I like it! Warm, engaging and working well with both yellow and greens.

↔ **12-15" (30-40cm)**
28" (65cm)

Summer
26-109

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



BISHOP OF CANTERBURY

(PAEONY)

Cerise flowered which combines with the dark foliage perfectly.

↔ **12-15" (30-40cm)**
38" (90cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-110



BISHOP OF LLANDAFF

(PAEONY)

My grandmother grew these in the 1950s in her garden. It had been bred in Wales in 1924 and named after the then holder of that post Joshua Hughes. I doubt many other varieties now available have been around so long. Dark leaved and crimson flowered.

↔ **12-15" (30-40cm)**
39" (100cm)

Summer
26-05

£4.50 or £12.00 for 3



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



BISHOP OF LEICESTER

(MISCELLANEOUS)

Soft pale pink flowered with dark foliage as a foil.

↔ **12-15" (30-40cm)**
28" (70cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Summer
26-111

Flowering time
Item Code

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

Flowering height
Price

Insect friendly Plants

We believe the plants marked with our bee symbol to be particularly beneficial to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, moths & hover flies.



ERIGERON



KARVINSKIANUS

A summer stalwart that seems to grow in, or seed itself, into any crevice or similarly unlikely spot, 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. 9 cm pots.

↔ **9" (24cm)**
6" (15cm)
£4.00 or £11.00 for 3

July-Sept
185-05

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.



PLANUM BLUE HOBBIT

Suitable for the front of a border or a container. A more diminutive form which when covered in thimble sized flowerheads themselves encircled by blue bracts in the summer forms a more rounded plant shape.

July - Sept
17-10

↔ 15" (40cm)
24" (60cm)
£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



X ZABELII VIOLETTA

Purple - violet coloured bracts surround the flowers with contrasting silvery green foliage and blue stems.

July - Sept
17-11

↔ 18" (45cm)
32" (80cm)
£7.50

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). 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.



BICOLOR

Pale ivory green with a purple centre and hemmed around the edge again in purple. Massed flowers 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



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

GALTONIA

These are South African bulbs which are best in sunny borders. They seem to love a wetter summer here. Do remember that 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. Unhappy with bulbs produced on a field scale in Holland (which tend to have a large virus load) we found a source in Ireland some years ago and are now self sufficient in them.

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



COMOSA LAMBROOK CLARET

Named by the late Jenny Jowett (botanical artist and larger than life character) who painted the plant and told us to 'work on it' – that was probably 20 years ago! This is the first time that we have sold any. Quite short but dark leaved and dark stemmed form of which we still have very few to sell.

Aug/Sept
21-21

↔ 12" (30cm)
18" (45cm)
£15.00



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 Eucomis 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)
£7.50 for 3 or £11.50 for 5

GAURA



LINDHEIMERI 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 with numerous, slender, waving, flower stems and they flower all summer. Allow your plant some space because it will drape itself into nearby paths and the like. They need sun and established plants are very drought tolerant.

Aug
202-01

↔ 24" (60cm)
28" (70cm)
£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)
£8.50 or £24.00 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)
£8.50 or £24.00 for 3

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?

Aug/Sept
24-19

↔ 3" (8cm)
30" (75cm)
£7.50 for 20 or £17.50 for 50

There is a huge range of hybrid *Gladioli*. These shorter forms (which usually appear under the epithet of 'nanus') are very suitable for small gardens and will not need staking. In cold areas their early emerging leaves can be frost burnt, and where mice are a problem the bulbs can present an attractive meal 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.



ALBUS

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



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

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. They do not ever form big bulbs.

Late summer 24-23
 ↔ 3" (8cm)
 30" (70cm)
 £6.50 for 3



RUBY

These were originally presumed to be a form of G. papilio when first sold at Hadspen 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)
 £5.00 or £14.00 for 3



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).

Late summer 24-24
 ↔ 4" (10cm)
 36" (90cm)
 £6.00 or £16.50 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.

Aug/Sept 204-01
 ↔ 18" (45cm)
 18" (45cm)
 £7.50

HEDYCHUM

South East Asian members of the ginger family, forming big plants by late summer. They are sun lovers with broad green foliage and hollow stems. All parts smell of ginger to some extent. The flowers are sweetly scented. Hardier than one might expect. 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.

Aug/Sept
27-06

↔ 14" (35cm)
30" (75cm)
£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.

Aug/Sept
27-08

↔ 14" (35cm)
40-50" (100-125cm)
£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.

Aug/Sept
27-09

↔ 14" (35cm)
6' (180cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



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



VILLOSUM TENUIFLORUM

Grateful thanks to David Foreman for these after he had shown a pot in flower on Instagram, resulting in a begging letter from myself! That potful was wrenched apart 2 years ago and have grown strongly since in the ground in our unheated greenhouse. Their late growth always surprises me – they seem to take off when everything else is backing down. This year they have flowered well and for ages with extraordinarily long stamens. Unsure of its hardiness in a wet winter I suggest that they require winter protection. Divisions.

August onwards
27-10

2' (60cm)
£ 12.00

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.



BEN FHADA



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

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer flowering
49-02

12"-15" (30-40cm)
£3.90



BEN MORE



Deep orange flowers and a mid-green foliage.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer flowering
49-01

8"-10" (20-25cm)
£3.90



FIRE DRAGON



Grey leaved with orange – red flowers.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer flowering
49-07

10"-12" (25-35cm)
£3.90



GEORGEHAM



Big pink flowers with a creamy inner ring.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer flowering
49-03

10"-12" (25-35cm)
£3.90



THE BRIDE



White flower with a yellow centre and silvery foliage.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer flowering
49-05

10"-12" (25-35cm)
£3.90



WISLEY PRIMROSE



Soft primrose coloured flowers over silvery foliage.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Summer flowering
49-06

12"-15" (30-40cm)
£3.90

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

Flowering time	Flowering height
Item Code	Price

Insect friendly Plants

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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 incorporating lots of humus in the soil results in much better flowering. These are supplied as bare root plants with roughly drinking straw 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 3



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

We offer number of different coloured forms of the *Iris sibirica*, a hardy clump forming plant of heavier or damper conditions through Europe and far out to the east. They prefer open conditions. These are all sold as divisions.



SIBIRICA DREAMING YELLOW

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

May/June
103-31

↔ 10" (25cm)
30" (80cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 for 3



SIBIRICA PAPILLON

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

June
103-35

↔ 10" (25cm)
30" (80cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 for 3



SIBIRICA FLIGHT OF BUTTERFLIES

Two tone flowers with the purple-blue standards rising above the patterned white and blue falls. With narrow and compact foliage which persists in the winter looking quite grasslike then.

May / June
103-26

↔ 10" (25cm)
30" (80cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 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.

June
103-32

↔ 10" (25cm)
30" (80cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 for 3

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



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.

June
103-33

↔ 10" (25cm)
30" (80cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 for 3



SANGUINEA SNOW QUEEN

A clean clear white flower with golden yellow at the base. The falls are more rounded in their outline. The sanguinea forms are a subsection within the sibiricas and of central Asian origin. They do love more open conditions in moisture retentive soils.

June
103-28

↔ 10" (25cm)
30" (80cm)
£7.00 or £19.00 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)
£5.00 or £14.00 for 3

IXIA

Ixias provide a colourful addition to the garden. But despite some people telling us that they grow them and that they self-seed and reappear regularly they are evidently not always easy plants in the British climate. Those 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 most. 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
105-05

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



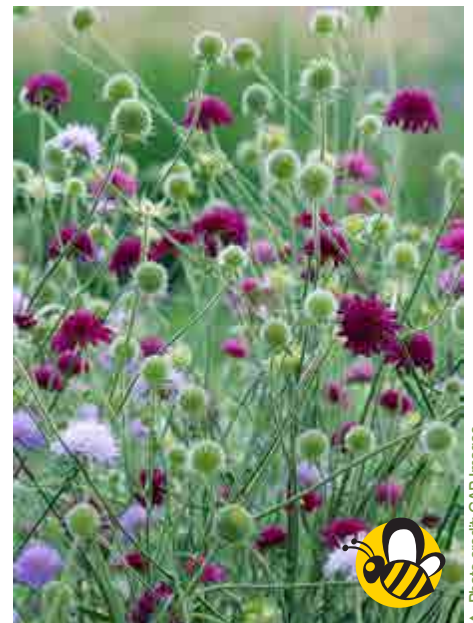
SPOTLIGHT

Not as tall as Mabel with white flowers, red striped down the back of each petal and with a dark red spot in the centre of the flower.

Summer
105-09

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

KNAUTIA



MACEDONICA



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
205-01

↔ 18" (45cm)
36" (90cm)
£7.50

Insect friendly Plants

We believe the plants marked with our bee symbol to be particularly beneficial to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, moths & hover flies.



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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.



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
145-06

↔ 14" (34cm)
40" (100cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



BEES LEMON

Like a lighthouse these stand out in their sharp lemon yellow glory.

Aug/Sept
145-05

↔ 14" (34cm)
26" (65cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 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
145-06

↔ 14" (34cm)
40" (100cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 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
145-17

↔ 10" (24cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



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.

Aug/Sept
145-15

↔ 12" (30cm)
24" (60cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

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 coir.

April
71-05

3" (8cm)
£5.50

LIATRIS



Photo credit: GAP Images

SPICATA

Purple plumes that last ages in the summer and can also provide rather fetching winter interest from the dry residual stems. Great long lasting summer sparklers that once established should be very drought resistant.

↔ 4-6" (10-15cm)

Summer
212-01

18" (45cm)
£6.00 for 10



Photo credit: Jason Ingram

SPICATA ALBA FLORISTAN WEISS

White flowered plumes. In the wild these are prairie plants from the mid north west of America.

↔ 2-4" (5 - 10cm)

Summer
212-02

18" (45cm)
£6.00 for 10

Flowering time
Item Code

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

Flowering height
Price

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. After the drought of the summer of these will be a bit smaller this year - 20cm buds.

↔ 6" (15cm)

July
31-04

36" (90cm)
£9.50 for 3



REGALE ALBUM

Whereas the ones above have a pink back to the petals and a pink throat these are the same but lacking the pink.

July
31-05

↔ 6" (15cm)
36" (90cm)
£9.50 for 3

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.

↔ 6" (15cm)

July
31-51

48" (120cm)
£9.50 for 3



GOLDEN SPLENDOR

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

↔ 6" (15cm)

July
31-52

48" (120cm)
£9.50 for 3

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 one sided.

July/Aug
31-11

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

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 RUBRUM

A floriferous variety with rolled back petals in the turkscap style, deep pink with darker freckles and a white rim. Best grown shaded at the roots if possible and in moist fertile soils.

July/Aug
31-47

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

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.



MUSCARI

These will be divisions from established clumps. This form, if it is a form, seems to regularly show a slightly enlarged tip to the flower spike.

Late Summer/Autumn
109-04

↔ **10" (25cm)**
12" (30cm)
£7.50

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



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 or £20.00 for 3



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 or £20.00 for 3

“My chief memory is of laughing with him. We always seemed to be laughing. He wore his knowledge so lightly”

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MATHIASSELLA

A Mexican umbellifer which was first described only in 1954 by Mildred Mathias. Architectural plants that seem to do well either 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 they first appear but, like the foliage, turn darker as they age. Certainly hardy in the south, may need a more sheltered spot in colder climes.



BUPLEUROIDES GREEN DREAM

These look familiar because they look like plants we already love - Hellebores, Angelica and Euphorbia. Plants from especially long 9cm pots that I am sure will flower in 2023.

↔ 24" (60cm)

May/July
69-04

24" (60cm)
£9.00

NERINE

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 is to be encouraged - they have a wonderful 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 even better (but this not ideal long term) when somewhat congested. Their flowering in the same year as planting is sometimes unimpressive but be patient for spectacular early autumn fireworks.

↔ 4" (10cm)

Sept/Oct
33-04

15" (40cm)
£5.00 for 5 or £7.50 for 9



BOWDENII AMANDA

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

↔ 6" (15cm)

Sept/Oct
33-28

18" (45cm)
£5.50 for 3



BOWDENII BIANCA PERLA



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

↔ 6" (10cm)

Sept/Oct
33-26

18" (45cm)
£5.50 for 3



BOWDENII ISABEL



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

↔ 6" (15cm)

Sept/Oct
33-25

18" (45cm)
£5.50 for 3



BOWDENII VESTA

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

↔ 6" (15cm)

Sept/Oct
33-27

18" (45cm)
£5.50 for 3



ZEAL GIANT



A certain favourite, with bright pink flowers, on long clean stems. Big bulbed (relative to N. bowdenii) and quite slow to increase. These 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.

↔ 6" (15cm)

Sept/Oct
33-19

18" (45cm)
£5.00 each or £14.00 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.

Early Summer
210-01

↔ 15" (35cm)
Up to 9" (25cm)
£7.50

OPHIOPOGON



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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! A great companion plant – everything around them is lifted by them. 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.

Summer
116-04

↔ 12" (30cm)
8" (20cm)
£7.50

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 become well rooted in 1 litre 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 and light up the plants around them - why else does one tend to see lots of it in the gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show? We find them self-seeding here but not everyone experiences that, sowing the seed in late August seems a must. They are attractive to rabbits.

Summer
12-01

↔ 15" (38cm)
18-24" (45-60 cm)
£7.50 or £18.00 for 3

PENNISSETUM



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ALOPECUROIDES

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

June
206-01

↔ 12" (30cm)
24" (60cm)
£6.50 or £18.00 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 especially long 9cm pots.

May-June
28-01

↔ 12" (30cm)
24-36" (60-90cm)
£6.50 or £18.00 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.

May
42-09

↔ 4" (10cm)
18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3



ODORATUM FLORE PLENA

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

↔ 4" (10cm)
18" (45cm)
£10.00 for 3

May
42-12



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.

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

May/June
42-04



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.

↔ 6" (15cm)
38" (90cm)
£10.00 for 3

June
42-13



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.

↔ 4" (10cm)
36" (90cm)
£10.00 for 3

June
42-06



BUXTON ANDREWS

A pale cream yellow flowered double form with its flowers 'hose in hose', found in Suffolk by the late Alan Street on land where thousands of self sown Primula grew, owned by someone of the same name. Scented. Well established plants from 9cm pots.

↔ 9" (20cm)
6" (15cm)
£6.50

April
91-08

Easy to grow 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.



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DENTICULATA LILAC

↔ 3" (7cm)
8-10" (20-24cm)
£3.90 each

Mar-Apr
91-01

DENTICULATA RUBRA

↔ 3" (7cm)
8-10" (20-24cm)
£3.90 each

Mar-Apr
91-02



CAPITATA MOOREANA

From the Himalayas through to SW China these have more flattened flower discs peppered with scented deep purple flowers, the emerging buds and foliage looks as if dusted in white meal. They continue to flower all summer, quite amazing.

↔ 3" (7cm)
8-10" (20-24cm)
£3.90 each

Summer
91-04

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

Flowering time	Flowering height
Item Code	Price

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.



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VULGARIS

Mar-Apr
98-01

↔ 9" (20cm)
6-8" (15-20cm)
£3.90 each



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VULGARIS RUBRA

Mar-Apr
98-02

↔ 9" (20cm)
6-8" (15-20cm)
£3.90 each



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VULGARIS ALBA

Mar-Apr
98-03

↔ 9" (20cm)
6-8" (15-20cm)
£3.90 each

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), 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 knobby – what we send you will still all flower. Unselected for colour, these come in shades of pink, white and red. Pot them into an all-purpose compost (they do not want too much lime) 7 bulbs would, through the summer, fill a 4" (10cm) pot, with sun and regular water and with a bit of dead heading they might be in flower for 6 weeks or longer.

Summer
39-04

↔ 1" (2.5cm)
4" (10cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £8.00 for 20



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

ROSCOEEA

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 Roscoeia with pale butter yellow flowers held well above the foliage, evidently a more erect and less branched plant.

↔ **4" (10cm)**
15" (40cm)
£7.00 for 3

Early summer
40-06



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)**
24" (60cm)
£7.50 for 3

Late summer
40-10



PURPUREA F. RUBRA RED GURKHA

A remarkable colour when you consider that almost all the other Roscoeia 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)**
24" (60cm)

Late summer
40-14

£8.50



Photo credit: Penny Dawson

HARVINGTON ROYALE

A big flowered form bred by Hugh Nunn, great plantsman of Hellebore fame. Earlier flowering and very vigorous with a good flower size.

↔ **6" (15cm)**
24" (60cm)
£7.00

Summer
40-15

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



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)**
24" (60cm)
£7.50

Late summer
40-11

RUDBECKIA



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FULGIDA VAR. GOLDSTURM SULLIVANII

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)**
24-36" (60-90cm)
£7.50

Late summer
207-01

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.

Late spring
16-01

↔ 3" (8cm)
10" (30cm)
£3.90

STACHYS



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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.

Late summer
208-01

↔ 15" (40cm)
12-24" (30-60cm)
£7.50 or £20.00 for 3



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)
£5.00 for 3

SEMPERVIVUM



Photo credit: GAP Images

ARACHNOIDEUM

The spidery reference in the name refers to the seemingly cobweb like furry ciliate margins to the leaves. Rosette forming plants of European mountains and very heat and drought resistant, hence their use in troughs of gritty soil or on green roofs. Conversely poor drainage kills them. Pink flowers in July. From 7cm pots.

Summer
213-01

↔ 3" (8cm)
6" (15cm)
£3.90

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)
£6.00 for 5

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)
£8.00 for 5 or £14.50 for 10

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.



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. From 1 litre pots

Summer
130-12

↔ 9" (20cm)
14" (35cm)
£5.00 or £13.50 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. From division.

All summer
130-17

↔ 8" (20cm)
18" (45cm)
£5.00



VIOLACEA PALLIDA

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

Summer
130-07

↔ 8" (20cm)
18" (45cm)
£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.

Summer
130-08

↔ 5" (12cm)
14" (35cm)
£5.00 or £13.50 for 3

UVULARIA



GRANDIFLORA

Tough and hardy shade loving plants from the north east of the USA. The heavy twisting flowers arch the stems over. Lovely soft plants that associate brilliantly with those lovely American woodlanders – Erythroniums, Trilliums and Sanguinaria. From 1 litre pots.

April / May
133-05

↔ 12" (30cm)
20" (50cm)
£7.50

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.

Summer
209-01

↔ 14" (40cm)
24" (60cm)
£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?



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

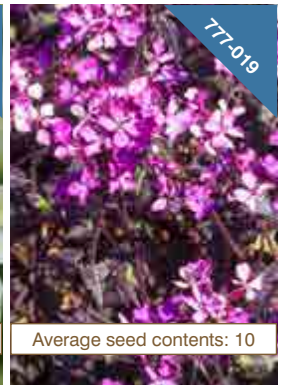
Single orange-red flowers in late summer on a plant which exhibits very dissected 'frothy' foliage. The plant can be large, the seed was collected from an established plant about 7' tall. Dahlias like a rich fertile soil and need planting in the sun. They may need a mulch (or to be lifted) in cold gardens,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

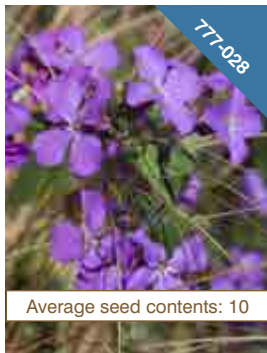
A beautiful South African species that flowers in April/May in Britain with wonderful pale straw coloured flowers with pretty green highlights and a good perfume in the evenings. 3-4' (30-40 cm) tall. They will need a sheltered situation in cold gardens or cold districts, but if they can be grown in 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 Chedglow

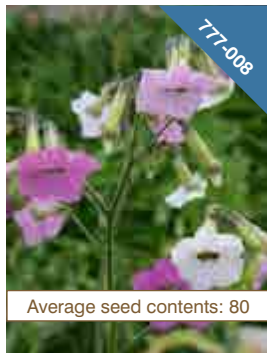
Hardy biennial flowering April to early May with wonderful chocolate leaves and lilac flowers, growing to 3' (1 m) or a bit more. Decorative seed heads persist with translucent discs that can be used in dried arrangements. Sow 2 seeds per single pot outside in a shady sheltered spot and plant out into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



Average seed contents: 10

Lunaria Corfu Blue

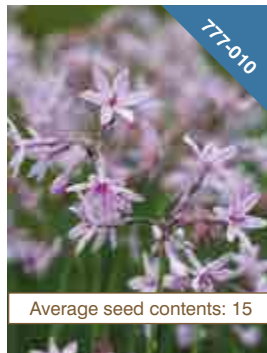
Hardy biennial, flowering in the spring often earlier than other Lunaria, with purple-blue flowers on purple flushed stems, growing to 3' (90cm) tall and a spread of up to 30" (75cm). The seed cases are distinctive as papery silvered seed heads. Sow two seeds per single pot outside in a shady sheltered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



Average seed contents: 80

Nicotiana mutabilis (Ornamental Tobacco)

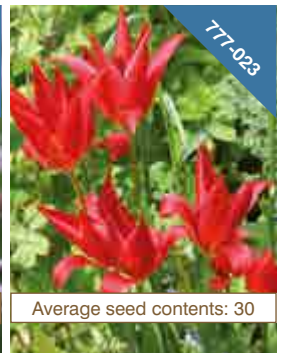
A striking tender plant up to 5' (1.5m) with showers of white flowers which turn through pink to a deep magenta as they mature. The effect is spectacular with both colours present on the plant together. Sow thinly in warm moist conditions in the late spring only covering the seed very thinly (the seed 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 with contrasting golden anthers. About 18" (40cm) tall. May take 3-4 years to flower, but avoid disturbance in the area. Once flowering will self seed. Bulbs flower when grape sized or larger.



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Other 'Mainland' Destinations

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 2022

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.

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

Hassle Free Delivery with DPD and Safe Place Leaving Instructions

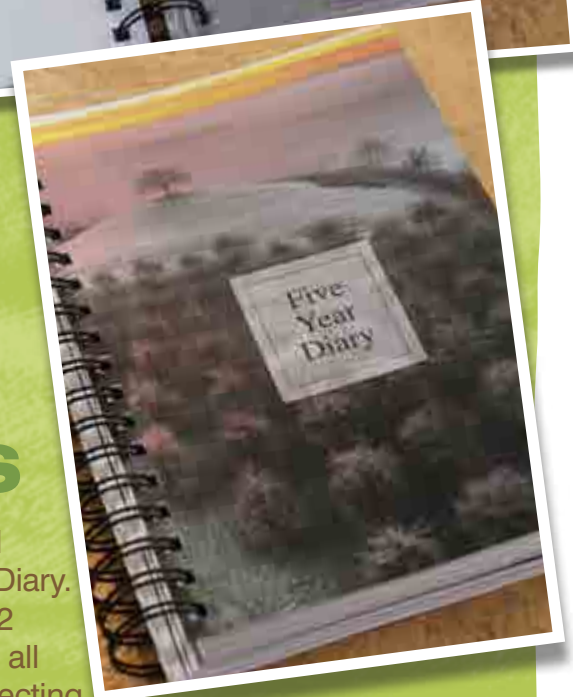
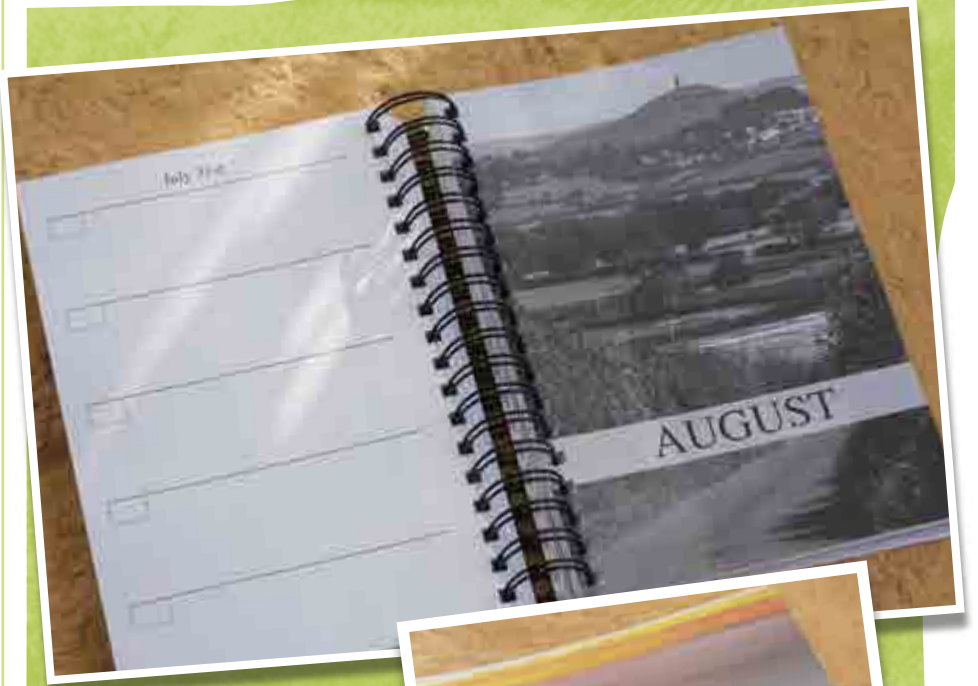
You will receive an email from us on the day that your parcel is despatched to tell you that it is on its way (as long as you provided your email address and your computer settings allow such messages to get through).

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

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Avon Bulbs
Burnt House Farm
Midl Lambrook
South Petherton
Somerset
TA13 5HE



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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.

Finished in a wipe-clean cover and spiral bound it weighs 770g and measures 6"x 9" (15 x 23.5cm) sent wrapped in a purpose made book sleeve. They can be started at any time.

£22.00 each including P&P.