



Aylett Nurseries
The Complete Garden Centre

Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Camellias

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A large group of beautiful flowering evergreen shrubs. They require lime-free soil. Plant with ericaceous compost, garden compost or peat and top dress annually with bark chippings. Best on moist but well drained soil. Ideal for woodland sites, in partial shade. Most of the varieties listed flower in May – June.

Dead flowers and stalks should be removed immediately after flowering – this will promote next season's flower buds and improve the appearance. No pruning is needed, but if required to improve shape this should be done in April or after flowering.

HARDY HYBRID RHODODENDRONS

The varieties listed below flower in May – June, unless stated otherwise:

Cary Ann - Coral pink flowers, compact habit, height 2m.

Christmas Cheer - Flowers are pink in bud, opening blush pink, fading to white.
Height 1.4-1.6m. **AGM**

Cosmopolitan - Deep pink flowers with crimson blotch. Sturdy dense bush, compact habit.,
height 1.5 - 3m.

Cunningham's White - Mauve buds opening funnel shaped white with purple flush.
Hardy compact habit., height 1.5 – 3m.

Delta - Rosy lavender flowers in May. Height 2m.

Firelight - Cream flowers, speckled red in May. Height 1.5m.

Germania - Large deep pink flowers in May. Glossy leaves, rounded habit. Height 1.4 - 1.6m.

Golden Gate - Star shaped flowers orange-red at edges, golden yellow at centres, May.
Neat compact habit. Height 1.2m.

Gomer Waterer - Large trusses of white tinged mauve funnel shaped flowers with ochre
blotch. Glossy dark leaves on a dense bush. Height over 3m. **AGM**

Halfdan Lem - Red flowers with darker spotting in May. Height 2m. **AGM**

Horizon Monarch - May flowers pale yellow/ pink tones/ vivid red flare. Height 1.5 - 1.8m. **AGM**

Lemon Dream - Soft yellow flowers in May. Compact habit. Height and spread 1m.

Lord Roberts - Deep red funnel shaped flowers with black blotch. Vigorous erect habit. Height 3
– 4.5m. **AGM**

Madame Masson - Snow white flowers with golden yellow throat. Well shaped rounded habit.
Height 1.5 – 3m. **AGM**

Marcel Menard - Purple flowers with golden flare in May. Height and spread 1.5m. **AGM**

Mrs T H Lowinsky - White flowers with striking orange brown blotch, June. Flowers well.
Vigorous growing. Very dark foliage. Height 1.5 – 2m. **AGM**

Nancy Evans - Rounded trusses of amber flowers from orange red buds. Compact habit. Height
1m. **AGM**

Nova Zembla - Extremely showy dark red flowers, May. Superb spring display. Vigorous
growth. Very hardy. Height 1.5m.

Rocket - Beautiful coral pink frilled flowers with a deep pink blotch. Height 1.5-2m.

Tortoiseshell Orange - Trusses of deep orange flowers. Vigorous. Height 2.5m, spread 2m.
AGM

Van - Pink flowers. Height 1.8m.

SPECIES RHODODENDRONS

A selection of taller and larger leaved varieties, usually best grown in woodland settings providing some shelter. All need lime free soil. Only available in limited number.

catawbiense 'Boursault' - Lavender/lilac flowers in May/June, height 1.5m x spread 2.4m.

catawbiense 'Grandiflorum' - Lavender flowers with yellow/brown flare in May/June, height & spread 2-3m.

ponticum 'Goldflimmer' - Pale purple pink clusters of flowers from May.

Variegated leaves - central golden flash. Height and spread 2.5m.

ponticum 'Graziella' - Scented pink flowers, narrow leaves, upright branches. Height 3m.

ponticum 'Silver Edge' - Lilac flowers late May-June. White (silver) edged variegated leaves. Height 1.5-2m.

DWARF RHODODENDRONS

Dwarf and slow growing varieties, ideally suited for rockeries, borders, heather beds or larger pots and tubs. Lovely when planted in masse. Soil conditions and site as for Hybrid Rhododendrons. Use an ericaceous mix for tubs. Flowering period from March to May, depending on variety/cultivar.

Arctic Tern - White flowers May/Jun, height & spread 70cm. **AGM**

Barnaby Sunset - Pale yellow flowers in April, height & spread 150cm.

Bengal - Bright red flowers in May, height & spread 100cm.

Blue Diamond - Very free flowering with lavender blue flowers, April. Small rounded aromatic foliage. Slow growing. 10 year height 90cm.

Blue Tit - Clusters of lavender blue flowers, April. Forms a dense mounted bush. Height and spread 100cm.

Bloombux - soft pink flowers in June, a flowering alternative to box hedging. Height & spread 75cm.

Cowslip - Primrose yellow flowers with pinky margins in April. Height & spread 80-120cm. **AGM**

Crane - Creamy white flowers in April, height & spread 60cm. **AGM**

Elizabeth - Large, rich dark red trumpet shaped flowers, April. Low spreading bush. Height 90cms, spread 1.2 – 1.5m.

Ginny Gee - Masses of pink buds opening into pink / white dappled flowers, early May. Wide habit. Height 60cm, spread 90cm. **AGM**

Night Sky - Deep blue flowers. Dwarf habit. Height 30-35cm. **AGM**

Patty Bee - Large primrose yellow flowers, May, bronze foliage in winter. Forms a low compact mound. Height 75cm. **AGM**

Praecox - Rosy lilac funnel shaped flowers, February – March. Round leaved upright semi-evergreen bush. Protect flowers from frost. Height 1.3m. **AGM**

Purple Gem - Clusters of blue / purple flowers in April. Aromatic foliage. Height and spread 60cm.

Ramapo - Small violet / blue flowers, April – May. Blue grey young foliage. Compact habit. Height 30-60cm. **AGM**

Scarlet Wonder - Trumpet shaped frilly edged ruby flowers, May-June. Low compact plant, mound forming. Height 60cm. **AGM**

Shamrock - Clusters of pale yellow flowers, May-June, yellow green in bud. Compact spreading habit. Height 1-1.5m. **AGM**

Snipe - Light orchid pink flowers, April-May. Height 50cm.

Strawberry Cream - Yellow/pink flowers. Upright habit, height 120cm, spread 90cm.

Wee Bee - Bell like rose pink flowers on compact bush. Height 50cm. **AGM**

RHODODENDRON YAKUSHIMANUM HYBRIDS

A new race of Dwarf Rhododendrons ideal for the smaller garden. Excellent for large pots and tubs. Use an Ericaceous compost. All varieties flower in late May early June. Dead flower heads and stalks should be removed after flowering.

Anuschka - Dark pink blooms turn pale pink. Strong growing habit. Height 1m.

Dopey - Red flowers. Dark green leaves. Erect habit. Height 1-1.5m. **AGM**

Dreamland - Pale pink flowers, darker at edges, Height 1-1.2m. **AGM**

Fantastica - Red flowers with pale centres fading to pink, woolly undersides to leaves. Height 1-1.4m. **AGM**

Golden Torch - Chrome yellow flowers . Compact habit, height & spread 1-1.5m. **AGM**

Grumpy - Creamy yellow flowers with pink tinge. Leaves have dense hairy covering. Low compact habit. Height 50-100cm.

Hoppy - Pale lilac flowers fading to white with yellow spots. Dark foliage with spreading habit. Height 80- 90cm.

Kalinka - Rose pink flowers, bushy habit, height & spread 1-1.5m.

Morning Cloud - White flowers flushed pale pink. New leaves coated with creamy brown felting. Height 80 – 100cm.

Percy Wiseman - Creamy pink flowerws May/June. Compact habit, height & spread 1-1.5m. **AGM**

Silver Sixpence - Cream flowers with lemon spots. Broad rounded habit. Height 50-100cm.

Sneezy - Rose pink flowers with dark red blotch on upper petal. Compact rounded habit. Height 1-1.5m. **AGM**

Surrey Heath - Rose pink flowers with orange spots. Small leaves. Tight rounded habit. Height 50-100cm.

Titian Beauty - Bright red flowers. Small leaves, dense hairy covering. Compact rounded habit. Height 1-1.5m.

LIME TOLERANT RHODODENDRONS

For customers who would love to grow Rhododendrons, but lack the acid soil required to keep them healthy, we now stock a range of Rhododendrons grafted onto lime-tolerant rootstocks. These are usually labelled “Easydendron” or “INKARHO”.

Care is simple, but as with any shrub, the soil must be well prepared. We suggest digging in plenty of organic matter, such as composted bark, ericaceous compost, garden compost or peat. Keep the plant moist while establishing and feed regularly with an ericaceous fertilizer such as Miracle-Gro Ericaceous.

Stock availability varies from season to season, but we have a good selection of varieties.

HARDY HYBRID VARIETIES (L/T)

Azurro (L/T) - Funnel shaped azure blue flowers with brown flare, May - June. Compact. Height and spread 2m.

Brasillia (L/T) - Trussels of orange/salmon pink flowers May/June. Height and spread 2m.

Brigitte (L/T) - Pale pink flowers with dark edge in May/June. Height & spread 2m.

Cunningham's White (L/T) - White blooms with purple flash May-June. Compact habit. Height 1.5-3m

Diderk (L/T) - Pale pink blooms with red blotch, May-June. Height 2m.

English Roseum (L/T) - Mauve pink flowers in June, height 2m, spread 2.5m.

Furnival's Daughter (L/T) - Bright pink flowers with a bold splash of dark markings April-June. Height & spread 3-3.5m. **AGM**

Gomer Waterer (L/T) - Rosy lilac buds opening to pinky white flowers with mauve/pink edges & yellow brown flare. Height & spread 1.5-1.8m. **AGM**

Madam Masson (L/T) - White flowers with golden yellow throat in May/June. Height & spread 1.5-3m. **AGM**

Marcel Menard (L/T) - Purple flowers with golden flare in May. Height & spread 1.5m. **AGM**

Nova Zembla (L/T) - Red flowers in May, height & spread 1.5m.

DUFHECKE VARIETIES (L/T)

These rhododendrons come in white, pink, lilac or yellow. Dufthecke translates as “fragrant hedge”. These are compact, fragrant and evergreen. 10 year height & spread 1.4m.

YAKUSHIMANUM VARIETIES (L/T)

Yak. Anuschka (L/T) - Dark pink blooms maturing to pale pink. Height 1m. **AGM**

Yak. Arabella (L/T) – Pink flowers in May/June, height & spread 90-100cm.

Yak. Fantastica (L/T) - Red with white throats. Compact rounded habit. Height 1m. **AGM**

Yak. Kalinka (L/T) - Rose pink blooms in May. Bushy habit, strong growing. Height 1 - 1.5m spread 1m.

Yak. Polaris (L/T) - Pink blooms May – June. Strong growing bushy habit. Height 1m.

Yak. Schneekrone (L/T) - White blooms with darker spotting May – June. Height 1.2m. **AGM**

Yak. Tina Heinje (L/T) - Red flowers May – June. Small leaves. Compact rounded habit. Height 1m.

JAPANESE AZALEAS

Low growing compact evergreen shrubs, which are literally covered in flowers during May and early June. Will thrive in lime-free, peaty soil in partial shade, with some shelter from cold winds. Plant with plenty of peat and mulch annually with bark chippings. Ideal for the border and will blend well with heathers dwarf conifers or in larger pockets on the rockery. Also suitable for growing in tubs or pots – for this we recommend ericaceous compost.

Arabesk - Magenta hose in hose blooms, April – June. Height 60cm spread 1.2m.

Blue Danube - Large bluish violet flowers, May. Unusually coloured flowers. Flat growing. Height 1 - 1.5m. **AGM**

Canzonetta - Semi-double reddish-pink flowers April-May. Neat bushy habit. Height 30cm. Spread 80cm. **AGM**

Geisha Orange/Pink/Red/Purple - orange, pink, red or purple flowers in April – May. Compact habit. Height 1m.

Girad's Hot Shot - Bright red flowers with green leaves edged cream in spring. Height and spread 60cm. **AGM**

Gumpo White - Wavy white petaled flowers May/June. Height & spread 1.2m.

Hino Crimson - Small deep red flowers April – May. Wider spread than height. Compact plant, good in tubs. Height 50 – 100cm. **AGM**

Johanna - Carmine red flowers in May. Dark glossy foliage turns red in autumn. Height 90cm. **AGM**

Kermesina - Rosy red flowers April – May. Height 80cm.

Madame Van Hecke - Masses of shiny pink flowers in late April. Broad mound. Height and spread 1m.

Marushka - Red flowers April/May, height & spread 60cm. **AGM**

Mothers Day - Medium sized bright rose red, semi-double flowers. Low and spreading habit. Height 50 -100cm. **AGM**

Nico - Cherry red flowers April/May, height & spread 60cm.

Orange King - Attractive reddish orange flowers late April early May. Height 45-120cm. **AGM**

Pink Pancake - Large pink wavy edged flowers June – July. Upright habit. Height 40cm. Spread 90cm. **AGM**

Pink Spider – pink flowers with a white edge & narrow petals in April/May. Height & spread 60cm.

Pleasant White - Pure white flowers in May. Height and spread 1m.

Purple Cushion – Purple flowers in May, height & spread 75-90cm.

Red Wing – Raspberry red ruffled flowers in May, height & spread 60cm.

Salmons Leap – deep pink flowers in May, cream edged, variegated foliage. Height & spread 45cm.

Sir Robert - Light purplish pink flowers in May. Height and spread 60cm.

Vuyks Orange – Orange flowers in May, height & spread 1.2m.

Vuyks Scarlet - Large bright red flowers with slightly wavy petals April – May. Small compact habit. Height 60 – 80cm. **AGM**

Wombat - Abundant pink blooms in early summer. Prostrate habit, makes excellent ground cover. Height 50cm. spread 1m. **AGM**

AZALEAS

A lovely group of flowering shrubs, which lose their leaves in winter. Flower May – June in a wide range of colours, some varieties being fragrant. Most give rich autumn foliage colour. Average height from 1.5 - 2.5m. They require lime-free soil. Plant with plenty of ericaceous compost, garden compost or peat and mulch annually with or bark chippings. Plant in partial shade on moist but well drained soil. Suitable for growing with Rhododendrons or in a mixed border.

Anneke - Bright yellow scented flowers with vivid yellow spotting in May/June. Height 1.6m, spread 1.2m.

Berryrose - Scented rose pink single flowers with yellow blotch in May. Coppery young foliage Height 1.5-2m.

Daviesii - Single white fragrant flowers with pale yellow flare in May – June. Good autumn colour. Height 1.3-1.6m. **AGM**

Fireball - Fragrant orange/red flowers in May. Copper autumn foliage. Height & spread 1.5m. **AGM**

Gibraltar - Rich orange single flowers in May, deeper orange in bud. Rich autumn colour. Height 1.5m. **AGM**

Glowing Embers - Single red flowers with orange blotch, May. Rich autumn colour. Height 1.5-2m.

Homebush - Deep pink semi-double flowers shaded pale pink in May/June. Good autumn colour. Height 1-1.5m. **AGM**

Jolie Madame – Fragrant pink flowers with tangerine flare in May. Height & spread 1.5m. **AGM**

Klondyke - Large yellow gold flowers tinged red. Coppery young foliage and good autumn colour. Height 1.8m. **AGM**

Luteum (syn. Pontica) - Fragrant yellow flowers in May, bronzy foliage, rich autumn colour. Height & spread 2-2.5m.

Persil - White flowers with yellow flare in early summer. Rich autumn tints. Height 1.5-2m. **AGM**

Whitethroat - Pure white frilly edged flowers in May/June. Neat compact habit, height & spread 1.2-1.5m. **AGM**

CAMELLIAS

These magnificent flowering evergreens are almost without parallel in the garden. The glossy green leaves are beautiful throughout the year and the large, well-shaped flowers are spectacular in late winter and early spring.

Camellias are a woodland plant needing a partially shaded site, preferably out of early morning sun. Cold winds can be damaging, but they are suitable for a sheltered north-facing wall.

Soil should be lime free. When planting, add plenty of ericaceous compost, garden compost or peat and mulch annually with bark chippings. They are suitable for pots or tubs - use Ericaceous compost. Feed annually with an ericaceous fertiliser during the growing season. Can also be grown in a greenhouse or conservatory during the flowering period. Little pruning is needed - reduce any straggling shoots in April. We recommend that young and container grown plants are given protection during cold winter spells.

A full range of varieties is available in autumn and spring.

CAMELLIA JAPONICA VARIETIES

Camellia japonica varieties/cultivars flower in spring (Jan – April depending on variety).

Adolphe Audusson - Large semi-double blood red flowers March - April. Vigorous growth. Height 1.5 - 2.5m. **AGM**

Apollo – Pinky red & white bicolor flowers. Height 3-3.5m, spread 1.5-2m.

Black Lace - Formal double dark velvet red flowers. Height and spread 2m. **AGM**

Blood of China – Red paeony form flowers, height 1.8m.

Brushfield's Yellow - Anemone form. White guard petals, primrose yellow centre. Height 2m.

Curly Lady – Semi-double red flowers, slightly curled leaves. Height & spread 2m.

Desire - Late formal double ivory-white blushed pink flowers March-April. Bushy compact habit. Height 1.5-2.5m. **AGM**

Dr King – Light red semi-double flowers, height 3m, spread 2m.

Golden Anniversary – Double creamy white flowers, height & spread 1.5-2m.

Guilio Nuccio - Large semi-double coral-rose pink flowers, compact pyramidal habit. Height 2.4m Spread 1.6m. **AGM**

Lady Campbell – Double red flowers, height 1.8m, spread 1.2m.

Lady Vansittart - Medium semi-double white striped rose pink flowers on white ground. April-May. Bushy habit, slow growing with distinctive wavy edged leaves. Height 1.5-2.0m.

Lavinia Maggi – White flowers, marked with red & pink stripes. Height 2.5m.

Margaret Davis – Double white flowers with pink picotee edge. **AGM**

Mrs Swan – Double salmon pink flowers, height 1.8m, spread 1.6m. **AGM**

Nuccios Cameo – Double blush pink flowers in April/May. **AGM**

Nuccios Jewel – White flushed pink paeony form flowers. **AGM**

Nuccios Pearl – Double white, flushed pink flowers. **AGM**

Ruby Wedding - Deep ruby-red paeony-form. Full centre of irregular petals. Vigorous. Upright habit. Height 1.5-2m. **AGM**

Silver Anniversary - Large semi-double white irregular petals, golden stamens. Vigorous upright habit. Height 2m. **AGM**

Swan Lake – White semi-double flowers in March/April. Height & spread 1.5m-2.5m.

CAMELLIA SASANQUA VARIETIES

These produce fragrant flowers from late autumn to spring. They are less hardy than japonica or williamsii hybrids, and are therefore best suited to a very sheltered sunny position, or as conservatory plants. See winter protection leaflet.

CAMELLIA WILLIAMSII VARIETIES

Camellia x williamsii varieties/cultivars flower in spring (Jan – April depending on variety).

Anticipation - Large rosy crimson paeony flowers March - May. Upright narrow bush. Height 1.5-2.5m. **AGM**

Bowen Bryant - Pale pink semi-double flowers, 10 year height 1.5m, ultimate height 3-4m. **AGM**

Debbie - Large semi-double rosy pink flowers February - May. Vigorous and hardy. Height 1.5 - 2.5m. **AGM**

Donation - Large semi-double orchid pink flowers February - May. Vigorous and erect. Height over 3m. **AGM**

E.T.R. Carlyon - white semi-double flowers, 10 year height 1.5m, ultimate height 3-4m. **AGM**

Jury's Yellow - Anemone form flowers. Ivory white outer petals, creamy yellow inner petals. Height.1.5-2m. **AGM**

Ruby Wedding – see Camellia japonica varieties (page 8)

Senorita – Pink paeony form flowers March-April, height 3m. **AGM**

HYBRID CAMELLIAS

'Spring Festival' - Miniature rose form pink, lighter pink centre in march-April. Bushy. Height 1.5-2m. **AGM**

x vernalis 'Yuletide' - Single bright red flowers with yellow stamens Nov-Jan. Bushy upright habit Height 3m.

WHILE WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THIS CATALOGUE UP TO DATE, FROM TIME TO TIME IT MAY VARY FROM THE STOCK WE CARRY. A MEMBER OF STAFF IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR SELECTION.

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