

CHILTERN SEEDS 2024

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Welcome to the 48th edition of our catalogue and the 12th catalogue since our move from Cumbria to Oxfordshire! Way back in 1975, Douglas Bowden, keen gardener and plant enthusiast, dreamed of turning his hobby into a business and with his wife, Bridget, set up Chiltern Seeds.

Always very much a family business, as it grew, they hoped that one day, their daughters, Heather and Sally, would take over and keep it in the family and in the summer of 2012 the business was handed over to the next generation. After spending 32 years in the Lake District we have now completed our eleventh year back in the Chilterns.

We can't believe how the time has flown and we're now completely settled in our cosy barn conversion here in Wallingford with our great team, all fully versed in all things seedy.

As we like to tell you, we're still very much a family business. Every order is still carefully picked and packed by hand and there's always a friendly, real live person at the end of the phone. We hope you continue to enjoy Chiltern Seeds every bit as much as we do.

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Featuring...

★NEW★ New items for 2024

Look out for our brand new and reintroduced (some from the distant past!) items throughout the catalogue. Don't forget you can see all our new items at a glance by going to our website (www.chilternseeds.co.uk) and simply click on "New for 2024" on our home page.

Have a look also at the colour pages in the middle of the catalogue to see a selection of some of our favourite new items for 2024.

Special Flower and Tree Mixtures

We have many interesting and exclusive mixtures: look out for our own Cut Flower Collections, an "Easy Peasy" mix for beginners and our famous "Mixture for Tortoises" amongst many others.

Number of seeds per packet

Seed counts are now available on our website. If you can't find the seed count for the particular item in which you are interested or do not have access to the internet, please call our team and they will be happy to help. We do indicate in the catalogue those packets containing 15 seeds or fewer.

Cultivation

Germination advice for every item now comes printed on the seed packets, but we also include our cultivation leaflet which will give you more general advice. If there is anything else of which you are unsure, do not hesitate to give us a call or drop us an email.






One Last Thought

Next time you take a trip to Kew or any other Park or Garden, take this Catalogue with you and see what some of the plants look like in the flesh.

Although we like to think we give an excellent service for most of the year – most orders will be despatched within 1-2 working days, we hope you will appreciate that during our very busy period (January-April) orders may take a little longer.

If you prefer not to receive a catalogue, simply let us know and we will remove you from our mailing list.

Symbols used in this catalogue:

	Perfect for cutting
	Attractive to pollinators
	Perennial that will flower in its first year from sowing
	Suitable for bonsai
	RHS Award of Garden Merit winner
★NEW★	New for 2024

Abbreviations

A = Annual	Cl = Climber
B = Biennial	Bb = Bulb (or similar)
P = Perennial	G = Greenhouse
H = Hardy	Sh = Shrub
HH = Half-Hardy	Tr = Tree
T = A somewhat tender plant but one worth trying outside	

Introduction



As previously, we think you will find our Catalogue a little different from any other catalogue produced for the general gardening public. Firstly, there are only a few pictures. Our website (www.chilternseeds.co.uk) does include pictures of lots of the plants we offer and we are adding to these all the time. In our descriptions, we have tried to be informative and accurate. Secondly, we have arranged the list in alphabetical order rather than trying to slot individual plants into somewhat artificial categories such as “Annuals”, “Greenhouse Plants”, “Succulents” and so on. The reason for this is that many of the plants listed (as indeed most plants) can have more than one horticultural use, and one can be blinded of this fact if a certain plant has been categorised.

At the risk of losing your business, we have used those apparently unpopular Latin names throughout. The advantages are many. If you know, or have noted the botanical name, you can find it again easily both in the catalogue or gardening book; the name is used throughout the world. The plant only has one Latin name (although taxonomists do their best to confuse things by changing names with annoying frequency) whereas it can have a multitude of English names. But the main reason is simple – most of the plants listed just don't have an English name. Where we know of one, we have indicated it. We have, however, steadfastly refused any attempt to coin any new English names. One thing we have done which we think may assist is to give, where meaningful, English translations of the Latin names.

Lastly, we should like to point out that although our Catalogue lists around 2,500 items; this is, you might say, an active list: the items are not assembled like a stamp collector makes up a stamp collection but are all seeds from the latest harvest. At any one time, we reckon to have no less than 96% of the listed items in stock with fresh, latest harvest seed. So you are assured of (a) receiving the seeds you order and (b) the seeds are viable.

Why from seed?

You may never have thought of raising many of the listed plants from seed, perhaps dismissing the idea feeling that it would take too long or would be too difficult. However, starting from seed has several advantages, the two principal ones being (a) seeds very rarely transmit diseases and so the resulting plants can be relied upon to be healthy; (b) many of the plants offered are on the borderline of hardiness and their chance of survival is increased if they spend their entire life in the one environment rather than starting life in a nursery only to be moved to a new home a hundred miles or more away when two or three years old. And it's cheaper from seed. As regards time, you'll be surprised how quickly you can have flowers from seed, in some cases just a couple of months. Larger specimens may well take a little longer, but you'll find they're worth waiting for.

Open Pollination

“It is a wise father that knows his own child.” We should like to point out that, as will of course be realised by the majority of our customers, except where indicated, all seeds offered are (as indeed the vast majority of seeds available anywhere) the result of open pollination, and it must therefore be appreciated that just very occasionally hybridisation will take place and the resultant seedlings will not be true to type. You can be assured, however, there can be many pleasant surprises amongst these.

Poisonous Plants/Seeds

Our attitude to the problem of poisonous plants/seeds, about which subject a lot has appeared in the press over recent years, is quite simple:- TO BE SAFE, unless it is known with complete confidence that a plant (or part of it) is edible, it MUST, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, be assumed to be poisonous. Before attempting to eat a previously unknown plant thought to be edible, regardless of source, it is essential that (a) the plant's true identity be verified and (b) in case you are unlucky enough to be allergic to that plant, in the first instance only a small sample be tried. In the case of seeds, it is simpler still:- any seeds bought for the production of plants must, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, be (a) treated like medicines and kept out of the reach of children and pets and (b) NEVER eaten; this in particular applies to otherwise edible seeds which might just possibly have been treated, say, with a fungicide or otherwise rendered inedible.

On a more cheerful note we should point out that not only are the vast majority of plants NOT poisonous, but a great number (we in fact only mention a small proportion of them) are actually edible. Furthermore, apart from those plants whose poisonous qualities are household knowledge (such as Foxgloves, Yew and Rhubarb leaves), there are others the average gardener is quite happy to handle in perfect safety unaware of their poisonous potential (in part or whole) such as Lily-of-the-Valley, Iris, Daffodils and Runner Beans. Whilst on this subject, this might be the place to suggest that, although many will scoff, wherever possible all plants be handled wearing gloves – somewhere there will be someone allergic to almost every plant we list; likewise to everyone reading these lines, there will be a plant somewhere to which they will be allergic.



CUT FLOWER COLLECTIONS

A big, warm welcome to our colour coordinated cut flower collections! After growing all of them in our flower patch at Chiltern Seeds HQ, we have chosen our favourites and developed five collections, each with three individual packets to start growing your own flowers for cutting and arranging.

We have four separate complementary colour schemes, along with a special foliage collection, all chosen for their ease of growing and their ability to flower quickly and profusely late spring, summer and beyond.

All the selected varieties have long, strong stems and a long vase life, making them perfect for cutting.

Dedicate a spot in the garden or allotment and really create the wow factor. The only question now is whether you have enough vases?!

Chiltern Cutting Collections

► M201 £4.95 'White Wedding'

The classic go-to fresh colour scheme for every garden. HA/HHA 🌱 ✂️

One packet each of

Cosmos bipinnatus 'Purity'
Zinnia elegans 'Lilliput White'
Antirrhinum majus F1 'Rocket White'

► M202 £4.95 'Moody Blues'

Blissful and dreamy, a gorgeous show of true blues. HA/HHA 🌱 ✂️

One packet each of

Centaurea cyanus True Wild Form
Nigella hispanica
Delphinium consolida 'Blue Spire'

► M200 £4.95 'Vintage Velvet'

Deep, dark and delicious, these will receive a flurry of compliments both in the border and in vases. HA/HHA 🌱 ✂️

One packet each of

Cosmos bipinnatus 'Rubenza'
Centaurea cyanus 'Black Ball'
Cerinthe major var. purpurascens

► M206 £5.25 'Peach Melba'

A perky selection of on-trend hues. HA/HHA 🌱 ✂️

One packet each of

Helichrysum bracteatum, Salmon Rose
Zinnia elegans 'Lilliput Salmon'
Phlox drummondii 'Crème Brûlée'

► M205 £4.35 'Fancy Foliage'

BEST SELLER

Three of our bestselling vase fillers - a mixture of delicate and eye-catching foliage-flowers to enhance your cut flower arrangements. They will look equally stunning in a vase on their own! HA/HHA 🌱 ✂️

One packet each of

Ammi majus
Anethum graveolens
Moluccella laevis

PERFECT FOR POLLINATORS

M40 £2.25 Extra Special Flower Mixture for Bees

A brilliant concoction of the very best flowers to keep the bumblebees in your life happy. This wonderful mix is easy to grow, very quick and will also look really bright and beautiful in your garden. Includes such lovelies as Agastache, Ammi, Borage, Cosmos, Cerinthe, Hesperis, Nigella, Salvia, Calendula, Eschscholzia and many more. All favourites with bees and gardeners alike **3ft (1m)**

HA/HHA 🌱

M33 £1.95 Special Flower Mixture for Butterflies

This will attract butterflies to your garden! It contains about 20 different flowers happily visited by butterflies for nectar and some will also act as food plants for their babies. HA/HHA 🌱

ANNUAL FLOWER GARDEN MIXES

M41 £2.45 Chiltern Seeds Easy-Peasy Mix

A packet of foolproof flowers. Here is our much requested mix of flowers that are very hard to get wrong. Simply clear a patch of soil and sow; give each seed a little bit of space, cover lightly and water. Some will start to emerge in days and you'll have flowers within months. We've chosen varieties in a mixture of complimentary colours and sizes that will look great in the garden and all suitable for cutting. Once sown, just remember to water, then sit back and congratulate yourself on your newfound green fingers!

Includes at least 10 different varieties, including Calendula, Cosmos, Zinnia, Centaurea, Papaver and Nigella. **2ft (60cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 ✂️

Annual Carpet Mixes

These annual mixes have been carefully put together to create a carpet of colour in your garden or indeed a public space that you might tend such as a church garden or park. They can be sown in spring and will flower in 6-12 weeks from sowing.

► ★ NEW ★ M62 £ 2.25 Carpet Pastel Shades

A mix of 11 pastel coloured annuals including Cleome, Centaurea, Cosmos, Agrostemma, Malope and Gypsophila. **2ft (60cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 ✂️

► ★ NEW ★ M63 £ 2.25 Carpet Flower Power

A riot of colour! A mix of 13 pink, purple, yellow and orange annuals such as Zinnia, Cosmos sulphureus, Bidens, Coreopsis and Carthamus. **2½ft (80cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 ✂️

► ★ NEW ★ M64 £ 2.25 Carpet Flower Dreams

A mix of 23 annuals in a range of tasteful white, green, blue and almost black including Centaurea, Zinnia, Echium, Linaria and Cosmos. **2½ft (70cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 ✂️

MISCELLANY OF MIXES/BARGAIN BASEMENT

M4 £ 2.05 Special Cut Flowers

This is a generous selection of colourful annuals, all in one packet, perfectly suited to cutting. **2½ft (70cm) HA/HHA** ✂

M7 £ 2.26 Everlasting Flowers Formula Mixture

Ever popular mix of flowers specially selected for use in dried flower arrangements. Super easy! **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** ✂

M42 £ 2.25 Balcony Mixture

This is a mixture of free-flowering dwarf annuals for window boxes, containers, patios; seed you can happily strew around to leave nature to do the hard work. And, of course, you can sprinkle some in suitable bare patches in the garden. **10ins (25cm) HA/HHA**

★ NEW ★ M61 £ 2.25 Flowers for Dyes Mix

Creating your own natural dyes is becoming increasingly popular and this mix contains 13 suitable annuals such as Coreopsis, Carthamus, Zinnia and Marigolds. **2½ft (80cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂

M21 £ 2.30 Annual Ornamental Grasses Mixed

A splendid mixture of many different annual species and varieties. No garden should be without a patch of these easily grown Grasses to supply material to go with cut flowers during the summer and for drying for winter decoration. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** ✂

MISCELLANY OF MIXES

Have some fun in your garden! Here is our interesting selection of mixes.

★ NEW ★ M49 £ 2.25 Annuals for Birds Mix

With all the publicity surrounding the decline in numbers of garden birds, we are pleased to include this mix, with a specially selected variety of flowering plants that will provide food for birds and attract them to your garden. After flowering, don't cut back - allow the birds to feed on the seeds throughout the winter. The mix includes 12 different annuals such as Centaurea, Cosmos, Tithonia, Helianthus and Papaver. **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂

M50 £2.65 Mixture For Tortoises

For all you tortoise keepers out there, look no further. This special mix has a multitude of different species to give your reptilian friend a smorgasbord of leaves to keep him or her happy all year long. **6ins (15cm) HP**

Included are

Crepis rubra,	Geranium pratense,	Campanula rotundifolia,
Taraxacum officinale,	Trifolium rubens,	Antirrhinum majus,
Dipsacus fullonum,	Plantago media,	Oenothera pallida,
Trifolium repens,	Malva moschata,	Viola x wittrockiana,
Malva sylvestris,	Chicory,	Myosotis arvensis.
Centaurea nigra,	Campanula portenschlagiana,	

M23 £3.95 Bonsai Mix

Specially made up for us by a bonsai fiend is this superb mixture of deciduous (actually there are a few evergreen among them) trees and shrubs ideally suited for miniaturisation. Unfortunately, as with so many trees and shrubs, germination of quite a number of these seeds will not be rapid and we would suggest stratification (see our cultivation leaflet) for 6-8 weeks. After this, sow very thinly so that the emerging seedlings can be pricked out without disturbing the rest. Generous packets.

HSh/HTr 🌱

M35 £2.05 Children's Flower Mixture

When your young children or grandchildren watch you sowing your seeds, they will, of course, want to join in! Find them a few square feet of spare space and let them work out their horticultural ambitions with this lovely packet containing a mixture specially selected of the easiest-to-raise, hard-to-stop-them-growing, very colourful annuals. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA**

M46 £2.70 Special Cottage Garden Plants

This is a splendid mixture of countless, lovely old and new favourites for your cottage garden. This will give you plants enough to stock all your beds and several others as well. **2ft (60cm) HA/HP**

M204 £ 2.25 Chiltern Seeds Shady Spot Mix

Hurrah we hear you cry, for there will be darkness no more! This is a mix of flowers for shady spaces and is composed of 12 annuals and 16 perennials including Achillea, Digitalis, Aquilegia, Lobelia, Malva, Borage, Alyssum among others. **2½ft (70cm) HA/HP**

BARGAIN BASEMENT

As it is our policy not to stock seed for more than one season, we are naturally left with a surplus. For those with a sense of adventure, therefore, we offer these packets at a bargain price.

1327 £4.45 Bargain Basement 10 packets

10 packets of ornamental seed, all separately packed and labelled, strictly our selection

1327H £4.95 Bargain Basement 10 packets, Veg/Herbs

10 packets of vegetable and herbs, all separately packed and labelled, strictly our selection.

Bargain Basement Lottery Mixtures

▶ 1327A £1.99 Lottery Mix

A real mystery packet of all sorts!

▶ 1327B £1.80 Annuals

Includes both half-hardy and hardy sorts.

▶ 1327C £2.25 Hardy Perennials

▶ 1327D £2.10 Hardy Shrubs and Trees

▶ 1327E £2.25 Greenhouse Plants

Including herbaceous plants, shrubs, trees; and, of course, plants for the home.

GREEN MANURING PLANTS

The planting of seeds for "green manure" is one the best, most ecologically friendly ways to improve the quality of your soil. They will add nutrients and organic matter, naturally improving all soil conditions, helping to suppress weeds and even protecting the soil from erosion by adding structure.

These seeds are all quick growing (2-3 months) and can be sown from March through to August/September for over-wintering in all but the coldest areas. The resultant crop should be dug in before flowering when it is fresh and green.

Before re-planting the area, the plant material should then be left for about a month to enable it to break down into rich organic matter, allowing nutrients to be released slowly over a period of time.

Growing Legumes will also provide other benefits by virtue of crop rotation which improves the chemical, biological and physical characteristics of the soil, resulting in better growth of succeeding crops.

Each packet contains sufficient seed for an area of very roughly 10m² (perhaps a little less for the lupin, perhaps a lot more if you sow more thinly!)

826T £2.25 Blue Lupin (*Lupinus angustifolius*)

Lupins are probably the best nitrogen fixers of all the Legume family. Maximum soil improvement will be achieved if the entire growth is turned under prior to full bloom when the nitrogen levels are highest. Though the blooms are so pretty you can always leave one or two to flower!
3ft (90cm) HHA

5010G £2.95 Crimson Clover (*Trifolium incarnatum*)

One of the best nitrogen fixers and very fast growing. This is also an excellent weed suppressant and provides a rapid boost to soil fertility. Tolerant of all soils, but best for sandy or light soils. If a few plants are retained and not cut-down, the flowers produced attract bees and other beneficial insects.
1½ft (50cm) HHA

5040G £2.65 Fiddleneck (*Phacelia tanacetifolia*)

Quick growing with dense weed suppressing foliage. If a few plants are retained and not cut-down, the attractive soft-lavender flowers produced attract bees and other beneficial pollinating insects. A strong grower and weed suppressant. **3ft (90cm) HA**

5050G £2.25 White Mustard (*Sinapis alba*)

One of the fastest growing green manures and a very vigorous weed suppressant. Great for wet weather and will succeed on most soil types. **1½ft (50cm) HHA**

MEADOW, POND and WOODLAND MIXTURES

Wild flower meadows are experiencing a huge rise in popularity with many people transforming patches of their lawns into meadows. We are all becoming increasingly aware of the need to encourage pollinators, especially bees, into our gardens and we can all do our bit by growing more wild flowers and insect friendly plants. Not only will they attract wildlife, meadows also have the benefit of requiring much less maintenance than the traditional lawn.

MEADOW

▶ 4000M £3.25 MEADOW, Special General Purpose Wild Flower Mixture

With its long name, you will probably appreciate this happy Wild Flower Meadow Mixture is a compromise - we have a country divided into a zillion little gardens, all with special requirements when it comes to choosing plants. This mixture has the widest species range and is particularly useful where the conditions are not easily defined - so it should flourish in most gardens! Remember also that generally poor soil is good news for wild flowers. This is a flower only mix, try our Meadow Grass Mix (4010M) if you would like to add grasses. Each packet contains enough seed for approximately 1-2 square metres. **3ft (1m) HP** 🌱

Includes:

Yarrow,	Cowslip,	Ribwort Plantain,
Common Knapweed,	Selfheal,	Common Sorrel,
Greater Knapweed,	Yellow Rattle,	Agrimony,
Wild Carrot,	Viper's Bugloss,	Great Burnet,
Hedge Bedstraw,	Wild Marjoram,	Kidney Vetch,
Lady's Bedstraw,	White Campion,	Tufted Vetch,
Field Scabious,	Bladder Campion,	Common Vetch.
Rough Hawkbit,	Pepper Saxifrage,	(Contents may vary slightly.)
Oxeye Daisy,	Betony,	
Birdsfoot Trefoil,	Meadow Cranesbill,	

▶ 4010M £2.25 Grass Mixture

This Meadow Grass mixture is a simple combination of low growing grasses that are all short, open and flower-friendly. Each packet contains enough seed for approximately 1-2 square metres. **1½ft (50cm) HP** 🌱

Includes:

Common Bent,	Red-fescue,	Smaller Cat's-tail.
Crested Dogstail,	Smooth-stalked	(Contents may vary slightly.)
Slender-creeping	Meadow-grass,	

▶ 4090M £2.95 The Royal Meadows Highgrove Mixture

The Royal Meadow is situated in the grounds of Highgrove House and was sown by (the then) HRH The Prince of Wales around 30 years ago. The species included were selected as being native and characteristic of the Cotswolds. You too can now create your own regal meadow! Each packet contains enough seed for approximately 1-2 square metres. **3ft (1m) HP** 🌱

Includes:

Common Knapweed,	Meadow Buttercup,	Sweet Vernal-grass,
Catsear,	Bulbous Buttercup,	False oat-grass,
Rough Hawkbit,	Yellow Rattle,	Quaking Grass,
Oxeye Daisy,	Common Sorrel,	Soft Brome,
Fairy Flax,	Small Scabious,	Crested Dogstail,
Black Medick,	Wild Red Clover,	Cocksfoot,
Ribwort Plantain,	Common Bent,	Red Fescue.
Selfheal,	Meadow Foxtail,	(Contents may vary slightly.)

MEADOW, POND and WOODLAND MIXTURES

4020M £2.75 HEDGEROW, Wild Flower Mixture

This is a mixture of wild flowers that are tolerant of semi-shade for sowing along hedgerows, woodland edges and other similar communities.

This is a flower only mix, try our Hedgerow Grass Mixture (4030M) if you would like to add grasses.

3ft (1m) HP 🌱

Includes:

Garlic Mustard,	Selfheal,	Bladder Campion,
Common Knapweed,	Red Campion,	Soapwort,
Hedge Bedstraw,	Upright Hedge-parsley,	White Campion
Wood Avens,	Narrow-leaved Everlasting Pea,	(Contents may vary slightly)
Oxeye Daisy,	Lesser Burdock,	
Cowslip,	Rough Chervil,	

4030M £2.25 HEDGEROW, Grass Mixture

This is a mixture of seven different grasses which tolerate moderate shading. **2½ft (70cm) HP**

Includes:

Common Bent,	Crested Dogstail,	Wood Meadow-grass.
Sweet Vernal-grass,	Tufted Hair-grass,	(Contents may vary slightly.)
False Brome,	Slender-creeping Red-fescue,	

4040M £2.45 CORNFIELD, Special Annual Wild Flower Mixture

Including annuals that are now rare or declining in the wild, this is a mixture to delight, containing lovely items which no cornfield would be complete without. (The mixture does not contain grass seed.) Each packet contains enough seed for approximately 1-2 square metres. **3ft (1m)**

HA/HP 🌱

Includes:

Corncockle,	Corn Marigold,	Common Field Speedwell,
Corn Chamomile,	Common Poppy,	Forget-Me-Not.
Cornflower,	Night-flowering Catchfly,	(Contents may vary slightly)

4050M £2.45 POND EDGE, Wild Flower Mixture

A mixture of wild flowers all suitable for sowing at the wet margins of ponds, streams and ditches, and in boggy areas. **3ft (1m) HP** 🌱

Includes:

Wild Angelica,	Common Knapweed,	Wild Teasel,
Meadowsweet,	Selfheal,	Corky-fruited Water-dropwort,
Water Avens,	Crosswort,	Star Sedge,
Yellow Iris,	Hedge Bedstraw,	Pendulous Sedge.
Gypsywort,	Yellow Loosestrife,	(Contents may vary slightly)
Purple Loosestrife,	Red Campion,	

4060M £2.65 WOODLAND, Wild Flower Mixture

A mixture of wild flowers that will bloom in spring and summer. Woodland wild flowers require some shade to thrive so this mix should be used in established woods or in young woodland. **3ft (1m)**

HP 🌱

Includes:

Garlic Mustard,	Selfheal,	Rough Chervil,
Ramsons,	Red Campion,	Nettle-leaved Bellflower,
Foxglove,	Wood Sedge,	Gladdon,
Meadowsweet,	Lesser Burdock,	Upright Hedge-parsley.
Wood Avens,	Hedge Bedstraw,	(Contents may vary slightly)
Bluebell,	Tufted Vetch,	



ABIES (= abeo, to rise: alluding to the great height of some of the species) – **Pinaceae****4H £2.25 A. fraseri. Fraser Fir**

This beautiful evergreen tree, native to the Appalachian Mountains in North America, is named after the Scottish botanist John Fraser who introduced it to Britain in the early 1800s. It has a shapely, narrow conical crown with short flat leaves of a lovely shining dark green with silvery bands on the underside. An excellent choice as a Christmas tree, indeed it is the number one choice for this in the USA, with its lovely scent and soft needles with staying power. **40ft (12m) HTr**


4 £2.90 A. koreana. Korean Fir 

A very neat fir, suited even for small gardens, producing as it does, its ornamental violet-purple cones even on specimens only 18ins high. Leaves very silvery beneath. **60ft (18m) HTr**

4D £2.95 A. nordmanniana. Nordmann Fir 

Named after Alexander von Nordmann (1803-1866), Professor of Botany at Odessa, this is a noble and highly ornamental tree native to the Caucasus mountains with shining green needles densely arranged on the shoots. It is one of the most attractive of the fir species, often grown for Christmas trees, holding its needles well. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **195ft (60m) HTr**

ABUTILON – Malvaceae. Indian Mallow**6W £2.95 A. hybridum maximum, Giant Flowering Mixed** **BEST SELLER**

Very rewarding (and popular) plants these, and very easy to raise from seed – you can expect to see their exotic-looking, chalice-shaped flowers in many different pastel shades in only a few months from sowing. Grow them in pots and put some in your borders for the summer months where they will flower profusely. **3ft (90cm) HSh** 

6M £2.95 A. vitifolium (*syn. Corynabutilon vitifolium*) (= vine-leaved)

This is a rather lovely, deciduous shrub from Chile with downy, greyish, vine-shaped leaves. Fast growing (over 10 feet in only 18 months from seed) and, if left to its own devices, eventually large and handsome, it bears from a fairly early age copious numbers of pale to deep mauve large flowers described variously as saucer, bowl or other kitchen utensil-shaped. Although most profuse in late spring or early summer, blooms can be found as late as October. Likes a warm position. **10ft (3m) HSh**

ACACIA – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

A genus of over 500 species scattered over the warmer regions of the world, but most abundant in Australia to where most of these species are endemic. Although the colour of the flower varies but little, there is great variety in habit and shape of leaf, and many have the delightful perfume of the florist's "Mimosa" (*A. dealbata*). Fortunately, although some species are of considerable size (the heights given refer to the size attained in nature), they can be successfully and easily grown in pots. The species listed have been specially selected as being best suited for cultivation in this country, requiring little more than protection from frost, and perhaps hardy in the very mildest parts of the country. Try them – some of the most beautiful of greenhouse plants. Acacia seed germinates freely if placed in a cup of boiling water and allowed to stand 2 days before sowing.

7 £2.45 A. baileyana. Cootamundra Wattle 

Graceful, very leafy tree with beautifully glaucous doubly pinnate foliage. Hardy in milder parts of the UK. **25ft (8m) H/HTr**


11 £2.75 A. dealbata. Silver Wattle, Florist's Mimosa 

The best known, doubly pinnate foliage. One of the hardiest. **40ft (12m) TSh**

ACAENA – Rosaceae**21G £2.68 A. microphylla. Scarlet Bidi-bidi, New Zealand Burr**


This is a very fine plant from New Zealand forming a dense carpet of bronze-green leaves. When in bloom in autumn, the brightly coloured, burr-like flower-heads form bright red patches up to 2ft or more across that last almost to the end of the year. **3ins (8cm) HP**

ACANTHUS – Acanthaceae**24 £3.40 A. mollis** (= soft). **Bear's Breeches, Oyster Plant** **BEST SELLER**

A handsome hardy plant both in foliage, with its large leaves up to 2ft long, and in flower with magnificent, architectural spikes, up to 4ft, of white flowers with dramatic dark purple contrasting bracts. **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 8 seeds. **HP** 

ACER – Aceraceae. The Maples

Large genus including in its number some of the most decorative of foliage trees and shrubs.


28B £3.45 A. griseum (= grey). **Paper-Bark Maple** 

One of the most beautiful of all small trees, suitable for gardens of all sizes, is this species from China. The dark green, trifoliate leaves, densely covered beneath with blue-white downy hairs, colour splendidly in autumn turning the whole crown deep crimson or red. The old dark red or chestnut bark flakes and peels back to reveal the new, smooth, orange-red bark beneath. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **40ft (12m)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HTr**



30 £3.25 A. palmatum (= having 5 lobes, i.e. having a resemblance to the human palm). **Japanese Maple**

Small, slow growing tree up to 15ft with mid-green leaves, scarlet in autumn. **12ft (4m) HTr** 

31M £2.95 A. palmatum, Mixed Varieties

The Japanese Maple is parent to literally hundreds of different named cultivars, forms and varieties with a fantastic assortment of different leaf, bark and habit forms. Most of these will be large bushes with the occasional small tree for good measure; a majority will justify their presence in your garden a second time come autumn when the leaves give a gorgeous display of red, orange or yellow. So that's this wonderful packet. Generous packets, grow the lot, select your favourites and give the rest (they'll all be valuable) to the village fête. And don't forget that many of these will make superb subjects for bonsai. **5ft (1.5m) HSh/HTr** 

31A £2.75 A. platanoides. Norway Maple

A handsome, fast-growing (particularly so for the first few years) and vigorous tree with clusters of welcome, bright acid-yellow-green flowers announcing the end of winter in late March, and lasting well into April. More exciting, however, is the fine autumn colour of the leaves – orange and then a nature-defying bright, bright yellow. A great choice for urban areas as it is reputedly very tolerant of pollution. **80ft (25m) HTr**  




35 £2.78 A. saccharum (= sugar). Sugar Maple

This tree's claim to fame (as its name perhaps suggests) is its use in maple syrup production. Other species can be used, but this, along with the Black Maple (*A. nigrum*), allegedly makes the best! However, even if you are not planning on making your own maple syrup, choose this tree for its spectacular autumn colours – yellow, orange through to proper flag-of-Canada red. This deciduous tree is native to hardwood forests of north-eastern North America, typically reaching 80-110ft at maturity (this will take a while though – after 10 years, expect about 15ft of tree!) and is happy in most soils except sand and is the most shade tolerant of large, deciduous trees. **80ft (25m) HT**

35M £2.75 A. tegmentosum, 'White Tigress'

This is a small and boldly beautiful tree from north eastern China and Korea with silvery-streaked pale green bark and coarsely-toothed, three- or five-lobed leaves. Long, slender, drooping racemes of yellow-green flowers appear in spring. **20ft (6m)** Packet of 8 seeds. **HT**




ACHILLEA – Compositae/Asteraceae**37C £2.95 A. alpina ssp. camtschatica, 'Love Parade'. Siberian Yarrow****BEST SELLER**

This fine hardy perennial is perfect both for enhancing your border and for supplying attractive cut flowers to decorate your home. Developed from a botanical variety from Kamchatka – that peninsula in the far, far north-east of Russia (so far it makes Vladivostok seem close!) with a somewhat unlovely climate – with highly ornamental and unique bright green, leathery foliage composed of narrow, lance-shaped, saw-edged, vaguely fern-like leaves (quite unlike any others in the genus), it bears from June to September flat-topped heads of clusters of numerous large and lovely soft pink flowers with pale yellow stamens. As an added bonus, it should bloom for you the first year from seed. **2ft (60cm) HP**   




36F £2.25 A. filipendula (= Dropwort-leaved), 'Parker's Variety'

A fine and robust plant for the border from the Caucasus with hairy, feathery, grey-green foliage, and bearing most of the summer bright yellow flowers in large, saucer-like corymbs up to 5ins across. Lovely for cutting. **4ft (1.2m) HP**   




Achillea millefolium. Yarrow**▶ 36G £1.95 True Wild Form****BEST SELLER**

This native wild plant, with its fern-like foliage and flat heads (known technically as corymbs) of white flowers (but they can be pink or reddish) produced over a long period in summer, is worthy of a place in practically any garden. Perfect for supplying natural-looking blooms for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HP**   




▶ ★NEW★ 36N £2.75 'Cassis'

Whether it be a fine and colourful, very long-blooming perennial for the border or a plant to supply the family florist with some rather good material, this award-winning variety should be worthy of a square yard or two of your garden. Flowering the first year from seed, 'Cassis' produces numerous stems of many-flowered heads of dozens of florets of an intense cherry-red colour. **2ft (60cm) HP**   




▶ 36D £2.45 'Cerise Queen'

This is a beautiful cultivated variety of the native wild flower, Yarrow, with finely divided, fern-like foliage, and bearing in early summer heads of flowers of a most attractive shade of dark cherry red. A good border plant and excellent for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HP**   




▶ 36K £2.85 'Colorado'**BEST SELLER**

With all the colours of the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River, this is indeed an exceptional modern variety of Yarrow. The range and intensity of colour is very diverse and includes red to pink to apricot, yellows, beige and bronze tones and occasional whites plus some hues new to the plant. True perennials, marvellous for cutting (for use fresh or dried), they come into bloom in May and then bloom away merrily until the first frosts – hopefully five months away. **2ft (60cm) HP**   




▶ ★NEW★ 36C £2.85 'Flowerburst Fruitbowl'

We saw this at our supplier's trial field and we loved all the individual colours included in this fruity mix such as a spicy paprika hue, a couple of different apricot variations, a deep red wine and pretty dusky pinks – it was difficult to pick a favourite. **2½ft (75cm) HP**   




▶ 36P £3.25 'Flowerburst Red Shades', F2 Hybrid

A very attractive, cultivated blend of Yarrow in various shades of red, rose and purple giving a warm, welcoming splash of colour in the garden over a long period. Flowering the first year from seed, they are easy to grow and very good for cutting. Bees and butterflies love them too. **2ft (60cm) HP**   



▶ 36W £2.95 'Summer Berries'**BEST SELLER**

More cheerful flowers are you unlikely to see! These lovely clusters of colourful flowers are a gorgeous mix of shades – both bright and pale pinks, together with coral, apricot, red and purple. Brilliant filler, both in the border and in a vase – fun and long lasting cut flowers. **2ft (60cm) HP**   

▶ 36H £3.25 'Summer Pastels', F2 Hybrid**BEST SELLER**

This All America Selections winner has just about every quality that one would hope to find in a plant. Flowering abundantly the first year (in as little as four months) from seed, blooming continues from spring till frost. And they are true perennials. The flowers come in a very wide range of pastel colours such as pink, rose, orange-red, purple and grey, and make fine cut flowers either fresh or dried. The plants thrive in all soils and climates, are excellent on the border and make good pot plants, they can even be used for xeriscaping! **2ft (60cm) HP**   

36X £2.25 A. ptarmica. Sneezewort

This attractive wildflower, less common than Yarrow, bears loose clusters of single white daisy-like flowers. It is very attractive to bees and makes an excellent cut flower. **2ft (60cm) HP**  

37 £2.25 A. ptarmica, 'The Pearl'**BEST SELLER**

This is a very popular cultivated variety with large sprays of pure white, double or semi-double flowers. These are excellent for cutting (both fresh and dried) – by stopping the shoots, a succession of flowers can be had from June to October. Easy to grow and tolerant of just about any type of soil. **2½ft (75cm) HP**   

ACMELLA – Compositae/Asteraceae**1191J £2.25 A. oleracea** (= of the vegetable garden) (*syn.* *Spilanthes oleracea*).**Electric Daisy, Toothache Plant**

As will be gathered from both the botanic and English names, this native of the tropics was originally cultivated as a plant for use in salads imparting a pungent flavour to them and evidently stimulating the salivary glands. When eaten the flower bud produces a strong tingling sensation on the tongue. However, it is very much as an easily grown, ornamental annual that it will probably find use in your garden. A trailing plant with dark red veined, bronzy-green leaves, it bears conical, ball-shaped blooms looking a bit like yellow and red illuminated gas mantles. Can be sown where it is to grow when flowering will start in as little as a couple of months and then continue in succession all summer long until frost. **10ins (25cm) HHA/TP**

ACROCLINIUM (*syn.* *Helipterum*) – **Compositae/Asteraceae****42 £2.25 Acroclinium, Double Giant Flowered Mixed. Strawflower****BEST SELLER**

Very popular long-stemmed, 'everlasting' large flowers in a wide range of bright colours. Splendid for cutting and using in arrangements to cheer up dull days. **1½ft (45cm) HA/HHA** ☼

ACTAEA (*syn.* *Cimicifuga*) – **Ranunculaceae**

Please note that Actaea species are very poisonous, especially the berries, so please handle with care and keep away from children.

347B £2.95 A. racemosa. Black Snakeroot RHS 🍷

Coming from eastern North America where it grows in rich woodlands and once used in the treatment of snakebite, this is a very fine plant for a shady spot at the back of the border where the rather noble spikes of white blooms will tower over most of the other plants. **8ft (2.4m) HP**

347P £2.25 A. simplex var. atropurpurea

This is a splendid variety taken from selected plants with highly ornamental, dark purple-red foliage and bearing in summer tall spikes of tiny, star-like, creamy-white blossoms. A showy and outstanding plant. **6ft (1.8m) HP**

ACTINIDIA – Actinidiaceae**★ NEW ★ 42E £2.65 A. deliciosa. Chinese Gooseberry, Kiwi Fruit**

This well-known fruiting vine originates in China. It acquired its more popular name after growing particularly successfully in New Zealand (some say because its furry skin resembled that of a Kiwi bird!) With exotic looking leaves it is surprisingly vigorous; provided with rich soil, a sheltered spot and good climbing support you may reasonably expect your very own home-grown kiwi fruit within a few years. **20ft (6m) HP(CI)**

ADANSONIA – Bombacaceae**43 £3.25 A. digitata. Baobob, Lemonade Tree**

This most unusual tree deserves mention because, not only is it one of the world's largest with a trunk that can be up to 12m in circumference, but it must be one of the few trees anywhere to have had a lavatory (with flush) built in whilst still alive! Although unlikely to reach such proportions in the UK (up to 6m), it should nevertheless make a most interesting pot plant with its large, dark green leaves. **20ft (6m) Packet of 6 seeds. GTr** 🌳

ADENIUM – Apocynaceae**45C £3.95 A. obesum. Desert Rose** RHS 🍷

Succulent shrub with thick, fleshy stem and sharp pointed, fleshy leaves, glossy dark green with pink midrib, clustered near the tips of the forked branches. Numerous showy flowers with spreading petals, pinkish edged with carmine or all carmine-rose. Requires greenhouse protection. Seedlings can be flowered in their first year. Requires heated glass (minimum 50°F (10°C)). **5ft (1.5m) Packet of 5 seeds. GSh** 🌸 🌿

ADONIS – Ranunculaceae**48 £1.95 A. aestivalis** (= of the summer-time). **Pheasant's Eye****BEST SELLER**

This annual species, with feathery foliage and brilliant blood-red, poppy-like flowers, makes a delightful plant for the border. **1½ft (45cm) HA** 🌸

AEONIUM – Crassulaceae**52A £3.75 Aeonium, Mixed Species**

An interesting genus of succulent plants most forming rosettes in a large variety of shapes, sizes and patterns; some flat, some saucer-shaped; some with stems, others stemless so that they lie close to the ground. They are easily grown plants and many make excellent house plants. Otherwise cold house treatment is all they need – indeed during winter they don't like a temperature above 10°C (50°F). Put them out of doors in summer. **4ins (10cm) GP**

AGAPANTHUS – Liliaceae

Beautiful South African plants from the Cape of Good Hope. Although capable of survival out-of-doors (particularly if a sheltered bed is used and the roots are kept well covered during winter months), these plants, combining graceful foliage with large, handsome heads of blossom, are amongst the easiest of greenhouse or conservatory plants to manage.

60B £3.50 Agapanthus, Headbourne Hybrids

The result of an enthusiast's life-long interest in the plants, these are superb hybrids with enormous strap-like leaves, enormous football-sized blooms in a variety of shades. These hybrids are hardy and have survived some of our colder winters outside. **3ft (1m) Packet of 15 seeds. HP** ☼

59C £3.65 A. praecox ssp. minimus, 'Peter Pan'

This is an ideal variety of the Lily of the Nile for the smaller garden. Whereas your average Agapanthus likes a good chunk of border, this is a rather charming miniature form growing to only a foot or so and bearing smart heads of mid-blue flowers. **1½ft (40cm) Packet of 12 seeds. HP** ☼

AGASTACHE

AGASTACHE – Lamiaceae/Labiatae

★ NEW ★ 61F £2.45 *A. aurantiaca* (= orange-coloured) (*syn.* 'Apricot Sprite'), 'Navajo Sunset'. *Giant Orange Hyssop*

You'll love this plant! A taller variety of this very popular species, it will cheer up the saddest soul even on dull summer days. Not one to hang around, it quickly produces mounds of deliciously aromatic, silvery foliage and bears from June until autumn, copious flames of brilliant orange flowers. Bees and flower arrangers love them and all this the first year from seed. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 ☞ 🌸

61J £2.75 *A. cana*, 'Heather Queen'. *Hummingbird Mint, Mosquito Hyssop*
BEST SELLER

Described as adorable is this easily grown plant bearing over a long period masses of large, violet-pink flowers. Much appreciated by butterflies (and hummingbirds when you can get them). When bruised, the flowers and foliage are mint-scented. **3ft (90cm) HP** ☞ 🌸

60G £2.25 *A. foeniculum*. *Anise Hyssop*

With the whole plant scented of anise, this is an attractive and somewhat unusual plant from North America. The smooth green leaves are white with dense minute down beneath and the many-flowered spikes of blue flowers appear in July. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

61E £2.25 *A. foeniculum*, 'Golden Jubilee'

First seen in the year of the late Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee in 2002, this is a remarkable, award-winning plant. In early spring crowns of crinkled, purplish leaves appear which almost magically transform into sweetly aromatic rosettes of golden-yellow. From these it bears tubby, terminal spikes of fluffy lavender flowers. **2ft (60cm) HP/HHP** 🌱 ☞ 🌸

63Y £2.95 *A. hybrida*, 'Astello Indigo'

With its wonderful mint-scented spikes of deep-blue flowers, this is a Fleuroselect Gold award-winning variety. Compact and fast growing, it is perfect for containers with well branched plants producing densely set flower spikes. Flowers just 15 weeks after sowing and then all summer long. Very attractive to bees and butterflies. **2ft (60cm) HHP** 🌱 ☞ 🌸

62E £2.85 *A. hybrida*, 'Arcado Pink'

These long flower spikes are a beautiful, clear bright pink, quite unlike most Agastache. The vigorous plants are robust yet delicate, free-flowering yet tidy and great for cutting. It is very easy to grow, has very good drought tolerance and the long-lasting flowers just keep on coming. So you should be rewarded with continuous flowers all summer long with very little effort! An absolute favourite with butterflies with its fabulous herbal aromatic scent. Little wonder it is Fleuroselect approved. **1½ft (40cm) HHP** 🌱 ☞ 🌸

60N £2.45 *A. nepetoides*. *Giant Yellow Hyssop*

This is an impressive plant for the back of the border bearing in summer dense five inch spikes of yellow-green flowers enjoyed by bees. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 🌸

61L £2.95 *A. pallidiflora ssp. neomexicana*, 'Rose Mint'. *New Mexico Hyssop*

This is a wonderful variety that is guaranteed to be admired by all those that grow it, see it and smell it. It produces a continual mass of lavender-rose, scented flowers from June to September. Superb in the border, wonderful in containers, and very distinctive. **1ft (30cm) HHA**

Agastache rugosa (= wrinkled, or if you want the smart word for it, rugose).

Korean Mint

From China, Japan and, of course, Korea, where it is found on mountains in grassy places along streams, comes this erect, aromatic perennial bearing from June to September densely many-flowered spikes. The leaves with an anise-like odour and flavour, are much prized for use in flavouring, seasoning meats and sauces and for tea. A true perennial, but flowering in as little as 10 weeks or so from seed.

▶ 60K £2.25 'Liquorice Blue'

Beautiful long spikes on long stalks of numerous whorls of purple-blue flowers. An excellent cut flower but a bold plant for the border as well. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 ☞ 🌸

▶ 60L £2.65 'Liquorice White'

Spikes of pure white flowers. Perfect for cutting. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 ☞ 🌸

★ NEW ★ 63Z £3.25 *A. rupestris*, 'Apache Sunset'

Deep burnt-orange flowers in sunset hues over aromatic smoky, silvery-grey foliage with a delicious, mild liquorice scent. Unusual and very attractive. **2ft (60cm) HP/HHP** 🌱 ☞ 🌸

AGAVE (= handsome) – Amaryllidaceae/Alliaceae. *Agave*

63D £3.95 *Agave*, Mixed Species

A mixture of these well-known succulent plants mostly with fleshy, firm and hard, sword or dagger-shaped leaves formed into rosettes, in various shades of green and glaucous, bluish-grey, sometimes with attractive coloured blobs, sometimes small, sometimes big enough to need another greenhouse, always interesting. **3ft (1m) GP**

AGERATUM – Compositae/Asteraceae

63J £3.45 *Ageratum*, 'Blue Horizon', F1 Hybrid RHS 🏆

Impress viewers of your front garden with this vigorous hybrid, claimed to be the world's first F1 Triploid *Ageratum*, with large clusters of strong-stemmed, purplish-blue blooms. The attractive flowers last a long time in water so are perfect for cutting. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 ☞

Ageratum houstonianum

▶ 63E £1.95 'Dondo Blue'

A good-for-cutting *Ageratum* with tall stems and fluffy, deep-blue flowers. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 ☞

▶ 63W £1.95 'Dondo White'

With a long flowering season from early summer to late autumn, this tall-growing *Ageratum*, with its heads of soft fluffy white blossoms on long stalks makes it a useful cut flower and an attractive plant for the border. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 ☞

▶ 64Q £1.95 'Dwarf Pink Ball'

Perfect for both bedding and borders, this lovely variety has charming feathery flowers in a range of shades from very pale and delicate pink to a proper old-fashioned dark sugared-almond pink, some with darker centres. Super easy to grow, this is a great eye-catching, fun even, addition to your garden. **1ft (30cm) HHA** 🌱 ☞

▶ 64P £1.95 'Leda'

Slightly different is this *Ageratum* variety with compact and uniform plants bearing all summer long, fluffy blue and white bicolored blooms which the bees and butterflies will love. **10ins (25cm) HHA** 🌱 ☞

- ▶ **63Q** £1.95 'Red Flint' **BEST SELLER**
Red-flowered, tall *Ageratum* variety ideal both as a bedding plant and as a provider of some rather fine and lovely cut flowers. With usefully strong stems, the flowers are dark red when in bud before expanding to give, when in full bloom, beautiful, almost spherical heads of fluffy, striking purple-red blossom. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **63X** £1.95 'Timeless' Mixture **BEST SELLER**
This mix comes in a wide range of complementary pink, white and blue shades and makes for an excellent cut flower with its elegant long stems **2½ft (70cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

AGRIMONIA – Rosaceae**64D** £2.25 *A. eupatoria*. **Common Agrimony**

A most attractive and easily grown native wild flower with toothed pinnate leaves, somewhat grey-downy beneath, and bearing in summer spikes of numerous yellow, honey-scented flowers, each ¼in. or so across (they were once added to mead). Apart from this, the whole plant is scented including the rootstock which can be dried and used in pot-pourri retaining its fragrance well. And yet another bonus: the whole plant yields a yellow dye! **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱

AGROSTEMMA – Caryophyllaceae**Agrostemma githago**. **Corn Cockle**

This is a lovely wild flower, once a weed of cornfields but now, with the advent of herbicides, not nearly as common as it was. Definitely a cottage garden flower, easy to grow, good for cutting and withstands typical English summers. Flowers freely all summer long. Please note: do not sow in or near fields used for grazing sheep.

- ▶ **64E** £1.95 **True Wild Form. Wild Corn Cockle**
3ft (90cm) HA 🌱
- ▶ **64T** £2.35 'Bianca' **BEST SELLER**
This is a beautiful, tall and erect variety of Corn Cockle. Its abundant, large, pure white flowers have lovely silky satin petals with delicate dark speckling in the throat. Ideal for cottages or stately homes! Easy to grow, indeed loves poor soil. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **64A** £2.45 'Light Rose' **BEST SELLER**
Pretty, blush pink variety. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **64C** £2.25 'Milas'
Very popular cultivated strain with large, bright mauve flowers, 2ins or more across, produced very freely all summer. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **64W** £2.25 'Queen Mixed'
If you can't quite decide which colour you prefer, this is a handy option with a mixture of white, purple and mauve flowers. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

AGROSTIS – Poaceae/Gramineae**64F** £2.25 *A. nebulosa* (= cloud-like). **Cloud Grass, Fibre Optic Grass****BEST SELLER**

A beautiful ornamental grass for the flower arranger with large, delicate heads of tiny spikelets. **1½ft (45cm) HA** 🌿

AJUGA – Lamiaceae/Labiatae**66A** £2.95 *A. reptans*. **Bugle**

A well-known native wild flower spreading rapidly by runners which bear rosettes of smooth, glossy foliage, and in early summer a profusion of leafy spikes of whorled blue flowers. An excellent ground cover plant for moist, awkward corners on the rockery or wild garden. **1ft (30cm) HP**

AKEBIA – Lardizabalaceae**67** £3.95 *A. quinata* (= with 5 divisions). **Chocolate Vine**

A native of Japan, this is a hardy climber, very vigorous, with fragrant, chocolate-purple flowers followed by sausage-shaped edible fruits. **40ft (12m)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HP(CI)**

ALBIZIA – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

Deciduous shrubs or small trees suitable for the cool greenhouse or outside in mild parts of the country. Valuable for their handsome foliage and fluffy flowers.

72 £3.65 *A. julibrissin*. **Persian Silk Tree** **RHS** 🌱

The hardiest species and, with its delightful fluffy pink flowers in summer, is definitely worth a try. Withstands severe frost. **30ft (9m) HSh/HTr** 🌱 🌿

ALBUCA – Liliaceae**72D** £2.65 *A. shawii*. **Dwarf Yellow Albuca**

From the Drakensberg Mountains in South Africa comes this lovely bulbous plant with somewhat succulent, needle-like leaves which themselves when stroked exude a sweet scent, and bearing all summer bright yellow, green striped, almond-perfumed flowers. Sown early, can flower the first year from seed. **1½ft (50cm) HP/HHP** 🌱

ALCEA – Malvaceae**82W** £1.95 *A. ficifolia*, **Mixed Hybrids**

Introduced from Siberia at the end of the 16th Century (but how? the writer wonders, no road and 300 years before the railway), this is somewhat similar to the common Hollyhock but a substantially more vigorous plant and, if you've tried and failed with Hollyhocks before, you'll appreciate this, moderately rust resistant. It has distinct foliage and bears over a very long period long spikes of very beautiful, large (very large, even) single flowers in shades of yellow, copper, pink, red and white. **6ft (1.8m) HB/HP** 🌱

Alcea rosea. **Hollyhock**

A classic English cottage garden flower, and with their air of stately splendour, they are amongst the finest of background plants. Sown early they will flower the first year, but the finest plants are produced when grown as biennials (strictly speaking they are perennials).

- ▶ **83** £2.25 'Chater's Double'
Superb mixed colours. Double Peony-like flowers in a wide range of colours including yellows, scarlets and maroons. **6ft (1.8m) HB/HP** 🌱

ALCEA

▶ **84W** £2.95 'Crème de Cassis'

BEST SELLER

A deliciously coloured variety producing a mixture of large double, semi-double and single blooms found on the same stems; creamy-white flowers with dark, burgundy centres and intricately dark veined petals. **6ft (1.8m) HB/HP** 🌱 🌸

'Halo' Series

This beautiful range of Hollyhocks have been many years in the making – selected and hybridized over many generations for their large, single, bicolor flowers. Each displays a prominent, contrasting lighter or darker coloured halo in the centre of the flower. We have chosen our favourite colours.

▶ **72G** £2.95 'Halo Apricot'

BEST SELLER

We love this colour combination, one of our favourites – we are always attracted to anything with 'Apricot' in the name! This is well worth a try with its dark-centred, large single blooms of pinky, corally-apricot. **7ft (2.1m) HB/HP** 🌱 🌸

▶ **72N** £2.95 'Halo Blossom'

White or white with the palest blush of pink with dramatic dark maroon centres. **7ft (2.1m) HB/HP** 🌱 🌸

▶ **72H** £2.95 'Halo Blush'

Palest pink flowers with a striking halo of the brightest pink surrounding an attractive yellow centre. **7ft (2.1m) HB/HP** 🌱 🌸

▶ **72P** £2.95 'Halo White'

Bright and sparkling white flowers with an uplifting flash of bright yellow at the centre. **7ft (2.1m) HB/HP** 🌱 🌸

▶ **★NEW★** **83E** £2.25 'Indian Spring' Single Mixed

This mix includes single-flowered Hollyhocks in a wide range of colours. **5ft (1.5m) HB/HP** 🌱 🌸

▶ **83Z** £2.85 'Simplex'

This is your quintessential cottage garden Hollyhock; a true perennial variety, it bears large, single flowers in a wide range of colours from as early as May to as late even as October. **6ft (1.8m) HB/HP** 🌱 🌸

▶ **72Q** £3.95 'Spring Celebrity Apricot'

This is an exuberantly frothy-looking Hollyhock smothered in double and semi-double, frilly, fragrant blooms on shorter-than-usual stems. We have selected our favourite colourway with petals streaked with a delicious range of pinky-apricot hues. Grown as an annual, this is a good choice for gardeners who would prefer a more compact, less towering variety of the popular cottage garden plant. **2ft (60cm) Packet of 15 seeds. HA/HP** 🌱 🌸

▶ **84M** £2.25 'Summer Carnival'

An award-winning, early-flowering variety with fully double flowers in an excellent colour range including yellow, red, rose and white. These occupy more of the stem at a time than found in some varieties. Easily grown as a half-hardy annual, flowering the first year from seed. **6ft (1.8m) HB/HP** 🌱 🌸

83S £2.45 *A. rosea* var. *nigra* (= black)

BEST SELLER

Well, not quite black; but getting just about as far as one can go in trying to obtain this elusive horticultural colour. The flowers (single) of this most unusual strain of Hollyhocks are a very, very dark shade of maroon that should, at least, provoke some comment. **6ft (1.8m) HB/HP** 🌱 🌸

ALCHEMILLA – Rosaceae

73J £2.90 *A. erythropoda* (= having a red stem). *Dwarf Lady's Mantle* RHS 🌱

From the Carpathian Mountains and the Balkans comes this attractive ground cover plant with grey or blue-green foliage with stems that often turn red in the sun. Sprays of tiny yellow flowers are borne in summer. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **8ins (20cm) HP**

73D £2.25 *A. mollis*. *Lady's Mantle* RHS 🌱

This is an attractive plant with appealing, softly hairy, rounded, wavy-edged leaves, and large sprays of greenish-yellow flowers that are good for cutting and make unusual material for flower arrangers. A good border plant and useful for ground-cover in shady positions. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 🌱

73G £2.85 *A. mollis*, 'Robustica'

This variety is one of the finest cultivars for the production of fresh cut flowers but also makes a splendid plant for the border. With a distinctively upright habit, it is much like the ordinary species but is much larger in all its parts. With its main flowering in summer, a good second flush can be expected in the autumn. Can be dried. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱

ALLIARIA – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae

74G £2.25 *A. petiolata*. *Garlic Mustard, Hedge Garlic, Jack-by-the-hedge*

A native wild flower frequently found along hedgerows, wood margins and the like. An attractively modest plant with foliage smelling of garlic when crushed, and heads of small white flowers in spring. **4ft (1.2m) HB** 🌱

ALLIUM (= Ancient Latin name for garlic) – Liliaceae

A large genus of bulbous plants, most of which have a distinctive smell of garlic (onions, leeks, chives, and garlic are all members). However, many are worth growing for their flowers and, unless the foliage is broken, the odour is seldom offensive. Easily raised from seed. Please note we sell seeds not bulbs unless otherwise stated.

74M £2.95 *A. albopilosum* (= with white hairs) (*syn.* *A. cristophii*). *Star of Persia*

Amongst the largest-flowered and most imposing species is this robust plant with grey and hairy, strap-shaped leaves and large globular heads of as many as 80 deep lilac flowers with a metallic sheen. These are followed by very decorative seed heads. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **2ft (60cm) Hb** 🌱

75K £2.45 *A. ampeloprasum* (Bulbils) (*syn.* *A. babingtonii*). *Babington's Leek*

This is a very showy and rare plant endemic to the British Isles. Found in clefts of rocks and sandy places near the coast of Cornwall and Dorset and western Ireland, it is thought to be a relic of former cultivation, the bulbs being gathered and eaten. With narrow glaucous leaves, it bears large, loose, irregular, round flower-heads a mixture of deep purple flowers and bulbils. **5ft (1.5m) Packet of 4 bulbils. Hb**

75J £2.65 A. canadense. Meadow Garlic

An interesting and ornamental plant, it bears in umbels white to pink, bell-shaped flowers. However these umbels can be all flowers, a mixture of flowers and bulbils or 100% bulbils. (We offer 100% seeds.) **1½ft (45cm) HBb** ☞

74Q £2.65 A. cernuum (= nodding). Lady's Leek

From the Shenandoah National Park in the USA comes this delightful species with very narrow leaves and loose umbels of nodding, long-stalked, purplish-pink flowers in early summer. **2ft (60cm) HBb** ☞

74A £2.25 A. fistulosum (= hollow, like a pipe). Welsh Onion

In spite of its common name, this originates not from Wales but from Siberia. At home equally in the flower garden, where the globe-like heads of yellowish-white flowers are very attractive. **2ft (60cm) HBb** ☞

74F £2.45 A. hollandicum (syn. A. aflatanense). Persian Onion

A very fine plant with handsome, glaucous, strap-shaped leaves up to 4ins wide, and bearing in spring dense, spherical, many-flowered umbels of star-shaped, pinkish flowers that are good for cutting. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **5ft (1.5m) HBb** ☞

75E £2.85 A. obliquum (syn. A. ramosum). Lop-sided Onion, Twisted-leaf Onion

From Siberia and north west China, this little known species has twisty stems (hence the common name) with the usual tight, spherical umbels of Allium flowers but in a rarely seen shade of bright greenish-yellow. They take on a fluffy appearance as the flowers develop and the stamens emerge. **2ft (60cm) HBb** 🌱 ☞

77J £2.85 A. scorodoprasum, 'Passion'

A very attractive and unusual variety, this plant has small but perfectly formed delicate ruby-red florets emerging from compact purply-green flower heads. Narrow, strap-like leaves form clumps in spring which die back with the appearance of the long flowering stems. In addition to making an excellent cut flower, it is attractive to bees and butterflies. **1½ft (45cm) HBb** 🌱 ☞

76E £2.95 A. sphaerocephalon. Round-headed Leek RHS 🌱

Found in several areas in Europe and in a very few places in the British Isles is this attractive species, easily grown in full sun, bearing in summer dense, round heads of reddish-purple, bell-shaped flowers. **2ft (60cm) HBb** ☞

76D £2.25 A. ursinum. Ramsons Wood Garlic

Native wild flower growing in damp woods and shady places, and bearing in spring loose umbels of up to 20 pretty, white, star-like flowers. A useful plant for naturalizing in woods and the like which, given half a chance, it will eventually carpet completely. **1ft (30cm) HBb**

ALNUS – Betulaceae**78B £1.95 A. glutinosa (= sticky). Common Alder**

For those wishing to go into the manufacture of clogs, this is the tree for you. Its wood, which incidentally resists decay indefinitely under water, was once widely used for this purpose. It is a small or medium-sized native tree, common in wet places, with roundish, dark lustrous green leaves. Good fast-growing hedging plant. **40ft (12m) HTr** 🌱

ALOE (= Alloeh, the Arabic name) – Liliaceae

A genus of succulent plants with thick leaves arranged in rosettes – always popular as house plants.

78G £3.25 A. arborescens

Native to southern Africa, this attractive succulent, well-suited to being grown as a house plant, bears rosettes of grey-green, fleshy toothed leaves. Under the right conditions and if you're lucky, the plant may throw out dramatic poker-like red blooms in summer. In its native habitat it will reach an impressive 3m in height but grown here, the size will obviously be limited to the pot in which it is grown. Packet of 12 seeds. **TSh**

80R £4.95 A. polyphylla (= many + leaves). Spiral Aloe RHS 🌱**BEST SELLER**

We are very lucky to again have seeds of this fascinating, rare and beautiful Aloe from the mountains of Lesotho with every chance of proving hardy in this country. On germination, which would appear to present no problem, a single leaf appears with the following leaves produced alternately opposite each other. The excitement starts when the plant reaches approximately 40cm in diameter when it starts to spiral, either clockwise or anti-clockwise, with the thick, fleshy, grey-green leaves with sharp tips becoming purplish-brown, eventually growing into a large rosette 60cm in diameter and 30cm in height. It produces a flowering stem branching into several spikes of reddish to salmon-pink flowers. Patience will be required for the flowering event but patience that will be well rewarded. Our supplier tells us that it is a "fantastic" plant for England as it loves the cold and ample moisture – unlike the residents! **1ft (30cm) Packet of 7 seeds. HP**

ALONSOA – Scrophulariaceae**80X £2.25 A. meridionalis (syn. A. warscewiczii), 'Rebel'. Mask Flower**

A lovely, very free flowering variety. Masses of delicate but dazzling bright scarlet flowers are produced on upright stems over a very long period. A robust plant, this will flower in as little as 12 weeks from sowing. **1½ft (45cm) HHP** 🌱

81W £2.65 A. meridionalis, 'Salmon Beauty'

Wonderful and unusual, but very easy, plant for drifts in a border. The floriferous, long, elegant, purple-tinged stems are covered in a mass of salmon-pink flowers with contrasting yellow centres. Will keep on growing and flowering throughout the summer until the first frost gets the better of them. **1ft (35cm) HHP** 🌱

ALSTROEMERIA – Amaryllidaceae/Alliaceae. Peruvian Lily**82K £3.45 A. aurantiaca (= orange-coloured)**

Originating in Chile, this is a fine plant with handsome trusses of golden-orange flowers to give a mass of colour in the border in early summer and a supply of valuable cut flowers. **3ft (90cm) HP** ☞

79H £3.95 A. hybrida, 'Dandy Candy'

This exciting cultivated variety has larger-than-your-average-Alstroemeria flowers in a bold and vivid mixture of colours – red, deep rose and pink with white and particularly glossy-green foliage. Blooms all season from June to October and will last and last in a vase. **1½ft (40cm) Packet of 8 seeds. HP** ☞ 🌱

ALSTROEMERIA

82D £2.75 *Alstroemeria*, 'Ligtu Hybrids'

With their large heads of delicately coloured flowers in a wide range of shades of pink, rose, salmon and yellow, beautifully marked with dark-coloured lines, this is not only a delightful summer border plant, but also makes an attractive cut flower (long lasting in water). Hardy, but needs some protection in the coldest of winters. Sow very thinly and disturb the roots as little as possible when planting out. **2½ft (70cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP** ☞

ALTHAEA – Malvaceae

82Z £2.95 *A. cannabina* (= Cannabis-like). *Hemp-leaved Marsh Mallow*

Deserving of a prominent site in the garden is this light and airy plant from the Mediterranean. With 5-lobed, hairy, green leaves, it bears in summer long, waving, flowering stems, many to a plant, each bearing several axillary clusters of pinkish-lavender blooms with purple-red stamens. Whilst obviously related, no-one is going to mistake this plant for a Hollyhock. One little extra – for those wishing to play with their chemistry sets, this plant yields a useful fibre. **6ft (1.8m)** **HP**

82J £2.25 *A. officinalis*. *Common Marsh Mallow*

As the name implies, this wild flower is found in marshes, mostly near the sea. It is a softly hairy plant with velvety grey-green leaves, and bears many soft pink flowers in late summer. The mucilage used in marshmallows comes from the roots. **4ft (1.2m)** **HP**

See also **Alcea**.

ALYSSUM. See *Lobularia maritima* and *Aurinia*

AMARANTHUS – Amaranthaceae

Amaranthus caudatus

This ever-popular hardy annual is perhaps more versatile than you might imagine – good in the border, most effective as a cut flower in arrangements, a good pot-plant and, not often appreciated – if carefully dried, the colour of the spikes remains unchanged for a considerable time. With neglect it will flower when only a very few inches high, but with generous treatment, specimens three or four feet or more with enormous drooping tassels of flowers can be obtained.

▶ **84 £2.25 *A. caudatus* (= having a tail). *Love-Lies-Bleeding* BEST SELLER**
Long tails of red. **3½ft (1.1m)** HA/HHA ☞

▶ **86X £2.25 'Coral Fountain'**
We love this variety with its unusual tassels of dusky pinky-coral. **3½ft (1.1m)** HA/HHA ☞

▶ **87T £2.35 'Dreadlocks'**
For a dramatic touch in your garden, try this remarkable and interesting variety. Its distinctive long, long flower clusters of deepest maroon-red resemble knotted ropes and hang almost to the ground. This really striking plant, growing to around four feet tall, will be nothing less than fabulous in the back of a sunny border! **4ft (1.2m)** HA/HHA ☞

▶ **★NEW★ 84F £2.45 'Mira'**
A variety that we enjoyed growing in 2023 with beautiful cascading pink and green bicolored blooms. As the flowers mature, the colour gradually deepens to a darker, rich pinky-red. Perfect for cutting and drying. **3½ft (1.1m)** HA/HHA ☞

84A £2.25 *A. caudatus* var. *viridis* (= green)

A stunning version of Love-Lies-Bleeding with bright green-yellow tassels, which should prove valuable for their art. Very popular. **3½ft (1.1m)** HA/HHA ☞

Amaranthus cruentus

▶ **★NEW★ 84E £2.25 'Autumn's Touch'**
This impressive variety produces tall plumes of green and copper bicolored flowers that gradually mature to a darker shade of bronze. **4ft (1.2m)** HA/HHA ☞

▶ **84P £2.25 'Hot Biscuits'**
Exciting variety with imposing, quite architectural spikes of warm, orange brown. An excellent cut flower, easy and quick to grow. **5ft (1.5m)** HA/HHA ☞

▶ **85R £2.25 'Oeschberg'. *Fox Tail Amaranthus* RHS 🏆 BEST SELLER**
This plant is here as a rather splendid ornamental addition to your garden: an erect annual with dark purplish foliage, it bears showy blood-red spikes of flowers that not only decorate the border but, fresh or dry, make exciting vase material. For those, however, with more serious matters to worry about, this is a very productive plant that can produce up to half a pound of nutritious seed to the square yard. The leaves are a good substitute for spinach. **3ft (90cm)** HA/HHA ☞

84N £2.25 *A. cruentus* x *powellii*. *Hopi Red Dye*

The brilliant maroon colour of both the leaves and flower bracts of this plant make it a truly outstanding ornamental. As indicated by its common name, it produces a lovely dye. **6ft (1.8m)** HA/HHA

87X £2.55 *A. hybridus*, 'Opopeo'

This rarely seen, towering variety has masses of extravagant, deep burgundy, drooping flower spikes and luxurious dark green and burgundy foliage. It makes a dramatic and long-lasting cut flower. **6ft (1.8m)** HA/HHA ☞

84D £2.25 *A. hypochondriacus*, 'Green Thumb' RHS 🏆
This fun and quirky variety has distinctive, perky spikes of unusual and vibrant bright green flowers with a much more upright habit than other *Amaranthus* species. Brilliant for flower arranging and an unusual addition to the front of the border. **1½ft (40cm)** HA/HHA ☞

84C £2.25 *A. hypochondriacus*, 'Pygmy Torch' RHS 🏆
This is a splendid and easily grown annual plant, with graceful, upright spikes of densely packed, crimson flowers. **1½ft (40cm)** HA/HHA ☞

AMBERBOA – Compositae/Asteraceae

Amberboa moschata (syn. *Centaurea moschata*). *Sweet Sultan*

Introduced over 350 years ago, this is an easily grown, cottage garden favourite. It is a bushy plant with deeply cut leaves and bears lovely large, fluffy, sweet-scented flowers. Wonderful for the border and brilliant for cutting.

▶ **306J £2.25 'Graciosa'**
Beautiful subtle shade of lilac-rose. **2½ft (70cm)** HA 🌱 ☞

▶ **306E £2.25 'Splendens'**
Fluffy purple-violet flowers. **2½ft (70cm)** HA 🌱 ☞

▶ **306L £2.25 'The Bride'** **BEST SELLER**
Sweetly scented, stunning white cornflower. **2½ft (70cm)** HA 🌱 ☞

▶ **306C** £2.25 'Imperialis' Mixed

Lovely mix in a wide variety of colours including pink, white, purple and yellow. **2½ft (70cm)**
HA 🌱 ✂️

306B £2.25 *A. muricata*, 'Desert Star'

We enjoyed growing these on our plot in 2020. We sowed them directly into the ground in May, they germinated easily and with little attention, flowered all summer long and well into autumn. The soft-purple, cornflower-like, wispy flowers proved particularly effective grown in a large group and the bees couldn't keep away. The long, strong, slender stems make them ideal for cutting. **3ft (1m)**
HA 🌱 ✂️

AMMI – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae**Ammi majus**. *Bishop's Flower*

The enduring popularity of this species is no mystery. Umbellifers, ever popular at Chelsea, are brilliant fillers for both the border and for cutting. Great for wild plantings but we also have several varieties that have been especially bred for cutting. Very easy to grow.

▶ **85C** £1.95 *A. majus* (= bigger) RHS 🌱**BEST SELLER**

Easily grown, very sophisticated Cow Parsley with large flat heads of lacy white flowers, ideal for cutting. **3ft (90cm)** HA 🌱 ✂️

▶ **85N** £2.25 'Graceland' RHS 🌱

Variety with long, strong, straight stems, bred for fewer side shoots and very uniform growth, making them particularly good for cutting. **3ft (1m)** HA 🌱 ✂️

88G £2.25 *A. visnaga*, 'Casablanca'. *Queen Anne's Lace*

Very early to bloom, the flowers of 'Casablanca' grow in a very uniform manner with no side shoots, making it particularly perfect for cutting. The large umbrella-like, clear white flowers grow tall and straight, on strong, attractive feathery stems. **4ft (1.2m)** HA 🌱 ✂️

88J £1.95 *A. visnaga*, 'Green Mist'**BEST SELLER**

Superior selection with that lovely feathery foliage and tightly packed, large flowers that start limey-green and gradually open to greenish-white. The heads become more domed as the flowers open. This beautiful variety is superb for cutting. **4ft (1.2m)** HA 🌱 ✂️

AMMOBIUM – Compositae/Asteraceae**86** £2.25 *A. alatum* (= winged). *Everlasting Sandflower*

A charming annual plant with winged stems and pale green or white woolly leaves. Bears continuously, from June to September, "everlasting" silvery-white flowers with yellow centres. This is an excellent plant for cutting and drying. **2ft (60cm)** HA/HHA ✂️

ANAGALLIS – Primulaceae**87D** £2.25 *A. arvensis* (= growing in cultivated fields), *True Wild Form*.*Scarlet Pimpernel, Poor Man's Weather Glass*

With its pretty, slender-stemmed, scarlet (or rarely blue or lilac) flowers, this is one of those plants that really needs no introduction. **6ins (15cm)** HA

ANCHUSA – Boraginaceae**90A** £2.45 *A. azurea*, 'Dropmore'. *Italian Bugloss*

A rather fine perennial for the back of the border with very long narrow, shining leaves and bearing in summer large panicles, bunches almost, of lovely deep gentian-blue flowers. If not allowed to go to seed will flower continuously from June to September. And as if that wasn't enough, this is a popular edible flower and is perfect for ice cubes! **5ft (1.5m)** HP 🌱 ✂️

91E £2.25 *A. capensis*, 'Blue Angel'**BEST SELLER**

A popular annual plant with vivid indigo-blue flowers in profusion. Technically a perennial, 'Blue Angel' can be grown as an annual and adds a burst of colour to any border. **1½ft (45cm)** HA 🌱 ✂️

91B £2.35 *A. officinalis*. *Common Bugloss*

With its large number of spikes (actually classic examples of scorpioid – curled like a scorpion's tail – cymes typical of the family Boraginaceae) of blue-purple flowers from mid-summer until frost, this is a striking plant for the border. Sending up many new shoots and being somewhat greedy for space, a few plants go a long way. **3ft (90cm)** HP/HB 🌱 ✂️

Andropogon scoparius. See *Schizachyrium scoparium***ANEMONE** (= wind) – *Ranunculaceae***95C** £4.45 *A. coronaria*, 'Mona Lisa Mixture'

These beautiful flowers are some of the best for floral arrangements but also giving a vibrant display in the garden. The 'Mona Lisa' series produces plants that can yield up to 18 thick, sturdy stems supporting the large flowers. This is a colourful mixture including shades of deep blue, red bicolor, lavender, white, orchid and wine (be it burgundy, claret or merlot). **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 15 seeds.
HP ✂️

97 £2.75 *A. hupehensis* var. *japonica*. *Japanese Anemone*

This is the popular, tall-growing Japanese Anemone with white and rose or mauve flowers that are excellent for cutting. August to October. **4ft (1.2m)** HP 🌱 ✂️

97M £2.75 *A. hupehensis* var. *japonica*, *Dark Pink Form*

One plant that the writer can't help admiring even more when it appears each year in his garden is the tall-growing Japanese Anemone with its large blooms and particularly attractive petals. This dark pink single form is especially appealing and excellent for cutting. **4ft (1.2m)** HP 🌱 ✂️

97C £2.45 *A. nemorosa*. *Wood Anemone***BEST SELLER**

Attractive wild flower with delicate white or pink-tinged flowers, 1½ins across, with numerous stamens. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **8ins (20cm)** HP ✂️

100 £2.65 *A. rivularis* (= by the water-side). *Riverside Windflower*

A fairly tall, summer-flowering Anemone, silky and attractive, with 1½in. diameter flowers, white tinged with blue, in clusters. Found in the Himalayas at altitudes of up to 5,000-8,000ft. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. HP

100A £3.35 *A. sylvestris* (= growing in woods). *Snowdrop Windflower*

A most beautiful plant with fairly large, fragrant, slightly drooping, satiny white flowers, up to 2¾ins across, with a central boss of yellow stamens, followed by white woolly seed-heads. Likes a somewhat shady position in moist soil. **1½ft (45cm)** HP

ANEMONOPSIS

ANEMONOPSIS – Ranunculaceae

102L £3.80 *A. macrophylla*. **False Anemone**

This is a distinguished and stately plant from Japan with glossy, dark green leaves and bearing in mid to late summer long wiry racemes of rather lovely, very waxy, hanging white-centred flowers of a rich lavender-blue colour. A plant to beautify shady spots in your garden. **3ft (90cm)** Packet of 6 seeds. **HP**

ANETHUM – Apiaceae

★NEW★ 102B £1.95 *A. graveolens*, 'Hedger'

This is a very uniform variety of Dill that does appear to form neat hedges of fragrant umbels of yellow flowers. **2ft (60cm)** HHA/HHP 🌱 🌿

102Q £2.25 *A. graveolens*, 'Mariska'. **Florist's Dill**

BEST SELLER

We are often asked about this particular variety of Dill, often known as Florist's Dill, because it is particularly good for cutting, being more robust with tighter umbels of flowers than others. We visited a local flower farm where they love using it in their arrangements. It is compact and hardy and like other varieties, is easy to grow and beautifully fragrant. **2ft (60cm)** HHA/HHP 🌱 🌿

ANGELICA – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae. *Angelica*

102E £3.25 *A. gigas* (= giant). **Korean Angelica**

BEST SELLER

From the mountains of Korea and Japan comes this rather splendid plant for your herbaceous border. Of exotic appearance, it has shiny green, much-divided leaves, the upper ones of which are modified to form much-inflated purplish sheaths. The rather large, dark crimson-purple florets form themselves into very distinctive, tight heads which, whilst being undeniably umbelliferous, are to a greater or lesser extent spherical in shape giving the general impression of chunks of cricket balls supported handsomely on their strong stems. These give colour to the border from June to early September and make splendid and unusual cut flowers. **6ft (1.8m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP/HB** 🌱 🌿

102C £1.95 *A. sylvestris*. **Wild Angelica**

A fairly common native wild flower found in damp places in woods and meadows with purplish stems and umbels, up to Gins across, of pretty white flowers usually tinged with pink. The stems can be candied as its garden cousin but do, of course, be certain of the plant's true identity – candied Hemlock might not just be quite as nice! **6ft (1.8m)** **HP** 🌱

108B £3.95 *A. sylvestris*, 'Ebony'. **Purple Holy Ghost** ^{RHS} 🌱 **BEST SELLER**

A dramatic plant with intense dark, shiny, purple foliage for which this is worth growing before even considering the beautiful dusky pink umbels which will result in a gathering of bees and a flock of florists. **2½ft (80cm)** **HB** 🌱 🌿

108W £2.95 *A. sylvestris purpurea*, 'Vicar's Mead'

This unusual variety of the native herb has wonderfully striking, deep purple stems and leaves and bears large umbels of purply-pink flowers. It is slightly shorter than the type species and likes to be grown in a damp, well-drained soil in sun to part-shade. **8ft (2.4m)** **HP** 🌱

ANTHEMIS – Compositae/Asteraceae

105Y £2.45 *A. arvensis*. **Corn Chamomile**

A pretty, annual wild flower which would now appear to be declining from our cornfields as the result of the more modern herbicides. With attractive ferny foliage, it produces its white, daisy-like flowers with bright yellow centres from June to September. Perfect for a wild flower meadow or just a wild part of your garden. **1ft (30cm)** **HA** 🌱

106K £2.20 *A. sancti-johannis*. **St. John's Chamomile, Roman Chamomile**

A lovely bushy plant from Bulgaria with shaggy, grey, hairy fern-like foliage, and bearing in summer numerous flowers, 2ins across, an intense orange in colour and good for cutting. Likes the sun. **2ft (60cm)** **HP** 🌱 🌿 🌱

Anthemis tinctoria. See **Cota tinctoria**

ANTHRISCUS – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae

107H £1.95 *A. sylvestris* (= growing in woods). **Cow Parsley** **BEST SELLER**

One of the most well known and well loved of British wild flowers. Grow them to bring their clouds of blooms into your garden. Perfect for a wild flower meadow. **3ft (90cm)** **HP/HB** 🌱 🌿

107T £3.15 *A. sylvestris*, 'Ravenswing'

Most aptly named is this somewhat macabre variety in which the leaves emerge your normal average green but then proceed to turn to a sombre purple-black. Very popular and we wonder if they grow it in the Tower of London? **3ft (90cm)** **HP** 🌱 🌿

ANTHYLLIS – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

108M £2.45 *A. vulneraria*. **Kidney Vetch, Ladies' Fingers**

In flower all summer from June to September when it can be found growing wild in many parts of Britain (it seems to turn the sea cliffs of Devon into one enormous rock garden), this delightful plant must be one of our brightest and most colourful native species. With its silky, pinnate foliage and crowded heads (capitate cymes; did you know?) of many small flowers, each with a woolly calyx, that although commonly yellow, can also be attractive shades of orange, red, purple or whitish, it is a little surprising that it has not attracted more attention from plant breeders. It should surely be worth a place in any garden, either in the border or rockery. **1½ft (40cm)** **HP** 🌱

ANTIGONON – Polygonaceae

108E £2.75 *A. leptopus* (= thin-stalked). **Coral Vine, Mexican Creeper**

From Mexico comes this elegant greenhouse climber bearing racemes of somewhat unusual and attractive flowers in a range of coral and shell pinks. Easy from seed. **40ft (12m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **GP(CI)**

ANTIRRHINUM – Scrophulariaceae. Snapdragon**Antirrhinum majus**

A race of beautiful annual (strictly perennial) flowers that needs no introduction. But just a couple of thoughts. First, why, oh why, with the general reluctance of people to use Latin names, do they in this instance, insist in referring to this plant by the decidedly ugly name 'Antirrhinum' and ignore the delightful English name, in use for centuries, 'Snapdragon'? (Incidentally, did you know that Snapdragon is also a Christmas game of plucking raisins from a dish of burning brandy? Sounds fun!). Second, Snapdragons make splendid pot plants for spring flowering in a cold house or, with a heated house, they can be had in flower during the winter.

Tall Varieties▶ **111K £3.85 'Admiral White', F1 Hybrid**

This is a quite stunning Snapdragon. Growing up to 4 feet tall and with pure white flowers on strong stems, 'Admiral White' is a stately plant for your border and eye-catching in a vase. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **107R £1.95 'Appleblossom'****BEST SELLER**

If 'Defiance' (105K) were the opening, fast movement of a symphony, this would be the slow, beautiful and languorous movement: spikes of lovely, delicate blossoms in a range of shades from white with pink to blush pink and salmon with darker, gentle soft pink markings on the throat. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **105J £2.25 'Canary Bird'**

At least fifty years old is this fine, rust-resistant variety with, as you will no doubt guess, large, deep canary-yellow flowers. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

'Chantilly' Series

There are so many varieties of Antirrhinums out there but for the Snapdragon connoisseur this is quite possibly one of the best with its long, strong stems, large, ruffled open flowers and beautiful colour range. These are a must for the cut flower garden and we are thrilled to have them back in 2024!

▶ **★NEW★ 108L £3.75 'Chantilly Bronze', F1 Hybrid**

Beautiful blooms in a warm pinky-apricot colour. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **★NEW★ 109Q £3.75 'Chantilly Light Pink', F1 Hybrid**

Beautifully soft and subtle pink frilled flowers. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **★NEW★ 109E £3.75 'Chantilly Light Salmon', F1 Hybrid**

Ruffled open flowers in an exquisite colour range from palest pink to subtle apricot blush. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

'Costa' Series

The flowers of this series are borne on strappingly sturdy stems making them a dream for the cut flower grower. As a bonus, they are bred to perform well when light and temperature are less favourable.

▶ **103E £2.95 'Costa Apricot', F1 Hybrid****BEST SELLER**

The trend for cut flowers in shades of apricot isn't going anywhere soon and this is a particularly desirable colour in the popular 'Costa' series. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **103F £2.95 'Costa Light Rose', F1 Hybrid**

Pretty, pale pink flowers on sturdy stems. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **109X £2.95 'Costa Silver', F1 Hybrid****BEST SELLER**

Exceptionally pale pink flowers that get darker with heat. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **105K £2.25 'Defiance'**

A packet of this splendid, the-name-says-it-all variety would have knocked you back a whole shilling in 1931. Now, over ninety years on and costing just a tad more, you can again enjoy its spikes of large, brilliant bright fiery-scarlet and orange flowers. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **103D £2.95 'Liberty Lavender', F1 Hybrid**

A classically beautiful dark, dark fuchsia pink – stunning. Very uniform with long, sturdy stems. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

'Madame Butterfly' Double Series

Prepare to dazzle your friends with these wonderful, award-winning Snapdragons! Strong growing and vigorous, they bear lusty stems closely set with large, fully double blooms like those of a double Azalea (indeed they are known to some as Azalea Snapdragons). The flowers are particularly long-lasting, much more so than single-flowered varieties. These beautiful blousy blooms are available in our selection of fabulous single colours.

▶ **111A £3.75 'Madame Butterfly Bronze', F1 Hybrid****BEST SELLER**

Much coveted shade of vintage and rich apricot. Very sought after and right on trend. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **★NEW★ 108N £3.75 'Madame Butterfly Bronze White', F1 Hybrid**

Bronze blooms with white throats. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **★NEW★ 108C £3.75 'Madame Butterfly Cherry Bronze', F1 Hybrid**

This was one of the favourite plants we grew in 2023. Each time we arrived at the corner of our plot, the first thing that caught our eye was the almost glowing pinky-bronze colour of these beautiful Snapdragons. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **111T £3.75 'Madame Butterfly Ivory', F1 Hybrid****BEST SELLER**

Classic creamy frilled blooms. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **111C £3.75 'Madame Butterfly Pink', F1 Hybrid**

Sugary yet subtle, a very pretty pink. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **111M £3.75 'Madame Butterfly Dark Red', F1 Hybrid**

Sumptuous rich dark red. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **110K £3.75 'Madame Butterfly Mixed', F1 Hybrid****BEST SELLER**

A riot of colour! A full spectrum of snapdragons – pink, red, cream, yellow and salmon. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **★NEW★ 103M £3.75 'Opus Appleblossom', F1 Hybrid**

Bred for cutting with tall, strong stems and long spikes of gorgeous bicolored blooms, white flushed with pink centres. (This is our replacement for 'Potomac Appleblossom'). **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **105W £2.45 'Orange Wonder'**

Orange-rose Snapdragons to give a glow to beds and borders and to brighten any arrangement. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

ANTIRRHINUM

'Potomac' Series

This series has been specifically bred for tall, strong stems and long spikes making them particularly wonderful for cut flower use. Production of this series is at its best during long days and high light.

- ▶ **106L £3.75 'Potomac Dark Orange', F1 Hybrid** **BEST SELLER**
Handsome deep orange colour with a slight pinky tinge. **5ft (1.5m) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **103H £3.75 'Potomac Ivory White', F1 Hybrid**
Ivory white flowers with a hint of lemon. **5ft (1.5m) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **★NEW★ 104Z £3.75 'Potomac Lavender', F1 Hybrid**
Most beautiful purple-lavender colours, gradually turning to soft pink. **5ft (1.5m) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **106M £2.95 'Purple Twist', F1 Hybrid**
This striking Snapdragon has bright pinky-purple blooms rather eccentrically striped and flecked with white. Super, tall spikes for cutting. **3ft (1m) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **108G £2.25 'Rocket White', F1 Hybrid**
Blasting its way skywards is this vigorous, tall, fragrant variety with pure white blooms. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **104N £1.95 'Ruby'**
A beautiful established variety producing spikes of rich ruby-red flowers; rewarding in the garden, great for cutting. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **104E £2.25 'The Rose'**
Another very lovely variety from the past and all we have to do here is quote, in full, its simple description from an old seed catalogue: "Beautiful tender rose of extraordinary size". **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **104F £2.25 'Rust Resistant Giant' Mixed** **BEST SELLER**
Specially bred to resist that scourge of Snapdragon growers, rust, this is a fine strain producing giant Snaps in a wide range of colours. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **108Y £2.25 'Tetra Ruffled Giants' Mixed**
Apart from saying that tetra is short for tetraploid, we won't bore our readers by trying to explain what this term means (it's to do with the chromosomes) other than one is left with plants with bags of energy at a fraction of the cost of producing F1 hybrids. This is one of our favourite performing strains and will give you large spikes of very ruffled flowers in lots of lovely colours, many veined a darker shade. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

Medium Varieties

'Doubleshot' Series

This is a new series of Snapdragons with double, ruffled, open-faced flowers similar to the taller series, 'Madame Butterfly', perfect for borders or containers.

- ▶ **★NEW★ 103K £2.95 'Doubleshot Appleblossom', F1 Hybrid**
Ruffled petals streaked with blush pink and cream. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **★NEW★ 103L £2.95 'Doubleshot Peach', F1 Hybrid**
Shades of peachy-lemon and coral-orange. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **108H £2.45 'Lucky Lips'**
A Fleuroselect medal winning Snapdragon variety bearing elegant spikes of two-toned blooms of rosy-pink and white. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **107W £2.25 'Monarch' Mixed** **BEST SELLER**
Specifically bred for the amateur home gardener who likes to raise his own plants from seed is this fine, medium-sized Snapdragon which, at the same time, is highly resistant to that curse of the breed, Antirrhinum rust. The mixture comes in a wide variety of colours such as amber, coral, crimson and orange. **1½ft (45cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **107P £2.25 'Night & Day'**
A startlingly attractive and beautiful variety with dark foliage providing the backcloth to the spikes of dark, velvety-crimson flowers with sharply contrasting silvery-white throats. **1½ft (45cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

'Snaptastic' Series

Fabulous series of floriferous and robust medium height Snapdragons. Their branching habit and early flowering makes them perfect for filling space quickly.

- ▶ **111W £2.75 'Snaptastic Magenta'**
Gorgeous and luxurious rich, deep, dark pinky red blooms. **1½ft (45cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **111X £2.75 'Snaptastic Scarlet Orange'**
Unusual eye-catching yet subtle deep orangey-peach colour with lighter orange throats. **1½ft (45cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

Dwarf Varieties

- ▶ **104L £2.25 'Kimosy' Formula Mixed**
This is a beautiful variety of Snapdragon. With a dwarf and compact habit, it produces lovely little plants bearing lots of flowers in lots of different colours including orange, scarlet, white and a delicate rose. As well as making a high quality bedding plant, it's great in pots. **6ins (15cm) HHA** 🌱

AQUILEGIA (= eagle; from the shape of the petals) – Ranunculaceae.

Granny's Bonnet, Columbine (from the Latin columba, pigeon – the flowers have the appearance of five clustered pigeons; think about it when you next see a bloom!)

109B £2.56 *A. alpina*

From Switzerland (where it is not common and is excessively picked) comes this lovely species, the true wild Columbine of the Alps, with deep blue-green, downy foliage and large flowers of a vibrant deep blue colour. Deserving of a special place on your rockery. **1½ft (40cm) HP**

109N £2.95 *A. atrata. Dark Columbine*

This fine and unusual species, from clearings and rocky places in the Alps, has flowers of the very darkest purple, perhaps almost black. The dramatic dark colour is accentuated by unusually long yellow stamens which protrude beyond the petals. An exquisite garden plant. **2ft (60cm) HP**

Aquilegia caerulea

▶ **109C £2.95 A. caerulea**

This is a beautiful species from the Rocky Mountains – it's the State Flower of Colorado – with large and magnificent blue and white flowers up to 3ins across, with slender spurs 2ins long. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

▶ **★NEW★ 111L £2.75 'Blue Star'**

Elegant variety with large blue and white flowers above lovely grey-green ferny foliage. Beautiful border flower and great for cutting. **2½ft (80cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ **★NEW★ 114L £2.75 'Kristall'**

Quite simply: pure white flowers with long white spurs. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ **112 £2.25 'McKana Giant Hybrids'**

BEST SELLER

Lovely selection of the beautiful Columbine with giant flowers with spurs up to 4ins long and a very wide colour range verging on the fantastic, including combinations of white, blue, yellow, crimson and scarlet. Thrives in semi-shade and good for cutting. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ **110T £2.65 'Rose Queen'**

This is a quite delightful Columbine producing gorgeous large blossoms with intensely dark rose petals and matching long spurs surrounding a beautifully contrasting white corolla. Makes a fine cut flower. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

109L £2.95 A. canadensis

From as far north as the Northwest Territories of Canada south to Florida and Texas, and found in rocky woodlands and clearings, comes this superb species with dark green foliage and eye-catching, scarlet and lemon-yellow flowers which are produced from May to July. **2ft (60cm) HP**

▶ **★NEW★ 112A £2.85 A. chrysantha (= with golden flowers), 'Yellow Queen'. Golden Columbine**

A most beautiful species is this vigorous plant from the south-western United States. Its large, graceful, long-spurred soft golden-yellow flowers are produced generously, several to a stem, in early summer. A glorious sight when in bloom. **2½ft (80cm)** 🌱 🌿

117K £2.35 A. viridiflora (= having green flowers), 'Chocolate Soldier'

This fragrant Aquilegia has an unusual colour combination with nodding flowers of outer green sepals and chocolatey purplish-brown, spurred petals within which are produced in late spring and early summer. The writer had already picked this one out for her garden! **1ft (35cm) HP** 🌱

Aquilegia vulgaris

▶ **113K £2.25 True Wild Form**

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With its familiar, lovely blue flowers in late spring, this is one of our very beautiful native wild flowers. Found in woods and wet places, particularly on chalky soils, it is particularly enjoyed by long-tongued bumble bees who visit it for its pollen and nectar. **3ft (1m) HP** 🌱

▶ **112E £2.25 'Magpie' (syn. 'William Guinness')**

This is a most unusual variety bearing striking flowers with bicolored petals, the top half of which are white and the lower a velvety, very dark, almost black, purple. **2ft (60cm) HP**

▶ **114G £2.25 'Old-fashioned Granny's Bonnets'**

A jolly mixture of this cottage garden favourite with flowers in a mixture of pinks, purples and whites. **3ft (90cm) HP**

▶ **112K £2.45 'Ruby Port'**

This is an exquisite variety bearing graceful sprays of fully double flowers that are a uniform dark ruby port in colour. **2½ft (75cm) HP**

Aquilegia vulgaris var. stellata

▶ **112R £2.75 'Black Barlow'**

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Dare we say it? The black sheep of the 'Nora Barlow' family with purple-black blooms that definitely don't turn white when they grow up! Very uniform plants, splendid for border or cut flower use. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ **117P £2.65 'Bordeaux Barlow'**

Dark red-wine coloured double blooms. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ **117Q £2.65 'Christa Barlow'**

Delicious looking flowers; purple with frosted tips as though they have been dipped in sugar. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ **113H £2.65 'Nora Barlow'**

Coming more or less completely true from seed is this most unusual Aquilegia variety with blooms that start as highly decorative, tight, double green buttons and open into attractive pink and green double flowers. Much sought after by flower arrangers. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ **112T £2.75 'White Barlow'**

Beautiful white version of 'Nora Barlow' with nodding, spurless, double blooms. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

113X £2.45 Aquilegia, Mixed Species, Cultivars and Forms

Lots of interest and lots of beauty will be found in this splendid mixture of Aquilegia types. Long-spurred flowers, short-spurred flowers, double flowers, single flowers in a wide variety of colour combinations; they're all here! **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱

ARALIA – Araliaceae

116Y £2.75 A. cordata. Udo, Japanese Spikenard

This is an unusual plant found in thickets and light woodland in mountains of Japan and China. A tall, herbaceous perennial, it has most attractive and unusual creamy white flower umbels, up to 30-40cm across. The foliage is also most attractive – golden leaves in the spring and an abundance of large bright green ones in the summer **7ft (2.1m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP** 🌱

ARAUCARIA – Pinaceae

115D £4.95 A. araucana. The Monkey Puzzle Tree

Known to a few as Chile Pine but to the rest of us as The Monkey Puzzle Tree. With its long spidery branches densely and geometrically arrayed with rigid, leathery, spine-tipped leaves, this tree is really too well known to need description and will always be popular in spite of its habit of shedding its lower branches. Incidentally, the all too rare perfect mature specimen, with branches intact right down to ground level, is one of the most handsome, graceful and noble of all trees. Please note that the seeds are despatched direct from cold storage and must be sown immediately upon receipt preferably at a temperature of 70°F. **40ft (12m)** Packet of 4 seeds. **HTr** 🌱

ARBUTUS

ARBUTUS – Ericaceae

116 £2.45 *A. unedo*. **Strawberry Tree**

A small, evergreen tree with Lily of the Valley-like flowers, followed by very attractive, vaguely Strawberry-like, edible fruits. One of the few members of the Erica family that is tolerant of chalk. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **15ft (5m) HTr** 🌳

ARCTIUM – Compositae/Asteraceae

★ NEW ★ 116C £2.25 *A. lappa*. **Greater Burdock**

"A native wild flower with large, almost Rhubarb-like basal leaves, and bearing long-stalked flowers" – in fact the inner, true, reddish-purple florets surrounded by the involucre, composed of many long, narrow, awl-shaped, spreading bracts to give the whole the appearance somewhat of a green flower, 2 ins. or so across. Long known as a medicinal herb, rheumatism, gout, dropsy, lung afflictions and gangrene are just some of the ailments it has been claimed to have been successfully treated by it.

3ft (1m) HB/HP 🌱

ARCTOTIS – Compositae/Asteraceae. **African Daisy**

A group of beautiful South African plants with brilliant flowers produced in profusion during the summer. A number also make charming pot plants for the greenhouse. Can be treated as half-hardy annuals. Excellent for cutting.

120D £2.25 *A. fastuosa* (syn. *Venidium fastuosum*), **'White'**. **Cape Daisy**

With silvery-white, deeply lobed leaves, this bears large and glorious, bright silvery-white flowers with a large, eye-catchingly contrasting, dark black central ring. This is a tender perennial so is best grown as an annual in the UK. **2ft (60cm) TP/HHA** ✂️

ARENARIA – Caryophyllaceae

122M £2.75 *A. montana*, **'Avalanche'**. **Mountain Daisy**

With plants as useful and attractive as Mountain Sandwort, we have always hated using the word "improved" to describe cultivated varieties based on them. With 'Avalanche', however, we thought we might just make a little exception. With a nicely disciplined, uniform and compact spreading habit for your rockery or border, it produces over a long period (no, we won't disappoint you!) an avalanche of large, pure white flowers with just a suspicion of a delicate and subtle yellow throat. Good for pots.

6ins (15cm) HP 🌱

ARGEMONE – Papaveraceae

123D £1.95 *A. platyceras*. **Prickly Poppy**

This relative of the Poppy will attract all the bees in the vicinity. It bears huge, silky, saucer shaped, white flowers that contrast beautifully with the grey-blue foliage but do beware the prickles when picking! An excellent drought tolerant plant and easy to grow annual. **1½ft (40cm) HHA** 🌱

ARIOCARPUS – Cactaceae

129B £2.95 *Ariocarpus*, **Mixed Species**. **Cactus**

A small but very interesting genus of most unusual Cacti with stout, Carrot-like roots, and rounded, flat, greyish-green bodies composed of triangular tubercles, giving them the vague appearance of dried out Agaves made of granite – indeed in their natural, stony habitat, the plants are very difficult to find. Eventually they produce coronets of attractive flowers. **4ins (10cm) TP**

ARMERIA – Plumbaginaceae. **Thrift**

135P £2.25 *A. maritima alba*

Less commonly found, white version of the attractive perennial found on coastal cliffs. Easily grown even if you don't live by the sea! **6ins (15cm) HP**

135B £2.25 *A. maritima*, **'Splendens'**. **Sea Pink**

This is one of the best forms of Thrift and is a very tufted plant, superb for edgings – indeed we've seen a lawn composed entirely of the plant. The dense heads of deep pink flowers appear in summer. **6ins (15cm) HP**

Armeria pseudarmeria 'Ballerina' Series

This species differs from *A. maritima* in that it produces larger clusters of flowers on taller, more robust stems. Flowering in as little as 15 weeks from seed, the bountiful and beautiful spherical blooms flower over a long period of time in the summer. Borne over cushions of foliage that remain ornamental throughout winter, these will make a colourful splash to any sunny spot in your border. As an added bonus, they also make an excellent, long lasting cut flower.

▶ 134Y £2.95 **'Ballerina Red'**

Rosy-red flowers. **10ins (25cm) HP** 🌱 ✂️ 🌸

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▶ 134Z £2.95 **'Ballerina White'**

Sparkling globes of white flowers. **10ins (25cm) HP** 🌱 ✂️ 🌸

ARTEMISIA – Compositae/Asteraceae

136A £2.25 *A. absinthium*. **Wormwood, Absinth**

This is a native plant, aromatic with pale whitish-green, much divided leaves, silky hairy on both sides and with loose spikes of tiny yellow flowers. Although it has been used as a herbal remedy for thousands of years in the treatment of such ailments as indigestion, gout and scurvy, it is toxic so we wouldn't recommend trying this yourself! **3ft (90cm) HP**

136P £2.25 *A. annua*. **Sweet Wormwood, Sweet Annie**

This is a rather fine, fast growing annual with pleasantly sweet-scented, finely cut, bright green foliage, and bearing very freely in late summer loose clusters of tiny yellow flowers. Makes a splendid screen or temporary hedge and is useful for dried arrangements. **6ft (1.8m) HA**

ARUNCUS – Rosaceae

138 £2.30 *A. dioicus* (syn. *A. sylvestris*). **Goat's Beard** RHS 🏆

A rather fine hardy perennial with handsome, fern-like foliage and somewhat Spiraea-like plumes of creamy-white flowers in June. Tolerates semi-shade. **6ft (1.8m) HP** ✂️

ASARINA – Scrophulariaceae. Climbing Snapdragon

108T £2.65 A. procumbens (*syn.* *Antirrhinum asarina*). **Creeping Snapdragon**

An attractive plant for a warm position on the rockery, with creeping stems and sticky-downy, kidney-shaped leaves and producing all summer scented, pale yellow flowers streaked with red.

6ins (15cm) HP 🌱

138K £2.95 A. scandens, 'Snowwhite'

Beautiful climber with distinctive and eye-catching bell-shaped flowers in purest white. Very floriferous and showy. **12ft (4m) HHA/GP(CI)** 🌱

138T £2.95 A. scandens, Violet

Attractive climbing plant with purple tubular flowers. **7ft (2.1m) HHA(CI)** 🌱

ASARUM – Aristolochiaceae

138B £2.95 A. europaeum. Hazelwort RHS 🌱

A strange yet interesting creeping plant, possibly a rare British native, for a shady position in the rock garden or in woodland, with dark green, kidney-shaped leaves and solitary, purplish-brown, drooping, bell-shaped flowers borne just above soil level in summer. The plant was once much grown for its purgative and emetic properties and also used as an ingredient in snuff. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1ft (30cm) HP**

ASCLEPIAS – Asclepiadaceae

These are herbaceous plants, well worth growing for their waxy flowers with reflexed petals that are most unusual and always attract attention.

138J £2.25 A. curassavica, 'Apollo Orange'. Bloodflower, Swallow Wort

Superb eye-catching variety with most unusual flowers, unlike any other – clusters of bright red buds open up into bright flowers with reflexed orange petals and yellow centres. All this, yet very easy and flowering within three or four months from seed. Enjoys a sunny position. **2ft (60cm) HHP** 🌱 🌸 🌼

Asclepias incarnata. Swamp Milkweed

▶ **138M £2.25 Carmine-Rose**

Pretty variety, making an unusual cut flower in an attractive pinky-red colour. **3ft (1m) HP** 🌱 🌸 🌼

▶ **140A £2.65 'Soulmate'**

You will doubtless be pleased to know that you don't have to have your very own swamp to grow this fine plant succeeding reasonably well, as it does, on dry soils. Although this strong-stemmed variety was specially bred for cut flower production, its clusters of rose-pink flowers will brighten any herbaceous border. Can flower as little as three months after sowing. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌸 🌼

▶ **138L £2.25 White**

This is a very impressive and surprisingly seldom seen plant for your border; a fast-growing perennial – flowering in just a few months from seed – the unusual pure white flower clusters on strong, stems are brilliant for cutting. Flowers well into late summer and autumn. **3ft (1m) HP** 🌱 🌸 🌼

143 £2.65 A. tuberosa. Butterfly Weed

Numerous waxy-orange flowers in umbels. Very showy and good for cutting. Late summer. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌸 🌼

143A £3.55 A. tuberosa, 'Gay Butterflies' Mixed

The epithet, used of course in its original meaning, aptly describes this very fine cultivated strain, producing in only four months or so from seed, flowers in a very wide range of colours including gold, orange, red and pink. An excellent butterfly plant, the blooms are splendid for cutting and are borne from early to late summer. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌸 🌼

ASPARAGUS – Liliaceae

144A £2.95 A. setaceus (*syn.* *Asparagus plumosus nanus*).

Common Asparagus Fern

With its feathery foliage and relatively compact form, this must be one of the most popular of all house plants. **5ft (1.5m) HHP**

ASPERULA – Rubiaceae

147C £2.15 A. orientalis. Blue Woodruff

Beautiful and graceful annual for the garden, lovely in beds and containers – plants are covered with lavender-blue unusually shaped tubular flowers all summer long; brilliant for attracting bees and butterflies. Worth knowing that this is a very good choice for shady spots (though they'll be happy in most other places too!) **1½ft (40cm) HA** 🌱

ASPHODELINE – Liliaceae

149H £2.45 A. lutea. Asphodel

A handsome plant for sun or partial shade, with numerous grass-like leaves and fragrant yellow flowers in long, dense, unbranched spikes. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱

ASPHODELUS – Liliaceae

148C £2.25 A. albus. White Asphodel

From the Mediterranean region comes this handsome species for the border forming a clump of grass-like foliage and bearing in late spring or early summer dense spikes of white (rarely soft pink), starry flowers, a couple of inches or so across. A tall striking plant for the border. **3ft (90cm) Packet** of 8 seeds. **HP** 🌱

ASTER (ANNUAL). See Callistephus

ASTER (= star) – Compositae/Asteraceae

149X £2.65 A. alpinus albus, 'White Beauty'. Alpine Aster

Perfectly proportioned daisies, these are absolute beauties. Lovely bright and cheerful flowers, from July until the end of the summer. This white variety will look great planted alongside the more common blue selections. **1ft (30cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

149L £2.50 A. alpinus var. superbus, 'Dark Beauty'. Alpine Aster

This is a beautiful cultivated form of the Alpine Aster with large flowers of a lovely deep blue colour. **1ft (30cm) HP** 🌱 🌸 🌼

ASTER

150M £2.65 *A. amellus*, 'Rudolf Goethe'. *European Michaelmas Daisy*

A very fine cultivated variety impressive in the border and great for cutting. It has leafy stems bearing in late summer and autumn many large, long-lasting Michaelmas Daisies of a splendid blue-purple colour. **1½ft (50cm) HP** 🌱

★NEW★ 150A £2.45 *A. novae-angliae*. *New England Aster*

The New England Asters are always a welcome sight in late summer – indeed you'll look forward to autumn to see this splendid and vigorous variety in bloom – when most of the other garden inhabitants have given of their best. This variety gives you an abundance of sprays of large pink, red and purple flowers providing colour well into autumn. Like its relatives; makes an excellent cut flower, needless to say, flower arrangers won't be able to wait to get their hands on them! **5½ft (1.7m) HP** 🌱 🌿

ASTILBE – Saxifragaceae

151Z £2.95 *A. chinensis* var. *taquetii* Hybrids. *Chinese Astilbe*

This is a robust plant from Eastern China which features stately and dramatic branched flower spikes, packed with small flowers in various shades of lilac and pink. The flowers last long into late summer providing welcome colour. More tolerant of dry conditions than other Astilbes. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱

ASTRANTIA – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae. *Masterwort*

Astrantia major

▶ 151B £2.85 *A. major*. *Great Masterwort*

BEST SELLER

My wife's favourite! However, please don't dismiss this as another Cow Parsley or Ground Elder – other members of Umbelliferae – as the plant is quite untypical of the family. The actual, true flowers are themselves tiny and insignificant but they are crowded together in a head like countless pins in a pin cushion, and the head itself is surrounded by parchment-like petals (the experts would call them bracts) to give the whole the appearance of a star-like flower (hence *Astrantia*). The colour is a strange and attractive combination of pink, green and white, and whilst by no means spectacular, it is a flower that will have you and then your friends examining it closely (followed, we feel, by "Can you spare a cutting?") And lastly it is a beautiful and most unusual cut flower. In water it lasts, and lasts, and lasts. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ ★NEW★ 152Z £3.45 'Hadspen Blood'

We have been sent seeds from this attractive variety with dark red flowers and dark stems. These *Astrantia* seedlings will not necessarily come true and be exactly the same as their parents but it will be interesting to see what comes up. You might expect quite a variety of reds and pinks with some appearing with the same distinctive colouring. **2½ft (75cm)** Packet of 8 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ 153B £2.85 'Moulin Rouge'

This is a dramatic and very attractive variety with dark red flowers and dark stems. Please note that it will not necessarily come true from seed but think of it as a lucky dip and look forward to see what interesting colours come up. You should expect quite a variety of reds and pinks and some with the same distinctive colouring as the parent plants. **2½ft (70cm)** Packet of 8 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ 151Y £2.95 'Prima Donna'

A splendid and most attractive cultivated variety forming bushy plants, good for ground cover, and bearing from June to August long, loosely-branched stems of very lovely flowers in various shades of wine to deep red. Excellent for a humid, sunny or shady position in border or near shrubbery, and excellent for cut flowers. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ 152H £3.25 'Rose Symphony'

As the raiser describes this splendid strain, quite simply, "A symphony of red and pink shades" and, of course, excellent for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

152E £2.85 *A. major* var. *alba*

Rarely offered is this lovely Great Masterwort variety with white flowers. And don't forget, *Astrantia* flowers all make perfect dried flowers. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

151X £2.95 *A. maxima* ^{RHS} 🏆

A lovely Masterwort, bearing in June lovely blooms in which both the true flowers and "petals" are bright pink. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

ASTROPHYTUM – Cactaceae

151D £3.95 *Astrophytum*, Mixed Species. *Cactus*

This group of most un-Cactus-like Cacti has always been a favourite with collectors. Indeed, no collection would be complete without a few of these more or less mitre-shaped, almost spineless plants. **1½ft (50cm) GP**

ATRIPLEX – Chenopodiaceae

Atriplex hortensis. *Garden Orach*

These highly ornamental plants are perfect for both decorating the border and, with the help of the family flower-sculptor, for decorating the home. Colourful foliage and stems are matched by spikes of tiny flowers and then attractive seed heads.

▶ ★NEW★ 154E £2.25 'Green Plume'

Amazing, vivid green flower spikes supported by matching vivid green leaves. **6ft (1.8m)** **HA/HHA** 🌿

▶ ★NEW★ 154F £2.25 'Red Plume'

Beautiful wine-red flower spikes supported by matching red-green leaves. **6ft (1.8m)** **HA/HHA** 🌿

▶ 154D £2.25 'Plumes', Formula Mixed

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Vibrant mixture of vivid 'Green Plume' and sumptuous 'Red Plume', both with ornamental, matching foliage. **6ft (1.8m) HA/HHA** 🌿

AUBRIETA – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae

158G £2.25 A. hybrida, 'Whitewell Gem'

This classic variety was originally found in an old Shropshire garden in the first decade of the last century. Remarkably vigorous and remaining in bloom for many weeks, it freely produces large flowers of an intense glowing reddish-purple colour. **4ins (10cm) HP** 🌱

158E £2.25 A. x cultorum, 'Cascade Royal Red'

A very fine variety producing fine large flowers of a splendid cardinal red colour. **4ins (10cm) HP** 🌱

158 £2.25 A. x cultorum, 'Cascade' Mixed

This is an old, several decades, established variety of Aubrieta which was actually bred for the amateur gardener to be raised personally by him or her from seed, garden centres not then having been invented. We feel that such varieties have much to offer today's amateurs wisely choosing to raise their own plants from seed. It is a selection of large-flowered plants of extremely free-flowering habit, producing a cascade of brilliant colours – blue, purple and carmine red. These are raised separately and only mixed in equal proportion before packing. Very easy from seed. **4ins (10cm) HP** 🌱

AURICULA. See **Primula auricula**

AURINIA – Brassicaceae

83B £2.25 A. saxatilis (= found among rocks) (*syn.* *Alyssum saxatile compactum*), **'Gold Dust'**. *Sweet Alyssum, Gold Basket* RHS 🌱

With its grey foliage bearing an abundance of clusters of golden-yellow flowers in April and June, this compact form is justifiably amongst the most popular of spring-flowering rock garden plants. Easily cultivated and growing to only **6ins (15cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

AZORINA – Campanulaceae

165B £2.25 A. vidalii

This rare and unusual plant endemic to the Azores is a semi-succulent shrub bearing attractive spikes of waxy, shell-pink, bell-shaped flowers (sometimes white when grown under glass). It may be grown outdoors in milder parts of the country but will not tolerate frost. **2ft (60cm) HHS**

BANANA. See **Musa**

BASELLA RUBRA. See **Malabar Spinach** in **The VegBook**

BAPTISIA – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

180A £3.45 B. australis (= southern). **False Indigo** RHS 🌱

This is a particularly fine plant for growing at the back of the border. Found growing on river-banks in the eastern United States, its spikes of indigo-blue flowers are produced in June. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **5ft (1.5m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP** 🌱

BAUHINIA – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

★ **NEW** ★ **183B £3.65 B. yunnanensis. Climbing Chinese Orchid Tree**

Of a genus of some 250-300 species of ornamental and unusual plants, mostly of tropical or subtropical origin, this fine climber from Yunnan in south west China is probably the hardiest and can be grown outdoors against a wall in the warmer parts of these Islands. A beautiful, vigorous and graceful tendrill climber, it has small, leathery leaves, attractively and unusually deeply two-lobed, a feature typical of most members of the genus. In summer, it bears drooping clusters of exotic, orchid-like, two inch wide, pink flowers with purple veins. Definitely worth a trial anywhere! **12ft (4m) TP(CI)**

BEAUCARNEA – Agavaceae/Asparagaceae

183K £2.95 B. recurvata (*syn.* *Nolina recurvata*). **Ponytail Palm** RHS 🌱

Native to Mexico where it grows in mountain forests and on rocky cliffs, this is better known as the Ponytail Palm, the well-known houseplant, although it is actually a semi-succulent rather than a palm. It has a large swollen trunk from which emerges a flounce of foliage. It can adorn your patio over the summer months but is best brought indoors for the winter. **7ft (2.1m)** Packet of 8 seeds. **TP**

BEAUMONTIA – Apocynaceae

184 £3.10 B. grandiflora. Easter Lily Vine

A beautiful, twining plant for the cool greenhouse or conservatory, bearing on well-ripened wood, an abundance of beautiful, large, white, fragrant, bell-shaped flowers. **30ft (9m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **TP(CI)**

BEGONIA – Begoniaceae

184Q £4.65 B. sutherlandii. Sutherland Begonia RHS 🌱

In our Catalogue there are many, many plants listed suitable for your hanging basket – this is one of the best, quite simply a natural! With slender, branching, beautifully dangling stems and most attractive, grow-it-as-a-foliage-plant, red veined, pale green, typically lop-sided leaves, it bears in profusion all summer clusters of small, single, orange flowers. You won't need many plants in your basket and you won't need any others to fill blank spaces. Requires a winter minimum of 35°F (2°C). Very limited supply. **1ft (30cm)** Packet of 6 bulbs. **HHP**

Begonia x tuberosa

It's easy to grow tuberous begonias and they offer some of the largest Begonia flowers available! The shady north and east sides of a building, under shade trees, or in pots under a porch roof are perfect places for planting begonias. Shade loving they are perfect for brightening your shady spots.

▶ **185M £2.95 B. x tuberosa, 'Roseform Peach'**

Gorgeous smooth-petalled and symmetrical fully double, corally-apricot blooms up to 20cm across. Rose-like and very luxurious. **1½ft (50cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **TP**

BELLIS

BELLIS (= pretty) – Compositae/Asteraceae

Bellis perennis. Daisy

▶ **192D £2.25 True Wild Form. *Wild Daisy, English Daisy***

This charming – and let's be honest, charming it certainly is – native wild flower must be known by virtually the entire population. It perhaps only needs to be pointed out that, although at their best from March to October, there are few other plants to be found in flower all the year round.

8ins (20cm) HP

▶ **193W £2.25 'Monstrosa', Double Flowered Mixed**

Fabulous, big double daisy flowers, around 4cm across in a lovely selection of white, light and dark pinks. **6ins (15cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

'Tasso' Series

Named (either directly or indirectly) after the greatest Italian poet of the Renaissance is this fine range of very ornamental, cultivated Daisies. A great improvement on previous pomponette types, the poet's flowers are larger, densely double with tight, tubular petals and borne on short, strong stems on compact rosettes of foliage. Early and long-flowering, this strain is also recommended for pots and containers. Hardy throughout the British Isles.

▶ **193L £2.75 'Tasso' Formula Mixed**

The mix includes the colours pink, red, white and strawberries & cream, together with a unique deep rose, and will give a happy, colourful front to your border. **5ins (12cm) HP** 🌸

▶ **193N £2.95 'Tasso Red'**

A rich and rewarding blood-red colour. **5ins (12cm) HP** 🌸

▶ **193Q £2.95 'Tasso Strawberries & Cream'**

This is an award-winning variety with gorgeous two-toned blooms – strawberries at the centre surrounded by a pale pinky-white coulis. **5ins (12cm) HP** 🌸

BERGENIA – Saxifragaceae

A genus of hardy perennials with large, round, shining, leathery leaves making them amongst the finest of ground-cover plants.

200A £3.25 B. purpurascens (syn. Saxifraga purpurascens). *Purple Bergenia*

RHS 🌱

This unusual Bergenia has small, narrow, shiny leaves, and bears most attractive heads of purple, nodding flowers. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **10ins (25cm) HP**

BERKHEYA – Compositae/Asteraceae

201F £2.95 B. purpurea, 'Zulu Warrior'. *Purple Berkheya*

A plant with a difference is this bold and handsome perennial from South Africa that will demand attention in any sunny, self-respecting border. It forms a smart basal rosette of large, 15-18ins long, dark green, thistle-like leaves, cottony beneath, from which arise rather splendid, thick, thistly stems. These bear in late summer unusual, beautiful, silvery-blue flowers with dark purple centres, each three inches or so across. Described as Dahlia-like, they are definitely a bloom with class and make a useful cut flower, fresh or dried. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌸 🌿

BETULA – Betulaceae

204N £2.95 B. nigra. *River Birch, Black Birch*

For planting in damp ground, there are few better species than this attractive tree with remarkably shaggy bark and elegant, deep glossy green, diamond-shaped leaves at first white beneath. **40ft (12m) HTr** 🌱

204Q £2.45 B. pendula (= hanging). *Silver Birch*

With its distinctive, smooth, silvery-white bark (actually at first it's shiny, red-brown) and graceful, pendulous (on older trees) branches bearing vaguely diamond-shaped leaves, this must be one of our most familiar native trees. **40ft (12m) HTr**

203N £2.80 B. platyphylla var. japonica. *Japanese White Birch*

A very beautiful medium-sized tree with pure white bark and slender pointed leaves up to 3ins in length. **60ft (18m) HTr**

BIDENS – Compositae/Asteraceae

205N £2.95 B. humilis, 'Golden Eye'. *Goldmarie*

Perfect for hanging baskets and containers or anywhere you would like a plant to tumble. With attractive, much-divided foliage, it bears over a very long period a generous quantity of bright golden beauties. **10ins (25cm) HHA**

BOUTELOUA – Poaceae/Gramineae

211D £2.25 B. gracilis, 'Bad River'. *Mosquito Grass, Blue Grama*

Another ornamental grass forming dense clumps of narrow, nodding, brownish-green leaves and bearing arching flower panicles. The actual flower spikes are held horizontally and are described prosaically as "comb-like", popularly as "mosquito-like", but to the writer "dragonfly-like" would be the most accurate. Useful for cutting for fresh or dry arrangements. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌿

BLUEBELL. See Scilla

BRACHYSCOME – Compositae/Asteraceae. *Swan River Daisy*

Brachyscome iberidifolia

These lovely compact plants with attractive, fern-like foliage, bear in summer a profusion of free-flowering Cineraria-like flowers. These are delicately scented and a single plant – well grown it will be smothered in blossom – will perfume the entire greenhouse (or indeed living room). Perfect for both sunny borders and containers.

▶ **212H £2.35 'Brachy Blue'**

A considerable improvement on other strains, this is an award-winning variety bred, amongst other things, with non-floppiness in mind. Unlike some other Swan River Daisies which have a tendency towards drunken, floppy behaviour, 'Brachy Blue' produces neat compact plants covered with a profusion of blue flowers over a very long period. **8ins (20cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

▶ **212A £1.95 'Little Missy'**

Unusual soft lilac blue colour with a yellow eye. **10ins (25cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

► 212L £1.95 'White Splendour'

Expect a profusion of white, dark-eyed beauties in this super, need-your-shades-on-in-bright-sunlight variety. **1ft (30cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

► 212C £2.25 Mixed

Lovely mixture in many shades including blue, rose-pink, purple and white. **10ins (25cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

BEST SELLER**BRIZA – Poaceae/Gramineae****215 £2.45 B. maxima. Greater Quaking Grass****BEST SELLER**

An ornamental grass with pretty, nodding heads of oval-shaped, pearly-white spikelets, useful for drying for winter arrangements. **1½ft (45cm) HA** 🌱

215A £2.55 B. media. Doddering Dillies**BEST SELLER**

With a name like that, you just really don't have to worry what kind of plant you have, suffice it for you to say to your neighbours "Do come and see my Doddering Dillies!" In fact, it's a most attractive, native, ornamental perennial grass with delicate panicles of small, heart-shaped flowers especially fine for drying. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱

216 £1.95 B. minor. Lesser Quaking Grass

A smaller, dainty version of *B. maxima* but with erect heads of spikelets. **1ft (30cm) HP**

BROWALLIA – Solanaceae. Amethyst Flower, Bush Violet**220W £2.25 B. americana, 'Blue Lady'.****Jamaican Forget-me-not, Amethyst Flower**

Pretty blue-flowering annual. The charming clear blue flowers with pale cream centres are profuse, perfect for naturalistic planting and also very drought tolerant. Very easy to grow in full sun or partial shade, flowering all summer. **2ft (60cm) HHA**

BROWNINGIA – Cactaceae**168D £3.65 B. hertlingiana. Cactus, Blue Cereus**

This rare Cactus, found only in one valley in Peru, is, in its natural habitat, a magnificent branching, tree-like species up to 30ft tall. However, the reason we have included it is that, most unusual for a cactus, the stems are a brilliant blue in colour and should prove an interesting and eye-catching plant both for the specialist collector and for those wanting a somewhat different house plant. **25ft (8m) GP**

BUDDLEJA – Loganiaceae**222A £2.95 B. davidii, Mixed Cultivars. Butterfly Bush**

These seeds have been collected from a number of hybrids and whilst, of course, they will not breed true, you can nevertheless expect a fascinating variety of blooms from your packet in shades of red-purple and violet-blue and also white. What's more, you don't have to hang around for years to see the results of your work. Give your butterflies a treat! **16ft (5m) HSh** 🌱

BUPLEURUM – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae**226A £3.75 B. longifolium, 'Bronze Beauty'. Long Leaved Hare's Ear****BEST SELLER**

This very beautiful and most interesting plant is from open woods and pastures of the mountains of Central Europe. In summer its long-stalked heads of tiny yellow, true flowers are surrounded by unusual coppery-coloured bracts, making this a gorgeous and most unusual cut flower. **1½ft (50cm) HP** 🌱

226W £2.25 B. rotundifolium, 'Griffithii'. Hare's Ear**BEST SELLER**

This attractive variety of our native wild flower makes splendid material for the flower arranger, particularly useful for adding an unusual touch to mixed bouquets and having a long vase-life. It is an interesting plant with round, perfoliate (i.e. with the stems appearing to grow through their centres) leaves and bearing in summer yellowish-green "flowers" (actually tiny umbels of true flowers surrounded by somewhat petal-like bracts) vaguely similar to those of an *Alchemilla* or *Euphorbia*. It can be sown directly in the open in late April, when it will be in bloom by July or August. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱

226X £2.45 B. rotundifolium, 'Garibaldi'

With the same eye-catching bright green flowers and foliage, we have selected this variety for its extra-long stems, making it even better for flower arranging, and indeed in the garden. (We do love to find varieties with great names. Who knows whether this name came from the biscuit or the Italian General?!) **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱

CACTUS – Cactaceae

If you have never tried growing Cacti from seed, do have a go! Even if you don't like the things, to see them develop, often from a minute green ball – all that shows when some species germinate – into their widely varied shapes, is utterly fascinating. Although mostly slow growing (some do, however, gallop away in their second season or so), they are always interesting from the day they germinate and are surprisingly easy to raise from seed (but don't cover the seed when sowing). Some species will appear in only a few days, others will take much longer. Seed mixtures are an excellent way to build up a collection of these plants, provided, of course, you don't insist on accurate identification of them.

230L £3.65 Cactus, Chiltern Seeds Special Mixture

A very special, exclusive mixture featuring many different species. We have specially selected this range of cacti for you to have your very own interesting collection. **8ins (20cm) GP**

230M £4.25 Cactus, Chiltern Seeds Special Rare Species Mixture

Our own exclusive mixture of the very best rare and sought after species. **8ins (20cm) GP**

230N £4.25 Cactus, Chiltern Seeds Quick Growing Tall Mixture

Most cacti take their time in reaching any sort of size. There are, however, some that grow at quite a pace and this mixture contains some of these. With generous treatment, some can attain a height of 25cm by the end of the second season. Some of these plants could then be used for highly effective, even dramatic outdoor summer bedding plants. (They would, of course, have to be brought in for the winter.) **16ft (5m) GP**

230G £3.95 Cactus, Flowering Mixed Species

From the NCCPG National Collection at Abbey Brook Cactus Nursery, this is a rather special mixture of cacti, particularly selected to produce flowers reliably early and regularly. Cactus blooms are nearly always exotic and beautiful, sometimes spectacularly so. (Many will survive in an unheated greenhouse if kept dry over winter.) **4ins (10cm) GP**

CALAMAGROSTIS

CALAMAGROSTIS – Poaceae/Gramineae


233L £2.85 C. brachytricha. Korean Feather Reed Grass RHS 

BEST SELLER

This is a most splendid and highly ornamental grass. Forming clumps of arching, half-inch wide, glossy green leaves, it bears in late summer long and graceful, feathery flower panicles. At first these are beautifully tinted with a strong purple-red colour before fading to a fashionable silver-grey. These are great for flower arranging fresh or dried. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 

CALAMINTHA (= beautiful + mint) – Labiatae

233K £2.85 C. nepeta, 'Blue Cloud'. Lesser Calamint

This is a most pleasant plant for your border or herb garden. Heavily scented with a fragrance described as pennyroyal-like, it is an erect perennial with small, somewhat hairy leaves. In summer it bears numerous whorled spikes of tiny blue flowers with long purple bracts. The herb can be used for flavouring. Flowers the first year from seed. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 

235M £2.95 C. nepeta, 'Marvette Blue & White'

This Fleuroselect Medal winning variety has compact and bushy plants bearing masses of fragrant white and blue, bee-friendly blooms and foliage with a delicious mint fragrance. Flowers in the first year and over a very long period. **1ft (30cm) HP** 


CALCEOLARIA (= a slipper) – Scrophulariaceae

233T £2.75 C. herbeohybrida nana, 'Fashion Mixed'. Slipper Flower

A fascinating and unusual compact plant with large, other worldly, balloon-shaped flowers that make this a most interesting houseplant. Mixture of bright red and yellow speckled colouring. **1ft (30cm) GP**

CALENDULA – Compositae/Asteraceae


233E £2.25 C. arvensis (= growing in cultivated fields). Field Marigold

Surprisingly rarely available is this attractive little annual from the Mediterranean region with yellow or orange flowers, each about 1½ins across. A useful plant for the border, the flowers can be pickled and the Bedouins use the leaves as a condiment for clarified butter. **2ft (60cm) HA** 


Calendula officinalis. Pot Marigold

The true Marigold which, with the simplicity of their requirements and the ease and freedom with which they produce their showy flowers, is amongst the most popular of hardy annuals. Sow and forget. Never be without a packet; if all else fails . . . (Incidentally, the flowers are still used on the Continent in the kitchen for flavouring dishes and were once used as a herbal remedy in broths "as a comforter of the heart and spirits").

▶ **★NEW★ 235Z £2.25 'Bull's Eye'**

Winner of a Fleuroselect Novelty award, this eye-catching new variety has large, pompom-style, very double golden flowers with contrasting darker centres. **1½ft (50cm) HA** 

▶ **235P £2.25 'Calexis Orange'**


A 2019 Fleuroselect winner, this Calendula has unusual, double cactus blooms in a glowing and vibrant orange. The flowers are borne on compact plants and would work equally well in containers and borders. **1ft (30cm) HA** 

▶ **235C £2.55 'Canteloupe'**


BEST SELLER

Our favourite shades of creamy-yellows and pinky-apricots make this blend rather appealing to us and no doubt all of our pollinator friends. As with other Calendula varieties, these effortless annuals make excellent cut flowers. **2ft (60cm) HA** 

▶ **★NEW★ 235Y £2.25 'Double Lemon'**


This award-winning new variety has lovely pale lemon, double or semi-double flowers with darker centres. A quite different colour. **1½ft (45cm) HA** 

▶ **234Q £1.95 'Greenheart Orange'**


A Marigold with a little bit of a difference is this fine modern variety. The petals of the large, bright orange, double flowers surround a large and prominent central green boss. A particularly good cut flower. **2ft (60cm) HA** 

▶ **233R £1.95 'Indian Prince'**


BEST SELLER

Another tall variety with eye-catching deep orange flowers with a red centre and the petals deep red beneath. Of a good upright habit and will be a flower arranger's favourite. **1½ft (45cm) HA** 

▶ **234K £1.95 'Kablouna Intense Yellow'**

This is a remarkable and quite distinct form of Marigold in which the relatively short, outer petals surround a large, colourful, central, pin-cushion boss of tightly quilled petals. As for the colour, the name speaks for itself. Rather different, rather beautiful and rather good for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HA** 

▶ **233X £2.25 'Neon'**


A Marigold to light up the garden! Fully double flowers with densely set brilliant orange petals edged with burgundy. Excellent cut flower. **2½ft (70cm) HA** 

▶ **235H £2.25 'Oopsy Daisy'**


A cheery, compact Marigold with unusual bicoloured blooms in a range of creamy yellows and bright oranges. **8ins (20cm) HA** 

▶ **235N £2.35 'Orange Flash'**


BEST SELLER

Don't be misled by the name! The petals are of a subtle apricot-buff colour with darker, bronze shades on the reverse. With our love of all things apricot coloured, this one is always a favourite in the Chiltern Seeds garden. **2ft (60cm) HA** 

▶ **234N £1.95 'Orange Porcupine'**

This is a splendid variety highly likely eventually to become an old favourite! Like its kin, almost embarrassingly easy to grow, it bears cheerful vivid orange flowers with unusual quilled petals to give a modern, fashionable, porcupine effect. **1½ft (45cm) HA** 

▶ **235T £2.25 'Pacific Beauty Apricot'**

Well suited to cutting is this long stemmed variety with double and semi-double flowers in pale shades of creamy, apricot yellow. **2ft (60cm) HA** 

▶ **233J £2.25 'Pink Surprise'**

This is a beautiful Marigold variety with brilliantly coloured orange and yellow blooms, beautifully frilly and double with the outer layers of frills coloured to a varying degree with a surprising and-you-won't-find-it-in-too-many-other-flowers shade best described as orange-pink. Lovely! **2ft (60cm) HA** 

▶ **235X £2.45 'Pygmy Buff'**

Apricot-buff petals with darker coppery undersides. This is one of our favourite colours in a marigold on a compact, more dwarf plant, so perfect in pots or planted in large groups. **1ft (30cm)** HA 🌱 🌿

▶ **233D £2.25 'Radio'**

An old, tried, tested and ever-popular variety; indeed, if you bought a 2d. coloured packet of Calendula seed for several years after the war, chances are it would have been this variety. It was well established even then and in fact included in a 1931 seed catalogue we have. Rather than bore our readers by trying to write something new about it, we thought that quoting the 1931 description verbatim would be of interest:- "NEW – A deep orange variety with beautifully quilled florets, and it is necessary to see the actual flower to appreciate its delicacy of outline. The colour and formation give an added sheen and warmth of tone that is very attractive. The blooms are globular in shape, and do not show the "centre" until a very advanced stage." **2ft (60cm)** HA 🌱 🌿

▶ **235W £2.65 'Sherbet Fizz'**

BEST SELLER

A favourite colour for us – rich apricot-buff petals with contrasting darker mahogany centres and underside. **1½ft (45cm)** HA 🌱 🌿

▶ **235K £2.65 'Snow Princess'**

BEST SELLER

This is the closest you'll get to a white Marigold, with very pale yellow, almost white flowers with dark and cream centres. We grew this in our trial garden in 2017 and we are happy to confirm it is one of the most superior Marigolds we've ever seen, with robust, high quality and long lasting blooms. Brilliant for cutting. **2ft (60cm)** HA 🌱 🌿

'Touch of Red' Series

This is a splendid strain of Marigolds in which the beautifully formed blooms in various different shades all have the said touch of red as a delicate edging to each petal. Excellent in the garden, excellent as a cut flower.

▶ **233Z £ 2.65 'Touch of Red Buff' BEST SELLER**

This very interesting and unusual colour, a very contemporary beige-pink with darker brown petal tips giving a beautiful antique and vintage effect. Excellent cut flower. **2ft (60cm)** HA 🌱 🌿

▶ **★NEW★ 234W £ 1.95 'Touch of Red Mixed'**

Lovely mixture of yellow, orange and buff, all with that delicate colouring to the edges and backs of the petals. **2ft (60cm)** HA 🌱 🌿

▶ **232L £2.25 'Art Shades' Mixed**

A very popular strain of this favourite flower with large frilly blooms in unusual shades including cream, peach and apricot. (Sounds like a fruit salad!) **2ft (60cm)** HA 🌱 🌿

▶ **234X £2.45 Cut Flower Mixed**

As a cut flower, the dear old, almost comforting, Marigold has been out of fashion for too long; but no longer! Along with the Sunflower, florists are discovering it has many floral virtues. This is a mixture of Calendula varieties specially selected for cutting use. And, of course, very easy to grow! **2½ft (75cm)** HA 🌱 🌿

▶ **234A £2.45 Mixture of all Varieties**

To bring back fun into gardening, this is a jolly mixture of Marigolds to brighten gardens, lives and outlooks. **2ft (60cm)** HA 🌱 🌿

233W £2.35 C. officinalis nana, 'Candyman Orange'

These dwarf Marigolds are so very easy and rewarding to grow. All very cheery and colourful, they are brilliant in borders but particularly in pots and have a long flowering season. Fully double, deep orange flowers. **1ft (30cm)** HA 🌱

CALIFORNIA POPPY. See Eschscholzia

CALLISTEPHUS – Compositae/Asteraceae

Callistephus chinensis. Annual Aster, China Aster

Sorry, but there's no place we could list the annual Asters that would please everyone – put it under Aster and some would complain they mix it up with the perennial Asters; list it here and others will complain that they've never heard of Callistephus – we know we can't win! However, the flower itself needs no introduction and although it can be had in bloom from June to October (even longer if you grow some in the cold greenhouse – Asters make excellent pot plants), it is a flower for late summer that is supreme, bringing colour in plenty to the garden when the evenings are drawing in and other plants are past their best. And we don't have to tell you that they make excellent cut flowers.

'Apollonia' Series

Superior new series with large, blousy flowers with elegant, feathery petals on long, upright base-branching stems. Excellent for cutting and very long lasting.

▶ **★NEW★ 244B £2.25 'Apollonia Chamois'**

Large feathery flowers in a stunning but very tasteful pale apricot colour. **2ft (60cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

▶ **★NEW★ 244C £2.25 'Apollonia White'**

Lovely, large clear white flowers. Simple yet eye-catching and very high quality. **2ft (60cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

'Duchesse' Series

With their large and splendid flowers on upright stems and with their incurved petals, these fine plants could easily be mistaken for the finest exhibition incurved Chrysanthemums!

▶ **243K £2.25 'Duchesse Apricot'**

BEST SELLER

Beautiful blooms of pale, pinky-apricot. **2½ft (70cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

▶ **243H £2.25 'Duchesse Coral Rose'**

Fresh and cheery, perfect pink blooms. **2½ft (70cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

▶ **★NEW★ 242K £2.25 Duchesse Crimson'**

Not really crimson at all, this variety is a really vibrant deep, dark pink. **2½ft (70cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

▶ **243M £2.25 'Duchesse Light Blue'**

Large, pale lavender flowers. **2½ft (70cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

▶ **243N £2.25 'Duchesse Mid Blue'**

BEST SELLER

A rich, indulgent purple. **2½ft (70cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

▶ **242Q £2.95 'Duchesse Formula Mix'**

The mix includes rose, blue, silvery blue and silvery rose. **2½ft (70cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

CALLISTEPHUS

▶ 242R £3.45 'Hulk'

Quite unlike any other Aster (although your mystified gardening friends, when informed of its true identity, will immediately recognise the relationship), these are spectacular and very interesting large flowers. Instead of the usual coloured petals (strictly ray florets) which are absent, a dense crown of almost petal-like leaves that gather around a large, very conspicuous, greenish-yellow centre. Splendid in the garden, they make superb, long-lasting cut flowers that will be the centre of attention when your visitors come for tea. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

'King Size' Series

These extra tall Asters with large, double blooms, make excellent, long-lasting cut flowers.

▶ 243D £2.45 'King Size Appleblossom'

Beautiful, romantic soft pink **3ft (1m) HA/HHA** 🌱

▶ 243E £2.25 'King Size Apricot'

Creamy apricot. **3ft (1m) HA/HHA** 🌱

BEST SELLER

▶ ★NEW★ 243L £2.25 'King Size Rose'

Clear, bright pink. **3ft (1m) HA/HHA** 🌱

▶ 243P £2.25 'King Size White'

Soft and clear white. **3ft (1m) HA/HHA** 🌱

'Lady Coral Series'

New breeding brings us plants that boast truly superlative and luxurious flowers. The large 10-12cm blooms are brimful of tightly packed, narrow curved petals, just bursting to open. Very uniform plants have strong straight stems and an excellent vase life. A late season bloomer to bring a smile as autumn approaches.

▶ 243Q £3.15 'Lady Coral Chamois'

A very Chiltern Seeds shade – tasteful pale peachy apricot with a definite leaning towards vintage. **2½ft (70cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

BEST SELLER

▶ 243R £2.95 'Lady Coral Lavender'

Stunning, quite other worldly shade of glimmering blue grey, with something of a lustre. You're going to love this one. **2½ft (70cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

BEST SELLER

▶ 243T £2.95 'Lady Coral Salmon'

A slightly punchier shade of peach, but totally tasteful. **2½ft (70cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

'Matsumoto' Series

This is a lovely strain with especially long, strong stems and flowers with tightly packed petals surrounding a distinct yellow centre.

▶ 243G £2.35 'Matsumoto Apricot'

Peachy-pink petals. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

'Nova' Series

This is a new and improved series of tall asters. Boasting large double flowers with eye-catching, unusual needle-like petals. Excellent for cutting.

▶ ★NEW★ 241B £2.25 'Nova Apricot'

Our most favourite of colours, a sophisticated and tasteful peachy buff. **1½ft (50cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

▶ ★NEW★ 241C £2.25 'Nova Light Blue'

Shades from the very palest of lilacs and blues to darker hues. **1½ft (50cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

▶ ★NEW★ 242M £2.25 'Ostrich Feather Light Blue'

Large, feathery pale lilac-blue flowers on branching stems. Early flowering. **1½ft (50cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

'Pompom' Series

The small pompom flowers of this brilliant new series have gorgeous, densely petalled heads and are super long lasting in a vase. The upright plants are therefore excellent for cutting.

▶ ★NEW★ 241D £2.25 'Pompom Rose'

Vibrant bright pink with yellow centres. **1½ft (50cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

▶ ★NEW★ 241E £2.25 'Pompom Dark Red'

Flowers appear especially double in this colour, a dark, almost corally red. **1½ft (50cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

▶ ★NEW★ 241F £2.25 'Princess Carmine-Red'

This may be our favourite new aster this year. The large, very double flowers are packed full of densely quilled bright pink petals and have yellow centres. Foliage is much darker than most, a deep green with a hint of purple. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

▶ 243Z £2.25 'Salmon Rose'

Clear dusky pink flowers with a mass of quilled petals. Easy to grow flowers. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

'Tower Series'

Peony-type chrysanthemum blooms with excellent uniformity which are elegant and beautiful yet easy to grow. The wonderfully floriferous plants have up to 10 stems per plant which branch very low so they form long stems which are brilliant for cutting.

▶ 243X £2.95 'Tower Silver'

Shimmering silvery white and lavender bicolor blooms. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

'Thousand Wonders' Series

Frothy, pom-pom like, fully double flowers cover these robust, dwarf plants with lovely dark green foliage. Perfect for providing a mass of cheery colour in containers. Very easy and quick growing.

▶ 242X £2.25 'Thousand Wonders Salmon Rose'

A beautiful shade of understated and very tasteful pale salmon pink. **8ins (20cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

▶ 242T £2.25 'Gala Formula Mix'

An excellent cut flower mixture with large, pin-cushion-like double flowers in an assortment of colours including burgundy, lavender, purple and scarlet. Thriving in sun or partial shade, they are equally at home in the garden or adorning whichever room you feel needs a bit of brightening up. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

CALLUNA – Ericaceae

244A £2.25 *C. vulgaris*. Heather, Ling

This beautiful little native shrub, with its purplish-pink flowers and loved by grouse, bees and people, must surely need no description. **2ft (60cm) HSh** 🌱

CALONYCTION. See *Ipomoea*

CALTHA – Ranunculaceae

251 £2.20 C. palustris (= growing in marshy ground). *Marsh Marigold*

This is the well-known Marsh Marigold found in many parts of the world including England. Large, butter-yellow flowers appearing in profusion in the spring. Needs boggy soil. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1ft (30cm) HP** 🌱

CAMASSIA – Liliaceae. Wild Hyacinth, Large Camas

Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of these bulbous plants.

256B £2.75 C. leichtlinii var. alba

A stout and rather splendid plant, perhaps the finest in the genus, is this species from Oregon, with erect stems arising out of lush clumps of foliage, and in early summer bearing superb spikes of flowers which, at their best, rival the Eremurus in beauty. This variety has lovely pure white flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HBb**

256E £2.95 C. leichtlinii var. suksdorfii

This is a superb variety producing 2ft clumps of narrow strap-like leaves from which arise imposing, many-flowered spikes of star-shaped blooms of a violet-blue colour. **4ft (1.2m) HBb**

CAMELINA – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae

★ **NEW** ★ **256G £2.25 C. sativa. Gold-of-Pleasure**

Native to Europe and Central Asia, this is in fact an oilseed crop which has gained attention for its resilience in diverse climates. However, we have chosen it for its very pretty seed pods which make it a very appealing, unusual and long-lasting addition to flower arrangements. **3ft (1m) HA** 🌱

CAMELLIA – Theaceae

259 £3.75 C. sinensis (*syn.* *Thea sinensis*). *Tea Plant* **BEST SELLER**

Grow your own tea! This attractive, evergreen shrub with leathery leaves and nodding, white, fragrant flowers is the source of tea. Although only hardy in mild districts, it makes a beautiful and interesting plant for the cold greenhouse or conservatory. Slow germination. **13ft (4m) Packet of 6 seeds.** **HHS/TSh**

CAMPANULA – Campanulaceae. Bellflower

261 £1.95 C. alliariifolia. Cornish Bellflower

An attractive perennial with woolly stems bearing long, creamy-white, nodding flowers in June and July. **2ft (60cm) HP**

262 £1.98 C. carpatica. Carpathian Bellflower **RHS** 🌱

An invaluable dwarf, compact rock garden plant with a succession of blue, cup-shaped flowers, 1 inch across, from July to September. Thrives in half-shade. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **10ins (25cm) HP** 🌱

263 £3.45 C. cochlearifolia. Fairy's Thimble, Diminutive Bellflower **RHS** 🌱

An easy to grow rock garden or edging plant with blue, drooping, bell-shaped flowers in summer. Very free-flowering. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **6ins (15cm) HP** 🌱

262J £2.75 C. incurva. Greek Bellflower

Perhaps the most spectacular of all Bellflowers for the rockery or front of the border is this lovely plant found on sheer rocks of Olympus and other parts of Greece. Forming rosettes of finely hairy, kidney-shaped leaves, it bears in profusion all summer magnificent panicles of large, flared goblet-shaped, ice-blue flowers. All who see it will want it. In spite of its reputation of being monocarpic (flowering but once before dying), our supplier has found that, given a suitable well-drained spot, it has proved a survivor. **1ft (30cm) HP**

263W £2.75 C. lactiflora. Milky Bellflower

A superb species for the border with erect, branching stems bearing large, loose trusses of milky-blue, open bell-shaped flowers, each 1½ins or so across. A spectacular sight when in full flower in summer. Although does best in full sun, it succeeds in partial shade and does well in thin grass in the wild garden. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱

264R £2.65 C. lactiflora, 'Prichard's Variety' **RHS** 🌱

These seeds have been collected from plants of this variety with great branching heads of deep violet-blue flowers borne on stout stems of pointed leaves. Open pollinated and pale blue, white or pink flowers will be borne on some plants but all will be worthy of a place on your border. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱

264C £2.25 C. latifolia. Greater Bellflower

Actually a native wild flower, this beautiful perennial can be found growing in the wild as far away as Pakistan and Nepal. It is a handsome thing, a leafy perennial bearing in summer long spikes of large, nodding, dark blue, bell-shaped flowers. **6ft (1.8m) HP**

Campanula medium. Canterbury Bells, Bellflower

Introduced to this country from southern Spain in 1596, this popular and most beautiful biennial is your classical, archetypal, original Canterbury Bell. With their strong spikes of large flowers, they are surely everyone's idea of the ideal cottage garden flower. Splendid for cutting, the flowers last well in water. Try a few in pots in the cold greenhouse where the beauty of the flowers can be appreciated to the full. Sown under glass in March and planted out in April, they will flower the same year, and if then cut down in autumn, will flower again the following year.

▶ **264E £2.25 Single Blue**

3½ft (1.1m) HHA/HB 🌱 🌱

▶ **264F £2.35 Single Rose-Pink**

3½ft (1.1m) HHA/HB 🌱 🌱

▶ **264G £2.25 Single White**

3½ft (1.1m) HHA/HB 🌱 🌱

BEST SELLER

▶ **264D £2.25 Single Mixed**

3½ft (1.1m) HHA/HB 🌱 🌱

BEST SELLER

▶ **265D £2.45 Double Finest Mixed**

3ft (90cm) HHA/HB 🌱 🌱

BEST SELLER

A splendid mixture of double-flowered Canterbury Bells in shades of blue, pink and white.

CAMPANULA

Campanula persicifolia. Peach-leaved Bellflower

This is a beautiful hardy perennial with long, slender spikes of large, nodding, papery, bell-shaped flowers from June to August. Excellent for cutting.

▶ **265M £2.25 'Blue Bell'**

Lilac blue. **2½ft (75cm) HP** ☼

▶ **265K £2.25 'Telham Beauty'**

A splendid variety with rosettes of narrow, bright green leaves and bearing in late spring and summer slender spikes of a lovely china blue. Excellent for cutting. **3ft (90cm) HP** ☼

267E £2.95 C. portenschlagiana. Dalmatian Bellflower RHS 🌱

Named after Portenschlag-Ledermayer-Franz (1772-1822), passionate botanist and lawyer in the Court of the Austrian Emperor (thank goodness his full name wasn't used for the plant). For all gardens, large or small, this is the indispensable alpine Campanula. Hardy, vigorous and persistent, it is easily grown on the rockery, on walls, in front of borders or in pots. It forms generous, dense mats of small ivy leaves all but concealed in summer by an almost immoderate profusion of lilac-blue, starry bells very freely produced. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **8ins (20cm) HP**

266Z £2.45 C. poscharskyana. Trailing Bellflower

This outstanding species, introduced as recently as 1933, is a vigorous trailing plant for the rockery (which if you're lucky it may take over), bearing a succession of violet, star-shaped flowers in sprays from June to November – and you can't complain at that! **10ins (25cm) HP** 🌱

265P £2.25 C. pyramidalis var. alba. White Chimney Bellflower

Perhaps even more vigorous than the type species, this is a splendid variety with pure white flowers. **9ft (2.7m) HP/HB**

266C £2.25 C. rapunculoides. Creeping Bellflower

This plant is easy to grow – very easy. Still, the number of plants that will take your garden over, yet do it gracefully, are very limited. This is a most attractive plant with its long and charming spikes of bluish-violet, drooping star/funnel-shaped flowers in summer. **4ft (1.2m) HP**

265J £2.25 C. rapunculus. Rampion Bellflower

An introduced wild flower with panicles of small, funnel-shaped, blue or white flowers in July and August. Can be used as an interesting salad plant, grown both for its white, spindle-shaped, very firm and crisp roots and its numerous leaves. **3ft (90cm) HB**

266D £2.45 C. rotundifolia, True Wild Form. Harebell **BEST SELLER**

(note, incidentally, that it's "hare" – so called because it was once thought to grow in places frequented by hares and not, as the writer long thought, "hair" because of the plant's slender stalks). This is the well known, lovely native wild flower, found throughout the Northern Hemisphere, with delicate, nodding, blue, bell-shaped flowers in summer. **1ft (30cm) HP**

266G £2.65 C. trachelium. Bats-in-the-Belfry, Nettle-leaved Bellflower

Found in woods and hedge-banks, usually on clay soils, is this native wild flower, with leafy panicles of broadly bell-shaped, blue-purple flowers in late summer and autumn. It makes an attractive border plant or – good idea this – for interspersing among shrubs in a shrubbery. **3ft (90cm) HP**

267K £2.95 Campanula, 'Cottage Garden' Mixed Upright Forms

From a well known Botanic Garden with its fine collection of Campanula species and cultivars comes this wonderful mixture with seed from all of the upright forms grown including some scarcities. In a wide range of heights from quite small to tall, these can make a great contribution to your herbaceous border, and, with generous packets, you'll have plenty of spares for friends, relations and car boot sales! **5ft (1.5m) HP**

CAMPSIS – Bignoniaceae

267 £2.95 C. radicans (= radicans, having rooting stems). Trumpet Vine

A strong growing vine climbing by means of aerial roots up to 30ft or 40ft with brilliant orange and scarlet, trumpet-shaped flowers in August and September. Hardy but flowers best in full sun. Train it over any unsightly walls, tree stumps etc. We have been shown pictures of this attractive vine where long cuttings had been taken, plaited together and rooted, making a stunning and exceptional standard tree. **40ft (12m) HP**

CANDYTUFT. See Iberis

CARDAMINE – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae

272F £1.95 C. pratensis (= of the meadows). Lady's Smock, Cuckoo Flower **BEST SELLER**

With the appearance of this lovely flower timed with the return of the cuckoo, one finally knows that spring has finally arrived. One of the most charming of our native wild flowers, found in damp meadows and by streams, it is, with its sprays (corymbs) of delicate flowers varying in colour from near white to lilac, lined with darker lilac, an excellent little plant to grow in moist places as well as drier spots on the rockery. **1½ft (40cm) HP**

CARDIOSPERMUM (= heart-seed) – Sapindaceae

273 £2.25 C. halicacabum. Balloon Vine, Love-in-a-Puff

Although actually a woody perennial, this plant is usually grown as an annual, when it is a rapid-growing, tendril climber. Attractive plants for covering trellis-work, chain link fencing and the like, when during the summer their dense, feathery foliage, smothered with their remarkable inflated seed-pods, forms an unusual, ornamental screen. The seed is used medicinally and its leaves have been used as a vegetable. **10ft (3m) HHP(CI)**

CAREX – Cyperaceae

We have numerous ornamental Grasses in our Catalogue, but we thought, as a contrast, you might be interested in these ornamental Sedges.

273A £1.95 C. pendula. Pendulous Sedge

This is an easily grown, large but very graceful plant well suited for damp and shady areas where little else will grow, bearing in early summer drooping, cat's tail-like, russet-coloured spikes of flowers up to 6ins long. Dried, they should prove ideal material for flower arrangements. **6ft (1.8m) HP** ☼

273H £3.15 C. testacea (= brick-coloured). Red Switch Grass, Speckled Sedge

From New Zealand comes this unusual and most attractive Sedge that forms dense leafy tussocks which in a sunny position are, like the best quality bricks, strongly coloured orange and bronze. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

273M £2.95 Carex, 'Frosted Curls'

This is another beautiful Sedge from New Zealand forming dense mounds of narrow, arching, shining, pale silvery-green leaves about two feet long and curling at the tips. All summer it bears small, cylindrical green flower spikes followed by brown seed-heads. A lovely and distinctive border plant but our supplier has suggested it would look wonderful in a tallish pot giving it room to display the flowering stems as they elongate and trail down the sides. Alternatively, an unusual item for the hanging basket. **1½ft (40cm) HP**

273Y £2.95 Carex, Selected Mixed Species

From a very wide collection of these mainly moisture-loving plants, this is a selection of small and medium-sized Sedges. Expect some very attractive specimens, and included are some from New Zealand that are still puzzling the taxonomists. **2ft (60cm) HP**


CARICA – Caricaceae

In addition to their use as good decorative plants for greenhouse and conservatory, Caricas can make splendid subjects for summer bedding when the deeply cut leaves form a striking contrast to your every-other-garden-has-them type plants. Give them generous treatment in a sunny, perfectly drained position and await praise for the resultant beautiful specimens as showy and tropical in appearance as any Palms.

274 £2.95 C. papaya. Common Pawpaw 

Much grown in the tropics for its delicious fruits. In this country it is grown for interest and as a foliage plant as it has large, handsome leaves. Very fast growing. The leaves can be used for wrapping round pieces of tough meat with the object of tenderising them. With right conditions, can fruit in its first season. **20ft (6m) TSh**

CARNATION. See Dianthus caryophyllus**CARPINUS – Betulaceae****276F £2.25 C. betulus. Common Hornbeam**

Easily grown on both clay or chalky soils, this native tree is particularly attractive when laden with its hop-like fruit clusters. It is, however, perhaps best known as a most useful hedging plant as, although deciduous, it retains its rich brown dead leaves for most of the winter. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **80ft (25m) HTR** 



CARPOBROTUS – Aizoaceae/Ficoidaceae**277L £3.25 C. edulis (= edible). Hottentot Fig**

If on your holidays in such diverse places as Devon and Cornwall, Portugal and the Riviera, you ever came across, on cliffs or along the seashore, a succulent plant with interesting, fleshy, chip-like triangular leaves almost hidden under a mantle of large, gaudily coloured, magenta (occasionally yellow) flowers, it was probably this species of Carpobrotus, not only one of the most colourful, but also one of the most easily grown of the enormous range of South African succulents. Requiring the minimum of protection during winter, and with their flowers up to 4ins and more across, this is a plant that everyone will want to try. The "figs" are eaten fresh, dried, cooked or pickled and, as a double bonus, the succulent leaves can be used in salads (go on! astound your friends with a plateful of green chips) or as a substitute for pickled cucumbers. **1ft (30cm) TP**



CARTHAMUS – Compositae/Asteraceae**Carthamus tinctorius. Saffron Thistle**

This striking flower will not escape attention in the garden. The flowers, thistle-like in appearance are great for cutting either fresh (they last very well in water) or dried. They will succeed in poor and dry soils and require little attention.

▶ ★NEW★ 277A £2.25 'White Grenade'

Perhaps an example of our quirky taste, we love this easy to grow annual. Majestic, creamy-white, bold thistle-like heads sit robustly on tall spiky stems: quite a forthright and regal looking flower, it will both menace and impress at the back of your borders. Brilliant unusual cut flower, lasting ages in water. **2½ft (80cm) HA**  




▶ 277P £2.25 'Zanzibar'

These highly coloured, deep orange (sometimes yellow-red) thistle-like flowers are very eye-catching. Used as an inexpensive substitute for saffron as a colouring agent. **3ft (90cm) HA**  




▶ 277M £2.25 'Grenade' Mixture

This splendid strain is very aptly named with brilliantly coloured flowers appearing like igniting fireworks! Excellent for creating a splash of colour in the border, this mixture is a formula blend of bright yellow, creamy-white and orange-yellow. Another advantage of this strain is that the breeders have almost bred the thistleness out of it! **3ft (90cm) HA**  


CATANANCHE (ancient Greek women used it in love-potions!) –**Compositae/Asteraceae****285A £2.65 C. caerulea. Cupid's Dart****BEST SELLER**

An easily grown plant for the border with grey-green leaves, and bearing over most of the summer attractive, violet-blue flowers surrounded by papery, silver-coloured bracts. With their tall, strong stems, they are excellent for cutting either fresh, or for drying for winter arrangements. **3ft (90cm) HP**   


285B £2.65 C. caerulea var. alba. White Cupid's Dart**BEST SELLER**

A vigorous variety of *C. caerulea* with large, pure-white flowers and likewise excellent for cutting. **3ft (90cm) HP**   

CELOSIA – Amaranthaceae**299B £2.35 C. argentea var. cristata, Tall Varieties Mixed. Cockscomb**

Growing to almost 2½ft and ideal for border use or for cut flowers, they provide their feathery spikes in a mixture of reds, pinks and yellow. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 

300X £3.25 C. argentea var. plumosa, 'Sylphid'

Extravagant but tasteful pale lemon-green feathery plumes on long straight stems. Lovely accompaniment for all colour combinations and an excellent cut flower. **3ft (1m) Packet of 10 seeds. HHA** 

CELOSIA

300F £2.75 *C. argentea* var. *spicata*, True Wild Form. *Wheatstraw Celosia*

Along with the seeds of this plant, our supplier included a bunch of the dried flowers and the writer (emphatically not a flower arranger!) has to say they are quite some of the prettiest such flowers he has seen. A simple spike carried on a long, straight, wiry stem and composed of numerous small ivory-white flowers but with the tip of the spike beautifully and delicately shaded into rose-pink, is indeed a lovely bloom. Very easy to grow, it will often self-sow itself. **2½ft (75cm) HA** ☼

300T £2.25 *C. argentea* var. *spicata*, 'Flamingo Feathers' ^{RHS} 🌿

BEST SELLER

This is one of the prettiest of Celosias with plumes of ivory-white flowers but with the tip of the spike beautifully and delicately shaded into rose-pink, borne on tall, sturdy stems. **3ft (1m) HA** ☼

Celosia cristata

With their fantastically crested fluffy flower-heads in a range of almost unreal colours, these plants have become deservedly popular. They are perhaps best as pot plants under glass but they can be treated as half-hardy annuals and planted out in the border. Very popular as cut flowers in Japan, they have been well developed there for the purpose. They are usually grown as single-stemmed plants, and very close together to prevent growth of side branches. In this way exceptional blooms worthy of the most extravagant arrangements are produced.

'Act' Series

This particularly fine and floriferous new series was bred especially for cutting. It has long, sturdy stems with few side shoots and is very long-lasting in water. The velvety flower combs are broad, voluminous and radiantly coloured.

▶ ★NEW★ 299C £3.45 'Act, Verda'

Stunning bold combs in the brightest of green. **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HHA** ☼

▶ ★NEW★ 299D £3.45 'Act, Ziva'

The curls of these velvety pale pink combs are edged in yellow giving a lovely antequy effect. **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HHA** ☼

▶ 300Y £2.95 'Cramer's Lemon Lime'

Vibrant and prolific large lime-green crested blooms. **3ft (90cm) HHA** ☼

▶ 300A £2.95 'Crystal Beauty'

Our most favourite of colourways. Unusual flowers in dark peachy-champagne, a distinct vintage feel with something of a lustre. **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HHA** ☼

▶ ★NEW★ 300Z £3.45 'Haute Couture'

Beautiful and voluminous flower combs in an understated shade of apricot with a hint of peach. With long, sturdy, unbranched stems and very long-lasting in water, this is a variety of the highest quality. **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HHA** ☼

Celosia plumosa. Prince of Wales' Feathers

Fabulous and feathery dense, long-lasting flower plumes make for an ostentatious display of colour! These are surprisingly quick and easy to grow and remain cheerful throughout the summer.

▶ 300L £1.95 'Golden Plume'

Plumes of the most vivid bright yellow orange with bright green foliage. **1½ft (45cm) HHA** ☼

▶ 300M £1.95 'Scarlet Plume'

Flaming fiery red plumes to set your borders on fire. These are accompanied by lovely bicolored green and dark red foliage. **1½ft (45cm) HHA** ☼

▶ 300R £2.25 'Pampas Plume Mixture'

A tall, feathery mix, ideal for cutting, in a mix of colours. **3ft (1m) HHA** ☼

▶ 300W £3.25 'Sunday Dark Pink'

Rich pink, uniform, feathery plumes on strong stems. **2½ft (70cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HHA** ☼

CENTAUREA – Compositae/Asteraceae

See also **Amberboa**

302B £2.45 *C. americana*, 'Aloha Blanca'. *Basket Flower* **BEST SELLER**

Want a plant to impress the neighbours or your dinner guests at your next party? Try this one! (They won't, in all probability, have seen it before and we're sure you'll be delighted to be able to tell them it's the Basket Flower.) Robust and tall growing, it bears superbly beautiful, fluffy, ivory-white flowers six inches (yes, six: 15 cm. if you insist on metric) across. A lot of flower, a lot of lovely whiskery petals. And a little bonus: they make excellent dried flowers. **5ft (1.5m) HA** 🌿 ☼

304L £2.45 *C. americana*, 'Aloha Rosa'

Joining our hugely popular 'Aloha Blanca' is this variety with the same oversized superb fluffy flowers, but in a beautiful shade of smoky pink, with the inner petals often tipped with black. This is a most unusual version of a popular flower. **5ft (1.5m) HA** 🌿 ☼

304J £2.25 *C. cyanoides*, 'Blue Carpet'

This is a most unusual dwarf Cornflower. What it lacks in height, it SO makes up for with its mass of spreading flowers of the most beautiful bright blue colour all summer long. Bees will love them. Happy in a sunny spot, they are very easy to grow – ideal for ground cover and hanging baskets. **4ins (10cm) HA** 🌿

Centaurea cyanus. Cornflower

This old garden favourite is both a splendid border plant and also a fine flower for cutting. Easily grown, it also makes a most attractive pot plant for the cold greenhouse.

▶ 304A £1.95 True Wild Form

BEST SELLER

This well known wild flower, with its cottony foliage and beautiful blue flowers, was once common throughout Great Britain, often as a cornfield weed. It is now surprisingly rare in the wild due to improved agricultural methods. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌿 ☼

▶ 303A £2.25 Choice Mixed

This mixture contains shades of pink, blue, mauve, violet and pure white, and is particularly fine for cutting. **3ft (1m) HA** 🌿 ☼

▶ 304 £1.95 'Polka Dot'

We are very pleased to be able to reintroduce this particularly fine Cornflower variety. Dating back to about 1960, it is one of those varieties actually bred for use by amateur gardeners whereas nearly all modern varieties are bred with the professional pack market in mind. At the time of its introduction, 'Polka Dot' was considered a startling addition to the range of dwarf Cornflowers. There is a full range of colours including blue, maroon, red, rose, pink, lavender and white. The uniform plants of bushy habit make an ideal bedding display lasting all summer. Our seed comes from maintained original raiser's stocks. **1ft (30cm) HA** 🌿

- ▶ **304X £1.95 'Blue Diadem'** **BEST SELLER**
A bright blue Cornflower with large, double flowers. **2½ft (75cm) HA** 🌱 ☞
 - ▶ **304H £2.25 'Black Ball'** **BEST SELLER**
This is a very fine, old, tall variety, making a particular fine cut flower with double flowers of a rich deep maroon colour. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ☞
 - ▶ **304N £1.95 'Mauve Ball'**
Lovely variety with double flowers in a beautiful shade of lilac-mauve. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞
 - ▶ **★NEW★ 304Z £1.95 'Pink Ball'**
Tall, double-flowered variety with clear, bright pink cheery blooms with slightly darker centres. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞
 - ▶ **306R £2.15 'Red Ball'**
This is a very fine, old, tall Cornflower variety. The flowers are marvellous for cutting, producing good double, uniform blooms in a rosy-red. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞
 - ▶ **304D £2.25 'Snow Man'**
A splendid variety with pure, clear white, double flowers, excellent for cutting. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ☞
- 'Classic' Series**
This series of gorgeous bicolor cornflowers is a winner of a Fleuroselect award. Sow in early spring for armfuls of flowers to pick all through the summer. These are all very appealing and a little bit different.
- ▶ **304R £1.95 'Classic Fantastic'** **BEST SELLER**
Captivating colours in shades of blue. From light to dark, some with dark centres and light petals, some in two shades of blue. **3ft (1m) HA** 🌱 ☞
 - ▶ **304T £1.95 'Classic Magic'** **BEST SELLER**
Striking shades of mauve to dark purple. With dark centres, some flowers are almost black, some tipped with white. Magical borders and bouquets. **3ft (1m) HA** 🌱 ☞
 - ▶ **304W £1.95 'Classic Romantic'**
Perfect pinks. Flowers have two shades of pink or rosy-red, many with darker centres and lighter petals. Romantic yet old-fashioned. **3ft (1m) HA** 🌱 ☞

305 £2.25 C. jacea. Brown Knapweed
This wild flower found growing in meadows and hedgerows throughout Europe bears attractive, lavender-purple flowers above large scale-like bracts in late summer which are particularly attractive to bees and butterflies. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 🌱

306 £2.45 C. macrocephala (= big-headed; referring, of course, to the size of the flowers and not to any sense of vanity!). **Giant Knapweed**
A most splendid border plant with large, yellow, Thistle-like flower-heads up to 4ins across. Magnificent in the garden and magnificent – and long-lasting – for flower arranging. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱 ☞

306F £2.25 C. montana. Mountain Cornflower
This is a very variable but always attractive plant found in meadows and woods on the mountains of Europe, with bluish or greyish, lance-shaped leaves and bearing in early summer large, deep blue or blue-violet flowers, up to 3ins across, with a purplish centre and most attractive, very deeply cut petals. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP** 🌱 ☞ 🌸

306H £1.95 C. nigra. Hardheads
A native wild flower of cliffs and grasslands with erect, rigid stems, and bearing in summer attractive reddish-purple flowers up to 2ins across supported on brownish, orb-shaped involucre. The feathery petals have evidently been used in salads. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱

304M £2.65 C. ruthenica. Russian Knapweed, Star Thistle
Originating in Eastern Europe, this has stunning, feathery, sulphur-yellow flowers and papery bracts. With rich green foliage, this is tall and very eye-catching. Rare. **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HP** 🌱 ☞

304B £2.45 C. scabiosa. Greater Knapweed, Black Top
A native wild flower well worthy of a place in the border. It is an erect plant bearing in the summer large and most attractive, red-purple flowers, each 2ins or so across. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱

CENTAURIUM – Gentianaceae

306D £2.35 C. erythraea. Common Centaury, Feverwort
(So called because the medical properties of the plant were said to have been discovered by Chiron the centaur!) A native wild flower found on dry, chalky downs, wood margins and the like. It is an erect plant with heads of charming, small, pink, funnel-shaped flowers borne from June to October. **1½ft (45cm) HA**

CENTRANTHUS – Caprifoliaceae

Centranthus ruber. Valerian




- ▶ **741B £1.95 C. ruber** **BEST SELLER**
Naturalised in many parts of Britain, this is a splendid, free flowering plant for the border, or along a hedge where little else will grow. The spikes of pink or white, very sweet-scented flowers are produced most of the summer. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱 ☞
- ▶ **741H £2.25 'Pretty Betsy'**
This is a very attractive cultivated variety with clusters of fragrant, deep coral-red flowers. Ideal for the cottage garden and great for cut flower use. Flowers the first year from seed from an early sowing. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 ☞ 🌸
- ▶ **741F £1.95 'Snowcloud'**
This is a delightful, cultivated variety with clusters of pure white, fragrant flowers against a backcloth of bluish-green foliage. A long-lived perennial, it can be grown in the border, in reasonably rich soil, for both ornament and cut flower use when it can attain almost 4ft in height or, in poor soil on the rockery, when it will remain a most attractive dwarf. Sown early, it will flower the first year. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱 ☞ 🌸

CEPHALARIA

CEPHALARIA – Dipsacaceae. *Giant Scabious*


307J £2.65 C. gigantea

BEST SELLER

A superb plant for the back of the border, with attractive pinnate foliage and bearing in summer, on very tall stems, large, Scabious-like creamy flowers with a subtle hint of palest yellow. We have a real soft spot for this flower, somehow managing to be both majestic and understated. It is fantastic for cutting and must be one of mother nature's best kept secrets. **6ft (1.8m) HP**   

CEPHALAPHORA – Asteraceae


307K £1.95 C. aromatica, 'Pineapples'

Fabulous and fun, unusual and quirky, these bright, bright yellow pompom flowers come with a distinctive, some say heavenly, aroma of pineapple, mango and apple. Easy to grow for the scent of tropical fruit salad in your garden! **1½ft (45cm) HHA** 

CERASTIUM – Caryophyllaceae

311A £2.25 C. tomentosum var. columnae, 'Silver Carpet'.

Snow-in-Summer, Dusty Miller

A very easily grown, creeping, mat-forming plant with silvery-white, woolly foliage and a snow-like mass of pure white flowers in May and June. Valuable for rock gardens, borders or carpeting any sunny spots. The variety we offer is superior to the type, being snowier and whiter. **8ins (20cm) HP** 

CERATOTHECA – Pedaliaceae

314 £2.85 C. triloba. South African Foxglove

This tall, handsome and rare South African annual or biennial is surprisingly little known. It has slender spikes of delicate, very pale purple-lilac foxglove-like flowers which are truly beautiful. Resembling a refined and graceful version of the European Foxglove (though not related to it) the plants are easily grown in a cool greenhouse or sheltered spots. **5ft (1.5m) Packet of 9 seeds. HHA/HHP**


CERCIDIPHYLLUM – Cercidiphyllaceae

314A £2.95 C. japonicum. Katsura Tree 

From Japan comes this attractive small tree or, in Britain, more often than not, dense bush, with most satisfying vivid blue or sea-green, heart-shaped leaves that actually emerge bright pink. The tree is remarkable for the range of autumn colours it may decide to reveal: depending on the weather and the age of tree, scarlet, crimson, pale yellow, pale pink, smoky-pink, gold and plum-purple are all possible. Not only that, but at the same time a sweetly pungent scent like burnt sugar pervades the air. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **35ft (10m) HTr**

CERCIS – Leguminosae/Fabaceae



316 £2.25 C. siliquastrum (= pod-bearing). Judas Tree, Love Tree

Small, deciduous tree with distinctive foliage and bright rosy-lilac flowers produced in immense quantities in May, followed by conspicuous purple-tinted seed pods. Said to be the tree on which Judas hanged himself. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **40ft (12m) HTr**  

CERINTHE – Boraginaceae

316K £2.35 C. major var. purpurascens. Honeywort

BEST SELLER


Just for once forget the brightly coloured plants laid out to tempt you in garden centres in early summer and think of something a little more sophisticated, subtle perhaps, but of a distinctiveness that will excite friends' curiosity. This is just that plant. It has rather fleshy, blue-green leaves that, as they work their way up the stems, feel they should perhaps be rendering assistance in the bee-attraction department and change gradually to purple. And then you have the flowers – quite different from anything else you'll have in your garden, tubular and dark purple-blue in colour, and will gain the attention of any visitor and quite a border-filling spread. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA**  

CHASMANTHIUM – Poaceae/Gramineae

1267 £2.25 C. latifolium (= broad-leaved) (syn. Uniola latifolia).

Spangle Grass, Sea Oats

BEST SELLER

How, we ask, can you possibly do without this wonderfully versatile ornamental grass? In general appearance it is more like a miniature bamboo than your average grass in that instead of all the blades arising from the root, this beauty produces a clump of very upright stems (culms to be accurate), each of which bears, nicely arranged at intervals, several of the broad leaf blades of its name. These are medium green in summer before turning a vibrant gold in autumn. Beginning in mid-summer, it produces on slender, gracefully nodding stems sprays of dangling oat-like spikelets. These are light green at first, go through a very colourful red-bronze phase in autumn before settling for light salmon-buff with which they will keep your garden attractive all winter. A fabulous cut flower fresh or dried and don't forget your containers! **4ft (1.2m) HP** 

CHEIRANTHUS. See Erysimum

CHEIRIDOPSIS (= sleeve-like) – Aizoaceae/Ficoidaceae

South African highly succulent plants forming clumps, each growth consisting of one or two pairs of leaves and looking like a miniature piece of modern sculpture. Seed germinates readily.

334A £2.65 Cheiridopsis, Mixed Species

An interesting mixture of these fascinating plants. **4ins (10cm) GP**

CHELIDONIUM – Papaveraceae

334F £2.25 C. majus. Greater Celandine

A native wild flower found in hedgerows and on walls, with pinnate foliage and small, bright yellow, poppy-like flowers, each an inch or so across, which appear from the time the swallow (the names, both English and Latin, derive ultimately from the Greek word for the bird) arrives in spring until it departs in late summer. A good plant for the wild garden where, with luck, it will naturalise itself. Please note that the whole plant is toxic: do not ingest. **2ft (60cm) HP**

CHIMONANTHUS (= winter flower) – Calycanthaceae

335 £3.95 C. praecox (= precocious – early flowering). Wintersweet

An easily grown, deciduous shrub with very fragrant, waxy yellow flowers with purple centres appearing in the winter. **13ft (4m) Packet of 15 seeds. HSH**

CHIONOCHLOA (= snow + grass) – **Poaceae/Gramineae**

336E £2.95 C. rubra. Red Tussock Grass RHS

Not so much red as tawny-orange, this is a handsome ornamental grass forming large, dense tussocks of very narrow, rolled leaves and freely producing its highly decorative flower-heads. Does well on windy sites on cold, wet soils; even better in happier conditions. **5ft (1.5m) HP**

CHAEROPHYLLUM – **Apiaceae/Umbelliferae**

321G £3.25 C. hirsutum var. roseum

BEST SELLER

From damp meadows and open shady woodland on the mountains of Europe comes this lovely hardy perennial, perhaps one of the most attractive plants in the whole family. A variable species, the entire plant is apple-scented and has pleasing, ornamental, fern-like foliage flushed purple, and bears from May to August umbels of delightful pink flowers. **2½ft (75cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP**

CHRYSANTHEMUM – **Compositae/Asteraceae**

Chrysanthemum (Annual)

We fear that a certain amount of horticultural snobbishness prevents the wider cultivation of these splendid plants nowadays; just because they are so easy to grow – they figure high in children's mixtures – folk feel it's beneath them to grow them. What a mistake! Sown at the end of March, they will duly provide a wealth of blooms by June and five months on will still be in bloom. If after a severe downpour they perhaps look distinctly droopy, 48 hours on they pull themselves together and resume their colourful display. Go on, have a go!

▶ **345T £1.95 C. carinatum, 'Dunnetti'**

We enjoyed growing this variety on our plot in 2019 with its single and double cheery blooms in a wide range of warm colours from white to yellow and pink to burgundy, some with central rings in contrasting colours. **2ft (60cm) HA**

▶ **340C £1.95 C. coronarium, Double-flowered Mixed.**

Garland Chrysanthemum, Crown Daisy

With branching stems and attractive, much divided foliage, this splendid variety of Annual Chrysanthemum bears over a long period bright and cheerful, double and semi-double flowers in a mixture of yellow and creamy-white. An excellent cut flower, they were once widely cultivated on a large scale for this purpose, particularly in America. In Japan, a fragrant pickle is made with the fresh petals. **3ft (90cm) HA**

1082B £1.95 C. coccineum (*syn.* *Tanacetum coccineum*)

'Robinson's Giant Flowered' Mixed. Painted Daisy

These lovely, large daisy-like flowers are just perfect to provide a splash of cheery colour in early summer and beyond. They have attractive aromatic, ferny foliage and come with the added bonus of repelling unwanted beasties (aphids and the like) from your garden. This fine range comes in shades of white, pink, rose, red and crimson. A particularly fine cut flower. **2ft (60cm) HP**

340A £1.95 C. indicum, 'Korean Hybrids' Mixed

Ideal for beginners (but don't be put off if you're an expert!) are these easily-grown blooms with single and semi-double flowers in a wide range of Chrysanthemum colours – crimsons, yellows, purples, reds, whites and more. An early sowing will flower the same year and even studied neglect should produce something good! **4ft (1.2m) HP**

341B £2.25 C. leucanthemum, True Wild Form (*syn.* *Leucanthemum vulgare*).

Marguerite, Ox-eye Daisy **BEST SELLER**

Too well known to require description, the beauty of this native grassland wildflower is perhaps summed up by the very name Marguerite which comes from the Greek word for a pearl. **2½ft (75cm) HP**

Chrysanthemum leucanthemum maximum

These very easily grown hardy perennials are not only excellent plants for the herbaceous border but produce some of the most useful cut flowers.

▶ **341F £2.25 'Crazy Daisy'**

This quite simply is one of the jolliest plant varieties around! Flowering in June and July, 'Crazy Daisy' bears gorgeous yellow-eyed, white flowers, each about 2½ins across. A high percentage of these will be fully double with quilled petals giving the bloom a very special and very cheerful, ever so nicely untidy, fluffy look. As our supplier says, it will add fun and beauty to your border. **2½ft (75cm) HP**

▶ **343A £2.25 'Starburst'**

Marguerite and its many sibling varieties being well up in the top twenty of the writer's wife's favourite flowers, we just had to list this one. Quite simply, this is a variety that won't go unnoticed in your garden. A vigorous, stable plant with strong stems, it bears in summer very large flowers up to six inches across of a brilliant white that can normally only be achieved by using the very latest of detergents. Needless to say, a superlative garden decoration and a superlative cut flower (large vase suggested!). **2½ft (75cm) HP**

▶ **345W £2.25 'White Breeze'**

'White Breeze' has won a Fleuroselect award for being a floriferous, dwarf variety. It produces masses of pretty, white, single Marguerite blooms with yellow centres on neat plants all summer long. **10ins (25cm) HP**

344B £2.25 C. macrophyllum. Giant Milfoil

A most uncommon but quite magnificent plant from Hungary. Reminiscent of a giant Cow Parsley, it has very large, ferny leaves and bears in summer, many-flowered, head-turning umbels of creamy-white, almost cauliflower-like, flowers that are great for cutting. Very hardy. **4ft (1.2m) HP**

345A £2.25 C. segetum (= of cornfields), **True Wild Form. Corn Marigold**

BEST SELLER

A native wild flower, a quick-growing annual with coarsely cut and toothed, glaucous foliage, and bearing most of the summer golden-yellow flowers, each up to 2½ins across. **1½ft (50cm) HA**

345J £1.95 C. segetum, 'Eastern Star'

This is a most desirable old (at least 70 years) variety of the Corn Marigold. Easily grown (like the other annual Chrysanthemums), of splendid habit and excellent for cutting, it bears large, gorgeous primrose-yellow flowers, each two or three inches across, with a clear chestnut centre. **2½ft (75cm) HA**

CHRYSANTHEMUM

345M £2.35 C. serotinum (= late flowering) (*syn.* *Leucanthemella serotina*).

Autumn Ox-eye, Giant Daisy

Planted, say, with your Michaelmas Daisies, this fine perennial from south east Europe, as one author writes, "provides the season's last flowering highlight." With a natural habitat of stream-banks and similar moist sites but thriving in any average border, this is a handsome plant with tall, rigidly upright stems and bearing in early autumn sprays of large, yellow-centred, white, Marguerite-like blooms up to 3ins across. Excellent for cutting. Blooms the first year from seed. **5ft (1.5m) HP** ☞ 🌱

CICHORIUM – Compositae/Asteraceae

334N £2.45 C. intybus. Chicory, Wild Succory

Most people only think of Chicory as an adulterant of coffee whereas it is in fact a most attractive native (probably) wild flower with lovely, clear bright blue flowers in summer and early autumn. **4ft (1.2m) HP** ☞

CIMICIFUGA. See **Actaea**

CINERARIA. See **Senecio**

CIRSIUM – Compositae/Asteraceae. Plumed Thistles

349F £2.45 C. heterophyllum. Melancholy Thistle

Unusually for a thistle, this is a spineless plant. It bears bright purple pom-pom flowers on woolly stems with leaves that are soft and white-felted. Flowering in July and August, it looks wonderful in meadows and natural plantings, but quite special in a vase also. The plant gets its common name from the belief that it could cure sadness – Nicolas Culpepper (the famous 17th Century botanist) said that "it makes a man as merry as a cricket" – sounds good to us, though we couldn't make any promises! **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱 ☞

★ **NEW** ★ **729T £2.75 C. japonicum, 'Rose Beauty'**

Lovely rich carmine-rose powder puffs. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HP** 🌱 ☞ 🌱

CLADANTHUS – Compositae/Asteraceae

352F £2.40 C. arabicus, 'Criss-Cross'. Palm Spring's Daisy, Golden Crown

Originating in Spain and Morocco is this most attractive and unusual plant forming a beautiful and ever-enlarging, beautifully shaped mound of pleasantly scented, feathery foliage, bearing all summer long a profusion of large, fragrant, golden-yellow flowers. Here's how the ever-enlarging bit goes: from around each of the first flowers (appearing in as little as six weeks from seed when the plant is only 4ins tall) appear four or five new stems each bearing a new flower. From each of these new flowers another set of four or five stems appear . . . and so on! Exciting, isn't it? **1½ft (40cm) HA**

CLARKIA – Onagraceae. Farewell To Spring, Godetia

See also **Godetia**.

643C £2.45 C. amoena (*syn.* *Godetia amoena*), '**Memoria**' **BEST SELLER**

These beautiful white floaty flowers have very subtle blush pink centres borne on erect stems. Lovely cut flower and very romantic. **1½ft (50cm) HA** ☞

353B £1.95 C. pulchella, 'Arianne' Mixed

Frothy and jolly mixture of bright double blooms in white, pink and carmine. **1ft (30cm) HA** ☞

Clarkia unguiculata (*syn.* *C. elegans*)

We wonder how long it's been since you grew these often overlooked flowers? We have grown them on our plot for several years now and they never fail to please. They are very easy to grow, germinating with the least of effort with abundant blooms on tall spires continuing to provide colour throughout the summer right up until the first frosts. An excellent cut flower, this will stay on our list for years to come.

▶ **353 £1.95 C. unguiculata** **BEST SELLER**

Colourful mixture of shades of pink, purple, salmon and white. **1½ft (50cm) HA** ☞

▶ ★ **NEW** ★ **353P £2.25 'Appleblossom'**

Palest pinky-peach flowers. **1½ft (50cm) HA** ☞

▶ ★ **NEW** ★ **353Q £2.25 'Enchantress'**

Lovely and unusual apricot flowers with contrasting red stamens. **1½ft (50cm) HA** ☞

▶ **353M £2.25 'Salmon Rose'**

Our favourite shades of corally-pink blooms. **1½ft (50cm) HA** ☞

▶ **353N £2.25 'White'**

Elegant snowy-white flowers. **1½ft (50cm) HA** ☞

CLEMATIS – Ranunculaceae

355A £3.25 C. alpina, 'Frances Ravis'. Austrian Clematis **RHS** 🌱

A very fine, vigorous, free-flowering variety with larger flowers, 2ins or so across, than the species, a beautiful blue colour with a contrasting boss of white stamens. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **8ft (2.4m) HP(CI)**

360 £3.75 C. flammula. Sweet-scented Virgin's Bower

Cultivated in England since 1590, this is a highly desirable deciduous climber of considerable vigour with very fragrant, pure white flowers in panicles up to 12 inches long, abundantly produced over the whole plant from August to October. Ideal for climbing over anything best hidden. **13ft (4m) HP(CI)**

362E £3.75 C. japonica. Japanese Clematis

From thickets in mountains of Japan comes this rarely seen, moderately vigorous, scandent (i.e. leaning rather than twining) climber with slightly downy foliage. It bears in early summer somewhat unusual, nodding, tubular, brownish or purplish-red flowers, each an inch or more long, consisting of four, fleshy petals, recurved at the tips. An unusual and beautiful garden plant. **10ft (3m) Packet** of 10 seeds. **HP(CI)**

362B £3.75 C. macropetala, Hybrids Mixed. Downy Clematis

With seeds taken from a collection of colourful hybrids of this fine, very hardy Clematis, you can expect some rather large and lovely but delightfully unpredictable blooms in shades of blue, violet, pink and white. **8ft (2.4m) HP(CI)**


363K £3.25 C. paniculata (*syn. C. indivisa*). **Flower of the Skies, Bridal Veil**

We are delighted to have again found seed of this really beautiful Clematis. From New Zealand, it is a vigorous evergreen climber which finds its way to the tops of trees and shrubs, and in springtime decorates the forest with great bunches (panicles) of as many as 100 or more glorious, mildly fragrant, pure white flowers, each up to 4 inches across. As a bonus, these are followed by shimmering, fluffy windmills (grow it and you'll see what we mean) of seeds. **40ft (12m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP(Sh/Cl)**

364E £3.25 C. rehderiana. Nodding Virgin's Bower 

A beautiful, charming, yet very vigorous, 25ft up in a suitable tree, climber bearing generously in late summer and autumn panicles of bell (and here we mean bell – you'll be disappointed when they don't ping when you touch them)-shaped flowers deliciously scented of Cowslips. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **25ft (8m)** **HP(Cl)**

365B £3.25 C. tangutica (= belonging to Tangut, region of Tibet), **'Radar Love'**. **Yellow Clematis**

The most handsome yellow-flowered species. Flowering in as little as three months after sowing, it produces lots of lovely yellow, pendulous lanterns followed by feathery seed-heads. Perfect for pots, patios, hanging baskets, fences, trellises and the like, this is a very fine cultivated variety. We'll stick our necks out here and say that of all the Clematis types we list, you'll find this one the easiest to grow. **25ft (8m)** **HP(Cl)** 

365A £2.95 C. vitalba (= white vine). **Traveller's Joy, Old Man's Beard**

The well-known, native wild flower with faintly almond-scented, greenish-white flowers, followed by tufted balls of feathery seed heads, very conspicuous in winter. **50ft (15m)** **HP(Cl)**

366 £2.95 C. viticella (= small vine)

A slender climber up to 12ft with fragrant blue or purple flowers in profusion from July to September. Cultivated in England since 1569. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **12ft (4m)** Packet of 8 seeds **HP(Cl)**

366B £2.95 Clematis, Mixed Species

An interesting mixture of these beautiful plants. **25ft (8m)** **HP(Cl)**



CLEOME – Capparidaceae**366C £3.25 C. angustifolia. Golden Cleome**

Native to South Africa comes this rarely seen but lovely Cleome variety. The most eye-catching petals are of the very brightest yellow and have pale pink centres feathered with orange. The prominent whiskery stamens are also bright yellow. **2½ft (70cm)** Packet of 8 seeds **HHA**



Cleome hassleriana (*syn. C. spinosa, Tarenaya hassleriana*)

This must be one of the finest of all the lesser-known annual plants, and their beautiful, spider-like flowers with prominent stamens will attract the attention of all who see them. If you've never tried it before, do grow it this year – it is no more tender than other half-hardy annuals commonly grown.



▶ 366F £2.25 'Cherry Queen'

Bright rose. **3ft (1m)** **HHA**  



▶ 366H £2.25 'Pink Queen'

Rose-pink. **3ft (1m)** **HHA**  



▶ 366K £2.15 'Violet Queen'

Violet-purple. **3ft (1m)** **HHA**  

BEST SELLER**▶ 366W £2.25 'White Queen'**

Pure-white. **3ft (1m)** **HHA**  

BEST SELLER**▶ 366A £2.25 Mixed Colours**

Mixture of cherry, pink, violet and white. **3ft (1m)** **HHA**  

CLIVIA – Amaryllidaceae/Alliaceae


These are magnificent plants with ease of germination. It is essential that the seed is pushed about 3mm., or half the depth of the seed, into the top of the compost. The compost should be kept moist but never allowed to become water-logged. Please note that we have only a limited supply of all Clivia seed; please check our website or call for up to date availability.

371M £5.95 C. gardenii


This is a beautiful and desirable plant. With long, narrow, arching, deep green leaves, it bears from winter to spring on top of strong stems umbels of up to 20, lovely, orange or red, narrowly funnel-shaped, often strongly curved flowers with the petals delicately tipped green and of a most exotic appearance. **2½ft (75cm)** Packet of 3 seeds. **GP**

Clivia miniata

A spectacular pot plant originating from South Africa where it grows on the floor of forests. The plant has large strap-like leaves and produces a large head of trumpet-shaped flowers in early spring. Usually the flowers are orange, but many other colours have also been found in its natural habitat. We offer seed from selected plants in a range of colours.

▶ 371L £4.95 'Orange' 

The most common colour. This seed is from good broad-leaved forms as well as from plants grown from habitat collected seed. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 3 seeds. **GP**

▶ 370B £4.95 'Red' 

'Imperial Red'. This red colour is quite distinct from the usual orange. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 3 seeds **GP**

▶ 371T £4.95 'Yellow' 

Clivia miniata citrina has pure yellow flowers. The seeds offered are from large-flowered forms with well shaped flowers. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 3 seeds. **GP**

'Specially Selected'

We are delighted to be offering this range of Clivia seed, bred in South Africa. The seed has been specially selected to provide the best tall blooms of the highest quality.

▶ 370M £6.45 'Ghost'

Very unusual flowers with dark peach petals splashed with white with contrasting yellow stamens. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 3 seeds. **GP**

▶ ★ NEW ★ 370F £5.95 'Gunston Bronze'

Interesting and rich shade of rusty red. **3ft (90cm)** Packet of 2 seeds. **GP**

CLIVIA

▶ **370G** £6.75 'Hirao Green'

BEST SELLER

Very rare colour indeed, in search of the elusive pure white Clivia flower, our breeder has produced this stunning green-white flower with darker green throats and contrasting yellow-orange stamens. **3ft (90cm)** Packet of 2 seeds. **GP**

▶ **370L** £5.95 'Pink Symphony'

Very tasteful pale pink-apricot flowers with creamy yellow centres. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 3 seeds. **GP**

▶ **370N** £5.95 'Tipperary Peach'

Vibrant peach flowers with yellow or greenish throats. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 3 seeds. **GP**

COBAEA – Polemoniaceae


372 £2.65 **C. scandens** (= climbing). *Cup and Saucer Plant* RHS 

BEST SELLER


A vigorous climber from Mexico with large, pale violet or purple flowers. Strictly a perennial (grown as such it will take over the greenhouse), but best grown as a half-hardy annual when it can be grown in the open. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. Flowers may open pale but will darken as they mature. **20ft (6m)** **HHA/HHP(CI)** 

372A £2.95 **C. scandens var. alba**. *White Cup and Saucer Plant*

BEST SELLER

This is the much sought after variety of this beautiful climber. The flowers are not so much white as a highly fashionable shade of greenish-white. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **20ft (6m)** **HHA/HHP(CI)** 

372J £2.95 **C. scandens, Mixed**

A mix of both the purple and white varieties. **20ft (6m)** **HHA/HHP(CI)** 

COFFEA – Rubiaceae

374B £2.65 **C. arabica nana**. *Arabian Coffee*

Don't look on this to cut your grocery bills – with its dark glossy green, wavy-edged leaves and clusters of fragrant, white flowers (followed, of course, by your coffee crop). A dwarf form, it is in fact a most attractive house plant and particularly useful for pot culture. **5ft (1.5m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HSH**

COIX – Poaceae/Gramineae

375 £2.25 **C. lacryma-jobi**. (Literal translation of the English name: Job 16:16).

Job's Tears

An ornamental grass with reed-like leaves and large, pearly-white seeds (which are edible) drooping, tear-like, from the stems. Very effective in flower arranging. **3ft (90cm)** Packet of 15 seeds.

HHA 

COLEUS. See Solenostemon


COLOCASIA – Araceae

379F £2.95 **C. fallax** (= deceptive). *Silver Leaf Elephant's Ear*

From Thailand comes this very fine, small species easily accommodated in a small frost-free conservatory. Growing to only 15-18 inches, it produces highly ornamental, baby elephant ear leaves just a few inches long which are velvety mid-green in colour but beautifully contrasted with reflective silver markings radiating from the leaf centre. Although small in stature, it makes up for this in vegetative fecundity – a single plant will produce lots of lovely babies rapidly filling the container assigned to it. As a bonus, there are usually some small, yellowish, typically aroid flowers on the scene to entertain. (We deceive you not!) **1½ft (45cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **GP**

COLUTEA – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

380 £2.75 **C. arborescens**, *Orange Bladder Senna*

Easily grown shrub with unusual and stunning bright orange pea-like flowers produced throughout the summer, followed by large, inflated seed pods. **12ft (4m)** **HSH** 

COMMELINA – Commelinaceae. Day Flower

381F £2.85 **C. coelestis** (= sky-blue), 'Sleeping Beauty'



Happy practically anywhere, full sun or partial shade, dry soil or wet, truly easy to grow, sown early and blooming the first year from seed and producing its "indescribably" vivid sky-blue flowers from summer until late autumn, this splendid variety is sure to become popular. Sufficiently hardy to risk leaving outside all winter – even if it doesn't make it to the following spring, we think you will agree that you've had your money's-worth. **1½ft (45cm)** **HHA/HHP** 

CONSOLIDA – Ranunculaceae

Consolida regalis. *Larkspur*


(Yes, we know we are being inconsistent here! – under the Chiltern (house) rules of nomenclature (that would make professional taxonomists squirm but are intended to produce the name, all things considered, of most use to our customers, not them) this should be listed under Delphinium. However, as this is, horticulturally, so very, very different, we, like our supplier, feel justified in listing it completely separately.)

▶ **382H** £2.35 **C. regalis**, 'Blue Cloud'

These Larkspurs, as you will have gathered, are totally different from the usual types: most attractive bushy plants bearing masses of violet-blue flowers, in much the same way as a Gypsophila – clouds rather than spikes or clusters. They are splendid for cutting for use fresh in bouquets or dried in arrangements. **2½ft (75cm)** **HA**  

CONVALLARIA – Liliaceae

382A £2.95 **C. majalis** (= May-flowering). *Lily Of The Valley* RHS 

We are delighted to have been able to obtain seeds again of this beautiful plant and, being sentimental, surely one of the things we particularly look forward to each year is picking that first small posy of Lily of the Valley to bring inside to perfume the whole living room with that most distinctive of all scents. Need we say more? Hardy throughout the British Isles. **8ins (20cm)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HP** 

CONVOLVULUS – Convolvulaceae**382G £1.95 C. tricolor, 'Royal Ensign'**

This is a splendid, easily grown and eye-catching variety forming bushy plants bearing for months on end from summer into autumn deep blue flowers with contrasting golden centres. **1½ft (40cm)**

HA 🌱

CORDYLINE – Liliaceae**384 £2.75 C. australis. Cabbage Palm, Cabbage Tree** RHS 🌱

This nearly hardy, small tree from New Zealand and Australia usually forms a single cylindrical branched stem, each branch bearing a dense mass of sword-like leaves, and fragrant, creamy-white flowers. While it may be hardy outside in some regions (with frost-free protection in winter) we think it makes a really lovely house plant. **25ft (8m) HSh/HSh**

COREOPSIS – Compositae/Asteraceae. Tickseed**386G £2.35 C. grandiflora, 'Golden Globe'**

A Fleuroselect "Approved Novelty", this variety with its large, double, bright golden-yellow flowers will bring a real splash of colour to your garden. With a basal branching habit and flowering the first year from seed, it will give a sunny feel to beds and borders and equally bright and cheerful in a vase. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

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386C £2.25 C. lanceolata, 'Sterntaler'. Lanceleaf Tickseed

A permanent bloomer is how our supplier describes this splendid, border-enhancing perennial. To be honest, however, you will have to settle for May to October as the period when it will produce for you its lovely, delicately scented, two inch, yellow flowers with a central brown circle. Good for cutting, we're sure you'll be able to spare some for the vase. **1½ft (40cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

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386F £2.25 C. rosea. Pink Tickseed

This is the only member of the genus which that redoubtable protagonist of alpinists, Reginald Farrer, would admit to his English Rock Garden! A native of open swamps (but equally happy on sunny dry sites) near the coast of the eastern United States, it is a really beautiful little plant. Forming small clumps of delicate, very narrow, almost grass-like foliage, it is smothered all through late summer with bright, clear rose-pink Marguerites in quantity. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

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235D £1.95 C. tinctoria, 'Radiata Tigrina'

In the opinion of our supplier, this is the most attractive of Coreopsis cultivars. With finely cut foliage, it bears in profusion all summer and early autumn lovely, vivid yellow flowers with the petals sprinkled with red. A very good and uniform bedding plant to colour any border. **1ft (30cm) HA/HHA**

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386K £1.95 C. tinctoria, 'Roulette'

Variety with delicate yet bold flowers of the darkest red, with a second inner row of golden feathery petals. These tall plants will create a lovely natural effect in your borders. A Fleuroselect award winning variety, this is tremendously easy to grow with quick results. **2½ft (80cm) HA** 🌱 🌸

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Coreopsis x hybrida**'Incredible Series'**

Intensive breeding of the ever popular Coreopsis has given us this favourite series in a brilliant range of not-seen-before colours – a lovely mixture of bicolors in very dark red with cream or yellow. Fast growing and very easy – an unusual addition to the border, they will flower all summer from June to October.

▶ 386M £2.25 'Incredible Dwarf Mix'

Full range of dramatic colours in a more compact style. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

▶ 386N £2.25 'Incredible Sea Shells Mix'

Unusual flowers in this popular series with fascinating 'sea-shell' style tubular petals, darker throats make for very interesting looking flowers. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

▶ 386J £2.25 'Incredible Tall Mix'

Some of the tallest flowers offered in the genus in the brilliant range of colours – an unusual addition to the back of the border. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

CORNFLOWER. See Centaurea cyanus**CORNUS – Cornaceae****392 £3.95 C. kousa chinensis. Chinese Dogwood**

Large hardy shrub with flowers with large, creamy-white, petal-like bracts. Protracted flowering period – weeks rather than days. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **25ft (8m) HSh**

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393 £2.65 C. mas. Cornelian Cherry, Cherry Dogwood

Hardy shrub or small, densely branched tree with an abundance of tiny yellow flowers in umbels on the naked twigs in February, followed by bright red, Cherry-like edible fruits. Valuable for its early flowers. **13ft (4m) HSh/HTr**

CORTADERIA – Poaceae/Gramineae**394M £2.25 C. sellonana, 'Pampas Plume Pink'. Pampas Grass**

A rather eye-catching variety of the well-known pampas grass, this is a large clump-forming, evergreen grass with tall, silvery-pink plumes; a real focal point for the garden resembling a flock of feathery flamingos. **8ft (2.4m) HP**

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395B £2.25 C. sellonana, 'Pampas Plume White'

Without doubt the finest of all ornamental grasses, and their large and impressive, silvery ostrich feather-like plumes need little introduction. Easy from seed even if they do take a year or so to reach flowering size. **8ft (2.4m) HP**

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CORYDALIS

CORYDALIS (= lark) – Papaveraceae. *Fumitory, Fumewort*

Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of these bulbous plants.

396G £2.45 *C. lutea* (= yellow). *Yellow Fumitory*

This is a delightful plant for the rockery or the front of the border where it will thrive in semi-shade. The spikes of golden-yellow flowers are nicely contrasted with the attractive fern-like foliage and are borne from spring through to the end of summer. An introduced wild flower, it has a liking for establishing itself on top of old walls. **1ft (30cm) HBb**

396J £2.65 *C. ochroleuca* (= yellowish-white). *Pale Fumitory*

A charming plant from the Balkans with much cut, glaucous foliage and crowded heads of nodding, yellow-lipped, creamy-white flowers produced throughout most of the summer. **1ft (30cm) HBb**

399A £2.75 *C. solida*, 'George Baker'. *Bird in a Bush, Spring Fumewort*

This is a superb plant, a relatively rare tuberous form with attractive grey-green, deeply dissected foliage. In spring it bears dense upright spikes of flowers, rosy-red in colour tinged with a hint of orange. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **8ins (20cm) HBb**

CORYLUS – Betulaceae

396E £2.85 *C. avellana*. *Common Hazel, Cob-Nut, Hazelnut*

Perhaps needing no introduction is this native shrub forming a dense thicket of erect, branching, leafy stems. The attractive, yellow lamb's tail catkins appear in February and, in squirrel-proof gardens, are followed in autumn by the familiar nuts. Used for hedging. **20ft (6m) Packet of 8 seeds. HSh/HTr**

COSMIDIUM – Compositae/Asteraceae

1239J £2.25 *C. burridgeanum*, 'Brunette' (*syn. Thelesperma*)

This is a plant with an interesting history. In cultivation in England from the early 19th Century, it was long erroneously thought to be a hybrid raised by one F.K. Burridge of Colchester, and it was not until 1928 that it was first actually recorded in the wild in Texas. It is a very fine and attractive annual for the border with finely divided leaves and very showy, reddish-brown flowers with broad, yellow-edged petals surrounding a purple centre. These are freely produced all summer and are splendid for cutting. **1½ft (50cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

COSMOS (= beautiful) – Compositae/Asteraceae

399N £7.50 *C. atrosanguineus*, 'Black Magic'. *Chocolate Cosmos*

BEST SELLER

It's not often that a horticultural development can rightfully be described as exciting, but this is surely one of those occasions. The prized chocolate Cosmos, which until now has only been available via vegetative propagation, can now be grown from seed. This beautiful selection of darkly decadent Cosmos flowers, with that unmistakable aroma of chocolate, has flowers in shades of velvety burgundy to almost black. Some are double but all are in a variety of shades that are almost unreal. Perennial if rootstock is protected in winter. Admittedly these are on the pricey side, but we hope you agree they're worth it. **2ft (60cm) Packet of 4 seeds HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌻

Cosmos bipinnatus

Every garden should have some *Cosmos bipinnatus* – so easy to grow, colourful and with a very long flowering season.

▶ 398J £2.95 'Antiquity'

BEST SELLER

A beautiful Cosmos! Giving a very early display of colour in the garden, 'Antiquity' opens its flowers, 2ins across, in a rich burgundy changing to antique bronze-salmon as it ages. Very floriferous and very attractive. **1½ft (45cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 401J £2.95 'Apricot Lemonade'

BEST SELLER

A beautiful and unusually coloured, much sought-after Cosmos; yellow-apricot with a pinky centre. **2½ft (70cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 401E £2.85 'Apricotta'

BEST SELLER

Gorgeous Cosmos with burnished apricot and peach petals with raspberry pink centres, edged with the same pink. Lovely for cutting with long stems. Well-deserving winner of a Fleuroselect Novelty award for 2021. **3ft (1m) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 397Z £2.25 'Candy Stripe' Mix

Aptly named is this variety with lovely blooms with white petals boldly striped, splashed, stippled and edged with crimson leaving an almost lickable flower! **2½ft (80cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 401F £2.25 'Candyfloss Pink Sunrise'

These performed well for us on our plot; a mid height Cosmos smothered in large pink flowers with a central pink ring. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 399K £2.85 'Capriola'

This interesting, early flowering Cosmos has an extraordinary colour pattern, white with a light rosy-red picotee and dark purple-red centre. Some flowers have a second row of smaller petals. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 399M £2.25 'Cosimo Collarette'

This award winning dwarf Cosmos is extremely early flowering and has charming pink and white striped frilly flowers. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

'Cupcakes' Series

This is a unique form of Cosmos where the usual daisy-like petals are fused together to create a delicate, frilly-edged, papery cup; some single and others double, with an extra tier of fluffy inner petals.

▶ 401C £2.75 'Cupcakes Blush'

BEST SELLER

Papery, pale-pink petals, some romantically streaked with tones of pink and white. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 401D £2.75 'Cupcakes White'

Bright white blooms. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 398L £2.25 'Daydream'

This is a lovely Cosmos which will give a dreamy display all summer and into autumn with its delicate-looking blooms, slightly smaller perhaps than other varieties, of white with a blushing rosy-pink centre. Of easy cultivation and tolerant of most conditions, it will brighten up any bed, border or vase. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 397H £2.25 'Dazzler'

BEST SELLER

A wonderful variety with bright crimson-red flowers that really stand out in a crowd. Very early and will dazzle when in a vase. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

'Double Dutch'

The frothiest Cosmos flowers we've seen yet; semi-double and double – multi-layered petals like the fluffiest ballerina tutus.

- ▶ **401G £2.45 White** **BEST SELLER**
Frothy white flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** 🌱 🌸
- ▶ **★NEW★ 401M £2.45 Rose**
Pale pink blooms. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

- ▶ **401H £2.25 'Kiio'** **BEST SELLER**
Beautiful soft yellow blooms with the occasional hint of peach and pink on tall, cuttable stems. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

- ▶ **397K £2.25 'Picotee'**
As readers of these pages will doubtless appreciate (or become resigned to!), the writer is always looking for plants/flowers that are different. This is just one of those. Of the 'Sensation' group, this exciting (now, admit it, we don't use that adjective that often!) variety produces lovely snow-white flowers with the petals beautifully edged (with a paintbrush of several different thicknesses) with deep rose-red. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

- ▶ **398F £2.25 'Pied Piper Red'**
Lovely variety with fluted petals of a deep wine-red inside and lavender streaked with silver outside which are borne in abundance over a long period. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

'Popsocks'

Perhaps the most unusual and ornate series of Cosmos yet, we are delighted to be offering these fun and showy flowers. A unique mix of nectar rich, fully double pompom, anemone and single flowers. The plants are compact and perfect both in the border and particularly good in pots. With their variety of different flower heads they look perfectly beautiful in a vase on their own. Very easy and long lasting, we have already popped a packet aside for our own cut flower plot!

- ▶ **399R £3.25 Pink**
Bright and cheery, sweet sugary pink. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸
- ▶ **399T £3.25 White**
Pure white flowers with yellow or fluffy white centres. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸
- ▶ **397G £2.25 'Purity'** **BEST SELLER**
In cultivation for many years is this beautiful old variety with large, single, snow-white flowers with a gold centre fine both for cut flowers or garden. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

- ▶ **399P £2.45 'Rosetta'**
A beautifully romantic looking variety of Cosmos. It has subtly and delicately striped blooms in shades of blush pink and rose with an inner ring of smaller fluffy petals. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

- ▶ **399Q £2.25 'Rubenza' RHS 🏆** **BEST SELLER**
Exceptionally coloured, early flowering blooms of dark, very rich ruby red, which fade to an antique-rose as they age. Fleuroselect award winning, compact variety and great for containers. **2½ft (80cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

- ▶ **397E £2.25 'Sea Shells' Mixed**
A most distinct and delightful variety of Cosmos in which the petals are each formed into a perfectly shaped, colourful trumpet. Early and freely flowering, the blooms come in a range of lovely shades of white, crimson, and, not surprisingly, shell-pink to give an eye-catching, comment-attracting display. **3ft (1m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

- ▶ **397A £2.25 'Sensation', Choice Mixed**
This is a very fine and well known plant with fern-like foliage and large, colourful flowers in various shades of crimson, pink and white, excellent for cutting, borne from late June well into autumn. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

- ▶ **399H £2.45 'Velouette' RHS 🏆**
Exceptional variety with a unique and unusual mix of colours with contrasting patterns. Some of the large flowers are deep red with clear white stripes, some white with a deep red picotee – all in all making for a very eye-catching display. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

- ▶ **728M £2.45 'Versailles' Formula Mixed**
A tetraploid variety specially selected for cut flowers with long, erect and sturdy stems bearing very large and cheerful flowers in a mix of five separate colours: blush pink, carmine, clear pink, pink with deep eye and pure white with yellow centre. (If you can spare the space, 'Versailles' is particularly recommended for winter cut flower production in the greenhouse.) **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

- ▶ **399J £2.75 'Xanthos'**
Very exciting variety in a beautiful soft yellow – a unique colour for Cosmos – 'Xanthos' is a Fleuroselect Gold medal winner. The early flowering plants are compact and well-branched and are perfect for borders and will make lovely cut flowers. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

- ▶ **399W £2.95 'Xsenia'**
This is a Cosmos that really must be seen to appreciate the colour as it is rather difficult to describe. It is a rosy-pink which is overlaid with an orangey, shimmering glow. The amount of orange glow you see depends on the light. In bright sunlight the petals appear a flatter pink but as the sun goes down the orange increases. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

'Double Click' Series

These exuberant Cosmos cousins feature wonderfully frothy double (of course) flowers. (And the name? Perhaps what a graphic designer might need to do to create images of those frilly petals on screen?)

- ▶ **398W £2.95 'Double Click Bicolor Rose'**
Ruffled petals in romantic shades of blush pink and white. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸
- ▶ **399C £2.95 'Double Click Cranberries'** **BEST SELLER**
A lovely shade of glamorous dark carmine-red. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸
- ▶ **401A £2.95 'Double Click Rose Bonbon'**
Ruffled petals of pure pink. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸
- ▶ **399E £2.95 'Double Click Snow Puff'**
Hardly needing further description – frothy, pure white flowers. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸
- ▶ **401B £2.95 'Double Click Mixed'**
A mixture of all our frothy favourites. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

'Fizzy' Series

This is a lovely series with double and semi-double flowers, charming and exuberant, with wonderfully frothy petals. These attractive flowers are also excellent for cutting.

- ▶ **399L £2.75 'Fizzy Rose Picotee'** **BEST SELLER**
Semi-double, rosy-white flowers with an eye-catching ruby edging. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **399G £2.25 'Fizzy White'**
Fizzy pure-white flowers. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

'Gazebo' Series

If you're a bit like Goldilocks when choosing your favourite Cosmos varieties and find the dwarf ones too small and the tall ones just a bit too tall, then this might be the medium-height series you've been looking for. At a manageable height of 60cm, 'Gazebo' grows easily and flowers early with large blooms.

- ▶ **399Y £2.25 'Gazebo Red'**
Large blooms of pinky-red. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **399Z £2.25 'Gazebo White'**
Pure white flowers. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

'Sonata' Series

Dwarfer and more manageable plants particularly suited for smaller gardens and containers are amongst the distinctive features of this fine, very easy to grow variety. Free-flowering, it produces an abundance of strong-stemmed, three inch blooms with ferny foliage over a long period. Perfect for cut flowers.

- ▶ **397F £2.95 'Sonata White'**
Whiter than white (with a small and neat central golden boss) are the quite innocent and lovely blooms of this rather desirable variety. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **398M £2.95 'Sonata Carmine'**
A vibrant carmine shade. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **398B £2.95 'Sonata' Mixed**
A fine mix of all the Cosmos colours. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

★ NEW ★ **402B £2.75 C. peucedanifolius**

Unlike most of the other Cosmos we list, this is an unusual tuber forming perennial. From Bolivia, the large, single pink flowers, showing some variation in size, shape and colour, resemble our favourite annuals. From an early sowing, the multi-stemmed, floriferous plants, will produce flowers in the first year and our supplier has had consistent flowers for many years so it would appear to be hardy. **1½ft (45cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿

Cosmos sulphureus

A little bit different from other Cosmos varieties but just as easy to grow, Cosmos sulphureus comes in many different shades of orange and yellow.

- ▶ **398P £1.95 'Bright Lights'**
A tall variety with lacy foliage and illuminating the garden throughout the summer with semi-double blooms, 2-3ins across, in vibrant shades of red, orange and yellow. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **398E £2.55 'Limara Lemon'**
A past Catalogue cover star! This is a splendid Cosmos variety to produce a mass of bright sunny colour in your borders or in containers on your patio. Forming naturally compact, floriferous, globe-shaped plants, it bears over an extended period gorgeous large blooms in a bright and intensive lemon-yellow colour. Very well branched and durable; free flowering. **8ins (20cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **397W £2.25 'Polidor' Mixed**
Long and free-flowering is this splendid variety to give a glow to your summer border. Forming bushy plants of deeply-cut foliage, it bears lovely, semi-double blooms in a mixture of striking shades of yellow, gold, orange and orange-red – all the colours of the blacksmith's forge! **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

'Cosmic' Series

Very free-flowering is this rather fine, award-winning series all set to produce that mass of colour so much sought after for your front garden! Expect stocky, well-branched (so important for the lazy gardener – no nipping out required!) plants with hundreds of semi-double, two inch, cosmic blooms over a long period. Keep some plants back to grow in containers for your patio.

- ▶ **397P £2.75 'Cosmic Orange'**
Vibrant cosmic orange blooms. **1ft (30cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **397X £2.75 'Cosmic Red'**
"Out of this World" is how the raiser describes this wonderful, spectacular variety. With naturally compact plants, it bears an abundance of blooms with an intense, eye-catching, scarlet-red colour – a unique flower colour that intensifies as light levels increase. The resulting mounds of colour make a dazzling garden display. **1ft (30cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **397Y £2.75 'Cosmic Mix'**
Now, how about this to let your border provide you with a floral presentation of unique, vibrant, eye-catching colour this summer? This is a formula mix of the three 'Cosmic' colours available – orange, red and yellow. **1ft (30cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

COSTUS – Costaceae

★ NEW ★ **398 £2.95 C. speciosus** (syn. Cheilocostus speciosus). **Crepe Ginger, Malay Ginger**

A splendid tropical plant worth growing both for its exotic foliage and for its handsome, unusual blooms; white flowers resembling crepe paper emerge from pinkish-red bracts hence the common name Crepe Ginger. For a Spiral Ginger this is relatively cold tolerant, but it is best considered half-hardy. It will usually need to be kept under glass in a frost-free environment over winter but it may survive outside in milder regions if given a sheltered location with good drainage and plenty of mulch. **8ft (2.4m)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HHP**

COTA – Compositae/Asteraceae**106C £2.25 C. tinctoria** (*syn.* *Anthemis tinctoria*), **True Wild Form. Yellow Chamomile**A native (or, more accurately, introduced) wild flower with attractive, deeply cut, pinnate foliage and golden-yellow flowers, 1½ins or so across, which yield a yellow dye. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿**107 £2.25 C. tinctoria, 'Kelwayi Yellow'**A very useful plant for the herbaceous border with pure golden-yellow, daisy-like flowers freely produced from mid-summer to autumn. Long stemmed and excellent for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿**COTINUS – Anacardiaceae****402A £2.65 C. coggygia, 'Young Lady'** RHS 🌱With its long, pinkish, feather-like inflorescences, produced in profusion in June and July, and looking just like hazy puffs of smoke, this is amongst the most attractive of summer flowering shrubs. The seeds we are offering here have been collected from a floriferous, compact, dwarf cultivar. **5ft (1.5m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HSh****COWSLIP. See Primula veris****GRAMBE – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae****406A £2.25 C. cordifolia. Flowering Sea Kale** RHS 🌱Frequently seen in parks, gardens and the like and frequently sought after by the admiring public, is this magnificent plant for the back of the border. It has large, lobed, wavy margined, fleshy leaves up to 3ft long, and bears in July and August enormous, much-branched panicles of countless, honey-scented, creamy-white flowers looking just like a super-duper, king-sized Gypsophila. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **6ft (1.8m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP****406D £2.65 C. maritima. Sea Kale, Sea Cabbage**Once a fairly common plant to be found growing on sand and shingle around the coasts of these Islands, it has now become a good deal rarer thanks to the demand for its young, white stems as an Asparagus-like delicacy. A splendid plant with large and very fleshy, very glaucous, wavy, long-stalked, ornamental leaves, and bearing in summer large panicles of rather attractive, veined white flowers which have a delicious honey-like smell. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP** 🌱**CRASPEDIA – Compositae/Asteraceae****406B £2.45 C. globosa. Billy Buttons, Drumsticks** **BEST SELLER**Becoming increasingly popular is this most delightful and quirky plant from Australia with narrow, silvery-grey leaves, and bearing on strong, easily arrangeable, wiry stalks globular drumsticks (we are told we should call these glomerules) of bright yellow flowers. They make excellent dried flowers. Although usually grown as a colourful half-hardy annual, it is not that tender and is well worth trying to nurse through an average British winter, with cloches perhaps, when the blooms in the second year will repay the effort taken. **3ft (90cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱**CREPIS – Compositae/Asteraceae****410G £2.25 C. rubra. Pink Hawk's Beard** **BEST SELLER**Best described as a pink dandelion, this doesn't really do this species justice! It is a very pretty and appealing flower which is super easy to grow – direct sow in your borders for natural style plantings. **1ft (30cm) HA** 🌱 🌿**CRITHMUM – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae****413K £2.75 C. maritimum** (Earlier Sampere from the French, and exactly as most English folk would pronounce it, St. Pierre, St. Peter's Herb). **Rock Samphire**A native wild flower to be found on precarious cliff faces or in shingle by the sea, it is a small bushy plant with fleshy, grey-green foliage divided into very narrow leaflets, and bearing in summer umbels of yellowish-green flowers. The whole plant is "of a spicie taste with a certaine saltnesse" and long held in great repute as a salad ingredient particularly when turned into a warm aromatic pickle. Chopped and mixed with olive oil and lemon juice, the leaves make an excellent salad dressing. **1ft (30cm) HP****CROCUS – Iridaceae**

The Crocus, we feel, needs no introduction except to say that cultivation from seed presents no problems and should flower within three years or so from sowing, giving the grower enormous satisfaction.

413B £2.25 C. tommasinianus. Early Crocus RHS 🌱A particularly attractive early flowering species with pale sapphire-lavender flowers. A real treat for the bees. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **4ins (10cm) HBb** 🌱**CRYPTOMERIA – Pinaceae****416 £2.85 C. japonica. Japanese Cedar, Sugi**Revered in its native Japan and known there as "Sugi", this is their national tree. It is often found planted near temples and shrines. A very beautiful and easily cultivated conifer (not in fact a true cedar but closely related to the Giant Sequoia and can reach an impressive 200ft, though it is unlikely to reach anything like that in the UK), it has awl-shaped leaves densely crowded on long slender branches. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **65ft (20m) HTr** 🌱**CUCUBALUS – Caryophyllaceae****★ NEW ★ 416L £2.45 C. baccifer** (*syn.* *Silene baccifer*)A plant of shady places in areas from Europe through Asia to as far away as the hills of Japan is this intriguingly beautiful species. With somewhat straggling, scrambling, diffusely branched stems clad with small, oval, pointed leaves, it bears in summer most appealing, drooping, greenish-white flowers with lovely frilly petals. These are followed by shining, blackcurrant-like berries which are enjoyed by birds. It can be trained as a climber and we wonder if this might make interesting cutting material. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱 🌿


CUPHEA

CUPHEA – Lythraceae

417A £2.45 **C. ignea** (= fiery-red). **Mexican Cigar Plant, Cigar Flower** RHS

This is a most attractive plant. The unusual tubular flowers, bright scarlet tipped purple and white, are produced in profusion throughout the summer. Perfect as a pot plant indoors, or for planting out in sheltered parts of the garden. In fact, it is surprisingly easy to grow as an annual. **1ft (30cm)** HHA/GP

417J £2.25 **C. lanceolata**, 'Purple Passion'. **Bat-faced Cuphea**

This beautiful annual has most curious and striking flowers. The petals are dark purple and velvety with two enlarged mouse-ear like upper petals and four smaller ones below. Brilliant for cutting with a very long flowering season from July to October. **2½ft (80cm)** HA/HHA 

417E £2.25 **C. viscosissima** (*syn.* *C. petiolata*). **Glammy Cuphea, Bat Face, Blue Waxweed**

From the western United States comes this curious and attractively interesting, much-branched annual. With sticky, purple-hairy stems and leaves, it bears leafy panicles of dark violet or purplish flowers consisting of two large and four smaller petals. **3ft (90cm)** HA

CYCAS – Cycadaceae

425C £3.25 **C. revoluta**. **Sago Palm** RHS

This is a very fine Cycad, a popular species with pinnate, herring bone-like leaves (30 ins. long on mature plants) divided into a large number of shining green, crowded, very narrow leaflets. With patience, this will make a most excellent and dramatic houseplant. **5ft (1.5m)** Packet of 2 very large seeds. GP

CYCLAMEN – Primulaceae

Wild Species:

425K £3.95 **C. coum** (= of Cos, the Greek Island better known for its lettuce; but don't go looking for this Cyclamen there – although found over an enormous area around the eastern Mediterranean, it's apparently not actually found there),

Mixed Colours. Eastern Cyclamen, Persian Violet RHS

A very popular species, beautifully variable both in flower and foliage. The leaves vary from unspotted green to beautifully marked, bright, silver-washed green through to totally silver, together with some pewter forms. The flowers, produced from late winter into spring, vary from white through soft to deep magenta pink and dark carmine. The mixture we offer reflects this variation. Remarkably hardy but best planted in a position where surrounding vegetation can give some protection. **5ins (12cm)** HP

424P £3.25 **C. coum var. album**

One of the most delightful of all the wild Cyclamens is this beautiful variety with lovely pure white flowers, each marked with a small maroon blob at the base of the petals. A quite charming plant. Remarkably hardy but best planted in a position where surrounding vegetation can give some protection. (A percentage of the seedlings may produce the usual pink flowers.) **5ins (12cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. HP

426K £3.90 **C. graecum**

A very fine species from Greece and the Islands of the eastern Mediterranean with most handsome, velvety-green leaves beautifully and geometrically marked with silver and white. The flowers, typically deep reddish-pink or pale rose, appear in late summer. Although virtually hardy, it is perhaps best grown indoors in a deep pot where it will flower more freely. **5ins (12cm)** Packet of 12 seeds. HP

425A £3.25 **C. hederifolium** (*syn.* *C. neapolitanum*). **Ivy Leaved Cyclamen**

RHS 

Like so many other members of the Primrose family, this is an exquisite flower, and is just like a miniature version of the florists' Cyclamen. The leaves, which vary considerably in shape and colouring, are delightful and are usually richly marbled with silver or pale cream. The beautiful flowers, also variable in colour, are commonly rose-coloured with a deep carmine blotch but with some charming pure white blooms included this year. The plant is very hardy throughout the British Isles and can be in flower any time from July to November. **6ins (15cm)** Packet of 12 seeds. HP

428K £3.95 **C. hederifolium ssp. confusum**

Only recently separated from the type species as a separate, distinct variety, this is the form found in Sicily, Crete, southern Greece and some Greek islands. Basically it is a tetraploid (as opposed to the usual diploid) form with thicker, fleshier, bright green, sometimes very large leaves and flowers similar to the common type. An interesting and, of course, attractive plant. **5ins (12cm)** Packet of 8 seeds. HP

★NEW★ 426H £3.75 **C. libanoticum** (= of Mount Lebanon)

First discovered in the Lebanon in 1895, this is a species which all but escaped extinction. After its discovery it was then lost sight of and thought to be extinct until its re-discovery, in a very small quantity, as recently as 1961. It perhaps goes without saying that this is another quite delightful species and produces its flowers early in the year. They open white but gradually deepen in colour to rose-pink with a magenta blotch at the base of each petal. Although hardy in the warmer parts of the country, it is perhaps best grown in a cold house, where, with care, it will give, each year, a splendid display. **4ins (10cm)** Packet of 8 seeds. HHP

★NEW★ 426G £3.75 **Cyclamen, Mixed Hardy Species**

A particularly fine mixture of these lovely plants including most of the species listed separately but with some rare beauties in addition. **6ins (15cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. HP

Cultivated Form:


428P £3.95 **C. persicum, Giant Flowered, Formula Mixed**

This is the classic Cyclamen, long popular as a house plant and beloved of florists and garage forecourts so useful as an emergency gift. Easily raised from seed, with little more than freedom from frost required, it is an excellent plant to grow in your greenhouse or conservatory: a window sill will remove your last excuse for not growing it. We offer a formula mixture of standard-sized plants with marbled foliage and large flowers in a wide range of Cyclamen colours including red, pink, white and salmon. Keep the seeds moist and warm for germination. **1ft (30cm)** Packet of 12 seeds. GP

CYMBALARIA – Scrophulariaceae



426M £2.25 **C. muralis** (= growing on walls). **Ivy-leaved Toadflax, Pennywort**


Introduced from southern Europe early in the 17th Century and now found wild in many parts of the British Isles, this delightful little trailing plant, with its small, ivy-like leaves and lilac flowers, like tiny Snapdragons, produced all summer, is ideal for growing in crevices of walls and similar places.

4ins (10cm) HP 

CYNARA – Compositae/Asteraceae**428M £2.50 C. cardunculus** (= small Thistle-like), **'Porto Spineless'** RHS 

This is a fine, moderately-sized variety of ornamental Cardoon specially bred for cut flower use. With silver-grey, pointed and divided foliage, it is a stately specimen for a prominent position in the border. In summer it bears medium-sized, blue, Thistle-like flowers that will make for dramatic arrangements and are also excellent for drying. (For the edible Cardoon, please see the VegBook)


4ft (1.2m) HP  **CYNOGLOSSUM – Boraginaceae****427 £2.25 C. amabile** (= lovely), **'Firmament'**. **Chinese Forget-me-not**RHS  **BEST SELLER**

A cultivated form of this attractive biennial, admirable for supplying colour to the early summer border, when their indigo-blue flowers are produced very freely. Sown early under glass, will flower the same year. **1½ft (40cm) HA** 

429N £1.95 C. amabile, 'Mystic Pink'**BEST SELLER**

This is a delightful cultivated variety of the Chinese Forget-me-not. The award-winning plants are extra tall and bear long spikes of delicate flowers in a comforting soft mysterious shade of pink. Excellent for cutting. **3ft (90cm) HA** 

★NEW★ 427A £2.45 C. officinale. Hound's Tongue

A native wild flower, this is a softly hairy plant, bearing in summer dense nodding panicles of small, burgundy, cup-shaped flowers. Once a herbal remedy for many ills, one of its most curious uses was a cure for stuttering. **2½ft (75cm)** 

CYPERUS – Cyperaceae**429G £3.25 C. papyrus. Papyrus, Egyptian Paper Reed, Bulrush** RHS 

We'll come to the school book stuff later! Because we want to emphasize its very great qualities as an ornamental plant: where it has the conditions where it can flourish, as a decorative plant it stands by itself, unequalled and unrivalled. It produces tall, dark green stems, each crowned by a very large yet infinitely graceful umbrella of thread-like leaves. Although in warm climates truly at home on the margin of a natural pond, it will still succeed in a pot (or tub) standing, only slightly submerged, in water; indeed, sown in spring, the seedlings will make good plants the same season. This is, of course, a plant of great antiquity, a native of the Nile region (but widespread in tropical Africa) and used by the Egyptians for making baskets, cradles (Moses, for the use of!), shoes, ropes, string and – wait for it – paper! (From the pithy interior of the stalks.) Requires heated glass (minimum 41°F (5°C)). **15ft (5m) HHP**

CYPHOMANDRA – Solanaceae**430 £2.90 C. betacea. Tree Tomato, Tamarillo**

Very easily grown plant, and, although usually grown for its edible fruit, which looks and tastes like an egg-shaped Tomato, it very rapidly makes, within only a few weeks from seed, a magnificent foliage plant bearing softly hairy, shiny leaves over 12ins long by 9ins wide. The flowers are purple in bud, then greenish-pink and fragrant. A native of Brazil (not New Zealand, as sometimes stated).




16ft (5m) TP**DACTYLORHIZA – Orchidaceae****432N £1.95 D. fuchsii. Common Spotted Orchid, Marsh Orchid**

Common, you will appreciate, is here relative: one could go a lifetime without actually seeing it. And when you do see it, the thought that it is meant to be "common" just won't occur. Modest it may be, compared with its exotic relatives, but nevertheless, in flower, in its simplicity, it is a thing of overwhelming beauty – spikes of pale lilac or whitish, spotted purple, little winged angels. Be warned, these are terrestrial Orchids and considered some of the very hardest of all plants to raise from seed. You will need luck, skill and patience. Our supplier can only suggest sowing in lawn-soil or near another Dactylorhiza. And don't, he says, touch the seeds with bare fingers! Because of all this, the low, for experimental use, price. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

DAHLIA – Compositae/Asteraceae







All the Dahlias we offer can be very easily grown as half-hardy annuals and flower the first year from seed.

★NEW★ 433B £2.75 D. coccinea var. palmeri

This beautiful Dahlia has an open and airy elegance with its pretty dissected, feathery foliage which develops as the plants mature. The single, dazzling sunny, orange-red flowers will adorn the tall plants all summer long. With some mulching they should survive a cold winter. **8ft (2.4m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **(H)HP**   




434J £2.25 Dahlia, 'Bishop's Children'**BEST SELLER**

With impressive rich dark bronze foliage, this bears large, spectacular single flowers in a vibrant mix of rich colours – dark reds and orange along with dark pinks and apricots. A brilliant cut flower. And, as with all Dahlias, any you particularly like, you can save the tubers for the following year.

3ft (90cm) HHA/HHP   **433D £2.25 Dahlia, Cactus Hybrids, Double Mixed**Semi-double and double blooms in a wide colour range. **4ft (1.2m) HHA/HHP**   **433M £2.25 Dahlia, Coltness Hybrids, Mixed**

Originally introduced in about 1922 is this popular and favourite bedding Dahlia. We offer a much improved strain with large, 4 inch, single flowers in shades of white, yellow, pink, rose, orange and scarlet. **1½ft (45cm) HHA/HHP**   




433R £2.45 Dahlia, 'Dandy Improved Mix'

These very jolly looking Dahlias come in a wonderful array of multicolours. Reselection of stock has resulted in the best colours available and large blooms, almost 100% of which have collarettes of the same or contrasting colours. Wonderful for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP**   

★NEW★ 434D £2.45 Dahlia, 'Dwarf Cactus Flowered Mix'

We liked the look of this at trials with its pointy-petalled flowers in a good mix of colours on semi-dwarf plants; still tall enough to make excellent cut flowers but a good compact plant for the average-sized garden **1½ft (50cm) HHA/HHP**  

433C £2.45 Dahlia, 'Early Bird' Mixed

For the front of the border or anywhere else where a small colourful plant may be required, this is an extra dwarf, early variety with double and semi-double flowers in a wide range of colours. **1½ft (40cm) HHA/HHP**   

DAHLIA

433F £2.65 Dahlia, Giant Decorative Hybrids

It is not generally realised that Dahlias can be treated as half-hardy annuals and readily raised from seed, flowering without any difficulty the same year. They do not come true from seed and the resulting flowers will be very variable. However, at the very least all will make excellent, much admired cut flowers and the tubers from the best can be lifted, stored and grown again the following year. This very variation makes growing Dahlias from seed quite a fascinating occupation. Wide range of colours. **5ft (1.5m) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

Dahlia 'Mignon' Series

These super plants produce masses of large, single Dahlia blooms on low maintenance, compact plants. They are good for borders and containers and the stems are long enough to be useful for cutting. Don't forget Dahlias are easy to grow from seed and will flower within approximately 12 weeks of sowing.

▶ 433W £2.25 'Rose Shades'

BEST SELLER

Single pink blooms. **1½ft (45cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 433X £2.25 'White Shades'

Single white blooms with yellow centres. **1½ft (45cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

433A £2.40 Dahlia, Pompon, Mixed

BEST SELLER

A good selection of the delightful pompon type blossoms, making particularly attractive cut flowers. Wide range of colours. **3½ft (1.1m) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

434 £2.40 Dahlia, 'Redskin' Mixed

A splendid variety with dark, bronze-coloured foliage which shows off beautifully the mass of semi-double flowers produced in a wide range of unusual colours including scarlet, lilac, crimson and orange. Grow as a half-hardy annual. **1½ft (40cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

433P £2.95 Dahlia, 'Showpiece Double Mixed'

BEST SELLER

Lovely uniform plants with a high percentage of double flowers in a wide range of colours. These Dahlias will give a showy display in the garden and are brilliant for bold flower arrangers! **4ft (1.2m) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

433T £2.25 Dahlia, 'Sunny Reggae'

A wonderful variety with warm, spicy, tropical shades of peach, coral and orange. Many blooms have an inner ruffled collar in a contrasting colour. **1½ft (50cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

DAISY. See Bellis

DALEA (syn. Petalostemon) – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

975Q £2.95 D. purpureum. Purple Prairie Clover

Native to the American prairies comes this unusual plant for beds and borders. The attractive flowers, in a lovely rosy-pink purple colour are not typical of the Leguminosae family, have one large petal and four smaller ones which grow tightly together on a cylindrical cone at the top of the stem. Find it a sunny, well-drained spot and it will bloom from May to September and, come our more frequent hot dry summers, it is drought tolerant. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

DAPHNE – Thymelaeaceae

435D £3.45 D. mezereum. Mezereon

With little if anything in the garden except gloom and perhaps a few Crocuses, the appearance in February of the deliciously fragrant, lilac-pink flowers on this much beloved shrub is particularly welcome. A cottage garden flower and one of the finest and perhaps most easily cultivated of the Daphnes. **5ft (1.5m) Packet of 12 seeds. HSh**

DARLINGTONIA – Sarraceniaceae

435K £4.25 D. californica. Cobra Lily, Californian Pitcher Flower RHS 🌱

Lily-like this bizarre, macabre, insectivorous plant is most definitely not, cobra-like, with its hooded, twisted, yellowish-green pitchers complete with forked tongue (or fangs, even) it most menacingly is. Insects are attracted to the plant by the brightly coloured fangs baited with small nectar glands and then enticed into the pitcher by a trail of these goodies. Satiety obtained, escape is vainly attempted through the almost glass-like windows in the roof of the pitcher, and the victims ultimately meet their doom in the brew below. The plant is not fussy as regards its diet: ants, flies, bees, grasshoppers, butterflies, beetles and others are equally enjoyed. The graceful and attractive, nodding, yellowish-green flowers, heavily veined crimson, appear in spring. Although perhaps seen at its gruesome best in a greenhouse, the plant is hardy, indeed its roots must always be kept cool and moist. **1½ft (45cm) Packet of 15 seeds. GP**

DATURA – Solanaceae

Please note that seeds and all parts of the plant for all Datura species are poisonous. Please handle with care and always wash hands after handling seeds or plants.

435C £3.45 D. arborea. Angel's Trumpet, Tree Datura RHS 🌱

Although a shrub or small tree with hairy leaves, this wonderful plant from Peru and Chile should produce its magnificent, beautifully fragrant, white, trumpet-shaped flowers, 8ins and more long, the first year from seed. It can either be grown in an 8in. pot and pruned hard each year after flowering, or given space and allowed to grow into a specimen plant. **10ft (3m) Packet of 12 seeds. GSh** 🌸

438F £3.95 D. metel, 'Ballerina' Formula Mixed. Devil's Trumpet,

Horn of Plenty

Specially bred to produce dwarf, neat and compact plants (they flourish in 4in. pots), they bear magnificent, upward-facing, fragrant, double trumpets in soft yellow, white and purple including some bicolors. **2ft (60cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HHA**

437K £2.25 D. stramonium. Thorn Apple, Devil's Snare

A stout and vigorous branching plant with white, funnel-shaped flowers in summer, followed by the notorious, prickly, egg-shaped and very poisonous fruits. An interesting plant but of course one that has to be treated with caution and respect. **3ft (90cm) HA**

DAUCUS – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae**437R £2.25 D. carota. Queen Anne's Lace, Wild Carrot** **BEST SELLER**

Yes, indeed the parent of your ever-popular veg. – if it weren't, it would be far more popular as an ornamental garden plant because the dense umbels of white flowers (well, actually, the inner floret of each little umbel is usually coloured purple where, of course, Queen Anne pricked her finger and shed a drop of blood on it) are very ornamental and make a nice cut flower, fresh or dried. Swallowtail butterflies choose it for their caterpillars and bees like it too. Forget the roots as an alternative to the supermarket product but you could always try French-frying the flower clusters as these are said to be a gourmet treat. **3ft (90cm) HB** 🌱 ✂️

437Y £2.25 D. carota, 'Dara' **BEST SELLER**

One of our favourite varieties is this dark flowered wild carrot. Variation in the colours results in an attractive mix from white and faded pink to dark purple. Wonderful for cutting. **4ft (1.2m) HB** 🌱 ✂️

DELOSPERMA – Aizoaceae/Ficoidaceae

Attractive succulents, long in cultivation, many with glistening leaves, freely flowering for many months of the year and can be grown out of doors in sunny beds or rockeries.

439A £2.25 D. cooperi. Purple Ice Plant, Pink Carpet

Prostrate, freely branching succulent with narrow, very soft fleshy leaves, and bearing clusters of silken, purple flowers, each 2ins across. Surprisingly hardy. **4ins (10cm) TP**

DELPHINIUM – Ranunculaceae**Delphinium chinensis. Chinese Larkspur**

These loose, free-branching Larkspurs are some of our favourite flowers. Very pretty and delicate, they are a distinct race of attractive flowers which form delightful, neat and compact plants covered with large flowers. Although perennial, they are best grown as half-hardy annuals when they will flower most of the summer.

▶ **440D £2.45 'Blue Butterfly'**
Beautiful blue. **1½ft (40cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️▶ **442Q £2.45 'Pink Butterfly'**
Romantic pale rose-pink. **1½ft (40cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️**Delphinium consolida** (*syn. Consolida regalis, Consolida ajacis*). **Larkspur**

A beautiful plant for the border, providing colour throughout the summer. Elegant flowers for cutting, and lasting a long time in water.

▶ **440C £2.25 True Wild Form**

Not truly native but an introduced wild flower, now found but rarely actually in the wild. In its wild form it is a delightful plant with slender, erect stems, bearing in summer racemes of graceful, bright blue flowers. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱

▶ **441W £2.25 'Carmine King'**

Intensely coloured, double blooms of dark pinky-red on tall and vigorous plants. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

'Exquisite' Series

Of the 'Giant Imperial' type, these fine old Larkspur varieties are sturdy, freely branching, inexpensive varieties producing noble spikes of flowers that are splendid in the border, splendid for cutting as fresh cut flowers and splendid dried. And splendid though they really are (perhaps surpassed by no F1 hybrid in the Catalogue and at a fraction of the cost), in no way do they ever lose their cottage garden charm.

▶ **443D £2.25 'Blue Spire'**
Dark Blue. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️▶ **443J £2.25 'White King'**
White. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️▶ **443K £2.25 Finest Mixed** **BEST SELLER**
Mixed. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️▶ **443T £2.25 'Fancy Belladonna'** **BEST SELLER**

Beautiful Larkspur that we have enjoyed trialling for the past two years. With pretty, pale, purply-pink flowers it is unfussy in its requirements and will provide lovely, long-lasting-in-the-vase blooms all summer long. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **442L £2.25 'Fancy Purple Picotee'**

An elegant and eye-catching Larkspur with pale purple blooms edged with a darker purple. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **442D £2.25 'Frosted Skies'**

Beautiful, tall spikes of delicate white papery flowers tinged with a subtle shade of pale blue. A very special, timeless cottage garden flower. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **442B £2.25 'Giant Hyacinth Flowered'**

Super, early flowering mixture of large, fully double flowers in many shades including blue, lilac, rose and white. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **★ NEW ★ 442J £2.75 'Misty Lavender'**

This is a lovely Larkspur with a vintage yet sophisticated look with lovely papery flowers in a subtle shade of pale lavender meets slate grey. Understated, but quite beautiful. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **442X £2.25 'Pink Perfection'**

Perfect pale pink. Robust yet romantic spires. Very vigorous grower. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **442Y £2.25 'Salmon Beauty'** **BEST SELLER**

One of our favourites from the Chiltern Seeds' flower patch, this variety boasts tall spires of unusual salmony pink, papery flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **442T £2.25 'Smokey Eyes'** **BEST SELLER**

Tall spikes of double greeny-white blooms elegantly tinged with touches of greyish-purple. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

DELPHINIUM

Delphinium elatum

▶ **441L £2.25 'Casa Blanca'**

Of the "Belladonna" type, of smaller, more branched growth, is this graceful plant with spikes of clear pure white, cupped florets, good for cutting. **3½ft (1.1m) HP** 🌱 ⚡ 🌸

▶ **441T £3.95 'New Zealand Hybrids Mix'**

These Delphiniums are some of the best for cut flowers, with strong stems, vigorous growth, good winter hardiness and most importantly, magnificent large blooms in a wide variety of colours. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱 ⚡ 🌸

▶ **442G £2.65 'Magic Fountains Dark Blue'**

Stately spires of dark blue flowers with a dark centre on sturdy upright plants. The intensity of colour makes this a dramatic plant equally suited to the border or as a cut flower. Flowering in its first season and withstanding inclement weather better than its taller relatives, it will be an admired addition to your garden. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 ⚡ 🌸

▶ **442H £2.75 'Magic Fountains'**

Such is the success of the Dark Blue variety above, we now offer the mix of this popular series – the same stunning flower spikes in an impressive array of complementary colours – white, dark, mid and sky blue, lavender, lilac and cherry blossom. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 ⚡ 🌸

443R £2.75 D. grandiflorum, 'Summer Colors'. Dwarf Delphinium

This is a mixture of the pure white flowering variety, 'Summer Stars', together with the equally delightful 'Summer Blues' (sky-blue flowers) and 'Summer Nights' (deep blue flowers). It also flowers the first year from seed, has a long season, and can be used for bedding, border and container displays. A true perennial easily grown as an annual. **1ft (30cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

Delphinium hybrida

'Pacific' Series

This is the Delphinium, a magnificent and noble plant for the back of the border, and a favourite with everyone.

▶ **441C £2.25 'Astolat'**

Blush-pink and carmine-rose shades. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 ⚡

▶ **441F £2.75 'Black Knight'**

Dark violet-blue with a black centre. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 ⚡

▶ **441G £2.75 'Blue Bird'**

Clear blue with a white centre. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 ⚡

▶ **441D £2.75 'Galahad'**

Pure white. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 ⚡

▶ **441H £2.75 'Guinevere'**

Rosy-lavender with a white centre. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 ⚡

▶ **441A £2.75 'Summer Skies'**

Tall spikes of sky-blue flowers. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 ⚡

▶ **440L £2.85 'Formula Mixed'**

Easy to grow from seed, this strain is made up from many separate splendid varieties with such gallant names as 'King Arthur' (deep blue flowers with white bee), 'Galahad' (pure white), 'Guinevere' (rosy lavender) and several other Tintagel ex-residents. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 ⚡

★ **NEW ★ 444N £2.95 D. nudicaule, 'Laurin'**

A delightful variety forming compact, freely branching plants with glossy green foliage. It produces all summer long an abundance of pretty, scarlet-red flowers. Blooms in less than five months from seed and can be grown as an annual. **1½ft (40cm) HP** 🌱 ⚡ 🌸

444J £2.45 D. requienii

From southern France comes this unusual and appealing plant with attractive, shiny foliage and bearing loose spikes of lovely blue flowers with here and there a touch of yellow. **3ft (90cm) HB** 🌱

444B £3.15 D. semibarbatum (syn. D. zalii)

A lovely species with long, slender spikes of an eye-catching but delicate clear lemon-yellow colour in summer. In its native Persia, the flowers are used for dyeing silk. Unusually for a Delphinium, most of the florets open simultaneously which make for quite a show. **2½ft (75cm)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HP** 🌱

442W £2.75 D. x belladonna, 'Oriental Blue'

A beautiful loose branching type of Delphinium with delicate-looking blooms in the most vivid, electric blue that doesn't fade with time. This is a first year flowering perennial often grown as an annual and perfect for cutting. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱 ⚡ 🌸

DESCHAMPSIA – Poaceae/Gramineae

445E £1.95 D. cespitosa (= growing in dense clumps). Tufted Hair-Grass, Hassock Grass

This is a very attractive ornamental grass forming dense green clumps of arching slender leaves. Liking a sunny or slightly shaded moist spot, it bears graceful nodding panicles of silvery or purplish flowers that make useful additions, fresh or dried, to flower arrangements. **5ft (1.5m) HP** ⚡

DIANTHUS – Caryophyllaceae. Pink

Dianthus barbatus. Sweet William

No old English cottage garden could possibly be complete without its share of Sweet Williams, sweet-scented, beautiful in the border and perhaps one of the most attractive cut flowers. Easy to grow; once established and left to themselves, they will take over your garden! Strictly speaking, they are a short-lived perennial, but can be grown as an annual or biennial.

▶ **450A £2.25 'Albus'**

White-flowering. **1½ft (50cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 ⚡ 🌸

BEST SELLER

▶ **451W £2.25 'Auricula Eyed Mixed'**

These are lovely Sweet Williams with huge single flowers, good colour range, good scent, each with an attractive eye. (Incidentally, if you can't be bothered to give the biennial Sweet Williams the "correct" biennial treatment, they respond nicely to the sow and forget treatment (the generous packets help here): find a small patch of unused garden, sow thinly (broadcast or in drills), cover about ¼ in. deep, return with scissors in about 12 months' time and cut what you need for a vase. **1½ft (45cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 ⚡ 🌸

BEST SELLER

▶ **454N £2.25 'Hollandia Purple Crown'**

Large clusters of single flowers in a range of dark and white bicolors. Treated as an annual will flower in the first year. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **450E £2.25 'Oeschberg'****BEST SELLER**

Deep purple-violet flowers, an unusual and magnificent colour. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **★ NEW ★ 450C £2.25 'Newport Pink'**

Salmon. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **450D £2.25 'Scarlet Beauty'**

Scarlet. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **450K £2.25 'Sooty'****BEST SELLER**

This is a veritable eye-catcher of a Sweet William both as a foliage plant in its first year and when it bursts into bloom early the following summer. Forming neat, compact rosettes of leaves that can best be described as the deepest ruby-black in colour; the flowers, large and fragrant, are the deepest maroon-black. **1½ft (40cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **★ NEW ★ 450H £2.25 'Super Duplex Mix'**

This is a splendid strain of Sweet Williams developed specially for use as cut flowers but will, of course, be quite happy to display its charms in a flower bed. Expect a high percentage of lovely double blooms in a very wide colour range from bright and bold pinks and reds to pastel bicolors and white. **1½ft (50cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **450 £2.25 Mixed**

The original, the quintessential, Sweet William; if you have the others, your garden must still have some of these. A wide range of mixed colours including scarlet, crimson and red. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

451Z £2.25 D. carthusianorum (= of the Carthusian monks). Carthusian Pink

A plant for the rockery or front of the border forming little tussocks of grass-like leaves, and bearing in summer dense clusters of between six and twenty, upward facing, cherry-red or deep pink flowers. **1ft (30cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

Dianthus caryophyllus. Carnation

Everyone knows the Carnation, but does everyone know that, like so many flowers that people grow with enormous effort to win cups and such, provided you're happy with something a little less than absolute perfection, they are very easy to grow?

'Chabaud'

The 'Chabaud' carnations are a fine strain which were designed with the florist in mind. Featuring large, all double, fringed, scented blooms, they come in a fantastic variety of colours and with tall, strong stems and an extremely long vase life, they are excellent for cutting. Perhaps surprisingly, these are some of the most fragrant flowers you can grow with their old-fashioned comforting clovey, aromatic, nostalgic smell. Best grown as annuals, these vintage beauties will bloom all summer long from an early sowing.

▶ **451K £1.95 'Aurora'**

Cheerful sugary pink with salmon tones. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **451L £1.95 'Benigna'**

Palest pinky-white petals edged with the fruitiest of plum and raspberry red. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **451P £1.95 'Jeanne Dionis'**

Pure white, frilly and extravagant double blooms on strong grey-green stems. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **451Q £1.95 'La France'**

Delicate and charming pale pink flowers – creamy blush to baby pink. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **451T £1.95 'Orange Sherbet'**

Stunning and fiery blooms – apricot and soft orange blushing petals striped with a dark raspberry red and coral. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **451H £1.95 Giant Superb Mixed**

Large double blooms in a wide range of colours including crimson, salmon and rose. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

450L £1.95 D. chinensis var heddewigii, 'Black & White'

This fine variety has a colour scheme common in Tudor houses but rare in flowers! Quite unique are the large, double, black and white, lightly scented blooms that are produced from June to frost. They make good cut flowers and should make a great button-hole as well. **1½ft (40cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

452G £1.95 D. deltoides, True Wild Form. Maiden Pink RHS 🌱

A native wild flower occasionally found in dry grassy fields and hilly pastures throughout the country. It is a charming and delicate plant with very narrow, grass-green or glaucous leaves, and very slender stems bearing a succession of very pretty, pink to deep rose flowers from late spring to early autumn. **10ins (25cm) HP**

453A £1.95 D. deltoides, 'Zing Rose'

The flowers of this lovely variety may be modest by design, but no description (or photograph) can do justice to their incredible colour; a really amazing bright, deep and luminous pink. Dense bushy plants. **8ins (20cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

453L £3.25 D. knappii, 'Yellow Harmony'. Yellow Pink

Flowering the first year from seed is this fine cultivated variety of this well known and unusual species, the flower colour being almost unique in the genus. With finely downy, grass-like foliage, it bears in June and July erect stems with clusters of very unusual, light yellow flowers that would look marvellous in any bride's bouquet. **1½ft (40cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

452W £2.25 D. monspessulanus (= of Montpellier, France) (syn. D. sternbergii).**Fringed Pink**

Such is the delicious fragrance of the blooms on this plant that it can be detected at a considerable distance in its rocky mountain haunts. It forms a mat of fine, grass-green, grass-like foliage. The slender-stemmed, deeply fringed, pale lavender or pink flowers are borne over a long period in summer. **2ft (60cm) HP**

DIANTHUS

453J £2.25 *D. plumarius*, 'Rainbow Loveliness'

In perpetual flower all spring and summer, this is a superb, old and much revered variety of Pinks. Easily raised from seed, they produce large blooms made up of five, very finely cut, lacinate petals that can perhaps best be described as having been put through the mincer. They come in a great variety of colours from white to crimson, and bicolors as well for good measure. A lovely plant. **1½ft (40cm) HP** 🌱 ✂️

***Dianthus superbus*. Superb Pink, Fringed Pink**

▶ 453B £2.25 *D. superbus*

BEST SELLER

And rightly named! With its feathery, strongly fragrant flowers with deeply-cut petals of a lovely, pale rose-lilac colour, this is indeed a beautiful plant. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 🌱 ✂️ 🌸

▶ 453T £2.25 'Spooky'

This is a very easily grown, elegant and slightly sinister-looking variety. Actually a complex hybrid, it has glaucous, grey-green foliage and bears from summer until frost delightfully fragrant flowers with deeply-cut petals with thread-like fringes in shades of white, carmine-pink, lilac and red. A useful cut flower. For early flowering, treat as a half-hardy annual; otherwise, sow and forget.

1ft (30cm) HA/HHP 🌱 ✂️ 🌸

▶ ★NEW★ 454B £2.25 White

Fringed, white petals. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 🌱 ✂️ 🌸

DICENTRA – Papaveraceae. *Bleeding Heart*

454E £2.95 *D. eximia* (= out of the ordinary). *Fringed Bleeding Heart*

This is a rare and beautiful plant from the south-eastern states of the USA with a mass of greyish-green, fern-like foliage, and bearing in May and September (with the odd bonus issue in between) panicles of flesh-coloured to dark pink, heart-shaped flowers borne on graceful, drooping stems. It likes a position in moist, well-drained soil in sun or partial shade. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

DICTAMNUS – Rutaceae

Dictamnus albus (syn. *D. fraxinella*). *Burning Bush, Dittany*

An interesting and attractive hardy perennial, scented of lemon peel when gently rubbed, and of balsam when bruised. The interesting (and exciting) bit is that the flowers produce a fragrant, volatile oil which can be ignited on a hot still day leaving the plant uninjured.

▶ 460 £2.65 *D. albus*, Pink-flowered form

Pink flowers. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱

DIDISCUS – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae

Didiscus caeruleus (syn. *Trachymene coerulea*)

▶ 460B £2.45 *D. caeruleus*. *Blue Lace Flower*

BEST SELLER

The common name of this plant is richly deserved, and well describes the general appearance of the large umbels of beautiful, pale lavender-blue, faintly sweet-scented flowers. They are excellent for cutting and last well in water. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ ★NEW★ 460T £2.45 'Lacy Pink'. *Pink Lace Flower*

Like a large scabious, this is a beautiful pink-flowered variety of the Lace Flower. Every bit as charming as its blue sister, this will flower continuously from early summer through until the first frost. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 460W £2.45 'Lace Mixture'

BEST SELLER

Beautiful mixture of Lace Flowers with umbels in blues, pinks and white. Grow a patch of these lovely easy flowers for delicate but long-lasting, sweet-scented bouquets all summer long. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 ✂️

DIERAMA – Iridaceae. *Angels' Fishing Rods, Fairy Bells*

This is a group of exquisitely beautiful plants with gracefully arching, long, fine, hair-like stems. These bear on stalks, so slender that, even on a calm day they seem to be, like mobiles, in continual movement, drooping panicles of numerous, delightful, bell-like flowers. They are hardy but prefer a rich, well-drained position and shelter from cold winds. Particularly effective on the margin of ponds.

461E £3.25 *D. pulcherrimum* (= the prettiest)

A large, strong and most beautiful plant with large flowers in shades of pink, mauve and carmine borne in late summer or early autumn. **6ft (1.8m) HP**

461M £3.25 *D. pulcherrimum*, 'Blackbird'

Perhaps the darkest flowered of all Dieramas is this splendid variety producing wiry stems and cascades of gorgeous, deep claret-mauve blooms. Comes fairly true from seed. **4ft (1.2m) HP**

461R £3.75 *Dierama*, Mixed Species and Hybrids

This seed has been harvested from a very comprehensive collection of Angels' Fishing Rods which includes not only an impressive number of individual species but also some hybrids, many as yet un-named. A packet full of both beauty and surprises. **6ft (1.8m) HP**

DIGITALIS – Scrophulariaceae. *Foxglove*

462E £2.25 *D. ambigua* (syn. *D. grandiflora*) ^{RHS} 🌱

BEST SELLER

An uncommon plant from open woodland and clearings of the Alps and Pyrenees, with large, narrow-triangular leaves and long, loose, more or less one-sided (secund) spikes of largish flowers, pale yellow outside and cream netted maroon inside. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **3ft (90cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ✂️

462A £2.25 *D. ferruginea*. *Rusty Foxglove* ^{RHS} 🌱

This is an interesting, striking and distinct Foxglove with almost globular, rusty reddish-yellow flowers in long, leafy spikes. An eye-catching plant. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **5ft (1.5m) HP/HB** 🌱

462L £2.75 *D. ferruginea*, 'Yellow Herald'

This is a quite superb strain with spectacular, long spikes crowded with pure yellow flowers. In bloom this is one of those plants you will be wanting to show off to your friends and relations be they gardeners or not. Good for cutting but, we warn you, you'll need an exceptionally large vase to put them in! **5ft (1.5m) HP/HB** 🌱 ✂️

462X £2.45 *D. ferruginea* var. *gigantea* ^{RHS} 🌱

This is another very fine variety of the Rusty Foxglove producing long, slender spikes of interestingly large flowers a fashionable yellow-brown in colour. **5ft (1.5m) HP/HB** 🌱

464Z £2.95 D. hybrida, 'Polka Dot Polly'

Bred to have an exceptionally long-flowering period so you can enjoy it in the garden for longer. It bears tall spikes of rosy-apricot tubular blooms with primrose-yellow tinged insides. **3ft (1m) HP**

**464W £2.45 D. lanata (=woolly), 'Café Crème'. Woolly Foxglove**

This is a somewhat unusual Foxglove with dense, woolly, many-flowered spikes of creamy-white flowers delicately covered with brownish-purple veins with the lowest lobe very long and pronounced.

2½ft (80cm) HP/HB

462B £2.25 D. lutea. Small Yellow Foxglove RHS

An uncommon and attractive, small Foxglove with glossy green leaves and pretty yellow flowers that are crowded down one side of the spike. **2ft (60cm) HP/HB**

462C £2.25 D. x mertonensis. Strawberry Foxglove RHS

This is a very fine hybrid (which comes true from seed) with large and attractive flowers, said to have the colour (but not, of course, the taste!) of crushed strawberries, that appear from June to September. **3ft (90cm) HP/HB**

462J £2.75 D. obscura (= dark, dusky), 'Sunset'

From Spain comes this unusual and shrubby perennial with nodding, red-veined, yellow flowers in summer. **4ft (1.2m) HP/HB**

462F £2.75 D. parviflora RHS

A most interesting species from Southern Europe with dense, cylindrical, leafy spikes of small brownish-purple flowers. Although indubitably not the most colourful of Foxgloves, it is nevertheless one that will stop viewers in their tracks and have them enquiring its identity. **2ft (60cm) HP/HB**

Digitalis purpurea**▶ 463A £2.25 True Wild Form****BEST SELLER**

The beautiful Foxglove needs no introduction with its lovely spikes of purple thimble-like flowers beloved by bees. **5ft (1.5m) HP/HB**

'Camelot' Series, F1 Hybrid

The taming of the Foxglove! The new true F1 Camelot series is a world first. They will reliably flower in their first season, within months of sowing, flowering then for months at a stretch, much longer than the usual Foxglove – and then also into a second season (and perhaps even longer). They boast many more blooms on each stem for an extra impressive display, but retain their iconic spotted throats and their wild and naturalistic feel.

▶ 465D £3.90 'Camelot Cream' RHS

Sumptuous cream Foxglove, extravagantly splotched with chocolate and crimson. **3ft (1m) HP/HB**

▶ 465F £3.90 'Camelot Lavender' RHS

Beautiful soft lilac with darker blotching. **3ft (1m) HP/HB**

'Dalmatian' Series, F1 Hybrid

This is, according to the breeder, 'the fastest Digitalis on the market', flowering extremely well in the first year from sowing. They are uniform in height with well branched spikes of spotted flowers (as the name may suggest).

▶ 464P £3.45 'Dalmatian Crème' RHS

Creamy-white blooms. **1½ft (50cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP/HB**

▶ 464Q £3.45 'Dalmatian Peach' RHS **BEST SELLER**

Our favourite colour – peachy-apricot. **1½ft (50cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP/HB**

▶ 464R £3.45 'Dalmatian Purple' RHS

Spotted purple tubular flowers. **1½ft (50cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP/HB**

▶ 465G £3.45 'Dalmatian Rose' RHS

Lovely soft pink with darker spots. **1½ft (50cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP/HB**

▶ 465T £3.45 'Dalmatian White' RHS

Vibrant bright white with purple spotted throat. **1½ft (50cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP/HB**

▶ 464G £2.25 'Pam's Choice' RHS **BEST SELLER**

Both striking and beautiful is this handsome Foxglove variety with dense spikes of large, creamy-white bell flowers, each with throats extravagantly splotched with deep burgundy. Most unusual!

4ft (1.2m) HP/HB

▶ ★ NEW ★ 464B £2.95 'Pink Gin'

Pretty second year flowering Foxglove with bell-shaped blooms a delicate blush-pink that fade to white resulting in an ombré effect from top to bottom of the flower spike. **4ft (1.2m) HP/HB**

**▶ 464L £2.65 'Snow Thimble'**

A beautiful variety of the white-flowered Foxglove in which the large, bell-shaped blooms are pure white without the usual spots. **3½ft (1.1m) HP/HB**

463W £2.25 D. purpurea ssp. heywoodii, 'Silver Fox'

This is a beautiful, yet uncommon, dwarf Foxglove with downy, silver foliage and creamy flowers flushed with pink, although there may be some interesting variation in the flower colour.

2½ft (75cm) HP/HB

463D £2.25 D. purpurea var. alba RHS **BEST SELLER**

The beautiful true wild Foxglove needs no introduction, and this is the much sought-after rare white-flowered form. **5ft (1.5m) HP/HB**

464M £2.35 D. purpurea annua, 'Sutton's Apricot'**BEST SELLER**

Beautiful award-winning variety with a lovely soft pink-apricot colour. Excellent for cutting – indeed, this will stimulate further flowering. Packet contains in excess of 500 seeds! **5ft (1.5m) HP/HB**

**463F £2.25 D. purpurea var. gloxinoides, 'The Shirley', Mixed** RHS

A superb strain of Foxgloves with long, dense spikes of large, Gloxinia-like flowers in shades of salmon, pink, cream and plum, richly spotted and blotched. Although we put the height at a measly 5 feet, in the right place with the right encouragement they can tower to nine feet or more. (It may be of interest to know that the Shirley in question is not a girl but the town of that name near Croydon where the Rev. H. Wilks originally raised the variety in the 1880's; it is also the Shirley of the Shirley Poppy.) Hardy throughout the British Isles. **5ft (1.5m) HP/HB**

DIGITALIS

463B £2.25 *Digitalis*, 'Excelsior' Hybrids

With its dense spikes of flowers, in a wide range of colours including cream, pink, primrose and maroon, borne all the way around the stem and held horizontally to display to better advantage the throat markings, this is a popular and outstanding strain of Foxgloves. A splendid border plant and good for cutting. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **6ft (1.8m) HP/HB** 🌱 🌿

463C £2.95 *Digitalis*, Species and Cultivars Mixed

Quite simply, a lovely mixture of Foxgloves, lots of seeds and one of the easiest group of plants to grow. **5ft (1.5m) HP/HB** 🌱

DIONAEA (= one of the names of Venus) – Droseraceae

★ NEW ★ 465C £4.25 *D. muscipula* (= fly-catching). *Venus Fly Trap*

This is without doubt the best known and most interesting of all insectivorous plants. A rare plant, found only in coastal swamps of Carolina, forming rosettes of flattened leaves each terminating in a trap. Each trap consists of a pair of lobes furnished round their edges with long, comb-like teeth and, on their upper surfaces, with three trigger hairs. These traps are, in sunshine, coloured red which, together with nectar secreted round the inside edges, lures the unsuspecting insect visitors. Whilst sipping at this nectar, the insect touches the trigger hairs and, bingo, in as little as 1/20 second, the trap snaps shut leaving it neatly caged and unable to escape. The rest is too painful to describe! Attractive and macabre little plants. **4ins (10cm) Packet of 10 seeds. GP**

DIPSACUS – Dipsacaceae

470 £2.45 *D. fullonum* (= used by fullers). *Common Teasel* **BEST SELLER**

We will start by confusing you. In spite of its botanic name – “used by fullers” – this is NOT the Fullers' Teasel! This plant is a native species found in copses, rough pasture and along stream-banks and roadsides and must surely be one of the most popular flowers for drying as flower arranging material. Apart from that, it is an attractive (particularly to bees and butterflies) and easily grown plant. One particularly interesting feature is that the opposite pairs of stem leaves are joined together forming a cup in which water collects. However, immensely attractive though the dried flower-heads are, the prickly bits (receptacular bracts to be accurate) are too flexible for use in combing cloth. **6ft (1.8m) HB** 🌱 🌿

470A £2.95 *D. sativus* (= cultivated). *Fullers' Teasel*

If you are a fuller or want to raise a nap on home-made cloth, this is the plant you need; if you are a flower arranger, you will still want to have it as well as *Dipsacus fullonum*, the Common Teasel. Unlike the Common Teasel, it is likely to be a cultigen – a plant found only in cultivation or as an escape – and is widespread in Europe and North Africa. Broadly speaking, in most respects it is similar to *D. fullonum* (to which it was once considered a sub species) but with one important difference: although obviously siblings, the dried flower-heads are interestingly distinct. Whereas those of the well known Common Teasel have long, unhooked bracts, those of the Fullers' Teasel are a miracle of nature: hundreds of tiny, stiff, downward-turned hooks amazingly and geometrically arranged. A thing of great beauty. **6ft (1.8m) HB** 🌱 🌿

DIZYGOTHECA – Araliaceae

473A £2.75 *D. elegantissima*. *False Aralia* RHS 🌱

This is a popular house plant bearing leaves divided into very narrow and attractive saw-edged leaflets, brownish-red when young, turning dark green later, arranged at the end of the stalks like the spokes of an umbrella. **8ft (2.4m) Packet of 12 seeds. GSh**

DODECATHEON (= 12 Gods) – Primulaceae. *Shooting Stars*

474Q £2.75 *D. meadia*, 'Shooting Stars' Deluxe Mix. *American Cowslip*

Perhaps one of the most exquisitely beautiful genera offered, the common name “Shooting Star” just does not do these pretty, nodding flowers justice. This is a rather splendid mixture of these beautiful flowers with blooms in shades and combinations of white, pink, red and lilac. A glory in late spring and early summer, it always amazes us just how rarely one sees these wonderful plants. Incidentally, don't worry when the young seedlings appear to die off; this is normal and they will come up again the following year. They enjoy partial shade. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

DOLICHOS – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

477D £2.95 *D. lablab*, 'Ruby Moon'. *Hyacinth Bean*, *Egyptian Bean*

This is a splendid and highly ornamental, cultivated variety of the Hyacinth Bean. With deep green and purple foliage, it bears long racemes of very pretty, fragrant, bicolored, pink and white Sweet Pea-like flowers followed by large and decorative, dark purple to brown seed pods. **20ft (6m) Packet of 12 seeds. HHA/HHP(CI)** 🌱

DORONICUM – Compositae/Asteraceae. *Leopard's Bane*

479C £2.75 *D. caucasicum*, 'Finesse'

A very fine strain with extra large, long-stemmed, radiant yellow flowers, first class for cutting. Quite distinct from other Leopard's Bane varieties, these blooms have long, needle-shaped petals giving the whole flower a sun-has-got-his-hat-on-hip-hip-hip-hooray appearance. A fine early-flowering border plant. **1½ft (50cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

DROSERA – Droseraceae. *Sundew*

This fascinating group has long interested horticulturists and scientists alike – indeed, Darwin himself studied them in very great detail and published a book on his findings. They are truly insectivorous. They mostly inhabit places where there is little, if any, of the nitrogen or other elements essential for growth, and they capture small insects, mainly gnats and small flies, and devour them as a mineral supplement. The insects are fooled into thinking that the long, red, gland-tipped hairs are good for nectar and are trapped. These same hairs, aided at times by the leaf, then make a neat little parcel of their visitor and, by means of proteolytic enzymes and ribonucleases, digest him. Horticulturally, they are all very attractive little plants and are easily grown in a mixture of peat and sphagnum moss with good drainage and plenty of light. Germination requires no special treatment. And when you're bored, think of the fun you can have feeding them bits of rump steak to which they are partial!

485L £4.25 *Drosera*, Mixed Species

An interesting and varied mixture of these always attractive and interesting plants appreciated by humans but not by small flying insects. **1ft (35cm) GP**

DRYAS – Rosaceae**486 £3.15 D. octopetala. Mountain Avens, Creeping Oak** RHS 

A beautiful plant for the rock garden, forming extensive mats of attractive foliage, the neatly toothed leaves being shiny deep-green above and white-woolly beneath, and bearing white flowers like small single roses, 1½ins across, in May and June. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **4ins (10cm) HP**

DYPSIS – Palmae/Arecaceae**487F £2.95 D. lutescens. Bamboo Palm, Butterfly Palm** RHS 


Young specimens of this Palm, with its bamboo-like stems and attractive, glossy, green leaves, make excellent house plants. **13ft (4m) Packet of 8 seeds. GSh**

ECCREMOCARPUS – Bignoniaceae**Eccremocarpus scaber. Chilean Glory Flower, Glory Vine**

A very easily grown evergreen climber, bearing spikes of attractive tubular flowers, each about 1in. long, in profusion all summer. Although a perennial that will survive mild winters outdoors (with self-sown seedlings springing up everywhere), it is usually grown as a half-hardy annual. Sown early, it will flower the same year.

▶ **490A £1.95 Orange Form**
Orange-red flowers. **13ft (4m) HHP(CI)** 

▶ **491L £1.95 Red Form**
Bright red flowers. **13ft (4m) HHP(CI)** 

▶ **490K £2.15 'Tresco' Cream**
A superb evergreen climber with long-blooming tubular cream flowers tinged with pink. It can be hardy in some milder areas but can be grown as a half hardy annual in frostier parts of the country. **13ft (4m) HHP(CI)** 

▶ **490H £2.25 'Tresco' Mixed**
Superb mixed strain with blooms in golden-yellow, carmine-rose, orange-scarlet and other shades. **13ft (4m) HHP(CI)** 



ECHEVERIA – Crassulaceae**490M £2.95 E. peacockii. Peacock Echeveria**

A sunny window sill is all you need to grow this super house plant. Forming a rosette up to five inches across of highly ornamental, thick, fleshy, blue-green leaves with a dense, waxy-white patina, it bears spiked clusters of glowing rich orange-red, tubular flowers. Free-flowering and most attractive. **1ft (35cm) GP**

490F £4.25 Echeveria, Mixed Species

A genus of justly popular, beautiful and easily grown succulents, particularly suitable as house plants. They mostly have fleshy leaves forming rosettes of a wide assortment of attractive, geometric designs in a range of colours from green through grey to almost white, often with markings in contrasting shades. The spikes of showy, urn or bell-shaped flowers can be yellow, red or white with some having unusual hues such as (we quote, if it makes you any the wiser) "eugenia-red", "alzarine-pink" or "ocheraceous-buff". **1ft (35cm) GP**




ECHINACEA – Compositae/Asteraceae. Coneflower**490L £2.85 E. pallida****BEST SELLER**

A fine perennial from thin woods and rocky glades in the USA, bearing in early summer large, nicely scented, handsome and spidery, deep to purplish-pink flowers fading with age, about 6ins across with a dark maroon central cone. Great for border or vase. **4ft (1.2m) HP**  

489A £2.85 E. pallida, 'Hula Dancer'

A splendid plant for your border, it bears from July to September slightly fragrant, white flowers with a delightful pronounced pink tinge and dramatically reflexed, very narrow petals suspended discreetly from an orange-brown cone. An excellent cut flower and the bees and butterflies will make their way to it too. **2½ft (75cm) Packet of 15 seeds. HP**  




490N £2.25 E. paradoxa (= contrary to expectation). Yellow Coneflower

From Arkansas and Texas comes this very unusual and outstanding plant that will certainly not go unnoticed in your border. A strongly upright perennial, it bears in summer large and very showy, brilliant yellow flowers, each six inches or more across, with large petals surrounding a large, high-domed, bright chocolate-brown cone. **3ft (90cm) HP**   



Echinacea purpurea▶ **490B £2.45 E. purpurea. Purple Coneflower****BEST SELLER**

A splendid plant with large, reddish-purple flowers, 4ins or more across, excellent for cutting and lasting well in water. **4ft (1.2m) HP**   




▶ **★NEW★ 491N £3.45 'Alan's Pride'**

This is a splendid new variety bearing vibrant, lime-green flowers – a new colour for seed-raised Echinacea. We are very happy to be including this in our selection, particularly as it was bred by and named after our friend, Alan Sparks. We have worked with him for many years and shared some great laughs whilst exploring flower trial fields! It will flower in the first year from seed, approximately 18 weeks from sowing. **2½ft (70cm) Packet of 15 seeds. HP**   




▶ **491K £4.25 'Cheyenne Spirit'**

Award winning variety with luxuriant cone-shaped flowers in a joyful and rich jewel-like mix of sunset colours from yellow through oranges to pinks and reds. These super robust, hardy and very floriferous plants have brilliant sturdy stems and can withstand all weathers. **2½ft (80cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HP**   

▶ **491G £3.50 'Green Twister'**

This favourite variety has a very distinctive colouring; bright lemon-green petals with centres blushed with pinky-purple. There will be natural variation in the colouring of each flower, some more green than others. This is a robust plant with strong stems, ideal for cutting. **3ft (1m) Packet of 12 seeds. HP**   

▶ **490T £2.25 'Lustre Hybrids', Mixed Colours**

This is a splendid strain of this deservedly popular hardy border perennial that will give you large and handsome, five inch blooms in a complete range of colours from pure white through purple to deep red. With tall erect stems, they are of course great vase material. **4ft (1.2m) HP**   

ECHINACEA

▶ 490X £2.95 'Magnus'

As the many Latin scholars among our readers will know, "magnus" means large. And that, simply, sums up the splendid plant you have here: robust plants, strong, eminently cuttable stems, super large purple-pink flowers with a touch of fragrance. The other border plants will be pleased to have their company! **3ft (1m) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 491M £3.25 'Paradiso Yellow'

Shades of creamy yellow make this an attractive and cheery selection from the 'Paradiso' Mix. **2½ft (80cm) Packet of 15 seeds. HP**

▶ 491J £3.25 'Paradiso Mix'

Superb selection of a lovely bright colour range including bright pink, yellow, white, rusty-orange and dark red. A real splash of long-lasting colour. Brilliant cut flowers, many with contrasting cones. **2½ft (80cm) Packet of 15 seeds. HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 491H £3.95 'PowWow Wild Berry'

With a multitude of bright pink blooms, this Echinacea is a super performer with highly branched plants meaning many more flowers for you to enjoy. **2ft (60cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 490R £3.25 'Prima Donna Deep Rose'

Our supplier is particularly thrilled with this variety feeling that it shows off the grandeur of its North American prairie heritage! Forming long-lived, dense clumps of foliage, it bears from midsummer until frost very beautiful and large, lavender-rose flowers, each five or six inches across. These make excellent cut flowers fresh (vase life 7-12 days) or dried (using the centres) and butterflies seem to like them too. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 490Q £2.75 'White Swan'

BEST SELLER

This is a beautiful modern variety producing in as little as four months from seed an abundance of large, pure white flowers with downswept white petals surrounding a large central cone (through misty eyes perhaps the corps de ballet in Swan Lake?) and possessing a lovely honey fragrance. A fine border plant and excellent for cutting. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

491F £2.95 *E. simulata*. **Glade Purple Coneflower**

From Kentucky and neighbouring states in the United States (where it is somewhat threatened by unscrupulous root diggers and sold for pharmaceutical uses), this is possibly the prettiest Echinacea. In summer it produces very showy flowers on long, firm stalks. These lovely blooms consist of a large, dark brown central cone neatly surrounded by long, drooping, 3½ inch, dark pink petals. Grow some and your local butterflies may well be tempted. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

ECHINOCEREUS – Cactaceae

A genus of Cacti grown for their large, spectacular, brightly coloured flowers. Stems vary from globular to cylindrical; columnar or clump forming; erect or sprawling.

491B £2.95 *E. pectinatus*, **Mixed Varieties. Rainbow Cactus**

Not without justification has this very fine Cactus (or more accurately, group of Cacti) earned its English name – the very attractive, star-like spines that entirely cover the cylindrical body come in many different shades from white through pink to red, the colours changing in bands giving the plant a brilliant and striking appearance. Not only that, but the flowers, at up to 3ins and more across in various shades of pink and purple, are pretty spectacular as well. The species is very variable and we offer a mixture of varieties. **6ins (15cm) GP**

ECHINOPS (= hedgehog-like) – Compositae/Asteraceae. **Globe Thistle**

492E £2.95 *E. bannaticus*, 'Star Frost'

For those who might like to consider growing their own golf balls, this splendid variety might be the one to start with! Flowering the first year from seed, it produces, in profusion, handsome, pure white, spherical blooms on well-branched sturdy stems. These will be loved by bees and flower arrangers alike and are easy to grow in full sun. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

493 £2.25 *E. ritro*. **Blue Globe Thistle**

BEST SELLER

An easily grown hardy perennial for sun or partial shade with splendid, steel-blue, globular heads of flowers excellent for flower arrangements. The metallic lustre of the flower-heads keeps them decorative for a long time when dried. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

ECHINOPSIS – Cactaceae

A popular group of mostly globular Cacti (some becoming cylindrical with age), some well armed (and hedgehog-like), but most are free-flowering with large, sometimes sweetly-scented, funnel-shaped flowers that can be as much as 8ins. or more in length and half that across.

493A £2.75 *Echinopsis*, 'Abbey Brook'. **Cactus**

The seed we are offering is from plants grown from original Abbey Brook – the well known cactus nursery – hybrid Echinopsis. It is always interesting to see the different characteristics that will be shown in the resulting progeny. **4ins (10cm) GP**

ECHIUM – Boraginaceae. **Viper's Bugloss**

499G £2.95 *E. amoenum*. **Red Feathers**

BEST SELLER

These compact plants form mounds of dark green, linear leaves at the base from which the bold, upright spikes of raspberry-red flowers emerge. These will bloom and re-bloom from May till the frosts if spent flowers are deadheaded. Try them amongst grasses as a colourful and interesting filler. Once established, is drought tolerant. The plant is native to the Caucasus Mountains in Iran, where it is known as gol-gav-zaban which translates to cow-tongue flower, referring to the similarity between the feel of a cow's tongue and the rough, bristly surface of the plant's leaves! **1½ft (40cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

495A £2.65 *E. fastuosum* (= proud). **Pride of Madeira**

This is a beautiful, branched perennial, easily grown in the cool greenhouse, with soft, white, hairy leaves and large, dense panicles of deep blue, bell-shaped flowers – each one a gem – from April to August. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **4ft (1.2m) HHP** 🌱

497 £3.45 *E. pininana* RHS 🏆

An extremely rare and noble plant bearing a magnificent inflorescence which, in its native Canary Islands, where it is endemic, can tower to over 12ft. The countless individual flowers are blue. This is probably the hardiest of the Canary Echiums and is grown outside in several places in this country. **12ft (4m) HB** 🌱

497D £3.45 E. russicum (= Russian) (*syn.* *E. rubrum*)

From Eastern Europe comes this superb species producing bushy specimens with attractive, slender, pointed, white-hairy leaves, and bearing rather splendid, twelve inch spikes of bright dark red or crimson flowers charmingly garnished with long-protruding red filaments. Definitely something different for the front of your borders and, although often thought of as a biennial, it will often become a short-lived perennial if it gets to like you. **3ft (90cm) HP/HB** 🌱

Echium vulgare**▶ 498A £2.25 E. vulgare****BEST SELLER**

An easily grown hardy annual (actually better plants are produced when treated as a biennial), bearing in profusion spikes of exquisite flowers in an attractive, deep mid-blue shade. **3ft (90cm) HA/HB** 🌱

▶ 499 £2.25 Dwarf Hybrids

In the opinion of one writer, these are amongst the most beautiful plants in cultivation, and certainly, with their delightful flowers in various shades of blue, pink and white, they are bound to arouse the interest of people who see them. They also make good pot plants for the cold greenhouse. (The bees like them, too.) **1ft (30cm) HA** 🌱

▶ 499C £1.95 'Blue Bedder' RHS 🏆

Long in cultivation is this most beautiful plant. Bushy and compact, it has hairy dark green leaves and bears during summer dense spikes of exquisite, bee-friendly, violet-blue flowers that become tinged with pink as they age. You might find the odd white flower popping up amongst the blue which we think is an added bonus. **1½ft (40cm) HA** 🌱

▶ ★ NEW ★ 499E £1.95 'Rose Bedder'

This is a quite delightful companion variety to the ever-popular 'Blue Bedder'. With similarly bushy, compact plants, it bears in summer dense spikes of lovely flowers in shades of pink – the pinks this genus tends to produce are unusual, different, warm even, but always rather gorgeous. **1½ft (40cm) HA** 🌱

▶ 499F £1.95 'White Bedder'

This variety produces bushy and compact plants with dense spikes of white flowers in summer. An excellent bedding plant and, like its companion, attractive to bees and butterflies. **1½ft (40cm) HA** 🌱

498B £3.75 E. hybrid, 'Pink Fountain'

Anyone who sees this plant in bloom will want to grow it! Forming a well-supported, generous rosette of large leaves that grows bigger and bigger in the first year or two, it eventually produces an unforgettable, tapering spire of countless delicate pink flowers. There aren't many plants to match it! **10ft (3m) HP/HB** 🌱

498C £3.45 E. hybrid, 'Snow Tower'

If we were lazy about our catalogue descriptions we might just grunt here a white-flowered form of *Echium*, but that just would not do this spectacular creation justice. Originating in a garden in Guernsey, what we have here is almost unbelievable – an enormous plant producing an enormous avalanche of snow-white flowers. **15ft (5m) HP/HB** 🌱

ELAEAGNUS – Elaeagnaceae**501 £2.25 E. angustifolia** (= narrow-leaved). *Oleaster, Russian Olive*

Wind-resistant, quick-growing, deciduous shrub with silvery foliage and fragrant flowers, followed by edible, ornamental fruits. **10ft (3m) HSh/HTr** 🌱 🍷

EDELWEISS. See *Leontopodium***EMILIA – Compositae/Asteraceae****503D £2.25 E. javanica, 'Irish Poet'****BEST SELLER**

Beautiful variety with deep and rich orange tassel-like flowers. Especially well-suited to naturalistic gardens, with long stems and small, fluffy flowers in clusters. Once described as the windswept hair of an Irish poet, it makes a brilliant filler for bright bouquets. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🍷

EPIPHYLLUM – Cactaceae**508 £3.75 Epiphyllum, Large-flowered Mixed Hybrids. *Orchid Cactus***

Wonderful, large, sometimes dazzling, white and blush pink flowers, some with a pleasant fragrance. They can be successfully grown as house plants and, given a sunny window sill, will flower every year when mature. (Sometimes known as "Orchid Cacti" – a quite unnecessary epithet – in any case they are totally unlike any Orchid.) **10ft (3m) GP**

ERAGROSTIS (= love + grass) – **Poaceae/Gramineae**

Hardy grasses with feathery flower spikes, both decorative in the border and for flower arranging, where they are particularly attractive with Sweet Peas.

509C £3.65 E. eliottii. *Blue Love Grass*

This is one of the most beautiful, decorative, and ornamental grasses we have seen in a very long while. From the south eastern USA, it forms three foot wide clumps of the very narrowest, almost filament-like, foliage a lovely powder-blue in colour. Above these in spring are borne the flower plumes, sturdy but so very airy that they open to a giant three foot cloud of the palest tan colour. Not only that but these remain in perfection until the autumn. Needless to say, a wonderful plant for your border. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🍷

510B £3.45 E. spectabilis (= showy). *Purple Love Grass*

A beautiful addition to the late summer landscape in gardens both small and large is this most attractive ornamental grass from the USA where it grows in sandy soil in full sun. It forms dense compact clumps of dull green leaves which are virtually completely concealed once the plant comes into bloom. Like coloured clouds hovering just above the ground, it bears volumes of fine-textured, brilliant purple-red flowers that fade to a soft brown in autumn and make rather lovely cut flowers. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🍷

ERANTHIS – Ranunculaceae**511A £2.45 E. hyemalis** (= flowering in winter). *Winter Aconite, Winter Hellebore, Winter Wolf's Bane* RHS 🏆

Vying with the Snowdrop to be the first flower to herald the approach of spring, this well-known tuberous-rooted plant bears its glossy, bright yellow, Buttercup-like flowers above a ruff of deeply cut leaves. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **4ins (10cm) HP**

EREMURUS

EREMURUS (= solitary tail) – Liliaceae. *Foxtail Lily*

513B £2.85 E. robustus RHS 


A superb species with strap-shaped leaves up to 4ins wide, and majestic spikes, up to 4ft long, densely covered with flowers a delicious peach-yellow in colour. Hardy throughout the British Isles.



10ft (3m) Packet of 15 seeds. **HP**

ERIGERON – Compositae/Asteraceae


523N £2.95 E. glaucus. Beach Aster, Seaside Daisy

Within the roar of a surf-tormented shore (of California) can be found the generous and beautiful, violet, old-gold-centred daisy blossoms of this handsome plant. At home among rocks on the beach and ocean cliffs, the flowers are borne from June to September above the somewhat unusual, slightly sticky, succulent, rather pale foliage. A delight. **1ft (30cm)** **HP** 


523K £2.75 E. karvinskianus (*syn.* *E. mucronatus*, 'Profusion'). **Mexican Fleabane** RHS  **BEST SELLER**

Originating in Mexico but, perhaps somewhat surprisingly, now found naturalised, particularly on walls, in the south west of England is this rather superb bushy plant flowering in only three months from seed, then blooming until cut down by frost. The daisy-like flowers, produced in profusion, open white but change to deep pink so that at any one time flowers in any shade between will be found on a plant. A marvel for rockery, window box, border, wall or hanging basket. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **1ft (30cm)** **HA/HHP**  

523G £2.25 E. speciosus, 'Azure Fairy'. Mexican Daisy, Fleabane

This is a handsome plant for the border providing, during summer, a succession of attractive semi-double lavender daisy-like flowers on strong stems. Excellent for cutting. **2½ft (75cm)** **HP** 

★NEW★ 523C £2.25 E. speciosus, 'Pink Jewel'

Bright, daisy-like, lilac-pink, flowers on strong stems. **2½ft (75cm)** **HP** 


ERIOPHORUM – Cyperaceae

525H £2.45 E. vaginatum. Hare's Tail Cotton Grass

With its appealing and attractive heads of fluffy cotton-wool balls swaying all summer over the dense hummocks of foliage, this is a plant well known to those who hike, or drive even, across the boggy moorland of this country. It is a useful and striking plant for the smallest bog garden, pool margins and other bound-to-get-your-boots-wet places. **1½ft (45cm)** **HP**

ERODIUM – Geraniaceae. *Heron's Bill*



526Z £2.95 E. trifolium, 'Sweetheart'

This is a quite charming plant with the most attractive flowers – the palest of pink mottled with darker rose-pink splotches. Flowers over a very long season. **1ft (30cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP/HHP** 



ERYNGIUM – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae

In general, Eryngiums are often spiny, usually herbaceous perennial plants, beloved of flower arrangers for their striking foliage and flower-heads.



527J £2.85 E. bourgatii. Mediterranean Sea Holly

A particularly attractive species from the Pyrenees with leaves divided into a shape reminiscent of a Jack Frost pattern on a frozen window, beautifully marked with broad white stripes on the veins, and dense, round, blue flower-heads. **1½ft (40cm)** **HP**  



526X £2.75 E. giganteum, 'Miss Willmott's Ghost' RHS  **BEST SELLER**

Seen at dusk at a distance, the silvery-white blooms covering most of the plant give this variety a ghostly luminosity. Grow it and scare your friends! Hardy throughout the British Isles. **4ft (1.2m)** **HP**  

525M £2.95 E. giganteum, 'Silver Ghost' RHS 

Perhaps best viewed at night, at midnight of course, in the light of the full moon is this variety, originally discovered in Turkish beech/pine forests, that might be considered as a rather fine, exaggerated almost, version of 'Miss Willmott's Ghost.' With metallic silvery-blue leaves, it bears in early summer large heads of lovely lime-green flowers with blue stamens backed by large and conspicuous bracts, the whole later developing a shining silvery hue. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **2ft (60cm)** **HP**  

527L £2.85 E. maritimum. Sea Holly

A native wild flower found growing on sandy and shingly shores around the coasts of the British Isles. It is a highly ornamental plant with spiny, leathery, intensely whitish-glaucous leaves and roundish heads of pale blue flowers. The young, tender flowering shoots can be eaten like Asparagus. In Tudor times the roots were candied and known as eringoes eaten as sweetmeats and regarded as an aphrodisiac obviously appreciated by Falstaff, "Let the sky rain potatoes, . . . hail kissing-comfits and snow eringoes, let there come a tempest of provocation . . ." **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HP**  

Eryngium planum. Flat Sea Holly

The writer likes this one! This species has most of the features one could hope for in a garden plant for amateurs. A true perennial, it has strong, erect stems that are an ornamental silver-blue colour. These divide and divide again more than once to give innumerable (not quite true – the stem on the writer's desk has – he's just counted – 85 half inch flower-heads on it) small, shimmering pincushions all in a ready made flower arrangement. This is a plant to add strength and colour to your border and to give you a wonderful, long-lasting cut flower, fresh and dried.



▶ **527K £2.25 E. planum**

Plentiful globe-shaped grey-blue flower heads. **4ft (1.2m)** **HP**  



▶ **525Q £3.75 'Blue Glitter'**

BEST SELLER

Superior cultivated variety of a strong blue which will flower in the first year, requiring no vernalisation. After overwintering it blooms about 3 weeks earlier than the type species.

3½ft (1.1m) Packet of 15 seeds. **HP**  

▶ **525X £3.75 'White Glitter'**

With the same attributes as 'Blue Glitter' and flowering the first year from seed, this true perennial gives a freshness and texture to any bedding display with its ornamental, white, prickly pincushions. **3½ft (1.1m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP**  

▶ **525R £3.55 'Blue Hobbit'**

Aptly named ("hobbit = imaginary half-sized person" invented by Tolkien) is this superb variety, naturally dwarf and compact, that will give lovely, floriferous plants to give lots of interest and colour to your borders and containers. **1ft (30cm)** **HP**  

527W £2.25 E. yuccifolium

A fine species with, as the name suggests, long, broad linear, slightly spiny, Yucca-like leaves, bearing from July to September globose heads of white or very pale blue flowers. **3ft (90cm) HP**

527D £2.95 Eryngium, Mixed Species

One for the floral artist! A mixture of the species offered individually to give a wide assortment of flowers and foliage. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 ☞

ERYSIMUM (syn. Cheiranthus) – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae

Erysimum cheiri. English Wallflower

What spring garden would be complete without a bed of delightful, sweet-scented Wallflowers, harbingers of warmer weather to come? Very easy to grow and very rewarding; indeed we have found they respond beautifully to the sow and forget technique – bare patches sown with the absolute minimum of fuss in mid-August started flowering the following April and continued to supply the household with an abundance of cut flowers for many weeks thereafter. Although technically a short-lived perennial, these perform much better as a (hardy) biennial.

▶ **329G £2.25 'Cloth of Gold'**

An old and popular variety with large, rich golden-yellow flowers. **1½ft (45cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **★ NEW ★ 329K £1.95 'Fair Lady', Pastel Shades Mixed**

A beautiful Wallflower mixture with a wide range of unusual pastel and rusty shades and bicolors including lemons, creams, salmons and pinks. Cheerfully bright and free flowering. And, of course, fragrant. **1½ft (45cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **329J £2.25 'Fire King'**

Another old and tried variety with striking glowing orange-scarlet flowers. **1½ft (40cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **329M £2.25 'Ivory White'**

BEST SELLER

A pretty variety with creamy, ever-so-pale yellow blooms. **1½ft (45cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **329P £2.25 'Persian Carpet' RHS T**

With the super colours you'd expect to see in a Persian carpet (and at a fraction of the cost!), this is a lovely Wallflower mixture. Try it in some wall-to-wall bedding and enjoy the comfort of the purple, gold, orange, rose and apricot colours. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1½ft (45cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **329L £2.25 'Primrose Bedder'**

You can't go wrong with Wallflowers! Here's another one – compact, hearty plants with lovely, clear primrose-yellow flowers. And whilst on the subject, you'll probably be amazed to learn that, contrary to what you've (the writer included) always believed, Wallflowers are true, if not particularly long-lived (shrubby) perennials. So, although indeed best grown as biennials, should, for any reason, you be unable to clear your bed of them, leave them and, if you're not too pernickety, you will have something better than a bed of weeds the following year. **1½ft (45cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **329N £2.25 'Ruby Gem'**

Going back many years, this is an old and noble variety with large and very fine rich ruby and deep pink velvety flowers. **1½ft (45cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **329X £2.25 'Scarlet Bedder'**

BEST SELLER

This is another old variety produced for the amateur gardener that will give nice bushy plants covered with deep and bright, rich scarlet flowers – no skill required, satisfaction guaranteed! **1½ft (45cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

'Sugar Rush' Series, F1 Hybrid

This excellent range of high quality Wallflowers produces strong, robust and bushy plants whatever the weather, tolerant of both frost and warmth. Very sweet-scented, very fast-growing and very floriferous.

▶ **330E £3.25 'Sugar Rush Purple Bicolor'**

BEST SELLER

Gorgeous shade of rich lavender mixed with darker pinky magenta. **1ft (30cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **330F £3.25 'Sugar Rush Red'**

Lovely dark and rich red. **1ft (30cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **328A £2.25 'Sugar Rush Garden Mix'**

This is a colourful mix of Wallflowers collected from open pollinated plants. Expect a mix of pale yellow, dark red, orange and purple. **1ft (30cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **329F £2.25 'Vulcan'**

BEST SELLER

A very old established variety of neat habit with velvety crimson flowers. Makes a splendid bedding plant. **1½ft (45cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **329A £2.25 Wallflower, Fine Mixed**

This is a splendid mix in a wide range of colours. Generous packets. **1½ft (45cm) HP/HB** 🌱 ☞

528M £2.85 E. linifolium, 'Little Kiss Lilac'

This cultivated variety of a relative of the Wallflower is an attractive, rather delightful and showy plant for the front of the border or rock garden. Easily grown, it bears dense racemes of lilac-mauve flowers in early summer. **1ft (30cm) HP/HB** ☞

528B £2.25 E. perofskianum, 'Gold Shot'

"A real gold shot" is how the raiser describes this fine variety producing bushy plants bearing bunches of showy golden-yellow flowers from early in spring onwards. And comes back year after year. **1½ft (40cm) HP** 🌱 ☞

328B £1.95 E. x allionii. Siberian Wallflower

Easily grown is this very popular spring bedding plant with bunches of jolly orange flowers abundantly produced from May to June. **1½ft (45cm) HP/HB** ☞

ERYTHRONIUM – Liliaceae

Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of these bulbous plants.

532D £2.95 E. revolutum johnsonii

A much sought after variety with mottled, dark green leaves and beautiful, pink, nodding, Lily-like flowers with spreading petals. **1ft (30cm) HBb**

ESCHSCHOLZIA

ESCHSCHOLZIA – Papaveraceae

532C £1.95 *E. caespitosa* (= growing in dense clumps), 'Sundew'

We all know the justifiably popular Californian Poppy, but how many of us have come across, let alone grown, this equally attractive and charming annual. A dwarf, compact plant, it forms tufts of finely divided, almost thread-like, leaves, covered during the summer (and into the autumn) with a profusion of, in this strain, lemon-yellow flowers, each 2ins across. Give it a try this year!

6ins (15cm) HA 🌱 ☞

Eschscholzia californica. California Poppy

The well-known California Poppy – the official State flower of California – is a beautiful annual with lovely blue-grey feathery foliage and flowers borne in profusion throughout the summer. The Spanish-Californians make a highly prized hair-oil, which is said to promote hair growth, by frying the whole plant in olive oil and adding perfume. Hardy throughout the British Isles. Very quick and easy to grow and very tolerant of poor, dry soils.

▶ 533E £1.95 'Alba'

A lovely variety with eye-catching, creamy-white flowers. 1½ft (40cm) HA 🌱 ☞

▶ 533M £2.25 'Carmine King'

We are always delighted to be able to offer plant varieties that have been around for generations. This is just such a one, appearing in a 1931 seed catalogue (400 pages long and costing a shilling – no! we're not putting that into new money!), we'll be lazy and just use their description: "The lustrous carmine colour is very attractive." We'll be even lazier and add a useful tip they gave in the catalogue: "If cut early in the morning before the buds unfold, the flowers will last for several days in water." 1ft (30cm) HA 🌱 ☞

▶ 533K £1.95 'Ivory Castle'

Somewhat special variety with unusual pure white flowers, possibly the only one with this colour. 1½ft (40cm) HA 🌱 ☞

▶ 534Z £2.25 'Jelly Beans'

Really fun and bright mixture of fully double flowers in vibrant shades of orange, pink, gold and red. One of our favourites for adding an easy splash of colour to your borders. 1ft (30cm) HA 🌱 ☞

▶ 533T £2.25 'Mikado'

Please give a warm welcome to the return of this old favourite which, with its deep orange blooms with a scarlet reverse, is guaranteed to give a brilliant effect in any garden – just sow the seed and let nature do the rest. 1½ft (40cm) HA 🌱 ☞

▶ 535K £1.95 'Orange King'

BEST SELLER

Highly recommended by many, this robust, tall-stemmed variety has petals of vibrant and cheerful orange. Light up your flower beds. 1ft (35cm) HA 🌱 ☞

▶ 533F £1.95 'Purple Gleam'

The writer as an infant would have loved this variety: just about the only (poster) colour he used in early art lessons was purple; purple cats, purple trains, purple houses, purple people. But back to 'Purple Gleam', lovely flowers in a most satisfying shade of lilac-purple! 1½ft (40cm) HA 🌱 ☞

▶ 533G £1.95 'Red Chief'

OTT is how some sophisticated gardeners would describe the brilliant, unashamed scarlet-red of this variety; for the more guileless amongst us, however, this is just the colour we love to perk up our summer displays. 1½ft (40cm) HA 🌱 ☞

'Thai Silk' Series

This is a stunning range of California Poppies of superb quality with silky flowers, some single some double, in an exquisite range of lovely rich colours and very attractive feathery foliage.

▶ 534H £2.45 'Appleblossom Chiffon'

BEST SELLER

Very double flowers in an ethereal shade of shimmering, dappled silvery-pink. 10ins (25cm) HA 🌱 ☞

▶ 533J £2.45 'Apricot Chiffon' RHS 🏆

BEST SELLER

Award-winning variety with luxurious, single and double, peachy apricot flowers with a shimmer of coral-pink. 10ins (25cm) HA 🌱 ☞

▶ ★ NEW ★ 533Z £2.45 'Pink Champagne'

A beautiful and sophisticated variety with extra double silky flowers in a unique shade of soft champagne-pink on a cream base. 10ins (25cm) HA 🌱 ☞

▶ 533 £1.95 Mixed

BEST SELLER

A mixture of vivid yellow, white and orange, glossy flowers, each 2 or 3ins wide, borne in profusion during the summer. 1ft (30cm) HA 🌱 ☞

EUCALYPTUS – Myrtaceae

A remarkable genus of over 500 species nearly all natives of Australia, ranging from small shrubs to the tallest of all broad leaved trees. One of the most interesting aspects of the Eucalypts is that the adult leaves are usually completely different in form from the juvenile leaves, which themselves are frequently of a most unusual and attractive appearance. They have many horticultural uses. Many species make very fine trees that are both ornamental and very fast growing, some reaching 3 or 4ft. the first year, and over 20ft in five years. They are amongst the finest sources of cut ornamental foliage for the floral artist, and for this purpose they should be grown as stooled (coppiced) or pollarded specimens. For these all the previous year's growth is pruned; down to ground level for stooled specimens and a short stem 1 or 2ft. long retained for pollarded specimens. The resulting annual growths, always of juvenile foliage, can reach 7ft. in the case of some species and it is these that are so excellent for cutting, lasting, as they do, a considerable time in water. Many Eucalypts treated as above make most beautiful shrubs when the young leaves, continuing to unfold from spring to summer, can be more colourful than many flowering shrubs. Eucalypts make excellent foliage pot plants for indoor decoration, in which case they should be treated as coppice plants. Lastly, the foliage of many species is agreeably aromatic when crushed and the smoke from a bonfire of prunings is said to be delightfully scented.

★ NEW ★ 534R £2.95 *E. cinerea* (= ash-coloured). *Argyle Apple*, *Mealy Stringybark*

Small, spreading tree with beautiful, silvery-grey foliage that shines in bright sunlight. Excellent for cut foliage. 50ft (15m) HSh/HTr 🌱 ☞

535L £3.65 *E. cinerea*, 'Silver Dollar'

BEST SELLER

This variety has the most striking silver-grey foliage and with a compact habit is perfect for containers and particularly good for cutting. 4ft (1.2m) Packet of 15 seeds. HSh/HTr ☞

552 £3.95 E. gunnii. Cider Gum RHS 🏆

One of the hardiest; juvenile foliage silver-blue and particularly attractive. A good hedging and timber tree with fast growth and good for cut foliage. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **100ft (30m)** HSh/HTr 🌳 🌿

545C £3.75 E. orbifolia. Round-leaved Mallee

Popular in Japan, this has silvery-blue leaves and showy creamy-yellow flowers in winter and spring. However, perhaps the most appealing feature of this species is the smooth red-brown trunk with very characteristic and attractive curling ribbons of bark revealing new creamy-green bark growth beneath. The stems are good for cutting and make an excellent filler for flower arrangers. Frost tolerant to -8°C. **20ft (6m)** HSh/Tr 🌳 🌿

534D £3.45 E. parvifolia. Small-leaved Gum RHS 🏆

Small green or slightly glaucous juvenile leaves. Makes an attractive coppiced plant. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **30ft (9m)** HSh/HTr 🌳 🌿

555 £3.65 E. pauciflora (= small flowered). Alpine Snow Gum

In spring and summer, the tree is covered in an abundance of fragrant, white flowers. Very hardy indeed. **25ft (8m)** HSh/HTr 🌿

534P £3.45 E. pulverulenta, 'Baby Blue'

An excellent species for cutting is this smaller Eucalypt with small blue-green leaves. It is easier to maintain as a smaller specimen in large pots and once established will prove hardy. Younger plants will need some frost protection. **16ft (5m)** HTr 🌿

EUCOMIS (= beautiful headed) – Liliaceae**563A £2.45 E. bicolor. Pineapple Flower** RHS 🏆

Also known as a "pineapple" flower because of the crown of leaves on top of the flower spike. The flowers, which are pale green with a distinct purple edge, are very long-lasting – over two months. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **1½ft (50cm)** (Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of this bulbous plant) **TBb**

EUPATORIUM – Compositae/Asteraceae**568A £2.55 E. cannabinum (= Cannabis-like; in looks, we trust, rather than any narcotic effect). Hemp Agrimony**

A native wild flower and an easily grown and attractive plant for moist positions in the garden, with dense, terminal sprays (corymbs) of reddish-purple flowers from July to September. **4ft (1.2m)** HP 🌳

568D £2.65 E. fistulosum var. albidum, 'Ivory Towers'. Queen of the Meadow

This is a magnificent, architectural and eye-catching plant for the back of the border. It bears generous clusters of ivory-white blooms which are long-lasting and beloved by butterflies. Flowers the first year from seed if sown early, but not reaching its eventual height of 6½ft. **6ft (1.8m)** HP

**EUPHORBIA – Euphorbiaceae**

Please note all parts of the plant of all Euphorbia species are toxic if ingested. The sap can also cause skin irritation so care should be taken when handling the plants.

572M £2.95 E. coralloides (= coral-like). Coral Spurge

This is one of those plants that has just about everything going for it and one that deserves to be better known. A rampant grower (although it is suggested that it is kept pruned to about 18 inches in height when it will form a neat hummock), happy in sun or shade, happy in most soils, splendid for cut flower use, but, above all, if happy, it is in flower from January to December, i.e. all the year round! The flowers, which are bright yellow, are borne in heads. **3ft (90cm)** HP

572J £2.95 E. epithymoides (syn. E. polychroma). Cushion Spurge

This is a very tidy plant, a bushy, almost shrubby, species forming a hemispherical clump of bright green foliage, and laden in April and May with rounded heads of bright yellow flowers. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1½ft (45cm)** HP

572A £2.35 E. marginata (syn. E. variegata), 'Snow Top'. Snow-on-the-Mountains BEST SELLER

This is a fine variety of Snow-on-the-Mountains with large bracts that colour early (to display the "snow") and replaces the variety, 'Icicle'. We are assured this version will be equally as snowy and excellent for cutting. **2ft (60cm)** HA 🌿

573D £3.35 E. mellifera (= honey-bearing). Canary Spurge, Honey Spurge RHS 🏆

A much sought after, dome-shaped shrub with apple-green foliage and golden-tan coloured flowers in summer heavy with the scent of honey. Hardy in a sheltered area but likes protection from cold winds. Easy from seed. **5ft (1.5m)** Packet of 8 seeds. **HSh**

573B £2.25 E. myrsinites. Blue Spurge RHS 🏆

Found growing on the Apennines as high as 7,500ft up is this unusual and attractive plant, ideal for the front of the border, with diamond-shaped, bluish, glaucous leaves geometrically arranged around the not quite prostrate stems, somewhat untidily yet highly ornamentally radiating from the central stock. The large flat heads of greenish-yellow flowers appear from May to August, and eventually turn red. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1ft (30cm)** HP

577D £2.75 E. stricta, 'Golden Foam'. Golden Foam Spurge, Tintern Spurge

This variety is outstanding both as a garden plant and a cut flower. We asked our supplier for a description and he instructs us to imagine a red-stemmed, golden-flowered, compact Gypsophila and we won't be far off the mark! **2½ft (75cm)** HP 🌿

EUSTOMA (syn. Lisianthus) – Gentianaceae**577P £3.05 E. grandiflorum, 'Echo Blue'. Prairie Gentian, Texas Bluebell**

Fully double, dark blue blooms. **2½ft (80cm)** HHA/HHP 🌿

577K £3.75 E. grandiflorum, 'Piccolo Lime Green'

Delicate single flowered blooms, yet with sturdy stems, in a beautiful, unusual and very fashionable creamy-lime green colour. **3ft (90cm)** HHA/HHP 🌿

EUSTOMA

Eustoma russellianum

'Lisadora' Series, F1 Hybrid

This series has been bred to produce perfect-for-cutting, pretty, double, well-filled, rose-like flowers but with a little extra hardiness and resilience making them less susceptible to disease and longer lasting during transportation and in the vase.

- ▶ ★NEW★ **577W £3.75 Apricot**
Lovely pinky-apricot colour. **3ft (90cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HHA/HHP** ☞
- ▶ ★NEW★ **577X £3.75 Deep Blue**
White and purple dappled flowers. **3ft (90cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HHA/HHP** ☞
- ▶ ★NEW★ **577Y £3.75 White**
Pure white. **3ft (90cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HHA/HHP** ☞

FATSIA – Araliaceae

584A £2.95 F. japonica (*syn.* *Aralia sieboldii*). **Castor Oil Plant, Fig-leaf Palm**

RHS 🌿

Although this handsome, evergreen shrub with palmate, dark shining green, leathery leaves is a very popular house plant, it is in fact practically hardy and, given a sheltered, shady spot, gives the garden a somewhat tropical appearance. In this case, you have the added bonus of the large panicles of milky-white flowers that appear late in the year in October or November. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **13ft (4m) HSh**

FEIJOA – Myrtaceae

585 £2.95 F. sellowiana. Pineapple Guava

Here's a shrub to show visitors to your garden – with grey-green leaves, white-felted beneath, and most attractive and rather unusual flowers with crimson and white petals and numerous prominent crimson stamens. In a hot summer, these are followed by egg-sized and shaped berries which are edible, having a Guava-like flavour. However, not only are these fruits edible, but the flower petals also, these having a rich, aromatic flavour. Almost hardy, but likes a warm, sunny position. **10ft (3m) HSh**

FERULA – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae

588C £4.25 F. communis. Giant Fennel

In this instance "Giant" is no exaggeration as this superb and spectacular plant from the Mediterranean has been known to reach 15ft. For a plant of this size, however, the dark green leaves, divided many times into feathery segments, are surprisingly delicate in appearance. The enormous flower-heads, 18ins or more across, contain countless hundreds (thousands) of tiny, bright yellow flowers. Good for wild garden, border, shrubbery or on the margins of pools or streams. **15ft (5m)** Packet of 6 seeds. **HP** 🌿

FESTUCA – Poaceae/Gramineae

588D £2.25 F. amethystina (= violet-coloured). **Amethyst Fescue**

From the Alps comes this most attractive and dwarf ornamental grass with dense tufts of spreading, glaucous, bristle-like leaves, and producing dark violet flower panicles in early summer. Try some among hardy Heathers. **1ft (30cm) HP** 🌿

589G £2.35 F. glauca, 'Blue Select'. Blue Fescue Grass

Although green is the colour most Grasses prefer, among the 9,000 (at the last count) of them, there is in fact quite a lot of choice, blue being very popular. Of all the blue ones we've come across, this splendid variety produces perhaps the best and most attractive colour – with the flower panicles of almost white, the overall effect of a clump in bloom is that of a cold, crisp, sunny morning in winter. **10ins (25cm) HP**

FICUS – Moraceae

590A £2.95 F. benjamina. Weeping Fig RHS 🌿

Although a very handsome large tree in the rainforest when fully grown, with its long attractive, drooping leaves, we offer this to you as a splendid house plant! Fast growing and easy to maintain, it should be tolerant of variable light conditions inside. **13ft (4m)** Packet of 8 seeds. **GT**

FEVERFEW. See *Tanacetum*

FILIPENDULA – Rosaceae

593F £2.45 F. ulmaria. Meadowsweet

BEST SELLER

A native wild flower and one of our most attractive. With large pinnate leaves and dense heads, up to 6ins across, of numerous, small, white flowers with a multitude of prominent stamens giving a generally fluffy appearance, it is an excellent plant for moist positions in the border or by water. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌿

593A £3.75 F. rubra. Queen of the Prairie

This tall, upright, clump-forming perennial native to America with branching red stems, bears in summer, tightly packed clusters of deep peach-pink flowers. Individually the tiny flowers are extremely pretty with their long protruding stamens; en masse they create fluffy clouds of rosy candyfloss. **5ft (1.5m) HP** ☞

FORGET-ME-NOT. See *Myosotis*

FOXGLOVE. See *Digitalis*

FRAGARIA. See *Strawberry* in the VegBook

FRANCOA – Saxifragaceae

594A £2.45 F. sonchifolia. Bridal Wreath, Wedding Flower

A charming and beautiful plant for border or rock garden, with rosettes of evergreen, spoon-shaped leaves and spikes of pretty pink flowers on long stalks that are excellent for cutting and last well in water. Hardy, but give it a well drained spot and sunny position. **2ft (60cm) HP** ☞

594P £2.75 F. sonchifolia, 'Rogerson's Form'

This is a most desirable form of Bridal Wreath. It produces on long stalks panicles of the very deepest pink-coloured flowers, strikingly marked in crimson. As with the species, these make super, long-lasting cut flowers. Hardy, but give it a well drained spot and sunny position. **2ft (60cm) HP** ☞

FREESIA – Iridaceae

Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of these bulbous plants.

597F £3.35 F. hybrida, 'Royal Crown' Formula Mixed

The modern Freesia, originating mainly from a cross made at Kew in 1898 between *F. refracta* and *F. armstrongii* and named *F. x kewensis*, is so well known, particularly as one of the most popular of all cut flowers, that no introduction is necessary. Apart, that is, from saying that growing from seed is almost as simple as starting with corms, and takes about 8 months or so from sowing to flower. This is a tall mix of uniform habit, and yielding large flowers, with all the fragrance expected of them, in a full array of lovely colours. **2½ft (75cm) HHBb**  

FRITILLARIA (= a dice-box) – Liliaceae**602A £2.45 F. meleagris (= spotted like the guinea fowl). Snake's Head**
Fritillary RHS 

Although this quite well known plant is not too uncommon in gardens, it is in fact a rare native wild flower found in damp meadows. It is a most beautiful plant with nodding, bell-shaped flowers in various shades of purple and creamy-white with chequered markings of a darker shade. **1½ft (50cm) HBb**



★ NEW ★ 602K £2.75 F. meleagris var. alba RHS 

This is the white-flowered form with very faint green chequered markings. Flowering in April and May, the very pretty, white, pendent bells add an unassuming, delicate beauty to the garden. **1ft (30cm)** Packet of 15 seeds.


GAILLARDIA – Compositae/Asteraceae**Gaillardia aristata. Blanket Flower****▶ 606B £2.15 'Torchlight'**

A splendid strain with the largest yellow-bordered, dark red flowers. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHP**  




▶ 606L £3.15 'Arizona Red Shades'

These eye-catching Red Shades will not go un-noticed in your garden. Flowering the first year from seed, the four inch, attention-seeking flowers bring a burst of colour to the garden in late spring and continue flowering into September. Its compact habit makes it ideal for containers and borders. **1ft (30cm) HA/HP**  

▶ 606M £3.15 'Arizona Apricot'


An all-round winner! With prestigious awards to its name, this member of the Arizona Series has impressed all who have seen it. Flowering the first year from seed, the attractive blooms have yellow edges deepening to a rich apricot centre. Flowering from early summer into autumn, the bright and colourful flowers will add a richness to any bedding display and with its tidy and uniform habit is perfect for pepping up patios. **1ft (30cm) HA/HP** 

▶ ★ NEW ★ 606W £2.25 'Single Flowered Mixture'

A beautiful plant for the border with large, showy, daisy-like flowers in shades of yellow, crimson and orange, that will blanket your garden in bright flowers over a long period. Often grown as a half-hardy annual, this is a brilliant plant for cutting, the flowers lasting very well in water. **2ft (60cm) HA/HP**   

GALANTHUS – Amaryllidaceae/Alliaceae. Snowdrop

Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of these bulbous plants.

606H £3.15 G. nivalis (= growing near snow). Common Snowdrop RHS 

This is one of those plants that just don't need picture or description in a seed catalogue; let's face it, after the festivities of Christmas, the one thing we all look forward to is the appearance of the first Snowdrops. **4ins (10cm) HBb**

607Y £3.45 Galanthus, Mixed Species and Hybrids

A wonderful selection, these seeds come from an exceptional and very wide-ranging collection of distinct species and varieties. A flowering season from December to the end of April can be expected. **1ft (30cm) HBb**

GALEGA – Leguminosae/Fabaceae**607E £2.35 G. officinalis. Goat's Rue, French Lilac**

A wild flower introduced from southern Europe, and found by road-sides and waste ground mainly in the south of England. A vigorous plant forming bright green leafy clumps of pinnate foliage, and bearing in summer and early autumn long-stalked clusters of numerous pale lilac or rarely white, pea-like flowers. **5ft (1.5m) HP**




GALIUM – Rubiaceae**607F £2.25 G. verum. Lady's Bedstraw**

A native wild flower of grassland throughout the British Isles. It is a slender, creeping plant with many, more or less erect stems bearing most of the summer panicles of numerous, tiny, coumarin-scented, bright yellow flowers. A plant of many herbal virtues, one of which should, at least, be safe and might be worth trying: a decoction of the herb and flowers is said to refresh the feet after long walks. The flowers have been used in a similar way to rennet for coagulating milk. **1½ft (50cm) HP** 

GAURA (= superb) – Onagraceae**Gaura lindheimeri. Bee Blossom**

These very popular blooms open from pink buds into beautiful wafly spikes of delicate 4-petalled flowers. Very attractive for cutting and also appreciated by bees, they flower abundantly the first year from seed and continue over a long season. Despite their delicate appearance, Gaura are in fact very robust plants; they are particularly good in hot temperatures and are very drought resistant (we saw them growing very enthusiastically in Greece despite the intense heat!)

▶ 612C £2.95 'Cool Breeze'**BEST SELLER**

'Cool Breeze' is the first pure white Gaura available from seed. This variety doesn't have that typical rosy flush to the buds and petals and has attractive greeny-white stamens. **3ft (1m) HP**   

▶ 612B £3.95 'Emmeline Pink Bouquet'

This rather different variety is a bit more compact than a regular Gaura, making it particularly good for pots and indeed the front of the border. It has sparkling flowers in a mixture of blush, off-white and an unusually brightly coloured pink. **2ft (55cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP**   

GAURA

▶ **612N £3.75 'Sparkle White'**

Lovely variety that is distinctive in its compactness. Pink-tinged buds open to bright white, starry flowers. Brilliant for pots and the front of the border and make excellent smaller cut flowers.

1½ft (45cm) Packet of 12 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **612H £2.95 'Summer Breeze'**

BEST SELLER

This variety is a sturdy and robust plant more prepared to face the irregularities of the British weather. Pink buds open into beautiful pure white flowers with contrasting dark pink stamens.

3ft (90cm) Packet of 14 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

GAZANIA – Compositae/Asteraceae. *Treasure Flower*

Gazania hybrida

▶ **612A £2.75 'Sunshine' Mixed**

These easily grown plants have some of the most brilliantly coloured flowers to be found in the garden. This is an extra large-flowered strain with exotic blooms as much as 3ins in diameter, rich in sheen and in many different colours including scarlet, pink and orange, some with striped and zoned petals. Give them the hottest, driest, sunniest patch in your garden. Grow as half-hardy annuals. **10ins (25cm)** HHA/HHP 🌸

▶ **612F £2.95 'Talent' Mixed** RHS 🌱

With the silvery lustre of the graceful foliage undiminished even after showers, these compact plants are attractive even before they come into flower. However, in bloom, the combination of foliage and the long-lasting flowers, each 2½ins across, generously produced in shades of yellow, orange, pink and brown, will give a suggestion of the exotic wherever they are grown. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **8ins (20cm)** HHA/HHP 🌸

▶ **612G £2.95 'Talent Red Shades'** RHS 🌱

"The most silvery-coloured Gazania foliage in the world" claims the raiser for this 'Talent' variety with silver foliage that, without the flowers, would challenge any Dusty Miller type foliage plant for effect. Even in poor light conditions when Gazania flowers are wont to shut up shop, the plants remain ornamental. And the blooms? Vibrant shades of red that will add a glow to the sunniest of days! **8ins (20cm)** HHA/HHP 🌸

612L £4.25 Gazania, 'Day Break' Mixture, F1 Hybrid

These new and improved Gazanias have been bred to give more compact and robust plants with larger flowers in an array of eye-catching colours. Drought-tolerant and outstanding for containers and hanging baskets as well as an edging plant or for ground cover, the flowers come in bronze shades, clear orange, pink shades, white, bright yellow with a dark central ring and a distinctive rose striped variety. **10ins (25cm)** HHA/HHP 🌸

GENISTA – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

615C £2.25 G. tinctoria (= used in dyeing). *Dyer's Greenweed, Waxen Wood*

With its long, leafy spikes of bright yellow flowers borne from June to September, this native shrub, long used as a yellow dye, is a useful and attractive addition to just about any garden.

3ft (90cm) HSh

GENTIANA – Gentianaceae

615D £2.45 G. acaulis (*syn.* *Gentiana kochiana*). *Stemless Gentian, Large-flowered Gentian* RHS 🌱

As well as being one of the most beautiful Gentians, this is certainly the most popular, and the one everybody has heard of. A tufted plant with glossy green leaves, the flowers are funnel-bell-shaped and, as if we really had to tell you, a gorgeous, deep blue colour. It is one of the easiest to grow. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **4ins (10cm)** HP

615E £2.30 G. asclepiadea. Willow Gentian. Milkweed Gentian RHS 🌱

This is a fine perennial for those moist, shady spots in your garden so hard to fill with anything interesting. It is an erect, leafy, arching plant, bearing in summer large, bell-shaped, azure-blue flowers, 2ins or so across, spotted violet within. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **2½ft (75cm)** HP

623A £3.25 G. verna (= of the spring). *Spring Gentian*

If you're very, very fortunate you may find this exquisite Gentian when rambling on stony meadows on limestone in Cumbria (you won't pick it, will you!). Not only is this perhaps the most appealing of all the Gentians, but it is also one of the more easily grown of the spring-flowering species. It is a dwarf, tufted plant bearing a sea of brilliant deep blue, wheel-shaped flowers in spring. **3ins (8cm)** HP

GERANIUM – Geraniaceae. *Cranesbill*

Not to be confused with the greenhouse Geraniums which, as everyone now knows, are Pelargoniums, these are rather fine, hardy perennial plants, many suited to the rockery. Generally, they are shy seeders and seeds are difficult to collect, so we're afraid they do tend to be quite expensive. Sorry!

628J £2.75 Geranium, 'Elke'

We have been sent seeds from plants of 'Elke' with its profusion of large, mauve-pink flowers, and it will be interesting to see what characteristics its progeny display. **1ft (30cm)** Packet of 14 seeds. **HP**

626X £2.95 G. bohemicum, 'Orchid Blue'

This is a lovely plant worthy of a premium, sunny position on your border (it's not bad at ground-covering either) when it will produce a conspicuous quantity of half-inch flowers in a lovely shade of blue beautifully lined out in a much, much darker matching shade. Whether this plant is only a biennial or short-lived perennial really doesn't matter a great deal – if happy it will self-seed itself into perpetuity (and you will have little plants to give to all your friends!) **1½ft (50cm)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HP** 🌱

624Z £2.95 G. macrorrhizum (= with large roots)

Long cultivated in this country (and naturalised in parts of South Devon) is this beautiful species from southern Europe with aromatic, deeply cut foliage, and bearing all summer delightful deep red or bright purple flowers, each an inch or so across with prominent stamens. **1½ft (45cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP**

Geranium maderense. Madeira Cranesbill

This is the largest of all Geranium species, a giant aromatic plant with the largest leaves of any species up to 2 ft. across and beautifully divided. It eventually produces an immense inflorescence of countless flowers, each 1½ ins. or so across. Hardy in the milder parts of the country.

▶ **622H £3.45 G. maderense** RHS 🌱

Lovely pinky-purple flowers. **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP/HHP** 🌱

▶ **624C £3.45 'Guernsey White'**

Delicate white blossoms with pink eyes. **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 8 seeds. **HP/HHP** 🌱

624B £3.95 G. phaeum (= dusky). Mourning Widow, Dusky Geranium

A fascinating and attractive plant with deeply toothed, lobed leaves and dark purple, indeed almost black, flowers with crinkly-edged petals. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

Geranium pratense. Meadow Cranesbill

▶ **624F £2.75 G. pratense (= of the meadows)**

BEST SELLER

With its beautiful violet-blue flowers, each 1¼ins across, borne continuously from June to September, and its deeply cut foliage, this must be one of our loveliest wild flowers and worthy of a place in any border. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱

▶ **★NEW★ 628 £2.95 'Midnight Reiter'**

This is an unusual variety of Geranium with dark purply-green foliage that retains its deep colour throughout the season and in late spring it bears violet-blue flowers. It is a compact variety growing smaller than other G. pratense cultivars and therefore a useful one to try in pots. **1ft (30cm) Packet of 15 seeds. HP**

▶ **627R £3.25 'Purple Haze'**

Descended from just a single dark-leaved seedling that appeared in a stand of G.pratense a few years ago in America, this is a strain of hardy Geranium that is much sought after, coveted even. It is, of course, grown mainly for its remarkably coloured foliage, unlike just about anything else in the genus, which can vary from brown-bronzes, through purples to dark beetroots. The flowers, not to be ignored, are usually the blue of the species but worthwhile variations can occur. **4ft (1.2m) Packet of 12 seeds. HP**

▶ **628N £3.95 'Splish Splash'**

This jaunty variety has its white petals streaked, striped and splashed with lavender-blue creating an unusual marbled effect. **2½ft (75cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HP**

▶ **626P £2.65 Mixed Colours**

G.pratense is a very variable species with a habit of producing interesting colour variants such as rich deep violet-blue, silver-blue and a very pale washed-lavender. These seeds come from a Geranium collection where these variations have been kept separate and cherished. Although there is, of course, no guarantee that the seeds will produce plants with the same colour as their parents, they will nevertheless produce some very interesting seedlings. **4ft (1.2m) Packet of 12 seeds. HP**

624W £2.65 G. pyrenaicum, 'Summer Snow'

This is a lovely variety of the Pyrenean Cranesbill, native of both the Pyrenees and the English countryside, with slightly hairy foliage, and bearing in summer loose clusters of white, deeply notched, vaguely cup-shaped flowers. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

624G £3.25 G. sanguineum (= blood-red). Bloody Cranesbill

This is another beautiful native wild flower, with very deeply cut leaves (each a bit like a Maltese Cross gone wrong) and very attractive, bright purplish-crimson flowers, each about 1½ins across. Good for border or rockery. **2ft (60cm) Packet of 12 seeds. HP** 🌱

624R £3.45 G. sanguineum var. lancastriense RHS 🌱

Not only because of its local connections – Walney Island (once Lancashire but now in Cumbria), about the only place it is found, is but a few miles from Ulverston (our old headquarters) – are we pleased to have again seeds of this rare and highly desirable variety. Generally similar to the type species, Geranium sanguineum, it is a much dwarfer plant and of a more spreading habit yet bears flowers of a similar size but flesh-coloured veined purple. The plant remains in decorative bloom for many months. Hardy throughout the British Isles. (Our seed comes from plants in cultivation).

6ins (15cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HP

626E £2.95 G. versicolor

From Italy and the Balkans (but naturalised in a few fortunate places in southern England) comes this lovely species, surely one of the most delightful of the hardy Geraniums. With attractively blotched foliage that remains fresh and leafy throughout the winter, it bears from May to October unusual white or very pale lilac, trumpet-shaped flowers, each 1¼ ins. or so across, beautifully, delicately yet conspicuously and intricately veined with dark violet. A beautiful plant for rockery, border, woodland or for ground cover. **2ft (60cm) HP**

626J £3.95 Geranium, 'Geranos', Mixed Hardy Species

We are pleased to offer once again this mix and decided to retain its name – geranos is the Greek word for Crane, the bird whose beak inspired the name, both English and Latin, for these plants. It contains seed of a dozen or more items, some rare, to give a splendid mixture of these attractive plants to give a succession of flowers and interest over much of late spring and summer. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 🌱

GERBERA – Compositae/Asteraceae

624D £3.95 G. jamesonii, Giant-flowered Hybrids. Barberton Daisies

In the windows of those pricey, extravagant florists' shops in the West End of London that exist, one feels, to supply errant, homeward-bound husbands with goodwill offerings, will usually be found large arrangements of these, amongst the most spectacular of cut flowers. Some of the glowing colours that are produced by these radiant flowers are almost unbelievable. Pastel shades of coral, apricot and primrose are some of the colours that can be seen in these long-lasting flowers, which are 5ins or so across. **2ft (60cm) GP**

GEUM – Rosaceae

Geum chiloense. Avens

▶ **625 £2.45 'Lady Stratheden'** RHS 🌱

Yellow-flowered form, well double and large flowered. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **2½ft (70cm) HP** 🌱 🌱 🌱

▶ **626 £2.45 'Mrs. Bradshaw'** RHS 🌱

Scarlet, a superior strain with well double, large flowers. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **2½ft (70cm) HP** 🌱 🌱 🌱

▶ **627Y £2.45 'Blazing Sunset'**

BEST SELLER

With very large, fully double, blazing red flowers held well above the foliage, these will create a real impact in your borders. Not fussy where they are to grow, they will colour your garden from May to October. **2ft (60cm) Packet of 15 seeds. HP** 🌱 🌱 🌱

628G £3.25 G. coccineum, 'Queen of Orange'

Orange Geums have become incredibly popular in recent years. This free and long-flowering variety has delightful, rich orange blooms on erect stems with attractive foliage. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 🌱 🌱

GEUM

627B £2.25 G. rivale (= growing by streams). **Water Avens, Chocolate Root**

A native wild flower quite common in the north of England and Scotland, but rare in the south. Found typically in shady spots by streamsides, it is a rather charming plant, bearing from May to September small clusters of nodding, reddish or orange-pink flowers, about 1¼ins across, with purple calyces, and followed by attractive feathery seed heads. **1½ft (40cm) HP** 🌱

627M £2.95 G. triflorum

From Arctic North America comes this delightful plant which, amongst its other virtues, offers you a wide choice of English names: Prairie Smoke, Indian Physic, Bowman's Root, Lion's Beard, Old Man's Whiskers, Grandfather's Beard – take your pick! It's a beautiful plant with grey, softly hairy, ferny, much-divided foliage and bearing in early summer three-flowered heads of vivid red, single and double blooms. These are followed by feathery seed heads that remain showy and interesting all summer. A distinctive and much loved plant of the prairies of North America. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

GILIA – Polemoniaceae

629E £2.25 G. capitata. Queen Anne's Thimbles

A charming annual with fern-like foliage and dense, almost spherical, heads of small, pale blue flowers that are particularly fine for cutting. **1½ft (40cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

★ **NEW** ★ **630A £2.25 G. leptantha**

A plant to please both the bees and the florists with pretty blue, almost spherical flowers atop strong stems. **1½ft (50cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

Gilia tricolor. Bird's Eyes

Many of our readers will doubtless be secretly very pleased to see the following comment on this plant from a leading gardening encyclopaedia: "Thrives with the least care, and is always a profuse bloomer." Not nearly as popular as it once was, this is a delightful plant from California where whole slopes are often carpeted with an abundance of these clusters of bell-shaped flowers. Beautiful in subtle mixed borders, these are very pretty annuals which are very easy to grow from a direct seeding and flower all summer long. Obviously time for a revival!

▶ **630C £2.25 G. tricolor**

Beautiful flowers with slender-stemmed clusters of yellow-throated, bell-shaped flowers in shades of pale violet or lilac. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌿

▶ **630D £2.25 'Felicitas Mix'**

This is a gorgeous mixture of several colours: white, pink, blue and deep violet. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌿

GILLENIA – Rosaceae

630B £3.95 G. trifoliata. Indian-physic, Bowman's Root RHS 🌱

Of easy culture is this handsome perennial from woods in North America with clusters of dainty white flowers, that are borne in summer, with red calyces that persist and remain attractive long after the petals have fallen. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **3ft (90cm) Packet of 15 seeds. HP** 🌿

GINKGO – Ginkgoaceae

631 £4.25 G. biloba. Maidenhair Tree

Every garden should have a specimen of this tree in a place of respect, it being perhaps the most ancient of existing flowering plants. As a species, it has survived more or less unchanged for 180 million years – by comparison, the Cactus family, for instance, has only evolved to its present state well within the last 100,000 years and Homo sapiens hasn't been around much longer. Not without reason is it considered as a sacred tree in the East. It is perfectly hardy, tolerant of industrial areas and has beautiful fan-shaped leaves that turn clear yellow in autumn. One further point of interest is that the pollen grains produce motile sperm-cells, a feature found in only a very few of the flowering plants. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **80ft (25m) Packet of 8 seeds. HTr** 🌱

GLADIOLUS (name used by Pliny, diminutive of Gladius, sword) – Iridaceae

A genus of over 150 species of corm-bearing plants easily grown from seed which germinates freely and, with care, will flower the second year (Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of these bulbous plants).

★ **NEW** ★ **633H £2.65 G. illyricus**

Found only among bracken on bushy heaths in Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, this is the only native Gladiolus species. A beautiful plant, it has glaucous foliage and bears its spikes of crimson-purple flowers in summer. **1ft (50cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HBB** 🌱 🌿

636 £2.75 G. tristis (=sad, dull coloured)

We don't name plants and we just cannot think why some botanist in 1745 (when it was first introduced into this country) should have dubbed this plant "tristis" as in no way does it justify either of the word's two meanings. Originating in South Africa, it is in fact a truly lovely thing with beautifully subtle ivory to sulphur-yellow flowers with a lovely scent, said to be a mixture of carnations and cloves. May survive outside in the milder parts of the country, otherwise a lovely pot plant for the cool greenhouse. **2ft (60cm) HBB** 🌿

GLOXINIA. See *Sinningia speciosa*

GLYCYRRHIZA – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

641P £2.25 G. glabra. Liquorice

Our readers in Pontefract will doubtless be delighted to see again this long-cultivated plant in our Catalogue. However, even non-lovers of Pomfret Cakes and other liquorice products will surely admire the plant that produces the roots that yield the familiar flavour. It is an upright, robust perennial with large, handsome, pinnate leaves and bearing short spikes of attractive, pale purple or violet, elongated, pea-like flowers. **4ft (1.2m) Packet of 15 seeds. HP**

GODETIA – Onagraceae

See also **Clarkia**.

Godetia grandiflora. Clarkia, Farewell to Spring

This is the very popular and easy to grow hardy annual, Godetia. Apart from being a splendid plant for the border, in flower for ten weeks or more, and for use as a cut flower, they also make charming pot plants for spring or summer flowering in the cold greenhouse.

▶ **644 £2.25 Azalea-flowered, Dwarf Double**

A mixture containing a wide range of colours from white and pink to crimson and dark red. **1½ft (40cm) HA** 🌿

▶ ★NEW★ **644D £2.25 Azalea-flowered, 'Orange Glory'**

Floriferous annual with salmon coloured double flowers. **1½ft (45cm) HA** ☼

▶ ★NEW★ **644B £2.25 'Tall Double Mixed'**

We were very much drawn to this mix when we visited trial fields. It is a tasteful and understated mix of pink and purple blooms on tall stems – good for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HA** ☼

GOMPHRENA – Amaranthaceae**Gomphrena globosa. Globe Amaranth**

Gomphrena makes a superb cut flower with its unusual spherical heads of papery petals. They can last up to two weeks in a vase and can be successfully dried for later use.

▶ **646Q £2.25 Rose**

Pretty, rosy-pink blooms. **2ft (60cm) HHA** ☼

BEST SELLER▶ **646J £2.25 White**

Pretty, shimmering white globes. **2ft (60cm) HHA** ☼

646N £2.85 G. haageana

These unusual spherical blooms in a vibrant mixture of orange, red and carmine are favourites of ours. This series has been especially bred for the production of cut flowers and indeed their long, strong uniform stems last for ages in water. They are also brilliant for drying and won't look bad in the garden either! **2ft (60cm) HA** ☼

646P £3.45 G. pulchella, 'Fireworks'

These sparkling flowers are real head-turners. With their bright pink flower clusters, they are quite architectural. Some of the narrow quill-like petals are orange-tipped and protrude, sparkler-like, from the cluster. Vigorous and very low maintenance, and as you would expect, really excellent for cutting. **4ft (1.2m) Packet of 8 seeds. HA** ☼

GOURDS**Gourds Ornamental**

Surprisingly enough, Ornamental Gourds have been cultivated in this country for over 400 years and appear to be now having a revival. They are in fact species and varieties of Cucurbita and Lagenaria and, as you might expect, close relatives of the Marrow. Grow them like these, give them generous treatment and you will find their quickness of growth remarkable. Gourds should be harvested on a warm, dry day in early October and laid in a warm room to complete ripening. They can then be painted with a clear varnish if more gloss is required.

▶ **645C £2.25 Gourds, Ornamental, Small-Fruited Sorts**

A fine mixture with some curious thought provoking names such as Warded, White Egg, Queen's Pocket Melon and Crown of Thorns. **6ft (1.8m) HA(Cl)**

GUNNERA – Haloragidaceae**652B £3.45 G. manicata (= with long sleeves). Giant Gunnera, Giant Rhubarb**

With little doubt, this must be the most majestic herbaceous plant hardy in the British Isles – like a giant Rhubarb, the leaves can grow to over 6ft across and be supported on stout, prickly stalks up to 8ft long. Although the individual reddish flowers are minute, they are borne in their countless thousands in club-shaped spikes, which can themselves be 6ft or so tall. They are particularly happy in moist ground. Labour-saving – half a dozen of these in your garden and you wouldn't have to lift a finger for most of the year! Hardy throughout the British Isles. **10ft (3m) HP**

GYPSOPHILA – Caryophyllaceae. Baby's Breath

The ever-popular Gypsophila with its myriad star-like flowers make it indispensable for flower arranging.

Gypsophila elegans▶ **654 £1.95 'Covent Garden'**

A highly selected large-flowered strain, pure white. **2ft (60cm) HA** ☼ ☼

BEST SELLER▶ **654A £2.25 'Kermesina'**

One of our absolute favourites, though surprisingly seldom seen. This delightful variety has flowers of the deepest, darkest pink, somehow both dramatic and delicate. **2ft (60cm) HA** ☼ ☼

BEST SELLER▶ **654J £1.95 Mixed**

This easy-to-grow mix will produce a profusion of airy white, pale pink and dark pink flowers. **2ft (60cm) HA** ☼ ☼

654B £2.65 G. pacifica. Pink Baby's Breath

Surprisingly rarely offered is this attractive border plant, similar in habit to G.paniculata but with attractive blue-green foliage and cloudy sprays of relatively large, pink flowers in late summer. **4ft (1.2m) HP** ☼ ☼

654C £2.55 G. paniculata

Clouds of numerous, tiny, star-shaped, white flowers, excellent for cutting and so often used in bouquets. **3ft (90cm) HP** ☼ ☼

BEST SELLER**655A £2.35 G. paniculata, 'Snowflake'**

A special selection containing at least 50% of double-flowered plants. **3ft (90cm) HP** ☼ ☼

655C £2.25 G. repens. Creeping Gypsophila

Very different from the other species listed, this is an attractive, creeping, mat-forming plant found growing in scree in the Alps with clusters of white flowers all summer. Flowers first year from seed. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **6ins (15cm) HP** ☼ ☼ ☼

656 £2.25 G. repens var. rosea. Pink Creeping Gypsophila

With its clusters of pink flowers produced from June to September, this is a delightful variety. Flowers first year from seed. **6ins (15cm) HP** ☼ ☼ ☼

HALESIA – Styracaceae**662 £3.25 H. carolina. Snowdrop Tree**

A beautiful shrub with its branches covered with bunches of pendulous, pure white, Snowdrop-like flowers in bunches of 4 or 5, appearing in spring before the leaves. **25ft (8m) Packet of 12 seeds. HSh/HTr**

HAMAMELIS

HAMAMELIS – Hamamelidaceae

662C £3.75 *H. virginiana*. **Virginia Witch Hazel**

Generously producing clusters of faintly sweet-scented, bright yellow flowers in autumn, and providing some lovely golden-yellow autumn colour, this shrub or small tree is the commercial source of witch hazel – that useful panacea, particularly for children's bumps and bruises. **16ft (5m)** HSh/HTr

HEATHER. See **Calluna**

HEDYCHIUM – Zingiberaceae. **Ginger Lily**

669 £2.85 *H. gardnerianum* RHS 🌱

From the Himalayas of northern India, this gorgeous and stately plant is the hardiest of the genus. An upright, handsome species with ornamental, lance-shaped, greyish-green leaves, it bears in late summer dense cylindrical racemes of exotic, extravagantly beautiful, very fragrant, butterfly-like, Orchid-like even, lemon-yellow flowers with contrasting bright red stamens. These will perfume your whole conservatory and persuade you to take more meals there! Requires heated glass (minimum 35°F (2°C)). **7ft (2.1m)** Packet of 12 seeds. **GP**

★ NEW ★ 669D £2.95 *H. stenopetalum* (= with narrow petals)

From India comes this splendid plant, possibly the tallest of the Hedychium Gingers. Growing to 12ft or more, it bears long, robust shoots clad with large and bold, ornamental leaves and produces long, eighteen inch spikes of what has been described as ghost-white flowers. Beloved of butterflies and humming birds, these are fragrant and a happy construction of narrow, curled petals and long stamens. Should be hardy in the milder parts of the country. **12ft (4m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **GP**

HELENIUM – Compositae/Asteraceae. **Sneezeweed**

670T £2.45 *H. autumnale*, 'Helena Mix' (syn. 'Red and Gold Hybrids'). **Autumn Helenium** BEST SELLER

Flowering the first year from seed and a plant to provide colour and interest to your late summer border is this generous variety. From August to September it bears on well-branched, upright stems countless small Helenium flowers in a rich spectrum of red, bronze and golden-yellow shades. Performs well in your garden and, easily cut, equally well in a vase in your sitting room. **4ft (1.2m)** HP 🌱 🌸 🍷

670W £3.15 *H. bigelovii*, 'Tip Top'

Originating from a plant from California, with breeding work over several years, this is a rather fine strain of perennial to give trouble-free colour in your border over a long period. Easy from seed and compact, 'Tip Top' is free-flowering and will produce its deep yellow flowers with a lovely spherical black-brown centre cone from June until early autumn. There'll be plenty to cut to put in a vase and you'll find the bees taking an interest too. **2ft (60cm)** HP 🌱 🌸 🍷

670H £2.55 *H. hoopesii*. **Mountain Helenium**

From the Rocky Mountains comes this superb plant for the border or for cut flowers, or indeed both, blooming from May to September, or even longer, and bearing singly on long stalks large, bright orange or yellow flowers frequently 3 inches across. Far less well known than the much commoner *H. autumnale*, it is considered by some the most valuable species in the genus. Very easily grown. **3ft (90cm)** HP 🌱 🌸 🍷

670P £2.25 *H. puberulum*, 'Autumn Lollipop'

From moist meadows in the foothills of the mountain ranges along the Pacific coast of the USA comes this interesting and unusual plant. It bears from June to September quirky looking yellow-bronze spherical flowers atop a small ruff of yellow petals. It makes an interesting and slightly eccentric cut flower. **3ft (90cm)** HP 🌱 🌸 🍷

HELIANTHEMUM – Cistaceae

671 £2.65 *H. nummularium* (= resembling a coin). **Rock Rose**

Dwarf, evergreen, shrubby plant with lovely, bright yellow flowers in June and July. Quick to germinate, these plants are excellent for ground cover and in the rock garden. Does best in a dry and sunny position. **1ft (30cm)** HP 🌱

HELIANTHUS – Compositae/Asteraceae

Helianthus annuus. **Sunflower**

Surely a plant that needs no introduction. Worthy of a place in any garden and a favourite for children to grow. Incidentally, an ideal plant to grow in a large clump at the foot of large trees or near the edge of a pool. They are surprisingly tolerant of partial shade. There are now also plenty of varieties that are great for cutting – big and dramatic and, of particular interest to the writer – no skill required for arranging! Just stick them in a (large) vase.

Tall Varieties (5 feet and over):

▶ 673B £2.25 'Autumn Beauty'

Rather gorgeous strain with branching stems freely producing flowers 6ins or so across in a definitely artistic range of colour combinations including bronze, lemon, mahogany, old gold and cream. **6ft (1.8m)** HA 🌱 🌸 🍷

▶ 674Y £2.25 'Chocolate'

Rich crimson-brown velvety petals with a hint of yellow on the underside with darker brown centres, this is a dramatic new variety with a branching habit. **5½ft (1.7m)** HA 🌱 🌸 🍷

▶ 672P £2.95 'Claret', F1 Hybrid RHS 🌱

Imposing flowers in a striking, rich dark reddish-brown with a black centre that will certainly draw attention to itself in any garden. **5ft (1.5m)** HA 🌱 🌸 🍷

▶ ★ NEW ★ 674Z £2.85 'Desert Sun', F1 Hybrid

An excellent variety in a lovely range of colours; creamy-yellow to dusky-pink flowers with light to dark maroon rings. **6ft (1.8m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HA** 🌱 🌸 🍷

▶ 672D £2.95 'Earthwalker'

Gorgeous variety for the back of the border. Tall, strong and vigorous and blooming in abundance, it produces lovely, multi-headed Sunflowers in warming, open-fire-flame colours of terracotta and rich reddish-brown. **10ft (3m)** HA 🌱 🌸 🍷

▶ 671K £2.25 'Mongolian Giant'

A challenge for the competitive! Huge yellow flower-heads on towering stems and producing large seeds up to an inch long. **14ft (4m)** HA 🌱

► **673X £2.25 'Moonshine'**

Don't we make it tricky for you? Once upon a time, if you wanted a Sunflower, you maybe had a choice of perhaps two or three varieties. Now just look at the choice! And here's one more for you to think about. Bred for cut flower use, but equally at home in the border, this is a naturally base-branching variety, and producing beautiful, large, moonshine, lemon-yellow flowers with gorgeous, almost black, velvety centres. **5ft (1.5m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

'Pro Cut' Series, F1 Hybrid

The Pro Cut Sunflowers are a particularly popular series for cutting with reliable, tall, strong, single-stemmed plants.

► **674X £3.25 'Pro Cut Plum'**

BEST SELLER

Gorgeous understated antique tones of a dusky plum and buff. **5ft (1.5m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **★NEW★ 671M £3.25 'Pro Cut White Lite'**

Sunflowers with creamy petals and pale golden yellow and green centres. **5ft (1.5m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **674T £3.25 'Pro Cut White Nite'**

BEST SELLER

Really eye-catching flowers with creamy pale yellow, almost-white petals and dark centres. **5ft (1.5m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **673W £2.25 'Red Sun'**

These great big red flowers on tall, erect plants are particularly good for cutting. This is a spectacular and unusual variety – one of our favourites. **5ft (1.5m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **674R £2.95 'Ruby Eclipse'**

BEST SELLER

We grew this on our plot in 2019 with excellent results. In just 9 weeks it started to flower with beautiful bicolor blooms in shades of dusky pink and creamy caramel. **6ft (1.8m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **671F £2.95 'Soraya'**

A lovely branching Sunflower, this produces large, 6 inch, tangerine-orange flowers with dark centres on thick, sturdy – so easy to arrange – stems (up to 25 stems per plant). **6ft (1.8m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **672 £2.25 'Uniflorus giganteus'**

Yellow flowering, this is a very, very tall form. Perfect for winning the tallest sunflower competition with ease. Your local birds will also love you for the huge seed heads. **10ft (3m) HA** 🌱

► **672B £2.65 'Valentine' RHS** 🏆

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This lovely variety is our supplier's best-selling Sunflower. Beautiful for the border and for producing excellent, strong long-stemmed cut flowers, it is a base-branching, medium-sized variety bearing gorgeous, six inch blooms of a delicious lemon-yellow colour with an almost black central disc. **5ft (1.5m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **673J £2.75 'Velvet Queen'**

The darkest of all Sunflowers with freely flowering, branching plants bearing blooms of an opulent, deep velvety coppery-bronze with an even darker centre. A splendid border plant and vases of the flowers are bound to impress. **5ft (1.5m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **672L £2.25 Cut Flower Formula Mixed**

For you flower arrangers this is just what you have been waiting for! With the ever-increasing popularity of Sunflowers – no large arrangement complete without them – this formula mixture specially produced for outdoor cut flower production will give you a happy selection of blooms for your scissors. A mix of lemon, gold and crimson flowers all with black centres. **6ft (1.8m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

Medium Varieties (3 to 4 feet):

► **★NEW★ 671N £2.45 'Astra Rose'**

This is an unusual multi-branched Sunflower with appealing semi-double, star-shaped blooms and fluffy centres in an apricot blush colour. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **674W £2.65 'Gummy Bear'**

Very double, fluffy pale lemon-yellow flowers on branching stems. This shorter variety is perfect in both beds and containers and great for cutting. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **671B £2.25 'Holiday'**

The only problem with the splendid Sunflower is its single-minded desire, nature's answer to Challenger, to grow straight up making for the heavens and leaving it not the easiest plant to place aesthetically in the border. This fine novelty is the answer. 'Holiday' forms stately, spherical bushes, about 4ft across (you won't need many plants to fill a border!), bearing numerous, very long strong-stemmed, golden-yellow Sunflowers, 6ins across, ideal for cutting to bring sunshine indoors or (and there are not that many plants that can do both) for leaving on the plant for spectacular garden decoration. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **674A £2.95 'Ms Mars'**

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'Ms Mars' is a shorter variety making her a more manageable size for the average garden and well suited to being popped in a vase. She has a glowing, rosy-red face with petals that are darker in the centre and fade out to a pinkish tinge towards the outside. **3ft (1m)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **672H £2.95 'Ring of Fire'**

Whether you're a gardener after a splash of summer colour or a flower arranger desperately seeking new material for your vases, you'll love this one! Heavily branching, each plant will provide a good number of cut flower stems of lovely bicolored blooms, 5 or 6 inches across, with petals dark red at their base surrounded by golden-yellow flames, and/or produce a great show on your border. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **★NEW★ 671A £2.85 'Ronnie Orange', F1 Hybrid**

If you had to conjure up an image of a Sunflower in your mind, it would probably be something that looks like this! It bears sunny looking yellowy-orange blooms with dark centres and is popular with supermarkets for its uniform height and flower size making it particularly reliable for cutting. **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HA** 🌱 ✂️

► **673L £2.95 'Sonja'**

BEST SELLER

This is a splendid variety which, whilst being a fine border plant (groups of four to six plants per square yard are recommended), was bred with the cut flower user in mind. The small, erect plants, only 3ft or so in height, are well filled with side branches and produce a fine yield of strong-stemmed, four inch, dark-centred blooms of a lovely tangerine-gold-orange colour quite distinct from the yellows of other Sunflowers. The flowers, cut when just starting to show colour, last well in water. **3½ft (1.1m) HA** 🌱 ✂️

HELIANTHUS

Dwarf Varieties (Up to 3 feet):

▶ **671D £2.95 'Musicbox'**

Equally at home singly or in groups in a sunny border or in pots on the patio is this fine strain of dwarf Sunflowers. Freely branching, of uniform habit, it bears numerous dark-centred flowers, each 4-5ins across, in a range of splendid colours from cream to mahogany via yellow including some lovely bicolors. **2½ft (70cm) HA** 🌱 🌸

▶ **673E £2.95 'Teddy Bear'** RHS 🌱 🌸

A lovely, very dwarf Sunflower with very large, fully double, golden flowers which at 6ins across seem almost too big for the plant. **1½ft (40cm) HA** 🌱 🌸

★ **NEW** ★ **672J £2.25 H. argophyllus, 'Gold & Silver'**

The merits of this distinct Sunflower are difficult to capture in a photo but we love to see this growing to be able to appreciate the contrast of the silky, silvery foliage against the golden yellow, sunny blooms. **5ft (1.5m) HA** 🌱 🌸

Helianthus debilis ssp cucumerifolius

Sunflowers with a difference. Ideal for looking architecturally splendid at the back of the border but in no way rigid, these form beautiful yet sturdy, branching specimens. The small and graceful flowers make excellent cut flowers.

▶ **673F £2.25 'Vanilla Ice'** **BEST SELLER**

These flowers are definitely of the dairy grade! Lovely, mouth-watering, creamy lemon-yellow petals with a dark chocolate sauce centre. **5ft (1.5m) HA** 🌱 🌸

▶ **672N £2.75 'Italian Green Heart'**

Gorgeous creamy yellow flowers with unusual greeny-yellow centres. Really long flowering from July to October. **4½ft (1.4m) HA** 🌱 🌸

▶ **★NEW★ 671P £2.55 'Soluna Bronze'**

These golden and copper blooms are streaked with a darker bronze. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 🌸

▶ **673A £2.45 'Soluna Lemon'**

Charming and cheerful branching Sunflower with bright yellow petals and dark, almost black centres. This Fleuroselect award-winning variety is very free flowering with smaller flowers which are perfect for cutting and bouquets. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 🌸

HELICHRYSUM – Compositae/Asteraceae

Helichrysum bracteatum (syn. Xerochrysum bracteatum). **Strawflower, Paper Daisy**

Probably the best of the so-called 'Everlasting Flowers', these papery yet shiny, daisy-like flowers are of the very easiest cultivation. With tall, strong stems and dark foliage they make wonderful cut flowers and are perfect, of course, for drying, lasting practically forever and retaining their colour.

▶ **677D £2.25 Bright Rose** **BEST SELLER**

Lovely bright carmine-rose with a silvery tint. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌸

▶ **678F £2.25 Copper Red**

Lustrous bright coppery orange-red. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌸

▶ **677Q £1.95 Golden Yellow**

Rich shiny dark golden yellow. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌸

▶ **679A £1.95 Lemon Yellow**

Sunglasses on, very brightest yellow. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌸

▶ **677T £1.95 Orange** **BEST SELLER**

Burnished dark orange, coppery flowers with a real metallic lustre. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌸

▶ **677P £2.25 Purple**

Cherry pink with a hint of mauve. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌸

▶ **679B £2.25 Purple Red**

Dramatic, very dark, almost black, purple flowers. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌸

▶ **677K £1.95 Salmon Rose** **BEST SELLER**

Unusual orangey-pink. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌸

▶ **676T £1.95 Scarlet**

A lovely deep red colour which is very beautiful and eye-catching. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌸

▶ **677M £2.25 Silvery Rose** **BEST SELLER**

Shimmering, silvery-pink. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌸

▶ **677L £2.25 White**

Pure white, a lovely contrast against the dark green foliage. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌸

676 £2.25 H. bracteatum monstrosum, Mixed **BEST SELLER**

A super mixture of cultivated varieties in a wide range of brilliant colours, including fiery red, rose, coppery yellow and many others. Probably the best of the everlasting flowers. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌸

676R £2.65 H. italicum. Curry Plant

As the English name suggests, the narrow, silvery-grey leaves of this splendid, dense, dwarf sub-shrub smell strongly of curry. The small, everlasting, bright yellow flowers are borne in broad globular heads in summer on long, eminently cuttable, white stalks. A plant of dry, rocky places in the Mediterranean regions. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **2ft (60cm) TSh** 🌸

677R £2.25 H. subulifolium. Golden Strawflower

Gorgeous, cheery bright shiny-yellow papery flowers on erect stems. Jolly flower for the border and a brilliant dried flower. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌸

HELICODICEROS – Araceae

677Y £3.95 H. musciverus. Dead Horse Arum Lily, Dragon's Mouth

You just must grow this one! From islands in the Mediterranean, it is one of the curiosities of horticulture. With most attractive, finely-cut foliage of an almost tropical appearance, it bears the most extraordinary flowers: pale green with numerous purple spots and streaks, 35cm or so long, but it's not just your average Arum Lily bloom, but has three interestingly, vaguely macabre, differences: (1) it's bent at right angles in the middle to give it the appearance of an old-fashioned, horn-type hearing aid, (2) the spadix (the bit that sticks out in the middle) is very hairy and dark purple to black in colour, and (3) its yuck, double yuck, disgusting smell of rotting meat – still, as we've said before, you can always say it with flowers. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

HELIOPSIS (= sun-like) – Compositae/Asteraceae**677W £2.85 H. helianthoides var. scabra, 'New Hybrids' Mixed**

A magnificent strain with large, double and semi-double flowers in various shades from lemon to orange-yellow. They flower from July to September and are persistent bloomers. Excellent for cut flower use, they last well in water. **3½ft (1.1m) HP** ☞

HELIOTROPIUM – Boraginaceae**Heliotropium arborescens** (*syn.* *H. peruvianum*)

A very popular plant grown for its blue or violet flowers, the main charm of which is their powerful scent. Although actually a shrub, it is normally grown as a half-hardy annual.

▶ **677G £2.25 'Marine'. Turnsole Plant, Common Heliotrope**

This is a very special strain with attractive, dark green wrinkled leaves that you can hardly see beneath the giant heads of deep violet-blue flowers produced all summer. Good for bedding, good for pots. **1½ft (40cm) HHA** ☞

▶ **675H £2.75 'Dwarf Marine'**

This is a particularly fine miniature version of the strain, ideal for containers and window boxes and indoors as a pot plant for the smallest window sill. Above all, however, it will make a fine bedding plant, a use for the Heliotrope all but forgotten nowadays. Of a neat, compact habit, it produces large and generous heads of deep purple-blue flowers. **10ins (25cm) HHA** ☞

HELIPTERUM – Compositae/Asteraceae

See also *Rhodanthe*.

678A £2.25 H. humboldtianum

Bright yellow everlasting flowers arranged in numerous attractive clusters, a bit like papery Yarrows. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** ☞ ☞

Helipterum roseum (*syn.* *Rhodanthe chlorocephala* ssp. *rosea*). **Strawflower**

These remarkable and attractive flowers with their large, papery everlasting flowers are excellent for cutting, fresh or dried, lasting for ages in a vase.

▶ **678M £2.25 'Goliath Rose-red'**

Beautiful and cheery, papery, upward facing flowers on very slim but robust stems in an unusual shade of darkest carmine-pink with contrasting black and yellow centres. Very attractive bright green foliage. **1½ft (50cm) HA** ☞

▶ **677X £2.45 'Pierrot'. Everlasting Pierrot****BEST SELLER**

The flowers of this unusual variety have dark centres that make them very special – when walking around the supplier's trial grounds on first seeing these blooms, the universal reaction was "wasps"! With their concentric rings of black and bright yellow, a colour scheme identical to that preferred by that universally disliked insect (but actually quite a useful beast in the garden), this reaction was quite inescapable. It transforms an already fine variety into something quite exceptional. (And it won't sting!) **1½ft (50cm) HA** ☞

▶ **678K £2.25 'Sensation Giants'**

These delightful and cheery papery flowers in a mix of white with bright yellow centres and bright pink with bright yellow centres are very simple yet very bold. The tall and robust flowers are brilliant for cutting and will really stand out in your borders. **1½ft (50cm) HA** ☞

HELLEBORUS – Ranunculaceae

Seeds of all Helleborus species and varieties are poisonous. Please handle with care and always wash hands after handling seeds or plants.

680 £3.45 H. niger. Christmas Rose

The beautiful winter-flowering plant with lovely, white, saucer-shaped flowers with a boss of golden-yellow anthers. So often reproduced in plastic at Yuletide, we feel that the genuine article has the edge for beauty. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1ft (30cm) HP** ☞

680G £3.85 H. orientalis, Mixed Hybrids

From a leading collection of Hellebores comes this superb strain producing from seed, blooms of an amazing variety of colours. The range is from white to almost black and includes greens, pinks, rose, reds and a velvety dark red; some plain, others speckled. Not only that, but an occasional double flower sometimes shows up. **2ft (60cm) HP**

682J £4.65 Helleborus, 'Helen Ballard' Hybrids

Based on hybrids bred by that doyenne of the Hellebore world, Helen Ballard, these must be some of the finest and most beautiful of the race we have to offer. Extravagantly large, waxy flowers, three inches or more across, extravagantly marked with lovely maroon and red, spotted, doily-like patterns, is what to expect from these seeds. A bed of these plants in flower will not go unnoticed! **1½ft (45cm) Packet of 15 seeds. HP**

683R £2.85 Helleborus, 'Miss Jekyll's Scented'

Amaze visitors to your garden from Christmas until May with the overpowering fragrance (once likened to Mahonia!) from these flowers. With its waxy, dissected foliage and drooping, purple-lipped, creamy-green blooms, it's worth looking at as well! **2½ft (75cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HP**

HEPATICA – Ranunculaceae**680P £2.75 H. nobilis** (*syn.* *Hepatica triloba*, *Anemone hepatica*)

A most beautiful plant for the rock garden with attractive, three-lobed leaves, and bearing in very early spring delightful, stary flowers. These seeds come from open pollinated plants and the resulting blooms will be blue, pink or white and leaves from plain green or red through to silver variegated. **6ins (15cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HP**

HERNIARIA – Caryophyllaceae**681E £2.75 H. glabra. Green Carpet, Rupturewort**

We are often asked for plants suitable as an alternative to grass for a lawn, and this mat-forming plant really fits the bill. The great merit of this rare English native, with tiny, vibrant green leaves and little clusters of tiny green flowers, is its ability to retain its deep green colour throughout the year, in dry weather and on the poorest soils. This tolerance, combined with its extreme hardiness makes it an excellent, indestructible option for carpet bedding, and it is very soft to walk on. **2ins (5cm) HP**

HESPERIS

HESPERIS – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae

Hesperis matronalis. Sweet Rocket, Dame's Violet

With its beautifully perfumed flowers, this is one of the traditional 'Cottage Garden' plants. Even if you haven't the space for massing it in the border as once it was grown, you should at least have some plants as even a few flowers mixed with other summer blooms will scent an entire room. Although a perennial, it is best grown as a biennial when it will remain in flower from June to September. It can also be grown as an annual. We offer violet and white colours separately, along with a mixture of both.

▶ **681T £2.25 Purple-violet**
3ft (90cm) HP/HB 🌱 ✂️

BEST SELLER

▶ **681R £2.25 White**
3ft (90cm) HP/HB 🌱 ✂️

BEST SELLER

▶ **681B £2.25 Mixed**
3ft (90cm) HP/HB 🌱 ✂️

HEUCHERA – Saxifragaceae. Coral Bells

684G £2.30 H. americana, 'Emperor's Cloak'

This is a superb variety – planted towards the front of your border, it will gain the attention of all who pass and urgent enquiries will be made as to its name and origin. It forms neat and tidy mounds of wonderful foliage consisting of puckered, folded and pleated leaves in rich beetroot-red to deep purple colours, and which appear to be almost transparent in the sun. From these emerge in delightful contrast, like lights in early twilight, thin stems of charming, fluffy white flowers. The seeds may produce the occasional green form but this, too, will have crisped and frilled leaves and still be worthy of a corner in your garden. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

683H £2.45 H. cylindrica, 'Greenfinch'

With the enormous interest nowadays in green material for floral art, this variety with long-stemmed heads of green flowers, well described by the name 'Greenfinch', is much sought after by flower arrangers. **2ft (60cm) HP** ✂️

684F £2.45 H. sanguinea, 'White Cloud'

This is a delightful variety that, with its clouds of fragrant, pure white flowers, certainly lives up to its name. As with its relatives, it makes an excellent cut flower. **2ft (60cm) HP** ✂️

684B £2.25 H. sanguinea, 'Firefly'

This is a rather special strain with large panicles of vermilion red flowers that have the added advantage of being fragrant. An excellent cut flower. **2ft (60cm) HP** ✂️

683E £2.45 Heuchera, 'Bressingham' Hybrids

A particularly fine strain with evergreen leaves and large panicles of tiny, bell-shaped flowers in shades of red, pink and coral – very attractive for cutting for indoor use – produced, not quite continuously, all the time from spring to autumn. A valuable plant for the border – full sun or partial shade. **1½ft (45cm) HP** ✂️

684H £2.75 Heuchera, 'Neueste' Hybrids

Whereas some Heuchera hybrids give a good selection of flower types and other varieties lovely foliage, this strain gives splendid variation in both departments. For the foliage you can expect green to bronze-coloured leaves, many marbled with silvery markings and with red veins and smooth to undulated leaf margins. The flowers, excellent for cutting, matchingly beautiful, come in shades of white and red. Incredible forms: select the best and name it after the wife or, as the case may be, the husband! **1½ft (50cm) HP** ✂️

HIBISCUS – Malvaceae

684D £3.95 H. coccineus (= scarlet). Swamp Hibiscus

A splendid plant which, although from the swamps of Florida and Georgia, could prove surprisingly hardy in these Islands. Rose-red in colour, the flowers are up to 6ins across and bear a most decorative column of very long stamens. Our supplier prunes this down to ground level each year when it grows back even stronger and thicker. He has it growing in 6ins of water in his koi pond! **6ft (1.8m) Packet of 12 seeds. HP**

688T £4.95 H. moscheutos, 'Galaxy' Mixed. Swamp Rose Mallow

The raiser of this splendid Hibiscus hybrid says about it, with perhaps every justification, "Few flowering plants can rival 'Galaxy'." Compared with the other well known varieties of large flowered Hibiscus, 'Galaxy' is winter hardy and mature plants have handled temperatures as low as -4°F (-20°C) – and that's blue fingers cold! With strong stems, healthy foliage and vigorous upright growth, it bears enormous blooms up to 10ins across: saucer (or dinner plate)-shaped, these come in a lovely range of colours of pinks, roses and reds, some unmarked but many with contrasting deep red centres. Sown early, they will flower the first year from seed. Give them a sunny position and they will fully mature in a couple of years; small plants will appreciate some winter protection. **4ft (1.2m) Packet of 15 seeds. HHA/HP** 🌸

688A £3.95 H. sabdariffa. Roselle

This is a plant full of interest. It is a vigorous annual from the Tropics with large, dark green leaves on reddish stems, and bearing beautiful red-centred, pale yellow flowers with very attractive and eye-catching shiny red, fleshy calyces. **7ft (2.1m) Packet of 8 seeds. HHP/HHA** 🌱

689 £2.25 H. syriacus. Rose Mallow, Rose of Sharon, St. Joseph's Rod

This hardy mallow, if given a position in full sun, is one of the most beautiful of the late-flowering shrubs. It has lovely, large, rose-pink coloured flowers. 3ins across, in succession between July and October, depending on the season. **10ft (3m) HP(Sh)** 🌱

688K £2.25 H. trionum, 'Simply Love'. Venice Mallow, Flower-of-an-Hour


Flowering all summer long is this lovely cultivated variety. An easy-to-grow bedding plant, it forms bushy plants bearing lovely chocolate-centred, silvery-yellow, Hibiscus flowers, each a couple of inches or so across. As an added bonus, these are followed by attractive seed pods. **1½ft (50cm) HHA**


HIERACIUM – Compositae/Asteraceae

689J £2.45 H. aurantiacum (syn. Pilosella aurantiacum). Fox and Cubs, Orange Hawkweed

The brilliant coppery-orange red of these flowers is the main reason for including this wild flower (actually a garden escape but now found growing wild in many places). It is a shade not found on many other plants and the flowers, each an inch or so across, are borne in clusters in succession from the end of May right into autumn. **10ins (25cm) HP**

HIEROCHLOE – Poaceae/Gramineae**688R £2.95 H. odorata. Sweet Grass, Vanilla Grass, Holy Grass**

This beautiful and quite ethereal grass is characterised by its eponymous sweet scent. Found by riversides, pond and lake margins and other damp spots, it forms dense clumps of intense vanilla-scented, flat, bright green leaves and bears in spring loose panicles of flowers. The leaves have long been used as incense to scent churches on Holy Days and for flavouring a wide variety of food and drink – in Poland they add a blade or two to their bottles of vodka for just this purpose! **1½ft (40cm) HP** 

HOLLYHOCK. See Alcea**HONESTY. See Lunaria****HORDEUM – Poaceae/Gramineae****690 £2.65 H. jubatum (= crested). Squirrel Tail Grass, Foxtail Barley**  **BEST SELLER**

A most attractive annual grass with creamy-coloured, feathery flower spikes, useful for cutting and drying. **2ft (60cm) HA** 


HOSTA – Liliaceae**691 £3.75 H. ventricosa (syn. H.coerulea). Blue Plantain Lily**

A noble hardy plant with heart-shaped, rich dark green leaves and bell-shaped, dark lavender and beautifully veined flowers, more richly coloured than any of the other Hostas. An excellent weed-proof, ground-cover plant – or try one in a pot for the house. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1½ft (50cm) HP**

HOVENIA – Rhamnaceae**694 £1.95 H. dulcis (= sweet). Japanese Raisin Tree**

This is one of the most unusual plants offered in this Catalogue in that after the small, greenish-white flowers are borne in July, the footstalks of the flowers swell and become succulent and pulpy, the pulp being very sweet and edible. Apart from this, it is grown for its handsome, polished foliage. **35ft (10m) HSh/HTR**

HUMULUS – Cannabaceae**696E £2.95 H. lupulus (= little wolf). Hop**


Here you are, you home brewers, grow your own Hops! As the Flora of the British Isles so accurately puts it, “a valuable constituent of the best beers”. Of no interest whatsoever, we’re sure, to our readers, it is a protohemicyptophyte but it seemed a pity to waste the word; of greater interest is the fact that it is an easily grown, hardy herbaceous climber which, with the right soil and support, can zoom up to 20ft (though 8ft is more likely) each year. The young shoots are said to be good for eating, either in salads or cooked. **8ft (2.4m) HP(Cl)** 

HYPERICUM – Guttiferae (Clusiaceae)**698C £2.95 H. calycinum (= with a conspicuous calyx). Rose of Sharon**

Very beautiful with its large golden flowers, 3ins or more across, produced all summer; very vigorous growing almost anywhere, even under the shade of large trees; very hardy; what more could one ask of this dwarf, large-leaved shrub, ideal for ground cover? **1½ft (45cm) HSh**

701C £2.25 H. perforatum. Common St. John’s Wort

A native plant of open woods and grassland but also found as far afield as the Canaries and the western Himalayas, this is an attractive perennial with leaves covered with abundant translucent dots and bearing all summer pyramidal clusters of numerous, one inch yellow flowers. **3ft (90cm) HP**

HYPOESTES – Acanthaceae**701K £2.45 H. phyllostachya, ‘Confetti Compact White’** 

Lovely compact foliage plant ideal as a house plant (though also great outdoors). The decorative dark green leaves have varying levels of bright white markings, some appearing to be white with dark green veining. **8ins (20cm) GP** Packet of 10 seeds.

701F £2.25 H. sanguinolenta, ‘Pink Polka Dot’. Freckleface, Polka Dot Plant

A beautiful foliage plant with downy, dark green leaves liberally spotted with pink dots. A very popular house plant. **2ft (60cm) GP**


IBERIS – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae. Candytuft**705 £2.25 I. gibraltarica**

A delightful spreading perennial (actually an evergreen sub-shrub) for the rock garden. Smothered with lilac-coloured flowers in early summer. **10ins (25cm) HP**


Iberis umbellata

This is the hardy annual, Candytuft, which doubtless because of the extreme ease of its cultivation, seems to have been relegated nowadays to the children’s garden. Why? They are beautiful plants for the border and their brilliant, sweet-scented flowers are produced in abundance all summer. Splendid for cutting, they also make attractive pot plants and, if a heated greenhouse is available, they can be had in flower during winter. Try it again this year!

► 704B £1.95 ‘Fairy’ Mixed Colours

A delightful miniature strain with compact plants bearing a wealth of blooms in a cheerful range of bright colours. A charming edging plant. **8ins (20cm) HA** 

► 704D £1.95 Giant Hyacinth-Flowered, Florist Type, ‘Iceberg’

A fine strain with large, white, almost Hyacinth-like, blooms on strong stems making them particularly good for cutting, but equally useful in the border. **1½ft (40cm) HA** 

IMPATIENS

IMPATIENS – Balsaminaceae. *Busy Lizzie*

706Z £2.25 *I. balfourii*. *Balfour's Touch-me-not*

From the western Himalayas comes this most attractive and charming half-hardy perennial for the border. With erect, reddish stems, it bears on very slender stalks loose clusters of large, bright rose and yellow flowers. It blooms freely the first year from seed and is usually grown as an annual. **3ft (90cm) HHA/HHP** 🌸

708H £2.45 *I. walleriana*, 'Baby', Mixed

This, one might say, represents your quintessential, what folk think of when it's mentioned, Busy Lizzie. It's a splendid mixture of these very popular plants, excellent for pots, excellent for bedding (ideal for shady beds where little else floriferous will grow) and in a blend of carmine, orange, pink, scarlet and white. Open-pollinated, but you can confidently expect plants somewhat superior to those bring-and-buy, cuttings-in-a-jam-jar specimens masquerading as house plants! **10ins (25cm) HHA/HHP**

INDIGOFERA (= blue dye bearer) – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

711A £2.95 *I. suffruticosa*. *Guatemala Indigo*, *Small-leaved Indigo*

From central and southern America comes this branching shrub bearing spikes of pea-like, pinkish-red flowers. It is used as a source for indigo dye. **5ft (1.5m) TP**

★ NEW ★ 711H £2.95 *I. tinctoria*. *Indigo*

Of all the 700 species in the genus *Indigofera* (= Indigo-bearing), it is this one species that gave it its name. Once the most important of vegetable derived dyes and known in Asia for over 4,000 years, the pigment is present in the leaves in small quantities. It is a shrubby perennial with silvery branches and thin, pinnate foliage, downy beneath, and bearing axillary spikes of small, pinkish-yellow flowers. Although a perennial, would-be home dye manufacturers will be pleased to know that it is fast growing and up to four cuttings of herbage can be made in the first year from seed. **6ft (1.8m) TP**

INULA – Compositae/Asteraceae

711D £2.65 *I. helenium*. *Elecampane*

This is a robust and rather splendid introduced wild flower with large, wrinkled, basal leaves, bearing in summer large, distinctive, bright yellow flowers up to 3ins or more across and described in an old herbal as "very beautiful." Long cultivated for its many alleged medicinal virtues ("it's good for those who spit blood"). **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌿

711F £2.35 *I. orientalis*. *Caucasian Inula*

From the Caucasus is this fine and attractive perennial with large golden-orange flowers with lovely, wavy, shaggy, spidery petals. Makes a good cut flower. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌿 🌸

IPOMOEA – Convolvulaceae. *Morning Glory*

See also **Quamoclit**.

249 £2.25 *I. alba* (*syn.* *Calonyction aculeatum*). *Moonflower*

A superb climber for greenhouse, conservatory, or outdoors in a sheltered position, freely producing from June to September, during the evening, their beautiful, sweet-scented, saucer-shaped flowers, 6ins or more across. **10ft (3m) TP(Cl)**

1083 £2.25 *I. coccinea* (= scarlet) (*syn.* *Quamoclit coccinea*). *Star Glory*

A brilliant, free-flowering climber, bearing in great profusion from June to September, long-stemmed clusters of fragrant, vivid scarlet flowers. **12ft (4m) HHA(Cl)** 🌿

1083A £2.25 *I. lobata* (*syn.* *Quamoclit lobata*, *Mina lobata*). *Spanish Flag*



BEST SELLER

These splendid and vigorous climbers have strong, reddish, twining stems that can reach 12ft and produce all summer a profusion of long, slender spikes of unusual flowers with colours that gradually change from red to yellow and at times a combination of the two. They make charming and very interesting cut flowers. They prefer a sheltered, sunny position. **12ft (4m) HHA/HHP(Cl)** 🌿 🌸

713F £2.65 *I. nil* (= Arabic name for a species of Morning Glory)

(*syn.* *Pharbitis nil*), 'Chocolate'

This is a fine and vigorous Morning Glory with heart-shaped leaves and bearing huge flowers of the most unusual colour suggested by its name, the grade of chocolate being pale, soft milk. **13ft (4m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HHP(Cl)** 🌿

979E £1.95 *I. nil*, 'Early Call' Mixed

Blooming in a relatively short time from seed, this is a fine strain of Morning Glory with flowers, each 4ins or so across, in a wide range of rich colours including deep blue, red, chocolate, pink and lavender in both solid-coloured and white-margined varieties. **9ft (2.7m) HHP(Cl)** 🌿

713L £1.95 *I. multifida*

Stunning climber with positively magnificent, long trumpet-like flowers, bright scarlet in colour with white throats. These are complemented perfectly by dark green, glossy, tropical-looking, very deeply divided leaves. Perfect for pots. **13ft (4m) HHP(Cl)** 🌿

Ipomoea purpurea

▶ 714 £1.95 *I. purpurea* (*syn.* *Convolvulus major*)

A beautiful hardy annual climber with a profusion of blue, red and violet-purple, (including a small percentage of white), trumpet-shaped flowers all summer. **13ft (4m) HA(Cl)** 🌿

▶ 714B £1.95 'Dacapo Light Blue'

This easy to grow climber has outstanding heavenly blue flowers with a distinctive dark purple-blue central star. **7ft (2.1m) HHA(Cl)** 🌿

▶ 714A £1.95 'Venice Pink'

This award-winning variety of Morning Glory has incredible bicolor flowers – striped white and bright pink. Early flowering and easy to grow. **8ft (2.4m) HHA(Cl)** 🌿

Ipomoea tricolor

A splendid climber for covering trellis-work, chain-link fences and such with a dense screen of foliage, and with a profusion of gorgeous, trumpet-shaped flowers 5ins and more in diameter. Strictly a half-hardy perennial, but it may be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. Flowers freely the first year from seed.

▶ 715A £2.45 'Heavenly Blue' RHS 🌿

BEST SELLER

Huge blooms of a lovely sky-blue colour. **13ft (4m) HHP(Cl)** 🌿 🌸

▶ 715B £1.95 'Scarlett O'Hara'

Large, brilliant fiery-red flowers. **13ft (4m) HHP(Cl)** 🌿 🌸

▶ **715F £2.25 'Kniola's Black'**

This is a very energetic climber and bears gorgeous, dark velvety flowers of the deepest purple available and which can give the impression of being almost black. **13ft (4m) HHP(CI)** 🌱 🌸

▶ **715J £1.95 'Grandpa Ott'**

Definitely due for a revival is this very old variety that provides dark purple flowers with a central red star. **13ft (4m) HHP(CI)** 🌱 🌸

716F £2.75 I. tuberculata

An unusual climber with creamy-yellow funnel-shaped flowers with purple centres. **13ft (4m) Packet** of 12 seeds. **HHP(CI)** 🌱 🌸

IRIS – Iridaceae

Large genus of some 200 species, the majority bearing variations of the familiar and showy Iris flower, and easily raised from seed. (Please note we sell seeds and not bulbs of these bulbous plants).

★ **NEW** ★ **718J £2.95 Iris, Pacific Coast Hybrids, Brown/Mauve**

Sometimes known as the Orchid Iris, this is a splendid and floriferous hybrid strain with unusually colourful flowers, all beautifully marked. These particular seeds have come from beautiful brown/mauve flowers. **1½ft (45cm) Packet** of 8 seeds. **HP** 🌱

723B £2.55 I. pseudacorus. Yellow Flag, Daggery

This is our own well known and beautiful wild flower, a bog plant with stiff, sword-like leaves and large, bright yellow flowers in early summer. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **3ft (90cm) HP**

ISATIS – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae**723A £2.45 I. tinctoria. Woad**

The blue pigment is formed when the partially dried leaves are crushed into a paste and exposed to air. **3ft (90cm) HP/HB** 🌱

JACARANDA – Bignoniaceae**729 £3.75 J. mimosifolia (syn. Jacaranda ovalifolia). Blue Jacaranda** RHS 🌱

A Brazilian shrub which, when fully grown, has very large, bi-pinnate leaves up to 18ins long, and drooping, silky blue flowers in panicles. When small, however, it is an admirable foliage pot plant that will tolerate pruning to keep it in shape. Can reach up to 3ft in a container, though in its native Brazil it can reach up to 60ft. **3ft (90cm) TSh/TTr**

JASIONE – Campanulaceae**729A £2.25 J. perennis, 'Blue Light'**

From June onwards, when not many other flowers are available, this cultivated form will produce a supply of beautiful azure-blue flowers in almost globular heads that are excellent for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌸 🌸

JATROPHA – Euphorbiaceae**732A £4.25 J. podagrica (= gout in the feet). Guatemalan Rhubarb** RHS 🌱

This is a superb and rarely obtainable succulent plant that will be of great interest both to succulent lovers and those looking for a very different house plant. It has large, three-lobed, smooth waxy leaves, and a grey-skinned, much swollen, club-shaped stem (caudex). The flowers, which are long-lasting, are brilliant scarlet in colour. Requires heated glass (minimum 50°F (10°C)). **2ft (60cm) Packet** of 12 seeds. **GSh**

JOVELLANA – Scrophulariaceae**732J £2.95 J. punctata. Tea Cup Plant**

If you're looking for something decidedly different to try in your garden, you won't regret having a go with this charming, semi-evergreen, shrubby perennial. From Chile, it has erect branches and neat and tidy foliage. From spring through to autumn it produces panicles of some of the most delightful flowers you are likely to see. The happy-looking blooms are two-lipped and distinctly bell-shaped, each half an inch or so across, varying in colour from white to pale lilac enhanced by purple, yellow and red spots with no two flowers having the same markings – they act as landing pads for pollinators. The mint-like leaves have a minty fragrance when rubbed. Give it a warm, sheltered, partly sunny spot but away from direct sunlight (not too hot!). It can withstand temperatures down to around -5°C so it may be hardy in many parts of the country but will need protection from severe winters. It can also be grown successfully indoors in pots. **5ft (1.5m) HHP** 🌱

JURINEA – Compositae/Asteraceae**735A £2.85 J. mollis**

This is a rather jolly plant from the Balkans forming loose clumps of softly hairy, deeply cut, greyish leaves, and bearing in early summer, singly on long, straight stems, more or less nodding – as if in conversation with one another – spherical, rosy-purple flower-heads up to 2ins. across. Different, distinct and good for cutting. **2½ft (75cm) Packet** of 15 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌸

KIRENGESHOMA – Saxifragaceae**743A £2.85 K. palmata. Yellow Wax-bells**

A delightful and different plant for a slightly shady position in the border, with graceful sprays of yellow flowers, somewhat like a cross between a shuttlecock and a Lily, each about 2ins across. These are produced in September and October when most other flowers have given up for the year. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **4ft (1.2m) Packet** of 12 seeds. **HP**

KNAUTIA – Dipsacaceae**744D £2.45 K. arvensis (= growing in cultivated fields). Field Scabious****BEST SELLER**

A native wild flower found in dry grassy fields; a lovely perennial, often flowering the first year, with somewhat bristly foliage, and bearing all summer bluish-lilac, Scabious-like flowers. The plant (along with other Scabious species) has had many herbal uses in the past from the treatment of stomach ulcers to the use of its juice, mixed with other herbs, to remove freckles and pimples. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱 🌸 🌸

Knautia macedonica (= from Macedonia) (*syn.* *Scabiosa rumelica* = from Rumili, once part of the Ottoman Empire. Put all this another way, if Alexander the Great had been a plant hunter, he would have known this plant. He would also have much appreciated it!).

Macedonian Scabious

▶ **1146Q £3.35 K. macedonica** **BEST SELLER**

This is a hugely popular species with its unusually coloured blooms produced over an unusually long period (it has to be one of the longest flowering of perennials). A succession of lovely, dark crimson pin cushions, one of our favourites. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1147N £3.95 Pastel Shades, Mixed**

This is a lovely strain producing an abundance of 1½ inch delightful pincushions in pastel shades of purple, rose, blue and white. Very long flowering and excellent for cutting. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1147R £3.45 'Mars Midget'**

This variety transforms the species into the perfect plant for somewhere near the front of your border. Shorter, more compact and sturdier than its parent, 'Mars Midget' produces plants with widely branching stems topped with dozens of floating, brilliant ruby-red, two-inch gems. These start to appear in June and production then continues until frost giving the plant a well-earned rest. Very versatile in borders, containers, the rockery, sun or partial shade. Great for cutting and butterflies love it. **1½ft (40cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿

KNIPHOFIA – Liliaceae. *Red-Hot-Poker, Torch Lily*

Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of these bulbous plants.

745A £2.65 K. uvaria, 'Grandiflora Mixture'

This is a beautiful strain of Red-Hot Pokers with large, bold flower spikes in brilliant, warming shades of red, orange and yellow produced from early in summer to early in autumn. **3ft (90cm) HP**

745D £2.85 Kniphofia, 'Royal Castle Hybrids'

This is a magnificent strain of Red-Hot Pokers suitable for backs of borders and cottage gardens. Tall and bold, they produce red-hot spikes of Red-Hot Pokers in dramatic shades of red and orange. **6ft (1.8m) HP**

LAGURUS (= hare + tail) – Poaceae/Gramineae

757B £2.55 L. ovatus, 'Bunny Tails'. Dwarf Hare's Tail Grass **BEST SELLER**

This is an absolutely delightful, award-winning, dwarf variety. The variety name says it all and children (and their Mums and Dads alike) will be quite unable to resist the little balls of fluff! Suitable for drying. **8ins (20cm) HA** 🌿

LAMIUM – Lamiaceae/Labiatae

757E £2.35 L. purpureum. Purple Deadnettle

Although considered a garden weed and commonly found growing in hedgerows, it is in fact on close inspection a rather delicately pretty plant and totally unrelated to the Stinging Nettle, *Urtica dioica*. With square stems branching at the base, it bears two-lipped, pinky-purple, hooded flowers arranged in whorls in the leaf axils. The blunt-toothed leaves, often tinged purple, have no stinging hairs and when young can add interest to salads. **8ins (20cm) HA** 🌱

LAMPFRANTHUS (= shining flower) – Aizoaceae/Ficoidaceae

Lampranthus aptly describes these spectacular, small, shrubby, South African succulents for the brilliance of their flowers has a luminous quality. They flower abundantly, producing their glistening blooms up to 3ins. across. Very useful for pots or baskets.

761A £2.95 Lampranthus, Mixed Species. Ice Plant, Dew Plant

A mixture of many different species with flowers in brilliant shades of purple, mauve, pink, white, gold, pale pink, sulphur yellow and red. Also includes several species of *Drosanthemum*. **1½ft (50cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HHP**

LAPAGERIA – Philesiaceae

Please note that we have only a limited supply of Lapageria seed, our website will show up to date availability.

★ **NEW** ★ **760D £4.95 L. rosea, 'Huglett's Blush'. Chilean Bellflower**

Very rare and hard to find variety which is quite simply gorgeous. Its exquisite clusters of flowers have inner petals of pure ice white with blush pink outer petals, the intensity of the colour varying year to year. **13ft (4m)** Packet of 3 seeds. **HHP(CI)**

LARKSPUR. See *Delphinium*

LATHYRUS – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

762N £3.95 L. aureus (= golden)

This is a rarely seen plant from the Taurus Mountains with sparsely hairy foliage and bearing in early summer numerous clusters of flowers in rather unusual shades of brown to orange-yellow. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿

762K £2.60 L. chloranthus

This very rare species from Asia Minor, hardly in cultivation, is one which will cause quite some excitement in the world of floral decoration. It bears large, Sweet Pea-like flowers of a most unusual and lovely greeny-lime-yellow colour. It will make a handsome and unusual garden plant. **5ft (1.5m) HA/HHA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

763 £2.65 L. latifolius. Everlasting Pea **RHS** 🌱

A hardy perennial excellent for covering slopes, embankments and buildings. Covered with masses of red, rose and white flowers in summer. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **8ft (2.4m) HP(CI)** 🌱 🌿

762J £3.95 L. nervosus (syn. L. magellanicus). Lord Anson's Blue Pea

This very rare and incredibly beautiful flower was discovered in the Straits of Magellan (it should be storm-proof!) in 1744. A vigorous tendril climber with foliage covered with a bluish bloom, it bears most of the summer long-stalked, many-flowered racemes of fragrant flowers in a glorious shade of rich lavender-blue. **7ft (2.1m)** Packet of 8 seeds. **HP(CI)** 🌱 🌿

763C £2.95 L. niger. Black Pea

Although actually a native wild flower, this species is now very rare or extinct in this country. It is an erect perennial, bearing in summer many-flowered stems of flowers which are livid purple at first and then fade to blue. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP** 🌱

Lathyrus odoratus. Sweet Pea

Needs, we hope, no introduction; only to say that no garden should be without some, if only to supply the house with constant cut flowers. The more you pick, the more they produce and a vase of Sweet Peas is a welcoming sight – and perfume – in any room. Although a great deal of energy has to be expended growing blooms for exhibition purposes, lesser mortals will achieve satisfying results by little more than the sow and forget technique – insert forefinger about one inch into the soil (for our purposes here worry not as to its condition), drop in a single seed, cover and rush indoors to pop the kettle on!

Old-Fashioned Sweet Peas

Rather surprisingly, for such a well-known flower, the origins of *Lathyrus odoratus* are shrouded in mystery and its country of origin is not known. The flower was first introduced into this country from Sicily in 1699 where wild specimens have also been collected relatively recently. In addition, similar plants have been collected in South America, but all these are suspected of being garden escapes. From these "original" plants were developed what were known as the grandiflora but are now generally called the Old-Fashioned Sweet Peas. Grow them and we think you will agree that they thoroughly justify a place alongside the modern varieties – although the flowers are smaller, they are more dainty and are borne in profusion – once flowering starts, some can be picked every day, even sometimes until October (provided you don't let them go to seed). Their colours are more intense and glowing, and their scent – strong and heady – is in a different league. Fairly hardy throughout the British Isles.

▶ **764H £2.45 'Black Knight'**

Maroon self-coloured. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **765Z £2.25 'Cupani'****BEST SELLER**

This is the original variety introduced from Sicily in 1699 by the monk, Francis Cupani, very closely related to the wild strain found growing in Southern Italy. A plant that everyone should grow in their garden, it is a robust, fully hardy strain, producing over many weeks gorgeous, bicolored, purple and rich deep purple-magenta flowers. Very fragrant with a heady scent. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **766M £2.45 'Flora Norton'**

Beautiful flowers of a lovely clear blue colour. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **764L £2.65 'King Edward VII'** RHS 🏆

A vigorous grower with rich, bright crimson flowers. The favourite of the Floral Committee out of all varieties. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **764J £2.45 'Lord Nelson'**

This was a Henry Eckford introduction of the 1890's and popular at the turn of the century. Navy-blue self-coloured and, here again, the Committee's choice for this colour. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **764F £2.45 'Matucana'** RHS 🏆**BEST SELLER**

Maroon standard, deep mauve wings. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **765J £2.45 'Mrs Collier'**

Cream, although when first exhibited in about 1905 it was considered the nearest approach to "a so-called yellow". **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **767P £2.45 'Nelly Viner'**

Introduced at the turn of the last century, this is a gorgeous clear pastel pink variety with attractive rounded petals. So pretty and so very very fragrant. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **764G £2.45 'Painted Lady'**

The oldest Sweet Pea variety in existence, grown in England since the early 18th century and, very surprisingly, probably in Ceylon before that. An outstanding variety with highly scented, two-coloured, red and white flowers. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **766E £2.45 'Prince Edward of York'**

Bred by Henry Eckford in 1897, we love this variety. With its very striking two-toned flowers – deep magenta-crimson with a lighter, brighter pink – it is very cheerful. Bright, bold and beautiful with a fantastic sweet and spicy scent. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **761Y £2.45 'Prince of Orange'****BEST SELLER**

Stunning and very unusual, in a striking shade of bright orange with the odd flower appearing in clashing pink. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **763Z £2.65 'Cupid' Mixed**

Quite distinct from the other Old-Fashioned varieties listed, 'Cupid' Sweet Peas are true dwarves. The parent 'Pink Cupid' is a delightful plant originally occurring in the USA in 1895. We offer a formula mix of all eight colours, including pink, cherry, lavender, rose and mahogany. These will all make lovely plants for the front of the border or make charming pot plants. **1ft (30cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **771Y £2.85 'Heirloom Mixed'****BEST SELLER**

This is our exclusive mixture of Old-Fashioned Sweet Peas characterised by their strong fragrance. We have chosen the best varieties for a full array of glorious colours. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **764T £2.25 Mixed Varieties**

This is a mixture of varieties of Old-Fashioned Sweet Peas popular at the turn of the century. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

Modern Grandiflora Sweet Peas

The modern grandiflora Sweet Peas have inherited the strong and heady scent of their forebears together with improved petal size and stem length and making wonderful cut flowers. As we said earlier, for average folk just wanting a jolly display in the garden with a ready availability of blooms for the vase, Sweet Peas are of the easiest culture. For those wanting to grow superlative blooms, however, a bit more expenditure of time and effort is required. For this it is necessary to use the very finest of varieties and the following are all suitable for showbench and exhibition use.






▶ **766Q £2.55 'Albutt Blue'**

Very attractive variety bearing a profusion of highly scented flowers that are a delicate pale whitish-blue with a blue wire rim picotee. An excellent garden variety and said to be well-tempered. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **771J £2.55 'America'** RHS 🏆



A fragrant heirloom variety, 'America' bears white blooms generously streaked with bright cherry red. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿






















































LATHYRUS

- ▶ **771M** £2.45 **'Ballerina Blue'** RHS 
A vigorous variety with highly scented, pale purple-blue flowers. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **767Q** £2.65 **'Beaujolais'** **BEST SELLER**
A stunning Spencer Sweet Pea with gorgeous, large, lightly fragrant blossoms of a rich burgundy colour. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  

★ NEW & EXCLUSIVE ★

766J £2.95 **'Black Prince'**

Exclusive to Chiltern Seeds, this is a stunning and quite princely Sweet Pea. Vibrant petals of the darkest burgundy have flashes of pink and cream and make for a dramatic display. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  

- ▶ **★ NEW ★ 769Z** £2.95 **'Blue Shift'**
Rather unusually coloured blooms in a range of purple and mauve with a hint of glimmering turquoise. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **768Z** £2.95 **'Bristol'** RHS  **BEST SELLER**
These beautiful flowers in subtle, differing shades of a pale, watercolour blue have an exquisite scent, one of the very best. This variety has very long, strong stems with beautifully, regularly arranged flowers and is especially floriferous for non-stop picking. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **★ NEW ★ 768B** £2.95 **'Cathy'** RHS 
Named after Emily Bronte's Cathy in Wuthering Heights, this is a very tall variety with cream flowers giving a beautiful frothy display with a delicious scent. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **766A** £2.75 **'Cyril Plater'**
Large, white, frilly petals overlaid with soft lavender. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **★ NEW ★ 772M** £2.95 **'Emily'**
Simply lovely dusky pink petals with subtle darker veining and pale creamy centres. This is the writer's favourite variety this year. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **768R** £2.55 **'Erewhon'**
Dark purple petals with, unusually, lighter pink standards. **6ft (1.8m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **★ NEW ★ 768C** £2.95 **'Fire and Ice'**
Eye-catching mix of colours on one plant; dark pink, purple, burgundy and cream. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **★ NEW ★ 762G** £2.95 **'Greenfingers'**
With its unusual colouring of pale creamy-green petals surrounded by a delicate purple picotee edge, this is a most eye-catching variety. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **761W** £2.65 **'Henry Thomas'** **BEST SELLER**
Large flowers in an incredible, vibrant cherry-red colour. Large and frilly flowers, sturdy stems and very vigorous – a real winner. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **766F** £2.75 **'High Society'**
Highly scented, white Sweet Pea; petals outlined in a perky pink picotee. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **767F** £2.45 **'Jilly'** RHS 
A real charmer is this very attractive, sweetly scented variety with blooms that open cream and mature to a delicate shade of ivory. Award-winning and a favourite with top exhibitors. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **764D** £2.85 **'Kingfisher'**
Pale green buds open into fresh, citrus scented flowers of pale, purple-grey on a cream background. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **771N** £2.65 **'Leominster Boy'**
Delicious looking Sweet Pea with large, ruffled, creamy coral flowers. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **771R** £2.65 **'Memorial Flight'**
Large, frilly creamy-white flowers with the odd hint of green. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **761G** £2.75 **'Memories'**
Bright mauve with a strong fragrance. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **761X** £2.25 **'Midnight'**
Dramatic shade of deep maroon with some petals having a flash of darkest pink at the base. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **★ NEW ★ 772R** £2.95 **'Monarch's Diamond'**
Extravagant large frilled creamy flowers flushed with pink with a lovely scent. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **772J** £2.85 **'Mrs Bernard Jones'** RHS 
A new favourite of photographer and Sweet Pea lover, Sabina Rüber. It continued to flower all through the hot, dry summer with scented, shell-pink blooms on long stems, perfect for cutting. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **769Q** £2.65 **'Noel Sutton'**
Large, rich sky-blue scented blooms that are the favourites of many. This is a very reliable variety that will flower vigorously all summer long. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **772F** £2.95 **'Our Harry'** **BEST SELLER**
Fragrant, wavy petals of deep mid-blue on long, strong stems. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **765N** £2.45 **'Pandemonium'** RHS 
This is a splendid Sweet Pea with white petals striped with a rich and vibrant pink. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **★ NEW ★ 772K** £2.95 **'Queen of Hearts'**
Flamboyant and frilly white petals with a contrasting dark pinky-purple edging and light veining. Long straight stalks are perfect for cutting. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **771H** £2.45 **'Restormel'**
We loved seeing this in trials growing en masse. The lightly fragrant, coral-red flowers almost glowed. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  
- ▶ **772H** £2.75 **'Rosy Frills'**
An early flowering Sweet Pea with frilly cream petals edged with light apricot-pink. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)**  

▶ **771K £2.45 'Route 66'**

'Route 66' is a bit of a show-off trying to receive all the attention with its strong scent and vivid, frilly pink and white bicoloured blooms. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **★NEW★ 767A £2.95 'Royal Wedding'**

With the most beautiful scent, this is the most vigorous and longest stemmed, pure white Sweet Pea available. A very fine variety for both the showbench and the garden. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **771X £2.65 'Sir Jimmy Shand'**

Large fragrant flowers romantically rippled with lilac. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **★NEW★ 762F £2.95 'Spanish Dancer'**

Three colours blend into one another in this beautifully fragrant variety; cream with rosy-pink and darker pink edges. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **771B £2.25 'Theresa Maureen'** RHS 🏆

This is an unusually compact Sweet Pea and so perfect for smaller gardens and containers. The charming and fragrant flowers are white and varying shades of violet-pink. We found it to be particularly long flowering, throughout the summer. **3ft (90cm) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **771P £2.65 'Turquoise Lagoon'**

A variety with a most unusual colouring due to its cross with *Lathyrus belinensis*. The pretty lilac flowers age to an almost unreal turquoise. It is shorter than traditional Sweet Peas, growing up to 1.5m, but its shorter stature doesn't take away from the intense fragrance or its floriferous habit. **5ft (1.5m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **★NEW★ 771Q £2.95 'Watermelon'**

A pretty Sweet Pea bearing salmon-pink flowers with neat rounded petals. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **764C £2.25 'White Ensign'**

Large, pure white flowers and long, strong stems. Perfect for cutting. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **★NEW★ 772T £2.95 'Wild Swan'**

Lovely pure white flowers with extravagant frilly petals. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **★NEW★ 772L £2.95 'Zorija Rose'**

Flowers of the brightest reddy-pink, almost glowing. Flashes of white make these blooms really pop. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

'Royal Family' Series

With larger blooms and more flowers to a stem as compared to the ordinary Spencer type, this is a fine and inexpensive range of Sweet Peas with long, sturdy stems and the lovely scent. We offer three separate colours and a splendid mix of many more colours.

▶ **763G £2.25 'Royal Crimson'**

8ft (2.4m) HA(CI) 🌱 🌿

▶ **763N £2.25 'Royal Lavender'**

8ft (2.4m) HA(CI) 🌱 🌿

▶ **763P £2.25 'Royal Family Mixed'**

8ft (2.4m) HA(CI) 🌱 🌿

BEST SELLER**Chiltern Seeds Very Special Exclusive Mixtures**

We see so many varieties and love to experiment with our own colour combinations. Here are our very own selections of the colours that we love to see together the most.

▶ **768T £2.95 Chiltern Seeds 'Flamingo Flamenco' Mix**

Vibrant clashing colours of the brightest pink, orange and red Sweet Peas for the flamboyant gardener! **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **768W £2.95 Chiltern Seeds 'Mulberry' Mix**

Beautiful and classy mix of tastefully contrasting dark purple and white flowers. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **768P £2.95 Chiltern Seeds 'Sorbet' Mix**

Really summery mixture of pinks and reds – light and lovely to bright and vibrant. Something to cheer the soul and put a smile on your face, we defy anyone not to love this one. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **768M £2.95 Chiltern Seeds 'Twilight' Mix**

This selection of the darkest Sweet Pea varieties puts a vibrant modern twist on the traditional cottage garden display. Includes carefully selected deep red, purple and navy blue varieties. A stunning collection, yet very easy to grow. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **771Z £2.95 Chiltern Seeds 'Perfect Pastels' Mix**

Our exclusive and gorgeous concoction, this is a subtle mix of pastel hues; included are shades of pale lilac, creamy-peach and blush pink. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **★NEW★ 768L £2.95 Chiltern Seeds 'Jewels' Mix**

Featuring three of our favourite vibrant varieties, this is a rich collection of darkest pinks, reds and blues. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **★NEW★ 768N £2.95 Chiltern Seeds 'Pink Champagne' Mix**

This is a new romantic mix of colours in our most favourite hues – creamy, apricot-blush and corally buff combine to charming effect. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **768K £2.85 'Blue Shades'**

A wide mix of attractive colours, ranging from pale baby blues and mauves through to a vibrant dark blue. Very beautiful. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

Speciality Mixtures

And, as they say, finally, to end our Sweet Pea section, a few easily grown, sow and forget (or sow with lots of care if you wish!) mixtures, all excellent value for money.

▶ **767W £2.65 'Winter Elegance' Mixed**

The 'Elegance Series' has been developed specifically for flowering under shorter daylight conditions and if sown early and given suitable protection, a vase of beautiful, fragrant Sweet Peas can brighten up the dullest day in late winter/early spring. Our supplier has said that if these seeds are sown by early August, they can even be in flower for Christmas. We offer a long-stemmed, colourful mixture including burgundy, deep rose, mid-blue, salmon and white. **8ft (2.4m) HA(CI)** 🌱 🌿

LATHYRUS

▶ **767X £2.65 'Summer Medley'**

A medley this certainly is: an enticing and varied, multicolour mixture, including reds, blues, chocolates and pinks, of choice Sweet Peas some with ripples, flakes and picotee edges but all with that delicious scent which no garden in summer should be without. And, of course, excellent for cutting. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **763B £2.25 Spencer Choice Mixed Colours**

This is a splendid, inexpensive blend, particularly useful for those who wish to sow and forget. Generous packets. **8ft (2.4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱 🌿

▶ **764B £1.95 'Knee-Hi', Choice Mixed Colours**

This is a dwarf variety needing the minimum of support. Sown in spring where they are to flower, they produce a 2ft high hedge of blooms in a good range of colours; autumn sown, a hedge twice this height is achieved. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 🌿

764Z £3.65 L. rotundifolius. Persian Everlasting Pea RHS 🌱

This rather rare and very fine plant has incredibly beautiful large brick-red or rose-pink Sweet Pea blooms. Easy-to-grow for a cool, shady, sheltered position, flowering all summer long. **8ft (2.4m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP(Cl)** 🌱

765H £2.65 L. sativus var. azureus

This is a beautiful variety, coming true from seed, with the flowers a beautiful azure-blue with a tinge of pink. Indeed, an electrifying blue and quite exceptional. A splendid plant for the border. **3ft (90cm) HA(Cl)** 🌱

765B £2.85 L. sylvestris (= growing in woods). **Wild Pea**

This most attractive native wild flower can occasionally be found growing in thickets and woods throughout the country. With its rather handsome, leathery, sword-like leaves and delightfully coloured, rose-pink flowers variegated with pale crimson, violet and green, produced during most of the summer, it is certainly one wild flower that would merit a place in any garden. **6ft (1.8m) HP(Cl)** 🌱

765E £2.75 L. transsylvanicus

Native to the Carpathians in eastern Europe, this is a most interesting and unusual species. The shrubby plants bear sunset orange, pendulous, long pea-like flowers. **2½ft (70cm)** Packet of 6 seeds. **HP** 🌱

765A £2.95 L. vernus (= of the spring) RHS 🌱

A rather lovely little plant with flowers that are purple and blue, veined in red, when they open, and change to blue as they age. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1ft (30cm) HP** 🌱

LAVANDULA – Lamiaceae/Labiatae

Lavandula angustifolia (*syn.* *L. spica*, *L. vera*. NB. There is considerable confusion over the naming of this plant.). **Common Lavender**

Too well known to need introduction, this is one of the main Lavender species most highly valued for cutting and drying for its exquisite fragrance, evoking the scents and unforgettable appeal of a Mediterranean summer. Very free-flowering, it produces all summer long, those familiar flower spikes and bushy and fragrant foliage. Perfect for bedding, especially edging, and brilliant in pots on the patio. Both flowers and foliage can be dried for fragrant reminders of summer in the long winter months. Well known as an aid to stress relief and relaxation.

▶ **770 £2.45 L. angustifolia**

The type species with distinctive pale blue flowers. **3ft (1m) HSh** 🌱 🌿

▶ **770N £2.95 'Ellagance Snow'**

This is a splendid strain specifically bred to give fully first year flowering plants. It produces well branched, bushy plants bearing large and generous, snowy-white flower spikes over a long flowering season. **1ft (35cm) HSh** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **770D £2.45 'Hidcote Blue'** RHS 🌱

A lovely, dwarf, cultivated strain with narrow, grey-green leaves and dense spikes of light-blue flowers that open in early July. **1ft (30cm) HSh** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **770A £2.45 'Munstead Dwarf'**

This is an earlier flowering, more compact, darker coloured form which is good for hedging. **1ft (35cm) HSh** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **770P £2.85 'Vicenza Blue'**

Flowering the first year from seed, 'Vicenza Blue' is a fine fragrant and free-flowering variety with large, deep blue flower spikes over the compact, bushy, fragrant foliage. **1ft (30cm) HSh** 🌱 🌿 🌸

770E £2.95 L. angustifolia var. rosea

A rather delightful compact form of Lavender bearing in summer spikes of bright pink flowers. **1½ft (40cm) HSh** 🌱 🌿

769F £3.25 L. multifida. Fernleaf Lavender, Oregano-scented Lavender

From stony places near to the Mediterranean in Spain and Italy comes this rather delightful, delicately aromatic, shrubby plant. With most attractive, much divided, almost fern-like, downy, silvery leaves, it bears in early summer spikes, up to three inches long, of violet-blue flowers. An unusual Lavender and one that can be treated as an annual. **3ft (90cm) HP/HSh** 🌱 🌿 🌸

770C £2.55 L. stoechas (= from the Stoichades, now the Iles d'Hyères, where the plant was much esteemed for its medicinal virtues). **French Lavender**

A beautiful reminder of your last Mediterranean holiday is this dwarf, very aromatic shrub from the region. It has narrow, grey-downy leaves and dense spikes of dark purple, tubular flowers in summer. A particularly attractive feature of this plant are the prominent violet-purple bracts that top each flower spike and persist after the flowers themselves have faded. Although hardy, it will appreciate a dry, sunny position. **2ft (60cm) HSh** 🌱 🌿

LAVATERA – Malvaceae

771D £2.45 L. arborea. Cornish Tree Mallow

The "Cornish" bit in the English name is quite unofficial! Our supplier, however, considers this form, which will happily withstand force 9 gales sweeping in from the Atlantic, fully merits a special name! With its soft, velvet-like leaves, a foot across, and a profusion of pink flowers all summer, it really does deserve the name we've given it. **9ft (2.7m) HB** 🌿

Lavatera trimestris. Annual Mallow▶ **773Q £2.45 'Dwarf Pink Blush'**

A unique dwarf variety bearing abundant white flowers with pink striations. **2ft (60cm) HA**

▶ **772B £2.25 'Loveliness'**

This is a classic, heritage almost, variety with large, showy, bright deep rose, Hibiscus-like flowers produced in great profusion during the summer months smothering the four foot high bushy plants. It is a beautiful plant for the border and charming for cutting. **4ft (1.2m) HA** ✂

▶ **773F £2.25 'Mont Blanc'****BEST SELLER**

With its glistening, pure white flowers, this is the white-flowered counterpart of the bright pink flowering variety 'Silver Cup'. Why not grow them both this year? **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱 ✂

▶ **773C £2.25 'Silver Cup' RHS** 🏆

This is a superb, modern, prize-winning variety of the old cottage garden favourite, forming sturdy, much-branched, almost shrub-like plants. When fully grown, they have a spread of 30ins and are completely smothered by large, trumpet-shaped flowers, 3 or 4ins across, in a beautiful shade of bright glowing pink. **2½ft (75cm) HA** ✂

LAYIA – Compositae/Asteraceae**773A £2.25 L. elegans. Tidy Tips**

This is a beautiful and easily grown annual with reddish stems and bright yellow flowers, each 2ins across, with the petals tipped with white. These are excellent for cutting, lasting well in water, and are produced in profusion all summer and into autumn. **1½ft (45cm) HA/HHA** ✂

LEONOTIS (= lion's ear) – Lamiaceae/Labiatae. Lion's Ear

Interesting and unusual, though now some of our most popular plants, these are spectacular and aristocratic. From summer to late autumn, they bear large whorls of large, distinctive tubular flowers. Easily grown from seed and resistant to mild frosts, it grows in any soil in both sunny and shady positions. It also does well when grown in a large pot to grace your patio. A perennial but best treated as a half-hardy annual.

775A £3.25 L. leonurus. Lion's Tail**BEST SELLER**

This is a most statuesque plant – it can grow up to 7ft tall if you let it. The large whorls of large flowers are a distinctive, luminous almost, shade of bright orange-scarlet. **7ft (2.1m) Packet of 10 seeds. HHP** 🌱 ✂

LEONTOPODIUM (= lion's foot) – Compositae/Asteraceae**777 £1.95 L. alpinum. Edelweiss**

One of the best known, and probably best loved of all Alpine flowers. For those who don't know it, it forms white-woolly mats, bearing in June and July star-like flowers which are also woolly and white. **6ins (15cm) HP**

LEONURUS – Lamiaceae/Labiatae**777D £2.35 L. sibiricus. Honeyweed****BEST SELLER**

This is a tall and naturalistic annual with pinkish flowers in whorls on long stalks. The plants are strong and vigorous but with a natural elegance, creating structure, height and a real presence in borders. Makes lovely cut flowers. **6ft (1.8m) HA** 🌱 ✂

777H £2.35 L. sibiricus, 'Alba'

White flowered variety of Leonurus sibiricus. **6ft (1.8m) HA** 🌱 ✂

LEPIDUM – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae★ **NEW** ★ **778C £1.95 L. sativum**

Actually a variety of cress, these easy to grow plants are actually a wonderful accompaniment to cut flowers. Tall branches of tiny green flowers give way to silvery seed pods which make lovely fillers for arrangements. **3ft (1m) HA** ✂

LEUCOJUM – Amaryllidaceae/Alliaceae★ **NEW** ★ **796E £2.95 L. aestivum (= developing in summer).****Summer Snowflake**

A rather beautiful native wild flower bearing in spring clusters of up to eight, drooping, pure white, large, Snowdrop-like flowers with the petals tipped with a blob of green. Likes damp, rich soil and is even happy when waterlogged. When ripe, the seed pod swells and fills with air to enable it to float and be dispersed by water. **2ft (60cm)** (Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of this bulbous plant) **HBb**

LEWISIA – Portulacaceae**801P £3.85 L. cotyledon, 'Regenbogen'**

Simply "the best" is how our supplier modestly describes this superb 'Rainbow' (literally the translation of the variety) strain with many new forms and colours, and containing, as well as the usual flower form, round-shaped flowers and some lovely semi-double blooms. The colours range from white, yellow over rose, red-orange to blue-red. **10ins (25cm) HP**

LEYCESTERIA – Caprifoliaceae**802 £3.25 L. formosa (= beautiful). Himalayan Honeysuckle**

Hardy, deciduous shrub, somewhat Bamboo-like in growth. White flowers in dense, drooping spikes with persistent claret-coloured bracts appearing from June to September, followed by shining, reddish-purple berries. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **6ft (1.8m) HSh**

LIATRIS – Compositae/Asteraceae. Blazing Star**802M £2.45 L. pycnostachya (= dense-spiked)**

One of the finest garden plants with spikes of pale purple flowers up to 18ins long. Foliage as lush and showy as the blooms. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 ✂

801E £2.45 L. spicata, 'Floristan Violet'

This is a splendid cultivated variety producing in late summer, numerous, long, leafy, wand-like spikes ever so densely set with violet-coloured flowers. These lovely spires are superb for cutting. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 ✂

LIGULARIA

LIGULARIA – Compositae/Asteraceae. *Leopard Plant*

802H £2.95 *L. przewalskii*. *Przewalski's Golden Ray*

The striking foliage of this superb and noble plant with its very large, almost circular, deeply toothed leaves, would itself make it worthwhile growing. However, it is the splendid, tapering spikes of orange-yellow flowers, looking just like Foxtail Lilies, that makes this such an outstanding plant. Will succeed in sun or partial shade. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **5ft (1.5m) HP**

LILIUM – Liliaceae

Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of these bulbous plants.

Lilium martagon. *Turk's Cap Lily*

This is the Turkskap Lily, cultivated for at least 400 years in this country (indeed, it is possibly a true native and is found naturalised in many places), and a very hardy, long-suffering plant; a good one to try in impossible gardens.

▶ 804J £3.25 *L. martagon* RHS 🏆

Shades of mauve, pink and purple, spotted with dark red. **5ft (1.5m) HBb** 🌱 🌿

804C £2.75 *L. martagon* var. *album*. *Turk's Cap Lily*

This is a white-flowered form of the Turkskap Lily. It is a similarly hardy, long-suffering plant and a good one to try in impossible gardens. **5ft (1.5m) HBb** 🌱 🌿

LIMNANTHES – Limnanthaceae. *Poached Egg Plant, Meadow Foam*

807C £2.25 *L. douglasii* RHS 🏆

This quick-growing annual from California is one of those many plants that appears unjustly neglected. Although offered in many seed catalogues, one rarely actually sees it growing in a garden, yet this beautiful little plant is one of the most free-flowering annuals in cultivation. The white, yellow-centred, saucer-shaped flowers are delicately scented and beloved of bees. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **6ins (15cm) HA** 🌱

LIMONIUM – Plumbaginaceae. *Statice*

812P £2.25 *L. bonduellii*

BEST SELLER

Particularly good for cutting and drying is this Limonium with delicate pale yellow flowers atop thin, strong stems. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

809 £2.95 *L. latifolium*. *Sea Lavender*

BEST SELLER

A perennial for the herbaceous border, with immense masses of elegant panicles of dainty, lavender-blue flowers in mid-summer. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

Limonium sinuatum

A very useful and ever-popular plant both for the abundance of colour it brings during summer to the border and, being amongst the most popular of everlasting flowers, for providing dried flowers for winter decoration. A fast-growing half-hardy annual, they are also good for growing in pots for flowering under glass. Super easy, they are a great choice for beginners.

▶ ★ NEW ★ 811T £2.25 'Apricot Beauty'

This is our favourite colour and we're delighted to have it back after a long year's absence. Lovely antique, apricot papery flowers that last forever. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ ★ NEW ★ 811Z £2.25 'Blue River'

Dark blue papery flowers with a hint of purple. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 811E £2.25 'Iceberg'

White. **2½ft (80cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 811 £2.25 'Pacific' Mixed

This is a super mixture of many clear self colours. **2½ft (80cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 811W £2.45 Pastel Mixed

BEST SELLER

This is a beautiful mix of soft pastel tones including violet, lavender, blush, rose and mauve. It will give you vase after vase of lovely, soft papery blooms all summer long. **2½ft (80cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 811P £2.35 'Purple Attraction'

Rich violet-purple. **2½ft (80cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 812B £2.45 'QIS Apricot'

Popular shades of peach and pinky apricot. **2½ft (80cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 811Y £2.45 'QIS Pale Blue'

No description required! Pale blue blooms. **2½ft (80cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 811H £2.35 'Rose Light'

Vibrant carmine-rose. **2½ft (80cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

812 £2.35 *L. suworowii*. *Pink Pokers*

BEST SELLER

Very different and striking is this plant from Turkestan with its dense, vertical spikes of pink flowers, giving the plant its popular name "Pink Pokers". **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

812C £2.75 *L. tataricum* (syn. *Goniolimon tataricum*). *Sea Spray*

BEST SELLER

A fine, somewhat robust species sometimes forming a clump 3ft across, and bearing in summer large panicles of silvery-grey, everlasting flowers (to be accurate, white, persistent calyces enclosing the tiny, true flowers which are ruby-red but soon fall). It is a very useful plant for cutting and drying. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

LINARIA – Scrophulariaceae. *Toadflax*

812L £2.60 *L. aeruginea* (= rust-coloured), 'Neon Lights'

This is a fun plant for all the family! It is a lovely little plant with attractive, narrow, bluish-green foliage which with no trouble at all – well not too much – will give you from May to August little spikes of flowers just like cheerful, playful, juvenile, long-spurred Snapdragons. As suggested by the name, these come in a wide range of brilliant colours, mostly bicoloured such as pink with purple, violet with purple, yellow with orange and white with red. Good for the rockery, edge of the border, great in little pots and blooms the first year from seed. What more could you want? **8ins (20cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

Linaria maroccana

▶ 813 £2.25 'Fairy Bouquet' Mixed Colours RHS 🏆

Dwarf plants with spikes of dainty, Snapdragon-like flowers in a very wide range of colours from June to September. Good for cutting. Very easy to grow – sow and forget. **10ins (25cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

'Licilia' Series

These award-winning baby Snapdragons are quite charming. Very fast growing, flowering in as little as 6 weeks from sowing, they will quickly fill your flower beds with clouds of blooms. Lovely long stems also make them excellent cut flowers.

- ▶ **813Z** £2.25 **'Licilia Azure'** **BEST SELLER**
Sparkling fresh flowers in shades of light blue to indigo-violet. **1½ft (50cm) HA** 🌱 ☞
- ▶ **814D** £2.25 **'Licilia Peach'**
Peachy-yellow tones mingle with orange and brick red. **1½ft (50cm) HA** 🌱 ☞
- ▶ **814H** £2.25 **'Licilia Red'**
Very attractive and uniform dark red colour. **1½ft (50cm) HA** 🌱 ☞
- ▶ **814J** £2.25 **'Licilia Violet'**
Bright purple flowers. 'Licilia Red' and 'Violet' look particularly lovely when grown together. **1½ft (50cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

Linaria purpurea. Purple Toadflax

- ▶ **813R** £2.35 **L. purpurea** **BEST SELLER**
Originating in southern Italy and Sicily but naturalised in England is this good old reliable standby of a hardy perennial with long, slender spires crowded with purple-violet flowers from June to October. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 ☞

- ▶ **813L** £2.95 **'Canon Went'** **BEST SELLER**
A first class garden plant with spikes of lovely pink flowers in summer. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 ☞

- ▶ **813D** £2.85 **'Springside White'**
This lovely, elegant perennial bears masses of white, miniature snapdragon-like flowers over a long season making the perfect partner for 'Canon Went'. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 ☞

813E £2.25 **L. vulgaris. Toadflax, Butter and Eggs**

A native wild flower from hedgerows and grassy places. A most attractive plant with glaucous, leafy stems bearing, all summer and into autumn, many-flowered racemes of Snapdragon-like, pale yellow flowers with an orange throat. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱

LINUM – Linaceae**814B** £2.25 **L. grandiflorum var. rubrum**

This is an easy-to-grow, sow and forget, blooming-all-summer-into-autumn, unfussy plant with brilliant red flowers with a silky sheen. Grow a generous splodge of them to get the best effect. **1ft (35cm) HA**

816F £2.25 **L. grandiflorum, 'Bright Eyes'**

This is a lovely, very easy, freely flowering annual. 'Bright Eyes' is a particularly attractive variety with pure white flowers and a striking dark red centre. **1½ft (45cm) HA**

815B £2.25 **L. grandiflorum, 'Tricolore'**

Easy to grow and flowering all summer long with very little attention, is this annual in a trio of colours (hence the name; it wasn't named after your first French text book!); red, rose and white. **1½ft (50cm) HA**

815 £2.25 **L. perenne. Blue Flax**

A beautiful small border plant with pale blue flowers in June and July. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 🌱

816 £2.45 **L. usitatissimum (= most useful). Common Flax, Linseed****BEST SELLER**

In every way a useful plant. Not only is it the provider of linseed oil, and of the fibre used for the making of linen, but it is also a beautiful and very easily grown annual, producing its brilliant, sky-blue flowers (some white may also appear) in great profusion during the summer. **3ft (90cm) HA** ☞

LISIANTHUS. See Eustoma**LITHOPS (= stone-like) – Aizoaceae/Ficoidaceae. Living Stones**

Some 70 species of highly succulent plants from Namaqualand and other parts of South Africa with a remarkable resemblance to the pebbles amongst which they grow. Easy from seed and a most interesting group of plants.

817B £4.95 **Lithops, National Collection, Mixed Species**

An exciting mixture of these fascinating "Living Stones", containing only true Lithops species taken from the National Collection. Surprisingly easy from seed and popular with children, should prove great fun identifying all the different plants! **4ins (10cm) GP**

LOBELIA – Campanulaceae**818M** £2.75 **L. cardinalis. Cardinal Flower, Bog Sage, Indian Pink**

"But when vivid colour is wanted, what can surpass or equal our Cardinal Flower? There is a glow about this flower, as if colour emanated from it as from a live coal." So wrote an enthusiastic American at the end of the nineteenth century. We feel to try to add to this would be quite superfluous, apart from saying that it is a plant for moist, wet even, cool, shady places. One thought: the literature tends to consider it as requiring winter protection; its natural range, however, extends as far North as New Brunswick and Ontario in Canada and one feels one should be forgiven for expecting it to be fully hardy. **4ft (1.2m) HA**

Lobelia erinus

The very popular summer bedding plant, easily grown as a half-hardy annual, and in flower over a long period. Fine for borders, edging and rock gardens.

- ▶ **820G** £2.25 **'Cambridge Blue'** RHS 🌱
Light green foliage with sky-blue flowers. **4ins (10cm) HHA** 🌱

- ▶ **820E** £2.25 **'Crystal Palace'** RHS 🌱
Dark bronze foliage with deep cobalt blue flowers. **4ins (10cm) HHA** 🌱

Lobelia erinus pendula. Trailing Lobelia**'Cascade' Series**

A super series with a trailing habit, perfect for bedding and hanging baskets.

- ▶ **821A** £2.35 **'Lilac Cascade'** RHS 🌱
Pretty little lilac flowers. **1ft (30cm) HHA** 🌱

- ▶ **821H** £2.35 **'White Cascade'** RHS 🌱
Pure white. **1ft (30cm) HHA** 🌱

LOBELIA

▶ 820Z £2.35 'Fountain Mixed'

These early flowering and floriferous bedding plants, particularly popular for hanging baskets, have a six-colour blend of white, lilac, blues and pinks. **6ins (15cm) HHA** 🌱

▶ 822G £2.35 'Regatta Marine Blue'

Those in charge of the hanging basket department will be thrilled with these trailing Lobelias in a shade of deep blue flowers. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱

▶ 820C £2.35 'Sapphire'

For cascading from hanging baskets, rockeries, window boxes and the like, this is a delightful trailing Lobelia with myriad deep blue, white-eyed flowers all summer. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱

821D £2.45 *L. siphilitica*, 'Blue Selection'

So called because of its prior use as a treatment for syphilis, this is a rather fine plant for growing along streamsides and other wet places with bold, leafy spikes of two-lipped flowers in various shades of blue. It is easy to grow from seed and will adapt to drier conditions. **3ft (90cm) HP**

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LOBULARIA – Brassicaceae

Lobularia maritima (*syn.* *Alyssum maritimum*). **Sweet Alyssum**

▶ 83L £2.25 'Carpet of Snow'

BEST SELLER

Needing no description, this plant, with its honey-scented flowers all summer, has long been the number one favourite for edging the flower border. This variety forms a flat mass of white-flowered blossom. **4ins (10cm) HA** 🌱

▶ 80Q £2.45 'Easter Bonnet Violet' ^{RHS} 🏆

This is an eye-catching variety covered with rich and deeply coloured, violet flowers and blooming extra-early in spring. This one really is a winner – with both Fleuroselect and an RHS Award of Merit. **10ins (25cm) HA** 🌱

▶ 87R £2.45 'Wandering' Series, Field Grown Mix

This is a super mix for bedding, flowering from spring through to autumn in a lovely range of colours from white and pink to dark purple. **10ins (25cm) HA** 🌱

LONICERA – Caprifoliaceae

823D £2.45 *L. periclymenum*. **Honeysuckle**

With its clusters of fragrant, yellowish (as a matter of interest, after pollination the colour darkens) flowers produced in succession all summer, this is perhaps our most beautiful native climber. We don't really have to add anything except that, given suitable support, it will climb as high as 30 ft. **35ft (10m) HP(Cl)** 🌱

LONAS – Compositae/Asteraceae

822A £1.95 *L. inodora*

An "everlasting flower", this vigorous and bushy plant bears bright, golden-yellow button-like flowers all summer long. They are borne in clusters up to 5 ins. in diameter that last an incredible time, and are excellent for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌿

LOTUS – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

824D £2.35 *L. corniculatus* (= with small horns). **Bird's Foot Trefoil, Bacon and Eggs** **BEST SELLER**

A native wild flower, and were it not so widespread – it is generally distributed throughout the British Isles – it would probably be much sought after as a rockery plant. For those who don't know it, it is a procumbent (lying along the surface), somewhat spreading plant, bearing, in summer and into autumn, clusters of bright yellow, pea-like flowers often streaked or tipped with a rather lovely shade of red. **1ft (30cm) HP** 🌱

LUFFA – Cucurbitaceae. **Loofah**

826A £2.65 *L. cylindrica*

BEST SELLER

This, almost needless to say, is the plant for those wishing to grow their own loofahs – described, incidentally, in the Oxford Dictionary as a "flesh-brush". The fruits, as well as yielding sponges, are edible although for this purpose they should be harvested when young – one feels they might be somewhat crunchy when mature. For best results, grow them like a greenhouse Cucumber. **10ft (3m) Packet of 15 seeds. HHA(Cl)** 🌱

LUNARIA – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae

Lunaria annua

▶ 827 £2.45 *L. annua* (*syn.* *L. biennis*). **Honesty**

BEST SELLER

Introduced from Europe some 400 years ago and being particularly popular in Victorian times, Honesty is well known for the silvery, moon-like remains of the seed cases that are so useful for drying and using in arrangements. Attractive bright purple flowers, May to July. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HB** 🌱 🌿

▶ 828M £2.45 'Chedglow'

BEST SELLER

This variety of Honesty is a little different; it features lighter coloured and pinker petals with delightful, dark red-purple stems; the attractive foliage is both green and the same lovely dark red. **3ft (1m) Packet of 10 seeds. HA/HB** 🌱

▶ 828K £3.95 'Corfu Blue' ^{RHS} 🏆

This rare and hard to find variety, originating in Corfu, is quite a distinct colour seen alongside the usual purple tones of Honesty. Its lovely unkempt, papery flowers are a beautiful shade of violet blue and are followed by attractive purple-tinged seed pods; even the foliage has just a hint of blue. The plants are reputedly more long-lasting than the type species. Very limited stock. **3ft (90cm) Packet of 12 seeds. HA/HB** 🌱 🌿

827G £2.55 *L. annua* var. *alba*. **White Flowered Honesty** ^{RHS} 🏆

BEST SELLER

Beautiful and simple white-flowered form of Honesty. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HB** 🌱 🌿

827E £2.95 *L. rediviva* (= brought back to life). **Perennial Honesty** ^{RHS} 🏆

BEST SELLER

A native of Europe, where it is found in damp woodland on chalk, and bearing fragrant, purplish flowers in late spring and early summer. These are followed by mother-of-pearl coloured seed pods, unmistakably Honesty-like, but elliptical in shape and tapered to a point. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

LUPINUS – Leguminosae/Fabaceae**826Z £2.45 L. cruckshankii, 'Sunrise'** (*syn. L. mutabilis*)

A beautiful fragrant Lupin, ideal for cutting with strong, tall spikes carrying flowers that change from azure blue through to golden yellow and white. It is very easy to grow and really quite lovely.

3ft (1m) HA 🌱 🌿

Lupinus hartwegii**'Avalune' Series**

These Lupins have a compact habit which lend themselves particularly well to the front of the border and to containers, perfect for providing evening perfume on your patio. Quick to bloom, you should have flowers within 12 weeks from sowing.

▶ 827B £2.45 'Avalune Pink'**BEST SELLER**

Lovely shade of dusky pink. **1½ft (50cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 826X £2.45 'Avalune Red-White'

Award winning variety with bicolor red and white flowers. **1½ft (50cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 827C £2.45 'Avalune White'

Pure white. **1½ft (50cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

828A £1.95 L. luteus (= yellow), Yellow Lupin

An attractive and easily grown, hairy annual from Iberia with long, dense spikes of sweet-scented, yellow flowers. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱

828R £3.25 L. mutabilis var. cruckshankii, 'Javelin White'

This is a delightful fragrant annual Lupin bearing pretty white flowers with a decorative blob of yellow at the centre of each one. They make super cut flowers and we like their understated elegance compared with some of their showier perennial family members. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 🌿

826P £1.95 L. perennis. Wild Lupin

A wild flower native to most of the eastern half of North America and found on the coasts of the Arctic Ocean is this unpretentious and appealing wild Lupin with a natural beauty. With blue, pea-like flowers on tall erect stems, it prefers a sunny, well-drained position and is attractive to bees and butterflies. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱

Lupinus polyphyllus

Amongst the showiest of hardy, herbaceous perennials, the Russell Lupins are unusual in having a colour range embracing the three primary colours, red, yellow and blue. Easily raised from seed, they will flower in the second year (sown early, some will even flower the first season). Hardy throughout the British Isles.

▶ 828E £2.45 'Chandelier'

Shades of yellow. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 828F £2.45 'My Castle'

Shades of red. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 828G £2.45 'The Chatelaine'

Pink/white bicolors. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 828H £2.45 'The Governor'

Blue/white bicolors. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 828J £2.45 'The Pages'

Shades of carmine. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 831R £2.45 'Noble Maiden'

Long spikes of creamy-white flowers. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 828D £2.75 Formula Mixed**BEST SELLER**

This is a formula mixture of brilliant individual colours with large flower spikes. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

LUZULA – Juncaceae**829B £2.25 L. nivea. Snowy Woodrush, Ornamental Rush**

We bring you here, in addition to a wide range of Ornamental Grasses and Ornamental Sedges (*Carex pendula*), for good measure, an Ornamental Rush. This is a rather delightful, tufted plant from high up in the Alps with white, spiky flowers in loose, arching panicles. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

LYCHNIS – Caryophyllaceae**829A £2.25 L. chalcedonica. Maltese Cross**

One of the classic plants for the herbaceous border, bearing in the summer brilliant scarlet flowers, each shaped like a Maltese Cross, in dense clusters. Easy to grow and very hardy, it is also a fine bog plant. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌿 🌸

831Z £2.25 L. chalcedonica, 'Carnea'**BEST SELLER**

This is a beautiful form of this almost essential hardy perennial with lovely dusky-pink star-shaped flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌿 🌸

Lychnis coronaria. Rose Campion

An attractive, white-woolly plant from southern Europe with densely leafy shoots and large flowers, 1½ins across, borne gracefully on elongated stalks.

▶ 829K £2.25 L. coronaria (= used for garlands)

The strain we offer has been selected from flowers of a deep red colour. **2½ft (75cm) HP**

▶ 827R £2.45 'Angel's Blush'

This is a really beautiful variety of Rose Campion with large white flowers which are not so much pink-eyed but rather pink-blobbed as if someone had spilt a quantity of red wine over its centre. It comes fairly true from seed but, interestingly, this pink centre varies according to season and weather conditions. **3ft (90cm) HP**

829X £2.35 L. coronaria var. alba. Rose Campion. Dusty Miller

A delightful, white-flowered variety. **2½ft (75cm) HP**

829P £2.35 L. flos-cuculi (= cuckoo-flower). Ragged Robin, Cuckoo Flower**BEST SELLER**

A native wild flower found in damp meadows and woods throughout the British Isles. It is a most graceful plant with slender stems, bearing during the summer open sprays of charming, rose-red flowers, up to 1½ins across, with ragged, deeply 4-cleft petals. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

LYCHNIS

833C £2.45 *L. flos-cuculi*, 'White Robin'

This is a beautiful variety of the above with pure white flowers on red stems. It comes true from seed and flowers the first year from sowing. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

LYSIMACHIA (= loose + strife – it was once said that oxen that are made to eat the plant are rendered more willing to draw together. This definition, incidentally, is erroneous but based on a mistranslation made 2,000 years ago and perpetuated ever since – the writer sees no reason to change things now!) – **Primulaceae. Loosestrife**

832P £2.75 *L. atropurpurea*, 'Beaujouis'. *Crimson Loosestrife*

BEST SELLER

Distinct and fascinatingly different is this interesting and attractive plant from the Balkan Peninsula. With ornamental glaucous, silver-green foliage, it bears throughout summer long spikes of small wine-red flowers. Splendid in the border, great for a large container, the blooms are useful for cutting. An unusual feature: the style (that's the female bit in the flower's centre) becomes stiff and spine-like after flowering. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

831K £2.95 *L. clethroides*, 'Lady Jane'. *Gooseneck Loosestrife* RHS 🌱

This rare and beautiful perennial has widely arching, twelve inch, dense spikes of small creamy-white flowers in late summer. This is a quite spectacular and vigorous flower which is a useful and unusual cut flower. Incidentally, we do love the English name – the flowers indeed give a definite impression of inquisitive fowl! **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

833D £2.65 *L. ephemerum* RHS 🌱

Seldom seen is this handsome perennial with narrow, grey-green leaves and bearing in mid-late summer tall spikes of silvery-white flowers. Makes an unusual cut flower. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

LYTHRUM – Lythraceae. *Loosestrife*

831G £2.25 *L. salicaria* (= willow-like), *True Wild Form. Purple Loosestrife*

A handsome yet graceful native plant with long spikes of purple flowers in late summer. At home in any ordinary garden soil but particularly effective in moist soil by the side of a stream or edge of a pond. This is one of those wild plants that does not need the hand of the plant breeder to produce a garden-worthy plant. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱

MACLEAYA – Papaveraceae

830D £3.25 *M. cordata* (= heart-shaped). *Plume Poppy* RHS 🌱

This is a splendid, impressive and statuesque plant that can grow to 8ft or more, with large, glaucous, finely sculptured leaves and very large panicles, consisting of hundreds of tiny buff-coloured flowers, carried well above the foliage. A bold, eye-catching plant. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **12ft (4m) HP**

MAGNOLIA – Magnoliaceae

Amongst the most of magnificent trees, hardy in the temperate regions. Propagation from seed is a slow process – however, with even a small, well-grown Magnolia species costing a substantial amount, there is a strong economic case for starting from seed. And the sooner you start . . . (and don't forget, they will merit their place in your garden as superb foliage plants long before they flower).

838 £3.25 *M. x soulangiana* (*syn. denudata x liliflora*)

Probably the most popular Magnolia for general planting. Flowers, which appear on younger plants than most other species, are tulip-shaped and white stained purple at the base. **25ft (7m) Packet** of 7 seeds. **HSh**

MALOPE – Malvaceae

Malope trifida

A beautiful, hardy annual and an old cottage garden favourite. A splendid and easily grown plant for the border, the flowers, which are useful for cutting, are produced in profusion all summer.

▶ 843P £2.25 'Alba'

A beautiful free-flowering variety with blooms of pure white. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 842T £2.25 'Rose'

Rose-pink flowers getting paler towards the petal edges. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 843A £2.25 'Vulcan'

A tetraploid variety, extremely free-flowering with very large, brilliant pink flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 842D £2.25 'Grandiflora Choice Mixed'

BEST SELLER

A lovely mixture of these old favourites with clusters of large flowers in profusion in shades of rose, crimson and white on strong stems borne on erect branching plants. **4ft (1.2m) HA** 🌱 🌿

MALVA – Malvaceae

843E £2.25 *M. moschata*. *Musk Mallow*

With its deeply cut, almost fern-like foliage and its attractive, rose-pink flowers, each 2ins or so across, this is one of the most decorative of our native wild flowers, and one which you just don't have to think twice about according it a space in your best herbaceous border. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱

844H £2.25 *M. moschata*, 'Appleblossom'

The writer finds it hard to resist any plant that comes his way with any suggestion of appleblossom and this is no exception. This is a lovely variety bearing all summer a mass of, you've guessed it, soft, appleblossom-pink blooms. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱

843H £2.35 *M. moschata* var. *alba*. *White Musk Mallow*

Even more lovely than the normal rose-pink Musk Mallow is this rare variety with pure white flowers that contrast beautifully with the ferny foliage. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱

843G £2.25 *M. sylvestris*. *Common Mallow*

Perennial native wild flower with stems covered in long spreading hairs. Pale reddish-purple or blue flowers marked with darker stripes which serve as nectar guides for visiting bees. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱

844C £2.25 *M. sylvestris*, 'Zebrina'

This is a splendid variety with very striking, bicolored flowers that are a very pale lilac boldly marked with very dark purple, zebra (even if they do radiate from the centre) stripes. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱 🌿

★NEW★ 844A £2.25 *M. sylvestris mauritiana*

This is an unusual and dramatic variety of Mallow. The large flowers are of the darkest pinky-purple with contrasting and attractive darker veining. A stunning addition to the back of the border. **3ft (1m)**

HP 🌱 🌿

MARIGOLD. See **Calendula** and **Tagetes****MATTHIOLA – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae****Matthiola incana. Stock**

Easy to grow, this cottage garden plant has long been popular both for bedding and for providing cut flowers, but above all it is its wonderful Clove-like scent that has endeared it to generations of gardeners.

▶ **849T £2.25 'Anytime Deep Purple'**

Superb Stocks with double, perfect purple flowers and will flower in only 10-12 weeks from sowing. This is a rich and sumptuous shade, darker than most Stocks. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA**

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▶ **849A £2.25 'Anytime Yellow'**

Beautifully scented double, creamy, pale yellow blooms. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA**

BEST SELLER

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▶ **848X £2.75 'Pillow Talk'**

Gardeners are familiar with the fragrant annual stocks long popular as a cut flower and available at most florists. However, 'Pillow Talk', a cultivated variety, is longer lived and you can expect to grow this as a biennial or short-lived perennial. From June to September it produces very sweet-scented, waxy-white blossoms, fading to pale pink, which pervade the air all around, above thick rosettes of silvery-grey, strap-shaped foliage. **1½ft (45cm) HA/HHB**

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Traditional Field Grown Column Stock

These Stocks are traditional cut flower varieties; with large, fragrant flowers – a high percentage of which will be double – closely spaced on strong, single stems. Optimum stem length is achieved during cool growing periods.

▶ **849N £2.45 'Appleblossom'**

Delicate looking, white and very pale-pink blooms. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA**

BEST SELLER

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▶ **849P £2.45 'Apricot'**

Peachy-apricot flowers. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA**

BEST SELLER

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▶ **847L £2.45 'Avalanche'**

Tightly packed blooms of snowy-white. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA**

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▶ **849Q £2.45 'Lilac Lavender'**

Pale-purple flowers. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA**

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▶ **847M £2.45 'Malmaison Pink'**

Fluffy pale pink flowers. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA**

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▶ **849Y £2.45 'Rose Pink'**

A romantic colour to add to this range of cut flower varieties, rose-pink is probably exactly as you would imagine! **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA**

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▶ **849Z £2.95 'Vintage Brown'**

The idea of vintage brown brings to mind faded velvet furnishings from the 1970s which isn't necessarily from where we want to take our garden inspiration. Luckily, the colour of this unusual Stock variety might be more favourably described as a deep and dusky antique rose.

1½ft (50cm) HA/HHA

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BEST SELLER

848Z £3.25 Matthiola, Winter East Lothian Stocks, 'Vintage Mixture'

Stalwarts of Victorian gardening, and in cultivation for well over a hundred years, East Lothian stocks are robust, fast-growing and vigorous plants of a dwarf habit. They can be grown as half-hardy annuals for flowering in summer and autumn and are beautifully and deliciously scented. As so often happens, the extra patience required for growing the plants as biennials will be rewarded by plants of a much finer quality, particularly if over-wintered in a cold frame. This is a colourful dwarf bedding series with sturdy, well branched plants with over half producing double flowers. A wide range of hues, including burgundy, copper, lavender, red, white, yellow and a rich crimson rose, making your flower beds the proverbial "riot of colour". **1ft (30cm) HA/HHB**

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848 £2.25 M. longipetala (syn. Matthiola bicornis). Night-Scented Stock

BEST SELLER

If there is one plant no garden, however large or small, should be without, this is it. Nothing else can equal the effect of its exquisite fragrance on the warm night air in summer. Very easy to grow – just sow patches at random in various parts of your garden, including outside your bedroom window.

1ft (30cm) HA

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MECONOPSIS – Papaveraceae

This genus contains some of the most exquisitely beautiful of all flowering plants. Not the easiest of plants to grow, they do best in moderately rich, woodland soil; moist yet with perfect drainage. However, do try them – we guarantee that when you succeed in flowering them, there will be celebrations and the neighbours will be invited in to see for themselves.

850E £3.45 M. betonicifolia (syn. M. baileyi), 'Hensol Violet'. Blue Poppy, Himalayan Poppy

Coming largely true from seed is this much admired form of the type species with rich purple-violet flowers. Perhaps rather surprisingly, these blend in well when grown mixed with plants of the ordinary, type species when they seem to make the blues of the latter seem even bluer!

5ft (1.5m) HP

851 £2.85 M. cambrica. Welsh Poppy

The only European representative of the genus, an attractive small plant with numerous yellow flowers, 1½ins across, from May to late autumn. Good in partial shade. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

851E £2.75 M. cambrica var. aurantiaca. Welsh Poppy

The very attractive orange-flowered version of the small Welsh poppy. Flowers are numerous, 1½ins across, and produced all summer long from May to late autumn. Good in partial shade. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

MECONOPSIS

851D £3.25 *M. grandis*. **Himalayan Blue Poppy, Tibetan Blue Poppy**

BEST SELLER

Another glorious plant from the Himalayas (as high as 15,000ft) with rosettes of narrow, bristly, sword-shaped leaves, and bearing in summer, either from the upper leaf axils or directly from the base, beautiful rich blue flowers as much as 5½ins across and containing anything from four to nine petals. **3ft (90cm) HP**

851C £2.65 *M. horridula* (= rough, unadorned). **Prickly Blue Poppy, Himalayan Poppy**

This unusual but handsome poppy is from the Himalayas, where it has been recorded growing at altitudes as high as 19,000ft. Presumably its unattractive botanical name refers to the long, narrow leaves and stems which are covered with pale yellow or purple spines, and certainly not to the flowers. These have gorgeous, papery light blue or pale purple petals with contrasting cream stamens. **3ft (1m) HB/HP**

MELICA – Poaceae/Gramineae

862R £2.45 *M. ciliata*, 'Silky'. **Eyelash Pearl Grass**

An attractive and distinctive ornamental grass with often glaucous, stiff, narrow leaves and up to 15cm long, stiff, upright flower spikes densely covered with silvery-white or yellowish, silky hairs. **3ft (90cm) HP**

MELIANTHUS – Melianthaceae

857 £3.75 *M. major* (= larger) **RHS** 🏆

An almost hardy South African shrub with attractive leaves and reddish-brown flowers in spring and summer. Excellent for sub-tropical bedding. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **6ft (1.8m)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HHS**

MELICA – Poaceae/Gramineae

860A £2.65 *M. altissima* var. *atropurpurea*. **Siberian Melic**

From eastern Europe to Siberia, where it grows in thickets and forest edges, comes this medium-sized ornamental grass. Forming dense leafy clumps of mid-green foliage, it bears in early summer delightful, crowded, one-sided panicles of deep purple spikelets. These are excellent for drying and look rather fine in bouquets. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌿

MELINIS – Poaceae/Gramineae

★ NEW ★ 860B £2.95 *M. nerviglumis*, 'Karoo Queen'. **Ruby Grass**

This beautiful new grass variety bears long fluffy flower heads in a range of ethereal dusky vintage pinks and reds. Very textural and excellent for drying. **2ft (60cm) HHP** 🌿 🌿

MENTHA – Lamiaceae/Labiatae. *Mint*

862W £2.25 *M. aquatica* (= growing near water). **Water Mint**

A lovely native wild flower ideal for pond margins and similar places, with strongly scented foliage and bearing in late summer attractive heads of lilac flowers. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌿

862J £1.95 *M. pulegium*. **Penny-Royal**

This variety of mint is an easily grown, spreading prostrate plant with clusters of pretty lilac flowers. The whole gives out a strong, very agreeable odour. **1ft (30cm) HP** 🌿

PEPPERMINT, SPEARMINT AND APPELMINT. Please see **The VegBook**

METASEQUOIA – Pinaceae

865A £3.75 *M. glyptostroboides*. **Dawn Redwood**

In many ways, this is one of the most interesting species we have in the catalogue, and it truly justifies its description as a living fossil. Although very similar species had been known to paleobotanists who studied their fossil remains from strata as old as ecocene (70 million years old) beds in coal mines in Manchuria, such species were not thought still to exist in the living state. In what, therefore, has been described as one of the most remarkable botanical discoveries of the century, a Chinese Professor of Forestry quite by chance spotted a specimen in a village called Mou-tao-chi in Szechwan province in China. This was in the winter of 1941 although it was not until 1946 before details of the discovery were published. At that time the tree was on the verge of extinction with only three survivors remaining in Szechwan and a further 1000 scattered in neighbouring Hupeh, and the natives still felling them for their timber. Fortunately for us, however, this beautiful tree, the probable ancestor of the American Sequoias, has proved to be very amenable to cultivation, and is strong-growing, vigorous, hardy and, always an asset, the seed germinates in only a couple of weeks or so. It is a most attractive, deciduous tree, conical-shaped when young, with bright-green, feathery foliage growing rapidly in its early years. Indeed, even ignoring its fascinating history, it is a tree worthy of a place in every garden. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **80ft (25m) HTR** 🌳

MIGNONETTE. See **Reseda**

MILIUM – Poaceae/Gramineae

870A £2.95 *M. effusum aureum*. **Bowles' Golden Grass** **RHS** 🏆

This is a very attractive ornamental grass, forming loose tufts of evergreen leaves about 12ins high, with delicate panicles of flowers. The whole plant is strongly suffused golden-yellow and is effective in the border, under trees or for flower arrangements. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌿

MIMOSA – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

871 £2.25 *M. pudica* (= bashful). **Sensitive Plant**

Other seed catalogues seem to point out that this is a plant for the children. However, we have yet to find the adult who is not completely fascinated by the way the leaves and stems of this plant fold up at the slightest touch. Even without this sensitivity, however, the plant would be worth growing as a pot plant for its attractive pinnate foliage and pretty pink, fluffy flowers. Very easy. **2ft (60cm) HHP**

MIMULUS – Scrophulariaceae

874 £2.25 *M. cupreus*, 'hybridus tigrinus'

A cultivated Mimulus with large flowers in various shades of yellow and copper. Perennial but flowers the first year from seed. **1½ft (40cm) HP** 🌸

MINA. See **Ipomoea**

MIRABILIS – Nyctaginaceae**Mirabilis jalapa. Four O'Clock Flower**

This plant was a great garden favourite in Victorian times. A perennial usually grown as a half-hardy annual, it makes very bushy plants covered with a profusion of delicately fragrant, trumpet-shaped flowers that appear in the late afternoon and evening (anytime from 4 o'clock!) in a wide range of colours. They bloom all summer long and are unusual in that flowers of different colours often appear in different parts of the same plant.

▶ 880 £1.95 M. jalapa

Wide range of colours including carmine, salmon, rose, white and yellow. **3ft (90cm) HHA/HHP**

**880N £2.65 M. longiflora, 'Angel Trumpets'**

This superb variety of this exceptional plant has very special flowers, around 20cm long, opening in the late afternoon. They are very fragrant and have quite an exotic appearance. They flower easily in the first year from sowing and the tubers will survive mild frost in the winter. **2½ft (80cm)**

HP/HHP

MISCANTHUS – Poaceae/Gramineae**880B £2.65 M. sinensis. Chinese Silver Grass****BEST SELLER**

A handsome and graceful ornamental grass with blue-green leaves with a prominent white mid-rib. The 12in. long panicles (quite different incidentally from those of Pampas Grass) of whitish flowers, often tinged red, appear in late summer and are excellent for drying. **8ft (2.4m) HP**

880C £2.95 M. sinensis, 'New Hybrids'

You'll need lots of space to gain maximum benefit from these seeds! From many new varieties of this very variable, clump-forming species, you can expect a wide selection of forms from erect to gently arching or fountain-like in various shades and markings, all generously sized. The flower panicles will display a corresponding diversity and will all provide a wealth of lovely floral art material.

9ft (2.7m) HP

MOLINIA – Poaceae/Gramineae**881D £1.95 M. caerulea. Purple Moor-grass**

From damp and wet places in fens and mountain moorland comes this ornamental grass for the waterside and other such places. Attractive when in bloom, it forms large tussocks of greyish leaves and bears in summer and autumn dense spikes, up to a foot or more in length, of usually purplish flowers (spikelets technically). **4ft (1.2m) HP**

MOLUCCELLA – Labiatae**882 £1.95 M. laevis. Bells of Ireland****BEST SELLER**

How fashions change! Less than 20 years ago this plant was relegated to the wild garden – now, with the enormous interest in floral art, it has, with its enormous green, bell-like calyces surrounding the flowers proper, become one of the flower arranger's favourite subjects. An excellent cut flower, it is also useful for winter decoration. The flowers themselves are fragrant and, a fact we bet you didn't know before, it "makes an excellent subject for skeletonising" (1900 gardening dictionary).

2½ft (80cm) HHA

MONARDA – Lamiaceae/Labiatae. Bee Balm**882B £2.85 M. didyma, 'Panorama'**

This is a delightful cultivated strain of the delightfully fragrant plant, introduced over 300 years ago and one that must have achieved cottage-garden status. Beautiful though the wild plant is, 'Panorama' must be rated a marvellous achievement in the perfection of the whorls of flowers and the brilliance of the colours in many shades of scarlet, bright red, pink, salmon and crimson.

2½ft (75cm) HP

882K £2.95 M. didyma, 'Red Colours'

Coming true from seed, this is a superb variety of Bee Balm with gorgeous, showy flowers in unmissable shades of red and a very good red too. A bed of these produced from July to September would be magnificent and they are rather good in containers too – to say nothing of their performance in a vase. As the raiser says, "Hummingbirds love it you will too!"

2½ft (75cm) HP

★ NEW ★ 882R £3.25 M. hybrida, 'Bergamo'

Flowering the first year from seed, its intense rosy-purple flowers in clusters around the stem are on display from June until the first frosts making it an ideal bedding plant. Earlier flowering than other Monarda varieties which is good news for bees and butterflies and gardeners too!

2ft (60cm) HP

882G £2.75 M. hybrida, 'Lambada'

Our supplier rates this lovely variety as one of the most attractive of all the flowers in his trials. Flowering freely the first year from seed, and indeed best grown as an annual, it bears long spires of white-spotted, deep pink flowers arranged generously in whorls. Excellent as a border plant, 'Lambada' is great as a fresh cut flower and it dries beautifully. And it goes on blooming until the frosts!

3ft (90cm) HA/HHP

882F £2.85 M. punctata (= spotted). Horse Mint, Spotted Bee Balm

From the Great Plains of the USA, where it is found in dry places in the open or in thin woods, comes this attractive downy perennial, bearing in late summer dense whorls of showy yellow flowers, spotted with purple and with each whorl supported by a necklace of equally showy pink or lavender bracts. The slightly stimulant leaves are made into an aromatic tea and the flowers make a most unusual subject for cutting.

3ft (90cm) HP

MORINA – Dipsacaceae**883J £3.25 M. longifolia. Himalayan Whorl Flower**

From the Himalayas comes this fine and unusual plant for the border with long, spiny, strap-shaped leaves, and bearing from June to September long spikes of tubular flowers that open white and change through delicate pink finally to crimson. **3ft (90cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HP**

MORINGA

MORINGA – Moringaceae

884B £2.95 *M. oleifera*. **Drumstick Tree, Horseradish Tree**

From India, where it is common in town and village gardens, comes this very pretty tree where the delicate tracery of its much-divided, soft clear green leaves gives it an airy, graceful appearance. It bears large, loose sprays of most charming and unusual, sweet honey-scented, creamy-white flowers. And just about the whole plant is edible: the roots as a horseradish substitute, the mustard-flavoured leaves, twigs and flowers raw in salads or cooked in curries and the seeds like peanuts. Show it off in your conservatory! **16ft (5m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **GTr**

MORNING GLORY. See *Ipomoea*

MORUS – Moraceae

885 £2.65 *M. nigra*. **Black Mulberry**

A small tree with large, heart-shaped leaves and dark red, juicy fruits. The tree has been cultivated for these fruits for many centuries. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **40ft (12m)** **HTr** 🌿

MUSA – Musaceae. *Banana*

With their massive leaves, Bananas are amongst the largest of all herbaceous plants – few plants are so noble. They have few rivals for sub-tropical gardening, for turning your ordinary flower bed into something quite exotic. Few plants are more magnificent as a foliage house plant where they have but one disadvantage – they grow at such an incredible speed, particularly when the weather starts warming up at the start of their second season, they can become something of an embarrassment after a couple of years! With few exceptions, the Bananas are easy to grow – just give them a rich compost, sun, and plenty of water. Soak the seeds 24 hours before sowing.

887A £3.95 *M. ensete* (*syn.* *Ensete ventricosum*). **Abyssinian Banana**

Mature plants have a bottle-shaped trunk bearing a crown of noble, bright green leaves up to 20ft in length with a bright crimson midrib. However, this is one of the hardiest of the Bananas and will succeed in a cool greenhouse, and specimens of a far more modest size have long been used in this country as a summer bedding plant in sheltered situations. The plant yields a hemp-like fibre and, for thousands of years, has been cultivated as a food plant – not for the fruit but for the flowering spike cut before it has emerged and the fermented leaves used in the preparation of a heavy bread – doubtless an acquired taste! Requires heated glass (minimum 41°F (5°C)). **20ft (6m)** Packet of 7 seeds. **GP**

888B £4.95 *M. glauca*. **Snow Banana**

An exciting prospect in every way is this splendid, new-to-cultivation Banana from China (where in Yunnan it can be found happy at 8,800ft), Nepal and India and another species hardy enough to be definitely worth the gamble of trying outdoors with some protection – just think of the neighbours' surprise! With a thick, waxy blue trunk, it bears large and noble, waxy, grey-green leaves, six feet and an awful lot more long. Eventually it produces a ridiculously large, very conspicuous, nodding, banana factory of an inflorescence. Once germinated, given luxury treatment, extremely fast growing – your conservatory just has to have one! **6ft (1.8m)** Packet of 8 seeds. **TP**

887T £3.95 *M. hookerii*

Wow! is our supplier's reaction to this little known, large Banana species, apparently new to cultivation, from mountain forests up to 6,000 ft. in the Himalayas of north eastern India. Well worth risking the odd plant outdoors in the mildest parts of the country with suitable winter protection, it is a fine plant with new leaves tinged with red and purple with purple leaf mid-ribs. Given a rich soil and an abundance of water, it is highly likely to be extremely fast growing – should be fun! **20ft (6m)** Packet of 5 seeds. **HP/HHP**

887D £3.75 *M. velutina* RHS 🌿

This is another plant of more modest proportions – only 4ft or so when fully grown, with shiny, dark green leaves with a red midrib below. The orange-yellow flowers are followed by velvety, bright pink fruits. Requires heated glass (minimum 50°F (10°C)). **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **GP**

MYOSOTIS – Boraginaceae. *Forget-me-not*

Myosotis alpestris

Dense carpets of Forget-me-nots, particularly attractive as a back-cloth to May-flowering Tulips, are a traditional feature of the English garden. Grow some in pots for winter and spring flowering under glass.

▶ 890K £2.25 'White'

A lovely white-flowered Forget-me-not. **1ft (30cm)** **HP/HB** 🌿

▶ 890A £2.25 'Rose'

This is a lovely variety of Forget-me-not with delightful pale rose flowers. **1½ft (40cm)** **HP/HB** 🌿

▶ 890T £2.65 'Compindi'

This is a most attractive dwarf Forget-me-not in a quite exceptional shade of deep blue. Uniform plants which are excellent for bedding, borders and edging and blending well with any neighbours it might acquire. **6ins (15cm)** **HP/HB** 🌿

890C £2.25 *M. arvensis* (= growing in the fields), **True Wild Form.**

Common Forget-me-not

As implied by the English name, this is probably the commonest of the ten native species of Forget-me-not. Beloved by most for its spikes of small bright blue flowers that can be found from April until September, it really needs no description except to say that it is so easily grown you should only ever have to buy one packet of it! **1ft (30cm)** **HA** 🌿







890B £2.45 *M. scorpioides* (*syn.* *M. palustris*), **True Wild Form.**

Water Forget-me-not

This is a delightful native wild flower found in wet places by streams and ponds, with spikes of sky-blue flowers borne from spring until autumn. **1½ft (45cm)** **HP** 🌿

Myosotis sylvatica**'Sylva Series'**

This award-winning series of lovely flowers are spreading, compact plants that form a dense, leaf-eclipsing display of abundant flowers, slightly larger than your average Forget-me-not. Perfect pot plants.


- ▶ **890N** £2.95 **'Bluesylva'** RHS  
Medium-blue flowers. **8ins (20cm) HP/HB**
- ▶ **890M** £2.95 **'Rosylva'** RHS  
Radiant pink flowers. **8ins (20cm) HP/HB**
- ▶ **890P** £2.95 **'Snowsylva'** RHS  
The earliest blooming white Forget-me-not. Miniature snowdrifts of pure white flowers. **8ins (20cm) HP/HB**

MYRRHIS – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae

891B £2.55 **M. odorata. Sweet Cicely**

BEST SELLER

This native, now none too common, wild flower with its ornamental, much-divided, quite delicate, fern-like foliage and crowded umbels of small white flowers followed by decorative seed-heads, has a delicious and distinctive scent of aniseed. It is arguably the most attractive of all umbellifers.

4ft (1.2m) Packet of 12 seeds. **HP** 

NASTURTIUM. See Tropaeolum**NEMESIA – Scrophulariaceae**


Nemesia strumosa (= having cushion-like swellings – you'll have to ask the botanist what he had in mind here!)

Very popular half-hardy annuals with brilliantly coloured flowers; splendid for cutting, they also make attractive pot plants for flowering under glass.

- ▶ **894** £2.25 **'Carnival' Mixed**
Dwarf, compact plants with giant flowers in a range of blazing colours. **8ins (20cm) HA/HHA** 
- ▶ **895C** £2.25 **'Galaxy' Mixed**
Why make do with just one colour per flower when you could have two! Quite simply, 'Galaxy' supplies just this – a lovely mixture of bicolors, and when you think of it, there are few bedding plants offering as many different colours as Nemesia: just think of the number of colour combinations you might have here! **1ft (30cm) HA/HHA** 


NEMOPHILA – Hydrophyllaceae

896 £2.25 **N. menziesii** (*syn.* *N. insignis*). **Californian Bluebell, Baby Blue Eyes**


An easily grown annual and, given a sheltered, partially shaded position, smother themselves all summer with their exquisite, blue-and-white, saucer-shaped flowers. **8ins (20cm) HA** 

NEPETA – Lamiaceae/Labiatae



896B £2.65 **N. cataria** (= pertaining to cats). **True Catmint, Catnip**

This is the true Catmint, the plant so often given this name being in fact *Nepeta mussinii*. It is a greyish plant with a pungently Mint-like smell, and with leaves that are white-woolly beneath, and dense whorls of whitish-purple flowers in summer. The plant was once highly thought of for its medicinal virtues being used in the treatment of such diverse complaints as piles and obstinate coughs. It is also reputed to be one of the strongest mosquito repellents known to man. **3ft (90cm) HP** 

895K £2.35 **N. govaniana**




Distinguished by its loose spikes of large yellow flowers is this aromatic and sticky plant found high (as much as 11,000ft) in the Himalayas. Flowering from June to September and with its large, ovate leaves, this will be a welcome addition to any perennial border. **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP** 

896E £2.65 **N. nervosa** (= with conspicuous veins)




From Kashmir comes this species for border or rockery, forming rounded, bushy plants of narrow, strongly-veined leaves, and bearing dense, cylindrical spikes, up to 9ins long, of numerous clear blue flowers. **2ft (60cm) HP**  

★ **NEW** ★ **897P** £2.45 **N. subsessilis** (= almost stalkless), **'Grand View'**.

Japanese Catmint


This beautiful new catmint variety has particularly large flowers in a range of blue and white colours and will look most impressive in your borders. Robust plants flower easily in the first year from seed. **2ft (60cm) HP**   

895M £2.65 **N. subsessilis, 'Pink Dreams'**

This is a splendid cultivated variety that will add much pleasure to most of your gardening activities. Blooming the first year from seed, 'Pink Dreams' bears, contrasting nicely with the attractive, shiny green leaves, bold heads of brilliant soft and intense pink flowers to which colour is added just a trace of pale yellow. This makes a most unusual yet totally welcome colour combination. Border, rockery and your patio containers will all welcome this plant. **2ft (60cm) HP**   

NICANDRA – Solanaceae


897A £2.25 **N. physalodes. Shoo Fly Plant**

A vigorous plant with handsome, wavy-toothed leaves and attractive pale blue, bell-shaped flowers followed by ornamental papery Chinese lanterns. Branches of these can be dried and used for winter decoration indoors. It owes its common name to the fact that some gardeners believe it to be a deterrent to white-fly if grown along with plants afflicted by this pest. **4ft (1.2m) HA/HHA** 

NICOTIANA – Solanaceae. Tobacco Plant

898F £1.95 **N. affinis** (*syn.* *N. alata grandiflora*)

BEST SELLER

Justly popular for over a century is this splendid plant from southern Brazil bearing all summer and into autumn (even as late as mid-November we have a bed still happily in full flower!) clouds of large, pure white, star-shaped flowers on nicely robust plants. The blooms are open and colourful by day and beautifully fragrant in the evening. Can be grown as a biennial. **3ft (90cm) HHA** 

NICOTIANA

Nicotiana glauca

Very popular bedding plants which produce their long, tube-shaped, sweet-scented flowers, the petals of which form a beautiful five-pointed star, profusely all summer.

▶ 898G £1.95 'Crimson Bedder'

We love to be able to offer old and tried varieties of popular plants and this is just one of those; around for at least 40 or 50 years, 'Crimson Bedder' is a lovely, fairly dwarf variety producing over a long period rich deep crimson blooms. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

▶ 897C £1.95 'Lime Green' RHS 🌱

BEST SELLER

Very popular with the flower arranger and an asset to any border is this strain, producing in generous number flowers in an unusual shade of lime green. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

▶ 898Y £2.45 'Roulette', F2 Hybrid

An outstanding dwarf strain with upward facing flowers in a wide colour range and excellent for bedding. We are also told that they have very good wet weather tolerance so certainly good for growing up in this country. **1ft (30cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

▶ 898 £2.25 'Sensation', Mixed Colours

Wonderful selection with large, fragrant flowers in a range of colours including white, pink, red and wine. The flowers remain open during the day. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

★ NEW ★ 898N £2.45 *N. alata grandiflora*, 'Mojito'

Most statuesque new variety with impressive, large green flowers. As with all *Nicotiana*, these large blooms open in the evening to reveal their especially heady scent. **5ft (1.5m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

899X £2.95 *N. excelsior*

Native to Australia, this impressive plant is characterised by its impressive and strongly perfumed, white, elongated large (3-4ins) trumpet-shaped flowers. On branching stems, the deep green leaves are glabrous and curiously succulent-like. Our breeder's favourite, this annual was the strongest and most beautifully perfumed plant in his garden this summer. **5ft (1.5m) HHA** 🌱

899Q £2.35 *N. glutinosa*

BEST SELLER

Not often offered is this showy species from Peru with grey-green foliage and open bell-shaped, glossy rose-pink flowers. Easy to grow and your bees and butterflies will love it too. **2½ft (75cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

899A £2.45 *N. langsdorffii*, 'Bronze Queen'

BEST SELLER

Unusual, bronze-brown blooms adorn this interesting variety, ready and waiting to be grown, snipped and popped into a vase next summer. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

899J £2.25 *N. langsdorffii*, 'Lemon Tree'

BEST SELLER

This is a fine cultivated form of the increasingly popular plant *N. langsdorffii*, with lemon-coloured blossoms to ornament your border. **5ft (1.5m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

899M £2.35 *N. mutabilis* (= changeable, especially as to colour)

BEST SELLER

The reason we have not come across this wonderful plant before (there are no references to it in the usual horticultural books) is probably because it has only recently been discovered in southern Brazil. With very much branching stems, it bears all summer, nicely arranged over the foliage, a mass of one inch flowers. These start life as pure white, this changes through a veritable colour chart of shades through pale pink to magenta with all of them present on the plant at the same time. Things get better all the time until at the end of summer you're gazing at a billowing mass of bloom. An attractive cut flower. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

900 £2.35 *N. sylvestris* (= growing in woods) RHS 🌱

BEST SELLER

A beautiful plant for a partially shaded position, bearing clusters of drooping, tubular, white, fragrant flowers, 3½ins in length and 1½ins across at the mouth. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **5ft (1.5m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

900A £1.95 *N. sylvestris*, 'Only the Lonely'

A lovely cultivated variety for a partially shaded position. With its towering candelabras handsomely hung with fragrant, long-narrow-tubed flowers all summer long, they will give bold splashes of white at the back of any border. Our supplier says it's a must! May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **5ft (1.5m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

901D £2.25 *N. tabacum*, 'Tobacco Rosa'

Don't place too much reliance on these names! They are really just names of convenience used by our supplier (and supplier's supplier) to identify the plant in question. But don't let that worry you! This is a very splendid and handsome plant; very large, over eight feet high and five feet wide, with large leaves and bearing loose sprays of beautiful, red, funnel-shaped flowers. **8ft (2.4m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

Nicotiana x hybrida

▶ 900N £2.95 'Baby Bella', F1 Hybrid

A prolific bloomer, this is a compact, well-branched variety with deep wine-red flowers. **2ft (60cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

▶ 900E £2.35 'Starlight Dancer'

This is a new colour for this *N. langsdorffii* type. Pretty, white flowers that dance daintily in the breeze borne on tall, slender stems on neat compact plants. **3ft (1m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

▶ 900F £2.95 'Tinkerbell'

BEST SELLER

These flowers have a rather unusual colour combination: the slender green trumpets open out to reveal pinky-red-maroon faces with bright blue stamens at their centres. Tinkerbell must have used extra fairy dust when she cast her spell on these.... **3ft (90cm) HHA** 🌱 🌸

▶ 900G £2.65 'Whisper Mixed', F1 Hybrid

A tall, elegant and floriferous mixture with silvery foliage and flowers in a range of pinks and white. **3ft (1m) HHA** 🌱 🌸

Nicotiana x sanderae

▶ 900D £2.45 'Avalon Lime-Purple'

Attractive flowers with unusual colours – lime-green centres shading to pink-purple towards the edges of the blooms. These plants are compact and well-branched, producing a canopy of flowers. A perfect easy-to-grow bedding plant. **8ins (20cm) HHA** 🌱

'Perfume Series'

Bred for improved disease tolerance and garden performance, the 'Perfume' Series is a breakthrough in *Nicotiana* for landscape use. Vigorous well branched plants with masses of large, 4cm, upward-facing blooms thrive all summer long.

▶ 900H £2.85 'Perfume Blue', F1 Hybrid

Subtle shade of grey-purple with a blue tint. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱

▶ 900J £2.85 'Perfume Bright Rose', F1 Hybrid

Vibrant and fun bright rose pink. **1½ft (50cm) HHA** 🌱

- **900K** £2.85 'Perfume Deep Purple', F1 Hybrid
Rich and ravishing, a stunning dark velvety purple. 1½ft (50cm) HHA 🌱
- **900M** £2.85 'Perfume Lime', F1 Hybrid
Light and bright, lovely shade of lime green. 1½ft (50cm) HHA 🌱

NIGELLA – Ranunculaceae. Love-in-a-Mist**902L** £2.25 *N. bucharica*, 'Blue Stars'

Delicate and pretty lavender-blue, star-shaped flowers borne on deceptively strong, narrow stems. Quick to flower and long lasting in bloom. 2ft (60cm) HA 🌱

Nigella damascena (= from Damascus)

- **902F** £2.25 'Albion Black Pod' **BEST SELLER**
In the summer, this very interesting and unusual Nigella has delicate white flowers with intriguing little green stamens. These are followed by dark, almost black and very ornamental seed capsules as it reaches the end of its season. 1½ft (45cm) HA 🌱

- **902E** £2.25 'Albion Green Pod' **BEST SELLER**
Beautiful pure white flowers with contrasting bright green stamens which develop, once flowering has ended, into green pods (as you might expect!). An interesting addition to fresh and dried arrangements. 1½ft (45cm) HA 🌱

'Persian Jewels'

Introduced over 400 years ago, this popular annual with its very finely divided, feathery leaves and showy flowers, is of the easiest cultivation needing little more than sow and forget. The flowers are splendid for cutting, and the attractive, inflated seed pods can be dried for winter decoration. These are some of our most well-loved and popular flowers in the catalogue.

- **902G** £2.25 **Indigo**
Single-coloured variety in a stunning shade of dark, yet bright, blue. 1½ft (45cm) HA 🌱
- **903Z** £2.25 **Rose**
Really lovely Love-in-a-mist with deep rose flowers, only partially hidden in the mist. A quite charming variety. 1½ft (45cm) HA 🌱

- **903A** £2.25 **Mixed** **BEST SELLER**
Mixture of many shades of blue, rose, pink and white. 1½ft (45cm) HA 🌱

'Miss Jekyll' Series

Miss Gertrude Jekyll, 1843-1932, from Munstead near Godalming in Surrey had interests in furniture carving, silver work, interior design, photography but above all in plants and gardening. She was an active gardener, wore stout boots and, being severely myopic, strong glasses. She developed new strains of plants such as Aquilegias, Primrose and Honesty and wrote many books and articles on her favourite subject.

- **903H** £2.25 'Miss Jekyll' **RHS** 🌱 **BEST SELLER**
In cultivation for many, many years, and for long virtually the only form widely grown, is this beautiful variety with large, semi-double, bright light blue flowers. Hardy throughout the British Isles. 1½ft (45cm) HA 🌱
- **902A** £2.25 'Miss Jekyll White' **RHS** 🌱
This is a beautiful companion plant to 'Miss Jekyll' in which the matching large, semi-double flowers are pure white in colour. Hardy throughout the British Isles. 1½ft (45cm) HA 🌱
- **902C** £2.25 'Miss Jekyll Rose'
Another companion for 'Miss Jekyll'. With large, semi-double blooms, 'Rose' will go very nicely with the other varieties. The flowers of all are followed by decorative, inflated, red-stripped seed pods. 1½ft (45cm) HA 🌱

903D £1.95 *N. hispanica*. **Spanish Fennel Flower**

This is a distinct species from Spain; a very vigorous and showy plant with deeply divided leaves and bearing for most of the summer large, faintly scented, deep blue flowers, 2½ins across, with a cluster of bright red stamens at the centre. Good for cutting. 2ft (60cm) HA 🌱

903K £2.25 *N. orientalis*, 'Transformer'. **Yellow Fennel Flower**

An interesting plant originating in Asia Minor with deep green, deeply cut foliage and small, curiously shaped, yellowish-green flowers. These are followed by curiously shaped seed pods which, if turned back to front are "transformed" (to labour a point!) into a fascinating, autumn-coloured, umbrella shape of which you will be robbed by the family flower arranger for use fresh or dried. 2ft (60cm) HA 🌱

Nigella papillosa

- **903X** £2.35 'African Bride' **BEST SELLER**
This most attractive variety will certainly bring a bridal elegance to your borders with large and beautiful blooms of pure white, horizontally held petals with a contrasting central boss of rich purple-black stamens. A very ornamental plant with the added interest of decorative near-black seed pods. 3ft (90cm) HA 🌱

- **902K** £2.25 'Delft Blue'
This striking variety has white flowers splashed with purple, blue streaks and dark stamens. 2ft (60cm) HA 🌱

- **903T** £2.45 'Midnight'
This is a very handsome variety of the species with gorgeous, velvety, dark purple flowers which are followed by very ornamental, dark purple, spider-like seed pods. Like most of its kin, these flowers are invaluable for flower arranging and the succeeding seed pods none less so. And so easy to grow! 3ft (90cm) HA 🌱

903E £2.25 *N. sativa* (= cultivated). **Black Cumin, Fennel Flower**

This is a delightful and easily grown annual with slightly hairy, finely divided foliage and very pretty whitish or bluish flowers, with reflexed petals, each about 1½in. across. This plant has long, perhaps 2,000 years or more, been cultivated for its edible and aromatic seeds, used for seasoning curries, spreading on bread and generally as a spice in cooking. 1½ft (45cm) HA 🌱

903W £2.65 *Nigella*, **Species and Forms Mixed**

If ever there was a sow and forget item, this is it! A splendid mix with several additional selections, all with lovely misty, feathery foliage and matching, long-lasting hazy blooms. Quick results can be expected: we have sown some bare patches in the garden as late as August with the resulting plants in bloom in early October! 3ft (90cm) HA 🌱

NIGHT-SCENTED-STOCK. See **Matthiola**

OENOTHERA

OENOTHERA – Onagraceae. *Evening Primrose*

912B £2.65 *O. biennis*

Of the several species of *Oenothera* bearing this English name, this introduced and widespread (although apparently decreasing), naturalised wild flower is perhaps the archetypal one. It is an erect, robust plant with leafy stems and long spikes producing a succession of the familiar, primrose-yellow flowers from June until September. One little known fact about this plant is that it was once cultivated, at least in France, as a Salsify-like vegetable with the roots being harvested at the end of the first season. **4ft (1.2m) HB** 🌱

915D £2.55 *O. odorata*

This is a beautiful branching plant for the border, flowering freely the first year from seed, with sweetly-scented flowers, 2ins or more across, that open golden-yellow then turn red. The encyclopaedia tells us these are vespertine – to save you looking that up, it just means opening in the evening – “Vespertine Primrose” doesn’t sound the same, does it? **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱 🌼

915M £2.65 *O. odorata*, ‘Apricot Delight’

“Adorable” is the one word our supplier uses to describe this splendid, back-of-the-border plant. An erect variety, it produces large, three-inch, fragrant saucers of blooms that open yellow then slowly change colour through apricot to pink as they age. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌼

915L £2.95 *O. versicolor*, ‘Sunset Boulevard’

“An absolute smasher” is how our supplier describes this splendid plant bearing lovely flowers that open orange and then gradually change to red, giving a striking display in your border. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌼

OLEA – Oleaceae

916F £2.65 *O. europaea*. *Common Olive*

Cultivated since antiquity is this shrub or small tree with distinctive, glaucous, grey-green, leathery leaves. The small, fragrant, white flowers in summer are followed, needless to say, by Olives. Although only hardy in the milder parts of the country, it is a good subject for bonsai, and one might find it worth growing just in case a supply of Olive branches were ever necessary! **25ft (8m) TSh/TTr** 🌱 🌿

OMPHALODES – Boraginaceae

918 £2.75 *O. linifolia*. *Argentine Forget-me-not*, *Venus’s Navelwort* RHS 🌱

BEST SELLER

A charming little plant with grey-green leaves, and producing its sprays of faintly sweet-scented, pure white flowers (that are excellent for cutting) in great profusion most of the summer. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1½ft (45cm) HA** 🌱

ONOBRYCHIS – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

918D £2.25 *O. viciifolia* (*syn. O. sativa*). *Sainfoin*

This is a most attractive English wild flower (you can find it on chalk grassland in the south of England) with pinnate leaves and dense spikes of pretty pink flowers with darker veins. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱

ONOPORDUM – Compositae/Asteraceae. *Cotton Thistles*

918E £2.65 *O. acanthium*. *Scotch Thistle*

For readers north of the border, this is (said to be) your actual Scottish Thistle as selected by James V, a splendid biennial plant with large prickly leaves covered with long, silvery-white, web-like hairs, and bearing large, pale purple flowers – and if you want to know what these look like, have a look on the back of the old and new 5 pence piece. **6ft (1.8m) HB** 🌱

ORLAYA – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae

922B £2.45 *O. grandiflora*. *White Lace Flower* RHS 🌱 **BEST SELLER**

Found in dry grassy places, vineyards and olive groves in the Mediterranean area, this is a most striking and distinctive annual. With attractive, much-divided, fern-like foliage, it bears over a long period rather lovely, lace-like, pure white umbels. Although of the standard Cow Parsley design, the said lace effect is achieved by the plant distinguishing itself and cleverly making the outer petals of the outer florets eight times longer than the others. A magical variation that looks good in a vase as well. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱 🌼

ORNITHOGALUM (= bird + milk) – Liliaceae. *Star of Bethlehem*

Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of these bulbous plants unless otherwise stated.

★NEW★ 607A £2.45 *O. candicans* (*syn. Galtonia candicans*). *Summer Hyacinth*, *Spire Lily*

A beautiful South African bulbous plant with spikes of bell-shaped, nodding, fragrant, pure white flowers. The plants are statuesque with clump forming strap-shaped leaves. **4ft (1.2m) HBb**

ORYCHOPHRAGMUS – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae

928B £2.25 *O. violaceus*. *Chinese Violet Cress*

A rather fine plant with branching stems and bearing in great profusion racemes of large, violet-blue flowers. These are first produced when the plants are quite small, and, as they grow, so the flowers are produced in ever greater quantity until frost puts an end to this activity. Particularly great for hanging baskets. **2ft (60cm) HHA/HHB**

OSTEOSPERMUM – Compositae/Asteraceae. *African Daisy*

932D £3.95 *O. ecklonis*, ‘Akila Sunset Shades’

We enjoyed growing this variety in our trial garden in the summer of 2019. A wonderful mix of cheerful daisy-like flowers in warm shades of peach, salmon, apricot, dark red, orange and gold. **1ft (35cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HHP** 🌱

932B £3.95 *O. ecklonis*, ‘Ballade’ Mixed

Of all the species in this and very confusingly allied genera, the plants represented by this and similar varieties are those known to the general public as “*Osteospermums*.” This is a rather fine strain producing very compact, bushy plants and bearing over a very long period well into autumn large, sophisticated, daisy-like flowers in shades of purple, rose and white, all with a contrasting dark centre. A great item for flower beds, pots and planters. Usually grown as an annual. **1ft (30cm) HHP**

PAEONIA – Ranunculaceae. Peony

Please note that we have only a limited supply of Paeonia seed, our website will show up to date availability.

943B £4.25 P. cambessedesii. Majorcan Peony RHS 🏆

The Balearic Islands are the home of this beautiful herbaceous species with deep green foliage, purple beneath, bearing in spring superb, strongly perfumed, deep rose-pink flowers, each up to 4ins across. It likes a warm, sheltered spot. This is a fairly hardy plant; snow and ice in the depths of winter do it no harm at all. The only protection required is from heavy rain or continuous rain after buds appear. **1½ft (45cm)** Packet of 7 seeds. **HP**

944A £4.25 P. mlokosewitschii. Molly the Witch, Golden Peony

Even if one can't pronounce the name (you'll have to practise it in the bath), this is one of the classic garden plants. It is a perennial, herbaceous species with glaucous, bluish-green leaves, and bearing in spring glorious, large, single, lemon-yellow flowers up to 5ins. across with numerous golden stamens and purple stigmas. These are followed in autumn by particularly striking seed pods. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 4 seeds. **HP**

PAMIANTHE – Amaryllidaceae/Alliaceae**946E £4.95 P. peruviana**

A superb bulbous plant from Peru producing a large bulb and bearing large and gorgeous, fragrant flowers. Vaguely like a most exotic Daffodil, they are 5 inches or so across and white with a yellowish-green stripe. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 8 seeds. **GBb**

PANDOREA – Bignoniaceae**947D £2.75 P. jasminoides. Bower Vine** RHS 🏆

A beautiful and exotic climber from Australia for the conservatory with shining olive-green foliage and with large, open trumpet-shaped, crimson-throated pale pink flowers. **13ft (4m)** **HHP(CI)**

PANICUM – Poaceae/Gramineae**948C £2.85 P. elegans, 'Sprinkles'****BEST SELLER**

Ethereal, light and airy grass with the appearance of a bonfire night sparkler. Essential for the cut flower garden. **2½ft (80cm)** **HHA** 🌿

949 £2.25 P. miliaceum violaceum (= violet-coloured)

A very attractive ornamental grass with purplish-green, pendulous flower-heads. Very useful for the flower arranger. **3ft (90cm)** **HA** 🌿

948B £2.25 P. virgatum. Ornamental Switch Grass

Native to prairies, open woods and even brackish marshes throughout much of North America, this is a most amenable ornamental grass. Forming clumps of narrow-bladed, mid-green foliage, it bears in late summer profuse, airy panicles, often tinted pink or rose when first opening. The plant turns golden-yellow to buff in autumn and remains smart and attractive all winter into the following spring. Good for cutting. **6ft (1.8m)** **HP** 🌿

PANSY. See Viola x wittrockiana**PAPAVER – Papaveraceae. Poppy**

For an easily grown splash of colour, few flowers can equal Poppies with their flowers produced in profusion throughout the summer. Sow and forget, nearly all will flower in the first year from sowing.

950G £2.65 P. atlanticum. Atlas Poppy

From Morocco comes this very useful and delightful Poppy with densely silky-hairy foliage, and bearing most of the summer pale copper-coloured flowers. A true perennial and sows itself but won't take over the garden unless you want it to. **1½ft (45cm)** **HP** 🌿 🌱 🌼

950X £1.95 P. commutatum. Ladybird Poppy RHS 🏆

In gardens where this plant is grown, it always provokes comment. It has divided foliage and bears numerous brilliant scarlet flowers with central black, ladybird-like blobs. Although only an annual, if it likes your garden, it will seed itself annually for evermore. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1½ft (50cm)** **HA** 🌿 🌱

1209K £2.95 P. heterophyllum (syn. Stylomecon heterophyllum), 'Copper Queen'

This is a fine cultivated variety of this beautiful, very free-flowering plant from western North America. With clusters of deeply cut, grey-green leaves, it bears in profusion in summer somewhat unusual and attractive, Poppy-like flowers an eye-catching coppery-orange in colour. **2ft (60cm)** **HA/HHA**

952D £3.75 P. macrostomum, 'Black Magic'**BEST SELLER**

Native to the Anatolian Plateau in Central Turkey, this is a most rare and exciting Poppy with intense black, eye-catching single flowers. The petals are of the very darkest purple and truly do appear to be black and with contrasting yellow stamens, this is a plant that really is something special.

Please note we expect cultivation of this species to require a little more patience than more common Poppies, though copious, successful self seeding has been reported. Best sown in winter and early spring. **1½ft (45cm)** **HP**

Papaver nudicaule. Iceland Poppy**▶ 952C £3.95 'Champagne Bubbles' Pink, F1 Hybrid**

Lovely dark rosy-pink petals with yellow centres. **1½ft (50cm)** **HA/HP** 🌿 🌱 🌼

▶ 952B £3.95 'Champagne Bubbles' White, F1 Hybrid

Papery white flowers with contrasting yellow centres and stamens. **1½ft (50cm)** **HA/HP** 🌿 🌱 🌼

▶ 951Q £3.95 'Champagne Bubbles' Mixed, F1 Hybrid**BEST SELLER**

Shades of orange, pink, scarlet, yellow and creamy-white. **1½ft (50cm)** **HA/HP** 🌿 🌱 🌼

▶ 953W £2.75 'Wind Song', F2 Hybrid

Superb Poppy variety with extra-large flowers in shades of orange, cream, yellow and white. **1½ft (45cm)** **HA/HP** 🌿 🌱 🌼

Papaver orientale. Oriental Poppy

This is the superb and well known Oriental Poppy that with so little effort brings, with its large, silky petalled flowers, a touch of the exotic into our gardens in early summer.

▶ 954K £2.75 'Coral Reef'**BEST SELLER**

A Poppy in a beautiful, vibrant coral pink. These lovely, large and long-flowering blooms are vigorous and much less prone to flopping as Poppies can be sometimes. It is a long-lived perennial and you will have large plants within 3 years; from a late autumn sowing it will flower in its first summer. Your bees will love it as much as you will. **2½ft (75cm)** **HP** 🌿 🌱 🌼

PAPAVER

▶ **951X £3.45 'Pizzicato'**

This is a superb Gold Medal winning Poppy. Semi-dwarf and thus able better to face with valour storms and gales, it bears in large number as many as twenty hearty stems bearing large and generous blossoms up to six inches and more in a wide range of lovely colours: we'll name them all just to impress you! Red, orange, scarlet, salmon, mauve, pink and white, with each petal marked with the regulation black blob. Great for the border and great for cut flowers. Be honest – you just can't wait to try this one! **1½ft (50cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌻

▶ **951Z £2.95 'Royal Wedding'**

BEST SELLER

You just can't fail to want to fall in love with this superbly beautiful Oriental Poppy. With luxury pure white flowers, each petal has a contrasting, almost black blob at its centre. Your friends and neighbours will be envious! **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌻

950L £2.25 P. pilosum. Hairy-Stemmed Poppy

This is a very fine perennial Poppy found wild among rocks in high mountainous parts of Turkey, with hairy leaves and bearing quite generously loose, many-flowered panicles of (in the strain offered) semi-double, light orange flowers, each 4ins across, in summer. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌻

Papaver rhoeas

▶ **951A £1.95 True Wild Form. Field Poppy**

BEST SELLER

With its brilliant scarlet flowers, usually with a black blob at the base of the petals, this native wild flower needs no introduction and it has become a recognisable symbol of remembrance. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **949F £2.25 True Shirley Poppy**

Originally raised in the 1880's by the Rev. W. Wilks in his garden in Shirley near Croydon, this whole remarkable race comes from one solitary flower he spotted in a waste corner among a patch of the common scarlet field Poppies which had a very narrow edge of white. Over the coming years he worked on the progeny of this one bloom by a process of selection and elimination to give us the Shirley Poppy we know today Ah! But not quite! When later writing on the subject, he set out what might be said to be the specification for his Poppy. He said, "Let it be noticed that true Shirley Poppies (1) are single, (2) always have a white base with (3) yellow or white stamens, anthers and pollen, (4) never have the smallest particle of black about them. Double Poppies and Poppies with black centres may be greatly admired by some, but they are not Shirley Poppies." He reflected, as so may we all, that the world's gardens are furnished with Poppies all the direct descendants of that one single seed capsule harvested in the Shirley vicarage in 1880. So that's what we have here – Poppies the Rev. Wilks would approve of in colours from the brightest scarlet to pure white with all shades of pink between and all varieties of flaked and edged flowers. All that and one of the easiest of plants to grow – just sow and forget, and lots of seeds to do just that. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **951 £1.95 Double Choice, Mixed Colours**

A selection containing double flowers in many shades of pink, scarlet, crimson and white. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **949K £2.25 'Angel's Choir'**

Sometimes known as 'Dawn Chorus', this variety has beautiful, multi-layers of chiffon petals in many soft yet cheerful colours ranging from white to grey via apricot and orange. Indeed a gorgeous Poppy. Very easy to grow just about anywhere. **2½ft (75cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **949Y £2.35 'Bridal Silk'**

This elegant variety bears in summer, silken flowers of pure, sparkling white. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **949Z £2.35 'Falling in Love'**

Romantic semi-double and double flowers in a mix of picotees and bicolors, rose, salmon to coral and red. **2½ft (80cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **951B £2.25 'Mother of Pearl'**

A fascinating strain of this popular hardy annual producing an abundance of flowers in a variety of strange, unusual yet most attractive shades including grey, deep red-tinged grey, dusty pink, grey-blues and blue-greys, speckled whites and more. **1ft (35cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **951K £2.45 'Pandora'**

BEST SELLER

This unique and truly impressive Poppy has beautiful and unusual double blooms in a combination of shades – from the deepest vintage burgundy red to paler pinky-reds, all with exquisite silvery-grey stripes on the lower petals. Flowers all summer long, with the colours changing gradually through the flowering season. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

951H £2.45 P. rupifragum (= rock-breaking, i.e. growing in rock clefts), 'Orange Feathers'. Spanish Poppy

Rarely seen is this double-flowered variety of the Spanish Poppy with multi-petalled, brilliant orange flowers. A first year flowering perennial, this will flower all summer long. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌻

Papaver somniferum

▶ **952N £2.35 'Danish Flag'**

Not to be ignored is this fine Poppy with large, single, scarlet blooms with a central, sharply defined white blotch. The petals are nice and wrinkly and have charmingly fringed edges. **2½ft (75cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **952G £2.35 'Giganteum'**

This is a strain that will be of particular interest to the floral artist as it has been specially selected to give the largest possible seed pods. Highly ornamental, they can be used fresh, or dried for winter decoration. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **952F £2.25 'Hen and Chickens'**

Flower arrangers just won't be able to wait to get their hands on this unusual strain of Poppy. The large, pale lilac flowers that are borne in summer are followed by a curious arrangement of seed pods in which the usual central pod has arising from its base several little seed pods giving the impression of a mother hen surrounded by her brood of little chickens. These pods are very decorative when dried and dyed. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **954F £2.25 'Lauren's Grape'**

BEST SELLER

If you like Poppies, you will certainly want this variety with its crisp, velvety, deep plum-purple petals and attractive grey-blue-green foliage. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **953Z £2.25 'Single Lilac'**

This is a very simple, yet very beautiful single coloured variety of this popular Poppy species. The pinky-lilac flowers have a deeper lilac centre and are followed by very ornamental silvery seed pods. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **954G £2.45 Mixed Varieties**

This is a selection of unnamed varieties of *P.somniferum* for a surprise mix of these pretty Poppies. Included in the mix are single and double flowers in many different colours. Sow and forget and let nature do the rest! **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

Papaver somniferum var. paeoniflorum. Peony Poppy

The very aptly-named Peony-flowered Poppy with gorgeous, very fully double flowers. Try combining colours to make wonderfully eye-catching displays.

▶ **954T £2.45 'Antique Shades'**

Gorgeous selection of blousy, vintage-looking Poppies in a mixture of 3 shades – creamy-white tinged with purple, dark purple and dark salmon-red splodged with cream. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

▶ **952T £2.45 'Black Peony'**

Whilst not being quite black, the silky, fully double blooms of this variety are of the deepest purple and quite stunning. One of our favourites. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

▶ **952M £2.45 'Double Cream'**

Sumptuous and blousy cream blooms of the flouciest kind. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

▶ **★ NEW ★ 953J £2.45 'Flemish Antique'**

Straight from a Jan Davidsz de Heem painting is this very aptly named gorgeous Peony Poppy. With large, fully double blooms, cream in colour and generously veined, striped and splodged with an old-fashioned rosy-red, they will look marvellous in gardens both ancient and modern. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

▶ **954R £2.45 'Frosted Salmon'**

The name of this variety might immediately conjure up images of the fish counter of your local supermarket, but you must remove this picture and replace it with one of a beautiful, large double flower with ruffled, frilly, peachy-pink petals edged in a pale creamy-white. Think more raspberry ripple ice-cream than fish. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

▶ **954P £2.45 'Pale Rose'**

Charming and very pretty shade of palest rose pink for the freshest country garden look. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

▶ **★ NEW ★ 953Y £2.45 'Purple Peony'**

Frothy blooms in light and dark shades of antique violet-purple. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

▶ **952Y £2.45 'Scarlet Peony'**

This is a splendid, exotic variety with silky, fully double blooms of a very bright, uniform scarlet colour. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

▶ **952 £2.45 Mixed Colours**

Great selection in a wide range of colours. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

Papaver somniferum laciniatum. Fringed Peony Poppy

These wonderful double and semi-double flowers are frilled with numerous finely cut (lacinated) petals giving a lovely frothy effect. Like other Poppies, these are very easy to grow – direct sow in spring or autumn, just scatter the seeds through borders and along edges and wait for the impressive flowers!

▶ **954J £2.45 'Black Swan'****BEST SELLER**

This variety has dramatic, finely cut petals in shining dark burgundy red, almost black. A stand out variety in flower trials. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

▶ **954N £2.45 'Lilac Pompom'**

Super Poppy with grey-green foliage bearing voluminous flowers with frilly and feathery pinky-lilac petals. **3ft (90cm) HA** 🌱 ☞

PASITHEA – Liliaceae▶ **★ NEW ★ 958D £2.95 P. caerulea**

Named after one of the Greek Graces, Pasithea (who out of interest was married to Hypnos, God of Sleep), this is a very interesting and rarely seen native plant from Chile. It is a genus of a single species with long, slender-pointed, grass-like leaves and very decorative, vivid royal blue flowers with contrasting yellow stamens. These are held on 2ft tall flowering stems which are wiry, strong and with multiple branchlets. **2ft (60cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HHBb** ☞

PASSIFLORA – Passifloraceae. Passion Flower

A large genus of several hundred species of climbing (with tendrils) plants nearly all from the New World, and most bearing fascinating flowers which must be amongst the most wonderful and beautiful to be found in the floral kingdom. Although recounted in most references to the genus, the story behind the name is still worth repeating here. The early Spanish missionaries in South America saw in the flower the instruments of Christ's Passion – the central column (gynandrophore) represented the scourging post, the three stigmas the three nails, the five stamens the five wounds, the corona filaments the crown of thorns, the calyx the nimbus or halo of glory, and the ten petals the Apostles – Peter and Judas being absent. They are very easy to raise from seed and very vigorous – given half a chance, they will take over your greenhouse. They grow well in pots and flowers are often produced in succession throughout the summer.

▶ **959C £2.95 P. caerulea (= dark blue) (good fruiting variety) RHS** 🌱

The hardiest and most popular of the Passion Flowers, with slightly fragrant, white and blue flowers, 3 or 4ins across. We have seen this growing in the open further north in this country than might be expected possible from reading most references to its hardiness. Indeed, it is flourishing and has fruited in Cumbria. **35ft (10m) HP(CI)**

▶ **960 £3.25 P. edulis (= edible) (good fruiting variety). Purple Granadilla**

Vigorous climber with deeply 3-lobed leaves and fascinating and beautiful flowers, 2½ins diameter, white banded purple. Although tender, it may survive if planted against a sunny, sheltered, south-facing wall where it may produce its purple, edible fruit after a long hot summer. **30ft (9m) HHP(CI)**

▶ **961A £3.95 P. racemosa. Red Passion Flower RHS** 🌱

We are excited to be offering this glorious evergreen climber with stunning dark crimson flowers with contrasting dark purple and white filaments. **16ft (5m) Packet of 8 seeds. GP(CI)**

▶ **960R £3.95 P. vitifolia (good fruiting variety). Vine-leaved Passion Flower**

That oh-so-dull-why-did-anyone-bother English name quite conceals the dazzling nature of this fantastic species, quite the finest of the scarlet-flowered Passion Flowers. A vigorous vine, it freely produces from May to early autumn spectacular, very fragrant, bright red or scarlet flowers up to 7½ins across (both a size and colour seen not that often in the floral kingdom). And as if that was not enough, these are followed by beautifully mottled, greenish-yellow fruits which, as a final bonus, are edible with a very fragrant, white flesh used as a pudding or for making refreshing drinks. **20ft (6m) Packet of 10 seeds. GP(CI)**

PASTINACA

PASTINACA – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae

960G £2.15 P. sativa. Wild Parsnip

This native wild flower is the parent of the garden parsnip, but you'd never guess. Found particularly in grassy places, especially on chalk, it is a fairly typical Umbelliferous plant, but with umbels of bright yellow flowers on delicate but very robust stems. Surprisingly brilliant for cutting, we add a few from the garden to a vase and they last for days and days. Do handle wild parsnip plants with care, as they may cause burns to the skin. **4ft (1.2m) HP/HB** 🌱 🌿

PATRINIA – Valerianaceae

961M £2.85 P. scabiosifolia. Golden Valerian, Golden Lace BEST SELLER

Doubtless you already have some plants of the increasingly popular *Verbena bonariensis* in your garden and are wondering about a companion plant for them. Well this is it! From sunny, grassy spots on the hills and mountains of Japan, this (although unrelated) is just like a yellow-flowered version of the *Verbena*. With erect stems and coarsely toothed leaves that, as a rather special bonus, turn an outstanding orangey-red in autumn, it bears from summer to October lots of many-flowered umbels of bright golden-yellow flowers. Good for cutting. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱 🌿

PAULOWNIA – Scrophulariaceae

962 £1.95 P. tomentosa (syn. P. imperialis). Foxglove Tree, Princess Tree

RHS 🌱

A very fine tree with beautiful, soft, downy, large leaves. The Foxglove-like flowers appear in spring and although fairly hardy throughout the British Isles, the buds are formed in autumn and can be damaged by late frosts. An excellent use of this plant is the production of "stooled" specimens giving perhaps the most magnificent of all foliage dot plants. All growth is cut down to ground level each March and the resultant suckers reduced to a single shoot. The result is a strong, erect growth rising to 10ft and bearing huge and handsome leaves, producing a most striking effect. Very easy from seed. **40ft (12m) HT**

PELARGONIUM – Geraniaceae

We feel we should point out that when it comes to seed production, Pelargoniums are downright mean. Unlike lots of other flowers that provide them in their own containers neatly packed with an abundance, Pelargoniums have a rule: one flower, one seed, that's your lot. And then it has to be hand-picked. Hence the meanness of our packets. Sorry!

963F £3.25 Pelargonium, F2 Hybrids, Choice Mixed Colours

This colourful mixture contains scarlet, pink, rose, salmon and white as well as some most attractive bicolors. An early sowing will give plants in flower ready to plant out in early summer. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱

965J £3.65 P. x hortorum, 'Horizon Appleblossom', F1 Hybrid

Lovely flowers coloured in shades of soft, blush pink. This is an early, prolific and free-flowering series of Pelargoniums with uniform plants, perfect for brightening up your pots and borders. **1½ft (40cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HHP** 🌱

PENNISETUM – Poaceae/Gramineae

964Q £2.95 P. alopecuroides. Chinese Fountain Grass

This is a stately, clump-forming, ornamental grass bearing in late summer long-lasting, cigar-shaped flower-heads very decoratively adorned with purple bristles and particularly beguiling in the morning dew. **3ft (90cm) HP**

965B £3.85 P. orientale. Oriental Fountain Grass RHS 🌱

No self-respecting flower arranger should be without this very fine and useful ornamental grass from Central Asia! A clump-forming species, it has the virtue of continuously producing its very decorative flower-heads from as early as June to as late as October. These cylindrical heads are rosy-pale violet at first before expanding and turning to light brown. Excellent for cutting **2½ft (75cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP** 🌿

965M £2.95 P. thunbergii, 'Red Buttons'

With grasses becoming increasingly popular we think you'll like this one. It produces masses of dark red fluffy flower-heads above the bright green foliage that look graceful swishing in the breeze. It appreciates a well-drained spot in the sun and will provide excellent cutting material, both fresh and dried. **3ft (1m) HP** 🌿

966 £2.65 P. villosum (syn. P. longistylum). Feather Top, Chinese Fountain Grass RHS 🌱 **BEST SELLER**

A small yet delightful version of Fountain Grass, with the flower-heads being somewhat fluffy. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **2ft (60cm) HHP** 🌿

PENSTEMON – Scrophulariaceae. Beard-Tongue

Penstemon barbatus

'Twizzle' Series

This stunning range has long spikes of graceful flowers on strong upright stems, much taller than other Penstemons. The superb flowering performance will provide you with blooms from July to September. Beautiful border plants but also make a brilliant centrepiece for containers. Prefers a sunny spot and well-drained soil.

▶ **967P £2.85 'Twizzle Blue'**

A vivid, violet-blue. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿 🌱

▶ **967M £2.85 'Twizzle Coral'**

BEST SELLER

Beautiful, dark peachy-pink coral bells, this is the understated colour in the 'Twizzle' range, but perhaps our favourite. **2½ft (80cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿 🌱

▶ **967N £2.85 'Twizzle Purple'**

Rich and vibrant, very dark pink-purple. Very eye-catching. **2½ft (80cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿 🌱

▶ **967L £2.85 'Twizzle Scarlet'**

Flaming flowers of a vibrant scarlet. Winner of a Fleuroselect Gold Medal for 2017. **2½ft (80cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿 🌱

▶ **967Q £2.85 'Twizzle White'**

A white variety to add to the collection **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿 🌱

966C £2.65 P. cobaea. Showy Beard-Tongue

A pretty perennial native to the central United States with large snapdragon-like flowers in colours ranging from purple to paler lilac to white with attractive markings. **1½ft (50cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

968G £2.75 P. digitalis, 'Firecracker'

With bronze rosettes of foliage in early spring, this lovely variety produces numerous bronze stems bearing over a long period in early summer heads of large, light lavender-pink flowers. These will be enjoyed equally between butterflies, humming birds (that you should be that lucky!) and flower arrangers. **2½ft (80cm) HP** 🌿

971F £2.75 P. whippleanus, 'Chocolate Drop'

One of the most striking of the Penstemons is this species from the mountains of the western USA. With soft green, lance-like leaves, it bears in late summer leafy spikes of large and bulging flowers that are a highly fashionable and desirable rich dark purple to deep burgundy in colour (although some may bloom in different colours some of which themselves can be unusual such as greyish-blue). **2ft (60cm)** 🌿

972F £2.65 Penstemon, Border Mix

Over the last couple of years or so Penstemons have come into the limelight and they have become those plants you would most like to have your neighbours see in your border! This packet is just what you want to give you a head start in achieving that goal – many different species in an amazing assortment of colours and flower markings. A glance at the other species we offer will give you the general idea! **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌿

PEROVSKIA – Lamiaceae/Labiatae

974M £3.35 P. atriplicifolia, 'Blue Steel'

BEST SELLER

This is a replacement for the previously well-loved 'Taiga' and we have been reliably informed that it is an even better performer. Flowering the first year from seed, it produces in late summer and early autumn long spikes of countless, small, tubular, deep sky-blue flowers. A splendid border plant either singly or en masse to give a large splodge of colour that the bees will not be able to resist. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿 🌻

PERSICARIA (= many knee-joints) (syn. Polygonum) – Polygonaceae

1026H £2.25 P. capitatum, 'Afghan'. Pink Pinheads

This is a splendid cultivated variety of this Himalayan plant forming neat mats of ornamental leaves, dark green infused with a touch of dark maroon and with each leaf marked neatly with a single (lance-corporal's!) chevron of solid dark maroon. The small, globular heads, each ½ inch or so across, are composed of a myriad tiny pink flowers, each of exquisite beauty when viewed through a hand lens, and are borne from June until cut down by frosts. Although possibly only half-hardy and best grown as an annual, it seeds itself so easily that the writer is not able to say with any certainty whether the plants he is looking at out of the window as he writes (end of October and still in flower!) are this year's seedlings or survivors from the last few years. P.S. Another of the writer's wife's favourites! **6ins (15cm) HHA/HHP** 🌻

Persicaria orientalis. Prince's Feather, Kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate

Popular in Victorian times, this beautiful hardy annual is enjoying something of a rediscovery. It is a stately, tall-growing (or, as one author put it, "as high as the fence!"), much branched, hairy plant with large, broad, pointed leaves. Graceful, arching stems of drooping sprays of densely clustered, sugar-pink flowers are borne in late summer/early autumn. Unusual cut flower of the very easiest cultivation and frequently self-sows itself.

▶ **1027H £2.45 'Cerise Pearls'**

BEST SELLER

Slightly shorter and more manageable than the type species, this cultivated variety is loaded with flower spikes of many rosy red blooms. Best when direct seeded in the garden. **4½ft (1.4m) HA** 🌿

▶ **1027G £2.95 'Shiro-Gane-Nishi'**

Rarely seen variety with leaves attractively variegated with creamy-white. **6ft (1.8m) HA** 🌿

PETREA – Verbenaceae

★ **NEW** ★ **975R £2.75 P. volubilis (= twining). Blue Bird Vine**

One of the most distinctive and beautiful of climbers for the greenhouse is this fine plant originating in Central America. It bears in spring long racemes of lilac, five-pointed flowers (actually the calyx) surrounding a deep violet centre (the true flower). **35ft (10m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **GCI**

PETUNIA – Solanaceae

974D £2.95 P. axillaris. Large White Petunia, Rainmaster

We have a highly imaginative English name for this one: Large White Petunia – and, no, we didn't make it up – thank goodness! Very distinctive and very rarely seen is this tall plant from Argentina. With erect stems and large, oval, sticky hairy leaves, it bears sweet-scented, dark-veined white flowers, each two inches or so across. These are very tolerant of rain but, above all, the plant is well worth growing just for the fragrance of these flowers. **2ft (60cm) HHP** 🌱

Petunia grandiflora

'Sophistica' Series

A range of Petunias with ruffled blooms in unique colourways.

▶ **977W £4.15 'Sophistica Blackberry', F1 Hybrid**

A sumptuous, velvety dark reddish-purple, almost black variety. **1½ft (40cm)** Packet of 12 pelleted seeds. **HHA**

▶ **977R £4.15 'Sophistica Lime Green', F1 Hybrid**

A lovely, hard to find, vibrant lime green, in a solid shade (rather than the graduated or veined colours usually associated with Petunias). **1½ft (40cm)** Packet of 12 pelleted seeds. **HHA**

▶ **977Q £2.75 'Eagle Mixed', F1 Hybrid**

Of all summer bedding plants, few can equal the modern F1 hybrid Petunias for a reliable, colourful display, and we feel sure that you will find this mixture gaining appreciative comments from the neighbours. 'Eagle' is an extra early, floriferous garden performer producing lots of large flowers, 3ins across, on compact, well balanced plants. It includes an extensive range of colours including plum, salmon, pink, rose, blue and white, some with attractive veining. When transplanting your seedlings (and, incidentally, this applies to a good number of cultivated flowers), remember to prick out both large and small to retain the mixture's balance. Ideal for hanging baskets, containers and bedding. **1ft (30cm) HHA**

PETUNIA

977P £3.95 *P. grandiflora pendula*, 'Explorer Scarlet', F1 Hybrid

From the award-winning 'Explorer' Series, this is a splendid spreading and cascading Petunia with brilliant scarlet flowers, 2-3ins across, with the petals having a shiny, iridescent waxy texture which readily repel water and thus recovering well after rainstorms. Very floriferous, it makes a stunning plant for hanging baskets, window boxes, containers and landscaping, exploring around 3ft of the space around it. **8ins (20cm)** Packet of 12 pelleted seeds. **HHA**

976A £2.15 *P. pendula*, Mixed

For hanging baskets, balconies and window sills, this is a lovely mixture of plants with long, pendulous branches clothed with medium-sized flowers in a wide range of colours. **8ins (20cm)** **HHA**

Petunia x hybrida 'Tidal Wave' Series

This outstanding spreading Petunia grows quickly forming a shrub-like shape. It will provide you with masses of flowers in a large pot or give it a fence to climb and it will wind around it creating a very colourful and floriferous hedge.

▶ 977X £4.55 'Tidal Wave Red Velour', F1 Hybrid

A bold, vibrant and rich red. **1½ft (50cm)** Packet of 10 pelleted seeds. **HHA**

▶ 977Y £4.55 'Tidal Wave Silver', F1 Hybrid

Silvery, white blooms with a hint of pinky-purple. **1½ft (50cm)** Packet of 10 pelleted seeds. **HHA**

PEUCEDANUM – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae

976T £2.65 *P. verticillare*

This is a stately plant for the (very) back of the border or indeed almost qualifying for a bed of its own. Emerging pink in spring, it produces ruby-red stems of two inch scaffolding proportions clad with large, lightly bluish-pruinose (frosted), triangular leaves and bears huge umbels of yellow-green flowers. A plant to impress the neighbours! **8ft (2.4m)** **HP/HB**

PHACELIA – Hydrophyllaceae

976B £2.25 *P. campanularia* (= bell-shaped). *Desert Bluebell, California Bluebell*

An excellent reason which alone would justify growing this beautiful little annual is the intense deep blue colour of the bell-shaped flowers which is comparable to the finest of the Gentians. The plant does well in poor sandy soil and makes a splendid pot plant. The flowers are produced over a long period. **10ins (25cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

977A £1.95 *P. tanacetifolia*. *Lacy Phacelia, Fiddleneck* **BEST SELLER**

An erect, hairy annual with finely cut leaves and very dense, curved spikes of small, soft lavender, bell-shaped flowers which are enjoyed by bees. Very easy to grow and very worthwhile growing.

We also recommend this as a Green Manuring Plant – see item 5040G. **3ft (90cm)** **HA/HHA**



PHALARIS – Poaceae/Gramineae

979 £2.25 *P. canariensis*. *Canary Grass* **BEST SELLER**

Most attractive ornamental grass with oval flower-heads, white with green veins, often tinged bright violet. **3ft (1m)** **HA** ✂️

PHLOMIS – Lamiaceae/Labiatae

984A £3.25 *P. russeliana* (*syn.* *P. viscosa*). *Turkish Sage, Jerusalem Sage*

RHS 🏆

A rather splendid plant from Syria with very large (described in one old encyclopaedia as "very ample"), deeply heart-shaped, wrinkled leaves, and bearing in early summer somewhat hairy, yellow flowers in large whorls containing as many as 50 individual blooms. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **5ft (1.5m)** **HP** 🌱

★NEW★ 984D £2.65 *P. tuberosa*

From sunny, open sites in Central and South-eastern Europe comes this robust perennial with large, somewhat downy leaves and bearing in summer numerous, dense, many-flowered whorls of unusual and beautiful, pale purplish-rose flowers. The roots bear small tubers which are evidently enjoyed by the Kalmyks from north-west of the Caspian Sea. **6ft (1.8m)** **HP** 🌱 ✂️

PHLOX – Polemoniaceae

One of the favourite summer bedding annuals. With their large, clustered heads in great profusion from June to September, they are now available in a wonderful array of colours from bright to subtle. All are splendid for cutting and have a lovely scent.

Phlox drummondii grandiflora

▶ 986H £2.25 'Alba' **BEST SELLER**

A pure white variety. **1½ft (50cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 985Y £2.25 'Blushing Bride'

A beautiful combination of blush pink and silvery white. **1½ft (50cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 985D £2.25 'Brilliant'

At least as old as the last century is this fine, enduring variety with dense clusters of bright, dark-eyed rose flowers. And, of course, good for cutting. **1½ft (45cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 985T £2.75 'Cherry Caramel'

Delightful and unusual flowers in a range of subtle and antiquey caramel and rosy-pink blooms with bold darker pinky-red central stars. Very long flowering season and of course, perfect for cutting. Winner of a Fleuroselect Award. **2ft (60cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 986P £2.25 'Coccinea'

Fiery-red long flowering blooms. **1½ft (45cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 985N £2.25 'Crème Brûlée'

BEST SELLER

We love the unusual colour combinations and patterns of this Phlox including dusky-pinks and peachy-creams bringing to mind the most indulgent of puddings. **1½ft (45cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 985Z £2.25 'Isabellina'

Phlox continues to increase in popularity and this is a super addition to our range with its creamy, buttery flowers. It would look good grown alongside our favourites, 'Crème Brûlée' and 'Cherry Caramel'. **2ft (60cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 985Q £2.45 'Sugar Stars'

Award-winning, striking flowers in shades of indigo-blue with white, star-shaped central stripes. Stunning and most fragrant, flowering all summer long. **2ft (60cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ **986Q £1.95 Tall Mixed****BEST SELLER**

This is a lovely selection that stood out at trials, a range of bright and more subdued pinks, some bicolored, alongside white flowers – some with pink eyes. Very easy and economical, great cut flowers. **1½ft (45cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **★ NEW ★ 986W £2.35 'Tapestry Field Grown Mix'**

Lovely mix in a range of subtle colours. **1½ft (45cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

Phlox drummondii, 'Beauty' Series

This series features all the lovely floriferous qualities of the *Phlox grandiflora*, but on a slightly dwarfed scale – more compact plants, still wonderful for cutting – small but perfectly formed.

▶ **986R £2.25 'Cecily Mixed'**

Gorgeous selection of pink and white *Phlox*, from palest pink with white centres, salmon with white and red centres and more vibrant carmine and magentas. **1ft (35cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **985M £2.25 'Phlox of Sheep'****BEST SELLER**

This is a very attractive mixture of soft pastel blooms – cream, orange, yellow, pink and white – shades and bicolors. These really are beautiful, traditional cottage garden flowers of the highest quality. **1ft (35cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **986T £2.25 'Salmon Beauty'**

Beautiful clear dark salmon pink with white eyes. **1ft (30cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

Phlox drummondii cuspidata

These are unusual yet very fun varieties – flowers in a range of bright sweet shop colours, purple, magenta and light, bright and darker pinks with white centre stars and a distinctive white edging. The “twinkle” in the eye of these flowers, and the star of the show, is the elongated, feathery points on the petals of most flowers (5 on each flower) creating a magical effect.

▶ **986N £1.95 Tall Mixed**

More statuesque stars, excellent for cutting. **1½ft (50cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **985W £2.25 'Twinkling Beauty'**

Twinkle twinkle little stars – compact form of these fun and attractive flowers. **10ins (25cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

985A £3.15 P. paniculata (syn. P. decussata)

This splendid plant for the herbaceous border is the well known perennial *Phlox*, with dense heads of colourful flowers carried on strong stems. This is a cultivated strain with blooms in a variety of shades including mauve, white, red and pink. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

PHRAGMITES (From the Greek for screen, fence or breastwork – no; we didn't know what that word meant either and had to look it up: it's a temporary defence or parapet.) – **Poaceae/Gramineae**

989B £2.45 P. australis (syn. P. communis). Common Reed

House need re-thatching? Then this is your plant! Long valued for this purpose is this well-known, vigorous species often forming extensive screens along ditches, lakes and the like. From its widely creeping roots, it produces long, long stems bearing grey-green leaves up to 2ins wide. The handsome, drooping, dark purplish-brown panicles of flowers, up to 18ins long, appear in summer. **12ft (4m) HP**

PHYSALIS – Solanaceae**991P £2.25 P. alkekengi var. franchetii, 'Gigantea'**

This is a splendid variety which produces the largest orange paper Chinese lanterns that will impress viewers when seen fresh in your garden and equally when cut and dried and used in floral arrangements – just right for Christmas! **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

Physalis peruviana. See **CAPE GOOSEBERRY** in **The VegBook**

PHYSOSTEGIA – Lamiaceae/Labiatae**991C £2.40 P. virginiana, 'Crown of Snow'. Obedient Plant** (So called because the individual flowers remain in any position into which they may be pushed)

A rather splendid plant for the border with (in the strain we offer) spikes of pure white, tubular flowers produced freely from July to September. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

991H £2.40 P. virginiana, 'Rose Crown'

Another splendid plant, similar to 'Crown of Snow', but with spikes of rosy-pink coloured flowers throughout the summer. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

PICEA (= pitch) – Pinaceae**994 £3.15 P. abies (syn. P. excelsa). Norway Spruce**

The most common Spruce in cultivation and the one nearly always used as Christmas trees. Spruce beer is made from the distillate of shoots and leaves mixed with treacle. **130ft (40m) HTr**

997A £3.15 P. omorika. Serbian Spruce RHS 🌱

From limestone rocks in the Balkans comes this superb and beautiful tree, one of the most adaptable Spruces for growing in these Islands, equally at home on chalk soils or deep acid peats, in town or in country. It grows relatively quickly to form a most graceful, slender, spire-like or narrowly conic-shaped tree. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **130ft (40m) HTr**

PIMPINELLA – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae**1001R £2.85 P. major, 'Rosea'****BEST SELLER**

A charming light and airy Cow Parsley-like plant bearing umbels of tiny rosy-pink flowers on strong, wiry stems. **2½ft (80cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

PINUS – Pinaceae**1012 £3.25 P. pinea. Umbrella Pine, Stone Pine** RHS 🌱

A very distinct tree with umbrella-shaped head of spreading branches. Seeds large and edible. Suitable for sandy soils. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **65ft (20m) Packet of 9 seeds. HTr** 🌱

1014 £2.95 P. sylvestris. Scots Pine


Our only native Pine. It can be grown in all types of soil and combines beauty with utility. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **115ft (35m) HTr** 🌱

PLATYCODON


PLATYCODON – Campanulaceae

Platycodon grandiflorus. Balloon Flower

With its handsome silvery-green foliage and balloon-like buds which burst into shallow, blue, bell-shaped flowers during summer, this is one of those indispensable plants for the herbaceous border. Nice and easy to grow. Hardy throughout the British Isles.

▶ **1017F £2.65 'Florist Blue'** RHS 

A particularly fine strain especially bred for the production of cut flowers with beautiful, long-stemmed, blue blooms. **2½ft (75cm) HP**  

▶ **1017J £2.65 'Florist', Mixed** RHS 

A mixture containing pink, blue and white flowers. **2½ft (75cm) HP**  

PLECTRANTHUS – Lamiaceae/Labiatae

1018D £3.75 Plectranthus, Mixed Species




This is a fine mix of several species of these attractive and ornamental plants that make splendid subjects for home or conservatory or for bedding outside in summer. Of rapid growth, they make handsome specimens in but a few months yet can be constrained by pruning as convenient in a medium-sized pot. Included are such species as *P. fruticosus* with decorative leaves with purple reverse and spikes of pale pink flowers, *P. hadiensis* var. *tomentosus* with large woolly leaves, and *P. rehmannii*, a semi-succulent, aromatic shrub with white flowers. **7ft (2.1m) Packet** of 11 seeds. **HSh**

POLEMONIUM – Polemoniaceae. *Jacob's Ladder*




1024A £2.35 P. caeruleum (= blue, especially the deep blue of the

Mediterranean sky at mid-day – happy thought!). **Blue Pearl** **BEST SELLER**

A beautiful native wild flower of grassy slopes on limestone, and popular border perennial, is this plant with attractive pinnate foliage, and freely bearing in early summer and over a long period, panicles of lovely azure-blue flowers. Sown early will flower in as little as three months from seed. **3ft (90cm)**


HP   

1024F £2.65 P. caeruleum, 'White Pearl'

Equally speedy and equally long-flowering, this is the pure white flowered cultivated counterpart of 'Blue Pearl'. **3ft (90cm) HP**   

1024J £2.50 P. yezoense hidakanum, 'Purple Rain'. Japanese *Jacob's*

Ladder

Originating from a single plant spotted in a group of normal, green-leaved, plants, 'Purple Rain' has exceptional foliage – a fine, basal, purple rosette from which arise the stems of most attractive ladders. The flowers are rather special as well: large and lovely, one inch across, they are borne in loose sprays and are a rich lilac and make a very fashionable colour combination with the foliage. Seedlings will vary in the depth of purple coloration – choose the ones you like best! Purple coloration may vary according to the season. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 

POLYGONUM. See *Persicaria*

POPPY. See *Papaver*

PORTULACA – Portulacaceae

Portulaca grandiflora

Given a hot, dry summer, these beautiful border or rock garden plants form a dense carpet of colour with their brilliant flowers. Grow as half-hardy annual, and pot one or two up for a sunny window-sill.

▶ **1028A £2.25 Single Mixed**


In an age where plant breeders vie with one another to produce bigger and better, more and more double flowers, the fact that there are still many folk around who prefer the simpler forms of things has been quite overlooked, and it would seem few firms now offer the single form of *Portulaca*. Simple flowers in a wide range of brilliant colours produced from July to October. Incidentally, it can be sown in place in May or June – with over 1,000 seeds in each packet, you can afford a few losses! **6ins (15cm) HHA**

▶ **1029C £2.25 Double Mixed**

Mixture of almost 100% double flowers in a very wide range of striking colours, including yellow, orange, scarlet and violet. **6ins (15cm) HHA**

POTENTILLA (= powerful; from its alleged medical properties) – Rosaceae

1032A £2.65 P. nepalensis, 'Miss Willmott'

This form is a charming plant for the front of the border, and its panicles of bright rosy-crimson – an unusual colour – in summer will be a most attractive and useful asset to your garden. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1ft (30cm) HP** 

1032Y £2.25 P. thurberi, 'Monarch's Velvet'

Superb *Potentilla* variety with smart, palmate foliage divided into neatly saw-edged leaflets, it bears gorgeous, expensively coloured, saucer-shaped blooms with deep velvety – just-right-for-a-party – red centres diffusing somewhat abruptly to a rich raspberry-red surround to give a rather distinguished two-coloured effect. **2½ft (75cm) HP**

PRIMULA (= diminutive of primus, first) – Primulaceae

See also **Polyanthus**

This huge genera contains over 500 species of, without exception, beautiful and attractive flowers.

1034C £2.85 P. alpicola (= dweller in high mountains). **Moonlight Primrose**

RHS 

Found only in the Tsangpo river basin in south-eastern Tibet at an altitude as high as 15,000ft, where it grows in marshy ground and damp meadows, is this beautiful and graceful plant with long stalks bearing one or two umbels of numerous, fragrant, broad-funnel-shaped flowers, each an inch across, that can be white, yellow, purple or violet. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

1035 £2.95 P. auricula. Auricula, Bear's-Ear RHS

For well over 350 years, man has worked on "improving" the *Auricula* and yet, for all the beauty of the many cultivated forms of this flower, none can surpass the beauty of this, the original wild form from the limestone regions of the Alps. It is an enchanting plant with loose rosettes of fleshy, more or less farinose (i.e. powdery) leaves, bearing in late spring clusters of fragrant, yellow, white-throated flowers. **6ins (15cm) HP**

1035A £2.75 P. beesiana. Bee's Primrose, Candelabra Primrose RHS 


A candelabra Primula from Yunnan in China with rosy-purple flowers with a yellow eye in several many-flowered whorls carried at intervals around the 2ft high scape. Grow it in moist soil and partial shade, where it will soon naturalise itself. Early summer. **2ft (60cm) HP**

1035K £2.85 P. x bullesiana

To save you the bother of D.I.Y. plant breeding, this is the hybrid of *P. beesiana* and *P. bulleyana*. You can expect beautiful candelabra Primulas in a wide range of colours including yellow, red, lilac and apricot. Incidentally, when pricking out, prick out some of the diddy little seedlings as well as the big ones – they may produce the best colours. **2½ft (75cm) HP**

1035B £2.85 P. bulleyana. Bulley's Primrose RHS 

Coming from the same part of the world as *P. beesiana*, it is a somewhat similar plant for similar conditions except that the flowers are orange, shaded apricot. (The two species have in fact been crossed and given rise to seedlings with a wide range of colours – see *P. x bullesiana*.) Why not get them both and try your hand at a spot of plant breeding? **2ft (60cm) HP**

1035F £2.85 P. chionantha (= having snow-white flowers). **Japanese Hardy Primrose** RHS 

From Yunnan in southern China comes this superb Primula forming an upright tuft of thin, whitish-green, strap-shaped leaves, and bearing in spring very stout stems with up to four umbels of numerous, yellow-eyed, white flowers. These have a delightful fragrance of vanilla. **2½ft (75cm) HP**

1037A £2.95 P. denticulata, 'Ronsdorf' Hybrids. Drumstick Primula, Tooth-leaved Primrose

This is a very fine cultivated strain with perfectly shaped, spherical heads of flowers in various shades of blue, lilac, rose and white. **1ft (30cm) HP**

1036A £2.95 P. denticulata var. alba, 'Snowball'

An attractive variety with white flowers with a yellow eye. **1ft (30cm) HP**

1037E £2.95 P. elatior, 'Crescendo Orange'

Gorgeous bright and shiny Primula in a shade of vibrant orange – we love this. The product of superior breeding, you will have uniform, long-flowering and very high quality plants. **8ins (20cm)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HP**

1037B £2.85 P. elatior, True Wild Form. Oxlip, Paigle RHS 

The beautiful and exquisite Oxlip. Far rarer than the Primrose or Cowslip, it is found only in a few counties in the east of the country (strangely enough, in the one small area it is abundant, the Primrose is absent), it carries its Primrose-like flowers in Polyanthus-like heads. As we say for the Cowslip and Primrose, no garden should be without a few of these glorious plants. **1ft (30cm) HP**

1039B £2.85 P. farinosa. Bird's-eye Primrose

This is a lovely plant, a rare native British wild flower found in damp, grassy and peaty places in the moors of northern England and southern Scotland, bearing in early summer delicate, rosy-lilac flowers with a yellow throat in heads of five or six carried on a very slender stem. **1ft (30cm) HP**

1039A £2.95 P. florindae. Giant Cowslip, Tibetan Cowslip RHS 

A very distinct and noble species, particularly suited to growing by the waterside or even in shallow water. Easily grown, in summer it bears large heads of drooping, clear yellow, fragrant, bell-shaped flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HP**

1039P £2.95 P. florindae, 'Keilour' Hybrids

This is a beautiful range of hybrids for you to grow by stream and pond sides (but won't object to being grown in your border) with lovely flowers in shades of red, orange, yellow and copper. If you can spare them, they make a good cut flower. **3ft (90cm) HP** 

Primula japonica. Japanese Primrose

These splendid plants are very easily grown. Also known as Candelabra Primulas, they feature clusters of flowers arranged, candelabra fashion, in many-flowered whorls. These are borne on erect stems, which emerge from attractive rosettes of leaves.

▶ **1042F £2.35 'Miller's Crimson'** RHS 

A very fine cultivated variety with, perhaps not surprisingly, lovely crimson candelabras. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

▶ **1042N £2.75 Deluxe Mixture 'Redfield Hybrids'**


Glorious mixture of candelabra Primulas in a bold and beautiful mixture of dark reds and pinks. These are, without question, most superior flowers. **1½ft (50cm) HP**


1042M £3.25 P. malacoides, Mixed Colours. Fairy Primrose RHS 

A delightful and well known greenhouse Primula often sold in winter and spring as a house plant. The compact bushy plants are covered with dense clusters of open flowers just above the foliage, in various shades of red, rose, lavender and white. **1ft (30cm) TA/TB**

1044 £2.85 P. pulverulenta (= powdered as with dust). **Mealy Primrose** RHS 


Originally found in China at the beginning of the last century is this noble Primula, easily grown in a moist, half-shaded position, with deep red flowers arranged, candelabra fashion, in many-flowered whorls spaced at intervals around the stem. **3ft (90cm) HP**

1046A £2.95 P. veris (= spring-flowering), **True Wild Form. Common Cowslip** RHS  **BEST SELLER**

This, which along with the Primrose, must be one of our loveliest wild flowers, will surely need no introduction. Few plants, apart, of course, from the Primrose, have suffered so much from the ravages of the motorist armed with a trowel, and each year it becomes increasingly difficult to find a meadow full of them. Every garden should have some but, please, grow them from seed and don't (as if you would!) rob the countryside. We offer seed of the true, wild form which unfortunately is as hard to obtain as any cultivated one. **6ins (15cm) HP** 

1047Q £2.95 P. veris, 'Sunset Shades'

We have been without the coloured forms of Cowslips for too long and, as these very much have a place in your garden in their own right, we are very pleased to be able to offer again this colourful strain. From March to May you can expect heads of flowers in bright and unmistakable shades of orange and red as well as ochre and, of course, yellow. **8ins (20cm) HP**

1046E £2.95 P. vialii (syn. *P. littoniana*). **Poker Primrose, Vial's Primrose** RHS 

Of all the 500 or so Primula species, this delightful flower must be one of the most beautiful. The flowers are carried at the end of the scape in a tight, cone-shaped inflorescence. The unopened buds are bright scarlet in colour and the open flowers lavender – a startling and beautiful contrast. No words can do it justice – you'll just have to grow it! **1ft (30cm) HP**

PRIMULA

1046B £2.65 P. vulgaris, True Wild Form (*syn. P. acaulis*). **Common Primrose** RHS  **BEST SELLER**

A lovely plant and our comments on the Cowslip apply equally here. Once again, no garden should be without at least a few tucked in an odd corner to serve as a harbinger of spring. Here again, we offer seed of the true, wild scented form. **6ins (15cm) HP**


1047R £3.45 P. waltonii

From Tibet where it is found growing as high as 19,000ft (the writer has no plans to go and check up on that statement!), this is a very beautiful Primula. With slightly bluish-green leaves, it bears on long slender stalks umbels of very lovely, lampshade-shaped (sounds so much nicer than funnel-shaped!) flowers strawberry-pink to wine-red and violet in colour. These are said to be scented of fruit drops: this, however, is one fact, we feel, definitely not worth hanging about at 19,000ft to verify. Summer. **1½ft (40cm) HP**

PROTEA – Proteaceae

Named after Proteus, the Greek sea-god, in allusion to the diversity of the species, these evergreen shrubs have fascinating flowers and enjoyed great popularity in this country 150 years ago. With their present attraction to flower arrangers, it would seem they are once again coming into vogue. They certainly merit any time and effort spent on their cultivation. Generally speaking, they are cool greenhouse shrubs best grown in large pots or tubs and moved outdoors in summer and exposed to all the sun and air they can get. Given perfect drainage, the species listed will survive slight frost. It is also one of the best species for cut flowers.



1048B £3.35 P. magnifica (*syn. P. barbiger*). **Giant Woolly Protea**

A magnificent species, that will probably survive with the minimum of winter protection, with huge flowers as much as 8ins across that are like a luminous deep pink bowl filled with pale pink candy-floss. **5ft (1.5m)** Packet of 7 seeds. **HHS** 

PRUNELLA – Lamiaceae/Labiatae

One interesting point about this name is that, according to the rules of botanical nomenclature, it is an example of an error, once made, becoming enshrined in history: the name should in fact have been Brunella, after the German for quinsy, a disease the plants were said to cure. However, Linnaeus, in his formal description of the genus, boobed and spelled the word with a "P" and thus, for ever and a day, Prunella became the one and only correct spelling.


1055G £2.55 P. vulgaris. Self-Heal, Heal-All

From the horticultural point of view, this is a useful ground cover plant forming a mat of numerous leafy runners and producing in summer erect stems bearing heads of purple-violet flowers. As the common names suggest, the species has numerous medical uses, indeed, it's a positive pharmacy of a plant – you name it, it cures it – and as the dictionary puts it, "kind of plant named as enabling patient to do without doctor." But don't leave your G.P. just yet! **1ft (30cm) HP**  


PRUNUS – Rosaceae

A large genus containing some of the most beautiful flowering shrubs for the temperate regions.

1055C £2.25 P. avium (= of the birds). **Wild Cherry**

With its clusters of white, cup-shaped flowers, each up to 1½in. across, borne in profusion in spring, followed by small, shiny, bright or dark red, edible fruits, this usually small tree (but it can sometimes reach over 80ft), the parent of many cultivated Cherries, is one of our most attractive woodland trees. Also useful for hedges. **80ft (24m)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HTr** 

1063B £2.15 P. spinosa. Sloe Blackthorn

A well known native, densely branched bush of hedgerows with spiny branches covered in spring with pure white flowers, followed in autumn by the small, Damson-like Sloes, excellent for Sloe gin and superb for home-made wine. A little known fact is the wood is favoured by the Irish for the manufacture of their shillelaghs! **10ft (3m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HSh** 

PULSATILLA – Ranunculaceae

This genus includes some of the loveliest of all flowering plants. From the time in early spring when their woolly, hairy flower buds first appear; through flowering-time when their beautiful flowers will attract paeans of praise from all that see them; through the time their enchanting, hairy, feathery seed-heads (good for flower arrangements) are formed; through summer to autumn when their feathery, hairy foliage always looks attractive, these plants are always a delight. Excellent either for the rock garden, border or cold greenhouse, their main requirement is a well-drained soil.


1075B £3.45 P. vulgaris. Pasque Flower RHS 

Now a very rare native species, this is a plant of exceptional beauty. With much divided, silky foliage, it bears in April and May lovely, violet-purple flowers. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1ft (30cm) HP**

1075E £3.95 P. vulgaris, 'Heiler-Hybrids'

This is a superb cultivated strain of the Pasque Flower with blooms in a magnificent colour range: from dark red to bright red, pink, violet, blue, cream to pure white. **1ft (30cm) HP**

PUNICA – Punicaceae

1076A £2.95 P. granatum, 'Nana' RHS 

This is, as it were, a scale model of Pomegranate and as such, makes an ideal plant for pot culture. Indeed, it is now often offered as a house plant although it is, incidentally, possibly a hardier plant than *P. granatum*, and makes a good miniature shrub for the rockery. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **3ft (90cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HHS/TSh** 

Pycnanthemum pilosum. See **Mountain Mint** in **The VegBook**

RADERMACHERA – Bignoniaceae

1084E £2.65 R. sinica RHS 

Although in its native habitat this is a vigorous evergreen tree with panicles of large, yellow, bell-shaped flowers, it is a very fine foliage pot plant that is rapidly finding increasing popularity. Fast-growing, with its deep green, fern-like, bipinnate leaves, it quickly develops into a fine specimen. Very well worth a trial. **100ft (30m) GTr**

RANUNCULUS (= from the Latin for tadpole, or a diminutive frog (rana), probably in reference to the plant's liking for damp places) – **Ranunculaceae**

Ranunculus asiaticus. Persian Buttercup

Large, extravagant, ruffled double flowers with many layers of delicate but robust petals, these are loved by florists. The delicate looking blooms are more robust than they look and will last for ages in water.

- ▶ **1084H** £3.85 **'Bloomingdale Rose', F1 Hybrid**
Charming rosy-pink. **1ft (30cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP** ☞ 🌸
- ▶ **1084P** £3.85 **'Bloomingdale White', F1 Hybrid**
Pure white. **1ft (30cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP** ☞ 🌸

RATIBIDA – Compositae/Asteraceae

1085D £2.25 **R. columnifera** (syn. *Lepachys columnifera*). **Prairie Coneflower**

This is a rare and somewhat curious yet striking, easy-to-grow plant for the border, bearing all summer a great profusion of showy, good for cutting flowers consisting of six or seven yellow petals (yes! we do know that we should really call them "ray flowers") surrounding a very prominent, central brown "cone". Best grown as an annual but if you can't be bothered to shift them at the end of the year, don't worry, they're true perennials and will produce a crop of flowers yearly for as long as you want! **4ft (1.2m)** **HA/HP** ☞

1085M £2.25 **R. columnifera f. pulcherrima, 'Red Midget'**

This is a delightful somewhat dwarf variety of the Prairie Coneflower. Like its larger sibling, this is an easy-to-grow plant flowering the first year from seed from summer into autumn, producing with ease and plenty its red-brown flowers with yellow tips. Another good cut flower. **1½ft (45cm)** **HA/HP** ☞

RAVENALA – Strelitziaceae

1086C £3.75 **R. madagascariensis. Traveller's Palm**

This is a giant – in its native Madagascar, a tree with a trunk up to 90ft tall with the very large, Banana-like leaves, up to 15ft long, spread out on top like an enormous fan. More modestly in this country, it must count as being one of the most superb of all foliage plants for growing in pot, tub or, best of all, in a warm greenhouse border. Seed only very rarely offered. **90ft (27m)** Packet of 6 seeds. **TSh**

REBUTIA – Cactaceae

1086K £3.65 **Rebutia, Mixed Species. Crown Cactus**

Because they flower easily and prolifically, even when very small (with care when only 12 months old), these small, freely offsetting, globular Cacti are ideal for amateurs and beginners. The bright, funnel-shaped flowers come in a good variety of colours including various shades of red, lilac and yellow. **4ins (10cm)** **GP**

RED-HOT-POKER. See **Kniphofia**

REHMANNIA – Scrophulariaceae

1086D £2.65 **R. angulata. Chinese Foxglove**

Although well worth trying to grow this plant out of doors in the milder parts of the British Isles, it is otherwise a fine plant to grow in pots in a greenhouse, where its large, pink, somewhat Foxglove-like flowers of an exotic appearance can best be seen to advantage. **3ft (90cm)** **HHP** ☞

RESEDA – Resedaceae

1086X £2.25 **R. alba. White Mignonette**

From coastal areas of southern Europe comes this attractive plant with deeply cut foliage and bearing for most of the summer impressive, long, slender, dense spikes of pale greenish-white flowers. Though not often seen, this makes a beautiful cottage garden flower with a lovely scent. **3ft (90cm)** **HP** 🌸 ☞ 🌸

1086N £2.25 **R. luteola** (= yellowish). **Sweet Reseda, Dyer's Rocket, Weld**

A native wild flower with narrow, lance-shaped leaves and long, slender spikes of yellowish flowers. It was once much cultivated for the dye, flavone, used to colour textiles yellow. **5ft (1.5m)** **HB** 🌸 ☞

Reseda odorata. Mignonette

Grown at some time or other in every garden for its sweet scented flowers, this well known plant needs no introduction. The flowers are excellent for cutting – sprays cut in late autumn will keep indoors all winter in water in a cool room and retain their fragrance. Also good in pots; why not try and grow some "Tree Mignonettes" popular in Edwardian times – sow in the pot, retain the strongest plant, support with a stick and pinch out the side shoots at the second joint until a nice height.

▶ **1087F** £2.25 **R. odorata, 'Ameliorata'**

Splendid for pots, splendid in the border for display or cut flowers is this fine variety producing large and lovely heads of ever-so-fragrant, rose-red flowers. **1½ft (40cm)** **HA** 🌸 ☞

1087D £2.25 **R. odorata grandiflora**

Grown for countless years, this is the quintessential form of the plant as now represented in cultivation. Large heads, heavy scent. **1½ft (40cm)** **HA** 🌸 ☞

RHEUM – Polygonaceae

1090B £3.95 **R. palmatum var. tanguticum. Sorrel Rhubarb**

A superb, statuesque plant with large, deeply cut leaves, a beautiful deep copper-red, a colour which is retained until flowering time. The magnificent panicles, up to 3ft long, of bead-like flowers, normally deep red but can be creamy-white or pink or shades in between, appear in June. **8ft (2.4m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP**

RHINANTHUS – Scrophulariaceae


1090C £2.25 **R. minor. Yellow Rattle, Hay-Rattle**

BEST SELLER

A native wild flower found on grassland with spikes of attractive yellow flowers with their heads poking out of the inflated bladder-like calyces. And the origin of the common name? When dry the seed cases rattle. Simple! If you are looking to increase the variety of wild flowers in your meadow, it would be well worth sowing some of these pretty little annuals. The plants send out roots that grow into the roots of unsuspecting nearby grasses and steal nutrients from them. The grasses weaken giving other species increased chances of survival. **1½ft (50cm)** **HA** 🌸

RHODOCHITON

RHODOCHITON (= red-cloak) – Scrophulariaceae

1092C £3.75 R. atrosanguineum (*syn.* *R. volubile*). **Purple Bell Vine** RHS 

One of the most enquired-after plants is this lovely climber from Mexico with heart-shaped leaves, the twisting stalks of which enable it to climb. The cylindrical, purple-black flowers, produced in great profusion for many weeks are carried on large and conspicuous, saucer-shaped, reddish-pink calyces that persist long after the flowers themselves have fallen. Find it a sunny sheltered position or grow it in a greenhouse or conservatory. **8ft (2.4m) TA/TP(CI)**

RICINUS – Euphorbiaceae

Please note that seeds and all parts of the plant for all Ricinus species are poisonous. Please handle with care and always wash hands after handling seeds or plants.

Ricinus communis. Castor Oil Plant

▶ **1114B £3.75 'Impala'**

This is indeed a splendid variety. Not only is it a magnificent and decorative foliage plant with handsome leaves of a rich bronze-green colour carried on dark red stems, but, unlike other *Ricinus* varieties where both flowers and fruits go un-noticed, 'Impala' produces clusters of creamy-yellow flowers that are followed by spikes of brilliant scarlet-coloured fruits which, by the non-expert, will themselves be thought of as rather exotic-looking. Try it and bring a touch of the tropics to your garden this year. **5ft (1.5m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HHA**

▶ **1114K £3.75 'New Zealand Purple'**

BEST SELLER

Looking for a plant to impress the neighbours? Then try this one! All parts of this splendid and handsome specimen (including the seed pods) are deep purple; but not just any old purple but a sunlight-reflecting, metallic rich coppery-bronze which gives the enormous leaves the impression of having been hammered out of the finest alloy. A variety that will illuminate any garden. **6ft (1.8m)** Packet of 8 seeds. **HHA**

▶ **1114J £3.25 'Zanzi Palm'**

This rather spectacular variety is a fast growing, palm tree-like plant, sporting large and architectural, green leaves and will be a splendid specimen for the back of the border. **12ft (4m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HHA**

1114 £2.95 R. communis var. gibsonii



This is the Castor Oil Plant – a noble foliage plant, normally grown as a half-hardy annual, often used to give a tropical appearance to the border. The variety, *gibsonii*, is a compact form with dark red, metallic foliage. **5ft (1.5m)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HHA**

1114E £2.95 R. communis var. zanzibarensis RHS 

Perhaps the variety with the largest leaves, of bright green, they can be two feet across. A striking and architectural plant for the back of the border. **8ft (2.4m) HHA**

ROMNEYA – Papaveraceae

1118 £3.45 R. coulteri. California Tree Poppy RHS 

A magnificent, tall sub-shrub from California with somewhat leathery, silver-grey leaves and gorgeous, fragrant, pure white flowers, 5ins or more across with golden-tasselled centres, from June to September. Hardy in all but cold localities but it likes a hot, sunny location. Will flourish in pots in a cool greenhouse. **7ft (2.1m) HSh**  

ROMULEA – Iridaceae

★ **NEW** ★ **1118B £2.25 R. bulbocodium**

This is a very attractive, little bulbous plant for a sunny spot on the rockery, with very narrow leaves and, in the form offered, dark blue, Crocus-like flowers in March. **6ins (15cm)** (Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of this bulbous plant) **HBb** 


ROSA – Rosaceae

1118A £2.25 R. chinensis, 'Angel Wings'. Fairy Rose, China Rose, Miniature Rose

This lovely strain of the popular 'Fairy' rose has delightful sweet-smelling flowers in shades of rose, pink and white. Very easy, it will flower in less than 4 months from seed. The compact, vigorous and floriferous plants are perfect in pots. **1½ft (45cm) HP** 

RUDBECKIA – Compositae/Asteraceae. Coneflower

1128C £2.55 R. fulgida (= shining, glistening), **'Goldsturm'** (= Storm of Gold) RHS  **BEST SELLER**

Easily raised from seed, and succeeding in almost any soil and situation from semi-shade to full sun, is this very fine plant for the border, producing in August and September a profusion of golden-yellow flowers with a contrasting, almost black, central cone. Its long and strong stalks make it an excellent cut flower. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **2ft (60cm) HP**  



Rudbeckia hirta. Black-Eyed Susan


These so-called Gloriosa Daisies are magnificent plants for the border – the giant, single or double, daisy-like flowers, averaging 5ins across with some up to 7ins, are carried on long stems from early summer until well into autumn, and are excellent for cutting. Sown early, will bloom the first year.

▶ **1129 £2.25 Mixed Colours**



Lovely mix of warm, autumnal colours including golden-yellow, mahogany and well-defined bicolors. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHP**  

▶ **1129L £2.25 'Autumn Forest'** RHS 

An old, tried and tested variety is this fine strain producing large flowers in some grand autumn tints including yellow and shades of red and deep red with darker centres. Lovely for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHP**  



▶ **1130P £3.45 'Cappuccino'** RHS 

BEST SELLER

The colours of this *Rudbeckia* are luxuriously rich and deep. The large blooms are a warm mahogany at the centre which gradually change to golden yellow at the tips. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHP**  



▶ **1130K £2.75 'Cherokee Sunset'**

BEST SELLER

One of the tallest varieties, making it particularly perfect for cutting. Large, double flowers, many in bicolors, in shades of rust, bronze, gold and mahogany to bring some warm autumnal sunshine to the end of your summer. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHP**  

▶ **1130G £3.45 'Cherry Brandy'**

BEST SELLER

With flowers of the deepest crimson-maroon red with dark chocolate centres, this lovely variety is very easy and a wonderful, long lasting cut flower. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHP**  

▶ ★NEW★ 1130L £2.25 'Chim Chiminee'

Unusual flowers with fuzzy, quilled petals, these Rudbeckias are a little bit different. Presumably resembling chimney brushes, in the full palette of autumn colours. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHP** 🌱 🌿

▶ 1130F £2.45 'Denver Daisy'

Fast-growing variety with fabulous large, golden-yellow daisy flowers with a black cone surrounded by a circle of mahogany/red. This variety will flower for months on end and is outstanding for cutting. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHP** 🌱 🌿

▶ 1129T £2.25 'Goldilocks'

BEST SELLER

This is a beautiful, medium-tall variety producing an abundance of lovely, long-lasting, fully double, orange blooms, three or four inches across, with chocolate-brown centres. Good for cutting. We offer an improved strain with an above average percentage of doubles. **2½ft (70cm) HA/HHP** 🌱 🌿

▶ 1129F £2.25 'Irish Eyes'

You don't have to live in the Emerald Isle to appreciate this one! It is a lovely variety producing strong, base-branching plants and bearing large, golden-yellow flowers with – you've guessed it – distinctive olive-green centres. Excellent in the border and another excellent cut flower. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHP** 🌱 🌿

▶ 1129R £3.25 'Prairie Sun'

A winner in any horticultural department is this award-winning, medium-tall variety. Of a particularly bright and sunny appearance, it produces numerous, very large, two-toned, single blooms, 6-8ins across, with pale lemon tipped golden petals surrounding a pale green centre. Dazzling on the border, dazzling in the vase. **2½ft (80cm) HA/HHP** 🌱 🌿

▶ 1130H £2.95 'Sahara'

BEST SELLER

One of our recent favourites; semi-double and double velvety blooms in subtle shades of caramel, copper and warm pink. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHP** 🌱 🌿

▶ 1129W £2.95 'Toto Mix'

This formula mixture of three award-winning, splendid varieties, 'Toto Gold', 'Toto Lemon' and 'Toto Rustic', will help reflect the sun shining on your border in summer. These are compact and well branched plants of a firm habit, early flowering and producing an abundance of beautiful blooms. Not only can you expect a stunning show in your border throughout the summer, but will also look very smart in pots (4-5in. will do nicely). **1½ft (40cm) HA/HHP** 🌱 🌿

1130C £2.95 R. laciniata (= deeply-cut)

A place at the back of the border (a moist spot appreciated) will be ideal for this rather fine plant from North America. Forming loose clumps of tall, wiry stems and smooth, deeply-cut, glaucous foliage, it bears from summer into autumn attractive blooms up to six inches across with pale yellow petals surrounding a greenish-yellow conical centre. Useful for cutting. **10ft (3m) HP** 🌱 🌿

1130D £2.85 R. maxima (= we'll let you guess that one!)

From moist pine woods and similar of the south eastern USA comes this large and attractive plant to gain attention from the back of your border. With handsome, noticeably blue-green leaves, it bears in late summer large yellow flowers in which the yellow petals (ray flowers if you insist) surround a noticeably large, almost black, centre cone. Superb as a cut flower – you just won't be able to wait to cut a few to pop into a suitable – large – vase! **10ft (3m)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿

1129K £2.95 R. occidentalis, 'Green Wizard'

An absolute gift to flower arrangers, this is a noble and ornamental plant for the back of any border making nice clumps of foliage. It is, of course, the flowers that are remarkable: three or four inches across, "green" is one's immediate impression on seeing them. Surrounding the large and impressive central chocolate-brown, dome-shaped boss are not the petals of your average, self-respecting flower, but rather ten or so, large, well spaced, stiffish, very petal-like things: strictly involucre bracts (or, if you want to be up-to-date with the correct name, phyllaries) – calling them green flowers seems simplest! They are, of course, splendid for cutting for use fresh, when they last well in water, or dried. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌿

Rudbeckia triloba

A quite different Rudbeckia. With long, branching stems they bear over a long period in summer numerous long-stalked flowers. Hardy throughout the British Isles and flowers the first year from seed.

▶ **1130B £2.55 R. triloba. Brown-eyed Susan** RHS 🌱

This is a very fine border plant from moist soil in North America with thin, bright green, three-lobed leaves and numerous long-stalked, brown-eyed, bright yellow flowers, each a couple of inches across. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ **1130J £2.95 'Prairie Glow'****BEST SELLER**

The many branches of this bushy plant are covered with masses of rusty-red, golden-tipped flowers in late summer. Definitely one to add to the list of things to grow for cutting. **3ft (1m) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

RUTA – Rutaceae**1133 £2.25 R. graveolens** (= heavily scented). **Rue, Herb of Grace**

Used since ancient times as a medicinal herb to treat such diverse complaints as corpulency, thread-worms and hysteria, this is a small, aromatic shrub with attractive, fern-like, grey-green foliage, and small mustard-yellow flowers from June to August. **3ft (90cm) HSh**

SAGINA – Caryophyllaceae**1133E £2.45 S. subulata** (= awl-shaped). **Heath Pearlwort**

Forming dense mats composed of countless awl-shaped leaves, this is a fine plant for making a close bright green carpet, say between widely spaced crazy-paving slabs to make an unusual and attractive pathway, or a neat edging to a flower bed. An added bonus is the myriad tiny white flowers carried on hair-like stalks during the summer. **2ins (5cm) HP** 🌸

SALPIGLOSSIS – Solanaceae**Salpiglossis sinuata. Velvet Trumpet Flower**

A very beautiful annual bearing sprays of large, showy, velvety, trumpet-shaped flowers in great profusion all summer until the first frost. Splendid for cutting, they also make beautiful plants for the cool greenhouse.

▶ **1134N £2.35 'Black Trumpets'**

A magnificent variety with a profusion of large, trumpet-shaped flowers in the darkest of chocolatey-maroon, indeed some are almost black, with gold centres. The petals have attractive darker markings and some are veined with gold. Very interesting and unusual cut flowers. **1½ft (50cm) HA/HHA** 🌿

SALPIGLOSSIS

▶ ★NEW★ **1134H £2.45 'Café au Lait'**

Unusual coffee-coloured, trumpet-shaped blooms with deep purple veins. **1½ft (45cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HA/HHA** 🌿

▶ **1134K £2.25 'Kew Blue'**

One associates dark colours with velvet and in the floral world they don't come a great deal darker than the colour of this wonderful variety. Of a deep, deep midnight blue-violet with an even deeper dark blue central blotch, these blooms will add a touch of indulgent luxury to your border. **2½ft (75cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌿

▶ **1134A £2.45 'Superbissima' Mixed**

Wonderful mixture of unusual colours: mahogany red with yellow stripes, silver-blue with brownish-yellow veins, violet and burgundy with yellow throats. Forming compact, bushy plants with several upright stems, this is a versatile variety for bedding, containers and cut flowers. **2ft (60cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌿

SALVIA (from Salveo = to heal; from the alleged medicinal qualities of some species) – Lamiaceae/Labiatae. Sage

1134G £2.25 S. apiana (= pertaining to bees). **Californian White Sage**

BEST SELLER

Want to give your local bees a treat? Then grow them this lovely plant and just see them zooming in on it in great numbers to gather the necessary ingredients to make a clear, pale, superfine honey! A smallish shrub with aromatic, almost white leaves, it bears from April to June loose panicles of white to pale purple flowers. It will appreciate a warm, well-sheltered spot. **8ft (2.4m)** **HSh** 🌿

1134B £3.15 S. argentea (= silvery). **Silver Sage** RHS 🌿

Grown mainly for its very decorative foliage, this rather splendid plant forms rosettes of large, silvery-grey leaves densely covered with long, soft, glistening, silvery-white hairs, giving it a felt-like appearance. From the centre of these rosettes arise leafy stems bearing heads of pinkish-white flowers. Although biennial, it readily propagates itself by self-rooting lateral rosettes. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **4ft (1.2m)** **HB**

Salvia farinacea

These bushy, base-branching annuals are fast growing, flowering in less than four months from seed. Over a very long floriferous period, they produce numerous, upright, long-lasting spikes of flowers until the first frosts arrive. Great both for borders and containers and brilliant for cutting. Your bees will love you for them as well.

▶ **1137J £2.75 'Blue Bedder'**

Tall, long-lasting spikes of vivid deep blue flowers. **3ft (90cm)** **HHA/HHP** 🌿 🌿 🌿

▶ **1136L £3.45 'Evolution'**

This very fine variety has won several awards for its novel colour and outstanding garden performance. Producing well branched, bushy plants, it bears over a long, very floriferous period, until frost puts an end to it, numerous spikes of a unique deep violet flower colour. You'll love it! **1½ft (45cm)** **HHA** 🌿 🌿

▶ **1136P £2.65 'Fairy Queen'**

A unique bicolor type with a densely branched habit and dense spikes of blue and white flowers. **1½ft (45cm)** **HHA** 🌿 🌿

'Victory' Series

This lovely series has more compact and bushy plants than the standard *Salvia farinacea*. One of our favourites at flower trials, they produce masses of spikes with clouds of flowers all through the summer.

▶ **1136R £2.45 'Victory Blue'**

Beautiful, very dark blue flower spikes with particularly attractive dark, almost blue, stems. **1½ft (50cm)** **HHA** 🌿 🌿

▶ **1136T £2.45 'Victory White'**

Clouds of silvery white flowers, very textural. **1½ft (50cm)** **HHA** 🌿 🌿

1136G £2.75 S. forskaohlei. Woodland Sage

This is a splendid plant from Greece and Turkey forming a lovely rosette of enormous, oval, hairy leaves which provide a suitable support for the very fine, spectacular even, spires of white-tongued, vivid blue flowers. **3ft (90cm)** **HP** 🌿

1138 £2.75 S. hians (= gaping)

Robust, strongly scented, tall hardy perennial with showy, bright blue flowers, June to August. Endemic to Kashmir. **2ft (60cm)** **HP** 🌿 🌿

1138F £3.85 S. lavandulifolia. Spanish Sage

From rocky and stony places in the mountains of Spain comes this rather delightful, compact, dwarf, aromatic, shrubby perennial. With small, narrow, downy, whitish-grey leaves, it bears in mid-summer short, elegant spikes of pale violet-blue flowers. It likes a sunny position and it is a particularly effective plant to grace a dry stone wall. It can be used as a herb in much the same way as Common Sage. **1½ft (50cm)** **HSh** 🌿

1138K £2.45 S. nemorosa. Wood Sage

Rarely seen is this interesting perennial from the Balkans with wrinkled leaves and bearing in summer long dense spikes of numerous, small, usually violet-purple flowers often with conspicuous purplish bracts. **2ft (60cm)** **HP**

1138L £2.95 S. nemorosa, 'Rose Queen'



BEST SELLER

Easily grown is this fine variety with long spikes of mulberry-rose flowers useful for cutting. Flowering the first year from an early sowing, it blooms generously most of the summer long. These will be nicely conspicuous on your border and very inviting of the what-is-it type of question. **2ft (60cm)** **HP** 🌿 🌿 🌿



1142Z £2.95 S. nutans (= nodding). **Nodding Sage**

This is a species quite unlike other *Salvias*. The towering yet graceful plants have purple, pendant-like flowers which hang in clusters at the top of long, long stems. Plant amongst a bushy border where the flower spikes can hang elegantly above the flowers below. **4ft (1.2m)** Packet of 12 seeds. **HP** 🌿 🌿




1141R £3.45 S. patens (= spreading), 'Blue Angel'. *Gentian Sage* RHS **BEST SELLER**

Salvias in the last year or two have certainly become the plants to have in your garden with this species near the top of the list. 'Blue Angel' is a particularly fine variety of this with hairy foliage and loose stems of gorgeous, large, hooded blooms of a brilliant, can't-possibly-miss-it, ultramarine-blue colour. Can be grown as an annual. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HHP**  




Salvia pratensis. Meadow Sage, Meadow Clary**▶ 1140N £2.25 S. pratensis** (= of meadows)**BEST SELLER**

Aromatic, perennial wild flower with bright violet-blue flowers. **1½ft (50cm)** **HP**  



▶ 1141T £2.75 'Swan Lake'

This is a most beautiful, modern cultivated variety of Meadow Clary. With strongly aromatic, light green foliage, it bears from June to August an abundance of long spikes of unbelievably lovely, ever so pure white flowers. If, after this matinee performance, the dead flowers are removed and given a decent burial on your compost heap, the plants will give you in September and October an equally rewarding evening performance. Not only that but the honey bees will thank you for them and they make good cut flowers. **1½ft (50cm)** **HP**   



▶ 1141X £2.75 'Meadow Ballet Blend'

This mixture of cultivars, in the same breeding as 'Swan Lake', has flowers in dense heads of blue, violet, white and pink, all with bee approval. **1½ft (50cm)** **HP**   



1140H £2.25 S. sclarea. Clary

A robust and striking, aromatic plant with large, wrinkled leaves covered with white-woolly hairs, and bearing long, loose spikes of pale violet-flushed flowers with conspicuous broad, pale rose or blue, papery bracts. **3ft (90cm)** **HP/HB**  

1140R £2.25 S. sclarea var. turkestanica, 'Vatican Pink'**BEST SELLER**

A very fine variety with pinkish-white flowers and large pinkish bracts over an extended period in summer. **3ft (90cm)** **HP/HB**  


1140A £2.45 S. sclarea var. turkestanica, 'Vatican White'

This is an impressive and handsome variety with spikes of scented, showy white floral bracts. **3ft (90cm)** **HP/HB**  




Salvia splendens

Once upon a time this plant from Brazil enjoyed the common name of Scarlet Sage. Now, of course, to everyone except the taxonomic pedant, it is simply "Salvia" – the bright red annual enjoyed by so many.



▶ ★NEW★ 1138Q £2.65 S. splendens, 'Tall Purple'

At trials we found ourselves drawn to this new and particularly tasteful variety of the ever-popular bedding plant. With luscious dark green foliage, it bears tall, rich, plum-coloured flower spikes on uniform plants. **2ft (60cm)** **HHA** 



1142Y £2.75 S. verticillata, 'Purple Fairy Tale'

This first year flowering perennial caught our eye in trials. Its long, arching stems carry many whorls of flowers in a lovely shade of violet-indigo set off by very attractive, much darker purple bracts. Easy to grow, this plant is happy in most conditions and will flower in only a couple of months from sowing. **2ft (60cm)** **HP**   



Salvia viridis (*syn.* *Salvia horminum*)**▶ 1138M £2.25 'Blue Denim'**

An attractive variety, base branching and with spikes of intense blue, petal-like bracts. Easy to grow, colourful and good for cutting for either fresh or dried use. **1½ft (45cm)** **HA**  

▶ 1138D £2.25 'Oxford Blue'**BEST SELLER**

An old, tried and tested variety with the "flowers" coloured to match its name. **1½ft (45cm)** **HA**  

▶ 1138B £2.25 'Pink Sundae'

A charming old variety with highly coloured rosy-carmine bracts with veins a deeper shade. **1½ft (50cm)** **HA**  



▶ 1138E £2.25 'White Swan'**BEST SELLER**

This is a particularly attractive variety with flowers and bracts white in colour and which will stand out beautifully in any border. **1½ft (45cm)** **HA**  




▶ 1138A £2.25 Mixed

Lovely mix of rose, blue and white. **1½ft (45cm)** **HA**  

1142L £2.95 S. x superba, 'Adora Blue'

Everyone will adore this Salvia with a dense, clumping habit and a profusion of flower spikes. Flowering the first year from seed, the vibrant deep violet-blue flowers give a display that is eye-catching and stylish. Particularly suited to pot culture where it will be much admired on the patio but it will also be the highlight of your borders. Flowering period June to September. **1½ft (45cm)** **HP**  


1141H £2.95 S. x superba, 'Blue Queen'

This is a very useful dwarf and compact strain producing over a long period numerous 6-9in. spikes of flowers of the deepest violet in colour. **1½ft (40cm)** **HP**   


SAMBUCUS – Caprifoliaceae**1141Q £3.25 S. sachalinensis**

Not yet in cultivation is this rather fine, large and dramatic shrub that impressed our supplier when he saw it on an expedition to Sakhalin Island. The fragrant, white flowers in spring turn into dazzling clumps of pillar-box red berries that seem to shine with a forest-illuminating intensity and a great improvement, he suggests, on our own black-fruited Elder. **8ft (2.4m)** **HSH/HTr**

SANGUISORBA – Rosaceae**1140T £2.75 S. officinalis. Great Burnet****BEST SELLER**

A native wild flower found in damp grassland with attractive pinnate foliage, and bearing all summer unusual dense, egg-shaped heads of numerous deep red or crimson flowers. **3½ft (1.1m)** **HP** 

1139B £2.95 S. tenuifolia var. alba

From China and Siberia, where it is found along stream banks and on wet meadows, comes this fine and easily grown plant for a prominent position on the border. With large, basal, pinnate leaves, it bears for a long period in summer an abundance of delightful, nodding, cylindrical, somewhat shaggy, bottle brush-like spikes of white flowers. Useful for cutting. **4ft (1.2m)** **HP** 

SAPONARIA – Caryophyllaceae

1141A £2.25 *S. ocymoides*. **Rock Soapwort, Tumbling Ted** RHS

An attractive, easily grown plant for trailing over rocks, bearing in summer groups of pink flowers with brightly coloured calyces. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **6ins (15cm) HP**

1141D £2.25 *S. officinalis*. **Soapwort, Bouncing Bett**

A native wild flower, naturally found on stream-sides and in damp woods and elsewhere as an escape from cultivation. It is a stout, erect plant, bearing in late summer sprays of most attractive, fragrant, pink flowers, each about 1in. across. As suggested by its common name, the plant was once used as soap, the leaves being reduced by boiling for the purpose. **3ft (90cm) HP**

Saponaria vaccaria. See **Vaccaria hispanica**

SARRACENIA – Sarraceniaceae

1143 £2.95 *S. purpurea*

An interesting, bizarre yet attractive, carnivorous – insect-eating – plant. The leaves are modified into erect, trumpet-shaped, green or purple-veined pitchers that secrete a nectar-like substance that attracts insects. These enter the pitcher and are prevented from escaping by means of downward pointing hairs, fall into an enzyme-containing fluid at the bottom and are digested. Ugh! Apart from this, it is well worth growing for its very unusual and attractive, nodding purple flowers. Although quite hardy (it has in fact naturalised in bogs in central Ireland), it is perhaps best grown in a cool greenhouse. **8ins (20cm) HP**

SAUSSUREA – Compositae/Asteraceae

1143J £2.25 *S. nepalensis*. **Nepal Saw-wort**

From open slopes of the Himalayas from Kashmir to Tibet, and quite common in Nepal, comes this interesting and attractive plant. With a basal rosette of long, deeply lobed leaves which are conspicuously white-woolly beneath, it bears in late summer somewhat unusual, dark purple flowers an inch and a half across with papery, purple-tinged bracts. **1ft (30cm) HP**

SAXIFRAGA – Saxifragaceae

1145B £2.25 *S. x arendsii*, **Mixed Rockery Hybrids**

Originating in a cross between *S. aizoon* and *S. umbrosa*, these are useful and attractive plants for the rockery with mossy, evergreen tufts, and bearing in spring flowers in various shades of pink, carmine, white and rose. **10ins (25cm) HP**

1146Y £2.56 *S. umbrosa*, **'Elliott's Variety'**

This is a very fine and floriferous variety, it is compact growing and the combination of reddish stalks and pink flowers in late spring is very effective. An excellent plant for edging in semi-shade. **8ins (20cm) HP**

SCABIOSA (from scabies, the itch; a disease some species are said to cure)




– Dipsacaceae

***Scabiosa atropurpurea*. Sweet Scabious**

It's not just butterflies that love these lovely, sweetly fragrant, easy-to-grow, ever-popular and very rewarding hardy annuals; humans are happy to find room for them too! Moderately fast growing, they give a profusion of double pincushion (with pins inserted!) flowers, two inches or so across, on tall, strong stems. Blooming from summer into early autumn, they will give a touch of class to your border and supply you with some excellent cut flowers.



▶ **1148X £2.25 'Beaujolais Bonnets'**

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A beautiful first year flowering perennial with deep red wine coloured centres dotted with contrasting white stamens and with pale pink ruffled outer petals. **2ft (60cm) HP**   

▶ **1148Y £2.25 'Black Knight'**

BEST SELLER



This is a stunning and dramatic variety. It has very, very dark purple flower heads, some with lovely contrasting white stigmas; some flowers really do appear truly black. **4ft (1.2m) HA/HHA**  

▶ **1148Z £2.45 'Blue Cockade'**

Superb variety with very large, brilliant blue flowers on long strong stems. The handsome flowers are produced all summer long. Very easy too. **4ft (1.2m) HA/HHA**  



▶ **1149J £2.65 'Burgundy Beau'**

BEST SELLER



This lovely flower is of a colour quite unlike any other Scabious; a surprising deep purple. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA**  

▶ **1148D £2.85 'Fata Morgana'**



BEST SELLER

This is a fine variety with delicious, creamy apricot-yellow flowers. It is a most remarkable, surprisingly unusual and very attractive colour. One of our favourites. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA**  



▶ **1148R £2.75 'Merlot Red'**

Pincushion flowers in a sumptuous deep red, the colour of your favourite winter's evening tippie. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA**  

▶ **1149H £2.55 'Oxford Blue'**



This is a reselected variety with the most desirable of deep blue flowers. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA**  

▶ **1148N £2.65 'Salmon Queen'**

We love the colour of this beautiful variety – a most unusual and striking salmon-rose colour. The very productive plants have long strong stems carrying fully double, large pincushion flowers, making them perfect for cutting. One of our favourites. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA**  

▶ **1148F £2.65 'Snowmaiden'**

BEST SELLER



Description of this lovely variety will not overtax the writer: pure white flowers – that's it! **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA**  

▶ **1148L £2.65 'Summer Fruits'**

BEST SELLER

A bright and cheerful mixture in warm, fruity shades to give that summer feeling! Large blooms on long, upright stems, they make for good cut flowers too. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA**  

▶ **1148T £2.25 'Tall Double Red'**

Fully double pincushion blooms in bright scarlet red with distinctive white contrasting stamens. Fabulous cut flower and a magnet for bees and butterflies. **2½ft (80cm) HA/HHA**  

▶ ★NEW★ 1149K £2.25 'Tall Double Rose'

Large and double, very free flowering pincushion blooms in a very pretty shade of mid pink with darker centres and contrasting white stamens. With long branching stems, it makes a lovely cut flower and brilliant for pollinators. **2½ft (80cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 1148G £2.15 'Dwarf Mixed Colours'

Half the height of the other varieties we list, this is a relatively dwarf and compact form of Sweet Scabious. A fine plant for borders, it bears delightful, fully double, fragrant blooms in a good range of colours. Good for cutting. **1½ft (45cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 1148A £2.55 'QIS' Formula Mixture

This is a splendid strain of Scabious both for growing in the border and for the production of a particularly high quality cut flower. With large, beautifully formed blooms on long, strong stems, very uniform in height, it comes in a mixture of bright colours including dark blue, salmon-pink and scarlet. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ 1148W £2.25 'Tall Double Flowered Mixed'

BEST SELLER

Splendid for cutting, colourful in the border is this very popular, easily grown annual with large double flowers in a wide range of colours. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

Scabiosa caucasica

When the writer was a lad, he lived next door to a Nursery that grew nothing else but this Scabious for the cut flower market – acres and acres of nothing but the things and all of them the one, single blue form. So his view on the subject is jaundiced although he now has to admit that it is perhaps rather an excellent cut flower. Introduced to Britain in 1803 when seed was collected from Caucasia, this is now one of our most enduring flowers.

'Perfection' Series

This is a lovely series, flowering the first year from seed with beautiful, large flowers on strong stems and unsurpassed for cutting, lasting well in water. It is also to be admired in borders where it attracts bees and butterflies all summer long.

▶ 1149F £2.45 'Perfection Blue'

Large, pale blue flowers. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 1149G £2.45 'Perfection White'

Large, white flowers. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

▶ 1146E £2.35 House's Hybrids, Large Flowered Mixed

Splendid strain in a range of shades of blue, mauve and heliotrope. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

1146H £2.35 S. columbaria. Small Scabious

A native wild flower found in dry grassy fields, with pretty bluish-lilac flowers, rarely pinkish or white. Attractive to bees and butterflies. **1ft (30cm) HP** 🌱

1144J £2.95 S. columbaria, 'Blue Note'

A tamed version of the wild species, this is a very long-flowering cultivar with more uniform plants and a richer colour making them perfect for cutting. Will also flower in the first year from seed. **10ins (25cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

1144K £2.95 S. japonica var. alpina, 'Pink Diamonds'

Charming, bright pink, dwarf pincushions, these are real gems. This variety produces neat, uniform plants, very long flowering with dense, rich green foliage. **10ins (25cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌸

1146X £2.65 S. ochroleuca

This is a rather charming and attractive, undemanding perennial with densely downy foliage and bearing from as early as June to as late as November long-stalked, light lemon yellow, pincushion-centred Scabious flowers, each an inch or two across. These are useful both for bees and flower arrangers. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

1147D £1.95 S. stellata, 'Sternkugel'. Drumstick Scabious BEST SELLER

And a most attractive and useful addition to our range. Although a delightful plant for garden use with spherical heads, 3 or 4ins in diameter, each composed of twenty or so individual, pale blue flowers, an inch or so across, tightly packed together, it is when dried that they become rather special. These globular heads turn into creamy-white spherical posies looking as if they had been fashioned from a translucent parchment – indeed admirers may need some convincing that they are actually natural and not artificial flowers. Once convinced, the plant's identity will almost certainly be requested! **2½ft (70cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

Scabiosa succisa. See **Succisa pratensis**

SCHIZACHYRIUM – Poaceae**92J £2.48 S. scoparium. Little Bluestem**

One of the best landscaping grasses, it turns bright red with tinges of orange and gold in autumn. **5ft (1.5m) HP**

92Q £2.75 S. scoparium, 'Prairie Blues'

This is a very fine, highly ornamental and eye-catching, decorative variety. It forms dense and tidy clumps of upright, stiff, thin, ribbon-like, greyish-blue foliage that, to give you variety, turns a warming reddish-orange in autumn. In late summer it produces lovely silvery, fluffy seed heads that will be welcomed by any flower arranger. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌿

SCHIZANTHUS – Solanaceae. Butterfly Flower**1150F £2.15 S. x wisetonensis, 'Angel Wings' Mixed**

A compact variety forming ball-shaped plants, much branched and covered with large, bright, pretty flowers in many lovely colours in seemingly infinite variety. Grow out-of-doors (in a sunny spot) where they will give a colourful, much-admired display for most of the summer. **1½ft (45cm) HA/HHA**

1150N £2.15 S. x wisetonensis, 'Dr. Badger's' Mixed

This is an old, tried and tested variety of the Butterfly Flower. A splendid strain, it produces handsome plants bearing for a couple of months or more in summer magnificent spikes of large flowers in just about every imaginable colour combination, nearly all quite exotic in appearance – kaleidoscopic is the word that leaps to mind! Splendid for cutting. **1ft (30cm) HHA** 🌿

SCILLA

SCILLA – Liliaceae

Please note we supply seeds and not bulbs of these bulbous plants.

1154F £2.45 S. non-scripta (*syn.* *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) (= without markings),
True Wild Species. Bluebell

This beloved flower, splendid for cool shady positions in just about any soil, is so well known by everyone that we feel any description at all would be positively insulting to our readers, even those North of the Border, who have different ideas as to what a Bluebell should be, will know what's on offer here. Why not start your own miniature Bluebell wood? **1½ft (45cm) HBb** 🌱

SCUTELLARIA – Lamiaceae/Labiatae. *Skullcap*

1155R £2.45 S. lateriflora. Mad Dog Skullcap, Quaker Bonnet

Much respected by herbalists and highly regarded in the treatment of many human problems is this easily grown plant found in wet meadows and marshes in north east USA. With slender, leafy, upright stems, it bears from July to September axillary spikes of blue, tubular, hooded flowers. **2ft (60cm) HP**

SEDUM (= to sit) – Crassulaceae

1156B £2.25 S. acre (= bitter). **Wall Pepper**

This is a delightful native wild flower, a creeping, mat-forming plant with tiny, succulent leaves and bearing bright yellow, star-shaped flowers in summer. A plant for crazy paving, dry walls and rockeries in the sun. **4ins (10cm) HP** 🌱

1156F £2.30 S. roseum (*syn.* *Rhodiola rosea*). **Rose Root, Midsummer Men**

(So called because the plant was once used – quite how we don't know – by girls on Midsummer Eve to divine whether their lovers were true!) An interesting and attractive, uncommon native wild flower found growing in rock crevices in mountains. It has glaucous, fleshy leaves and bears compact heads of yellowish flowers in early summer. The dried roots (said to be once eaten in Greenland) are rose-scented. **1ft (30cm) HP**

1157A £2.65 S. spurium var. coccineum

A mat forming plant for the rock garden with fleshy, succulent leaves, and bearing dense clusters of crimson flowers in summer. **6ins (15cm) HP** 🌱 🌿

1157B £3.25 Sedum, Mixed Species

For the rock garden, this is a good mixture of these interesting, succulent plants with flowers in various shades of yellow, pink and red. **4ins (10cm) HP** 🌱

SEMIQUILEGIA – Ranunculaceae

1158N £3.95 S. ecalcarata (= spurless) **RHS** 🌱

This is an utterly charming plant from China with delicate, slightly downy, divided, grey-green leaves and bearing in summer slender stems of exquisite, nodding, bell-shaped flowers, like spurless Columbines, of a lovely dusky mauve-purple colour (although one author described his plants as having flowers of a "burnt-sienna brown"). This is a beautiful plant for a sunny or semi-shady position in the rockery. **1ft (30cm) HP**

SEMPERVIVUM (= to live forever) – Crassulaceae

1158M £2.60 S. tectorum (= of the roofs of houses: a specific name almost "invented" for this particular plant which grows freely on stone and slate roofs, and in some places is even thought to act as a lightning conductor).

Common Houseleek, Hen and Chicks **RHS** 🌱

A vigorous plant forming rosettes up to 6ins across of strongly tinged dull red, fleshy leaves, and bearing in summer large clusters of reddish-purple flowers. Buy a packet, get your ladder out and extend your garden! (But there are other places to grow it, too!) Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1ft (30cm) HP**

1158C £2.65 S. hybridum and Mixed Species

These are fascinating and easily grown plants for rock gardens, walls, sink gardens and carpet bedding. The plants consist of tight, neat rosettes of succulent, often pointed leaves, many tinged with red and purple. Our mixture contains many different species and hybrids and should give the grower a great deal of variety. Put some in pots for house decoration. **3ins (8cm) HP**

SENECIO (from senex, old man) – Compositae/Asteraceae

1160A £2.25 S. cineraria (*syn.* *Cineraria maritima*), **'Silverdust'**

This is the very popular variety, grown, usually as an annual, for its highly ornamental, silver-white foliage. The variety we offer is very dwarf and produces neat clusters of deeply cut leaves covered with dense, white-woolly hairs, and ideal for growing amongst your brightly coloured summer bedding plants. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **8ins (20cm) HHA/HHP**

SENSITIVE PLANT. See *Mimosa pudica*

SEQUOIA – Pinaceae

1170 £3.25 S. sempervirens. California Redwood **RHS** 🌱

The world's tallest recorded tree. Easy from seed and can reach 3ft in height the first year. **395ft (120m) HTr** 🌱

SEQUIADENDRON – Pinaceae

1169 £3.25 S. gigantea. The Mammoth Tree of California **RHS** 🌱

Although never as tall as the Redwood, it has a more massive trunk, and the largest, the so-called "General Sherman" tree, is considered the world's largest living thing. With its bright green leaves and reddish-brown bark, it is a most attractive tree and easily grown from seed. **295ft (90m) HTr** 🌱

SESELI – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae

1171A £2.95 S. gumniferum. Moon Carrot

How have we not all been growing this until now? It has glimmering bluish, silver-grey, lacy foliage above which emerge huge umbels of flowers that start pale pink and fade to white. It is not fussy in its requirements, but would request good drainage. This is something that will attract attention in your garden and make an unusual addition to the cutting patch. **4ft (1.2m) HB** 🌱 ✂️

SETARIA – Poaceae/Gramineae**Setaria italica. Foxtail Millet**

One for the budgerigar! Unknown in the wild, this has in fact been cultivated as a food-crop for almost 5,000 years though in this country is perhaps best known as birdseed. However, it is also a splendid and robust ornamental grass with dense, nodding flower-heads up to 12ins long. All the varieties we list are excellent and unusual accompaniments for cut flowers, or indeed on their own and are also great for drying. Don't forget to leave a few heads on the plants for the birds!

▶ **1173E £2.75 'Hylander'**

'Hylander' is a particularly tall variety with dense, architectural heads. **4ft (1.2m) HA** ☞

▶ **★NEW★ 1173N £2.65 'Lowlander'**

Charming, long and fluffy red-brown seed heads which are reminiscent of foxes' tails. **3ft (90cm) HA** ☞

▶ **★NEW★ 1174N £2.25 'Red Jewel'**

Dark red brush-like heads. **3ft (90cm) HA** ☞

★NEW★ 1174T £2.25 S. macrocheata, 'Green Bristles'

Eye catching, drooping seed heads in a stunning bright green. **3ft (90cm) HA** ☞

SIDALCEA – Malvaceae. Prairie Mallow, Miniature Hollyhock**1174F £2.95 S. malviflora, 'Party Girl'**

A most graceful addition to the border is this lovely cultivated novelty with long, slender, simple spikes of bright pink, Mallow-like flowers. Useful for cutting. **3ft (90cm) HP** ☞ ☞

SIDERITIS – Lamiaceae/Labiatae**1173Y £2.95 S. syriaca. Mountain Tea**

A perennial plant found growing in mountainous areas around, in particular, the Mediterranean. Forming dense clumps of white woolly, velvety foliage, it bears in summer equally white woolly flowering stems with whorls of pretty yellow flowers. It is used to make the popular "Cretan Mountain Tea", said to have many healing properties. **2ft (60cm) HP**

SILENE – Caryophyllaceae**1173A £2.75 S. caroliniana var. pennsylvanica (syn. S. pennsylvanica)**

This is a very beautiful species for the rockery or front of the border – indeed, our supplier considers it to be one of the most attractive spring-flowering subjects in their gardens. Forming a dense tuft of narrow leaves, it bears terminal clusters of lovely dark rose flowers, each an inch or so across, with five, large, wedge-shaped petals. **6ins (15cm) HP** ☞

862K £1.95 S. dioica (syn. Melandrium rubrum). Red Campion**BEST SELLER**

A favourite haunt of long-tongued bumble bees, this must be one of our loveliest wild flowers. Its bright rose-red blooms, with their deeply divided (bifid) petals, are most freely produced in May and June although they continue to appear throughout summer, and the odd one can still be found struggling through as late as November. **3ft (90cm) HP** ☞

1175X £1.95 S. latifolia (syn. S. alba). White Campion

Native wild flower with soft hairy stems and delicately evening-scented, white flowers. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HP**

1173W £1.95 S. nutans (= nodding). Nottingham Catchfly

We wonder if Robin Hood had a chance to pause long enough to sniff this plant whilst being pursued by the sheriff as it was first found on the walls of that well known castle. It might have made for a pleasant diversion as a drift of it is said to be quite magical at dusk as the flowers release their heavy, insects beware, alluring perfume. In summer it bears on stiff stalks loose whorls of pinkish-white, night-scented flowers and makes a somewhat unusual plant for the rockery or front of border. **2½ft (75cm) HP** ☞

Silene pendula**'Sibella' Series**

We saw this growing in the supplier's trial beds and were instantly drawn to it, rather unusually for a bedding plant. The plants were smothered in the prettiest flowers creating a carpet of colour making us want to try it in the front of our borders. It can be overwintered in a cold greenhouse for early flowering or started from a spring sowing. Useful for containers and hanging baskets.

▶ **1174B £2.95 'Sibella Carmine'**

A Fleuroselect gold medal winner; bright pink. **1½ft (40cm) HA** ☞

▶ **1174D £2.95 'Sibella Lilac'**

Soft lilac. **1½ft (40cm) HA** ☞

▶ **1174E £2.95 'Sibella Pink'**

Blush pink. **1½ft (40cm) HA** ☞

1176B £1.95 S. vulgaris (syn. S. cucubalus). Bladder Campion**BEST SELLER**

A familiar and attractive native wild flower with somewhat glaucous foliage, and bearing most of the summer clusters of fragrant white flowers, each sitting on top of a green or reddish, inflated, bladder-like calyx. **3ft (90cm) HP**

SILPHIUM – Compositae/Asteraceae**★NEW★ 1175F £3.25 S. mohrii. Shaggy Rosinweed**

Once abundantly flowering on the North American prairies, these distinctive pale lemon-yellow, daisy-like blooms on strong, downy branched stems are very long-flowering from summer until late autumn. A long-lived perennial, it is very low maintenance, drought tolerant and so superb for naturalistic landscaping and brilliant for pollinators. **5½ft (1.7m) Packet of 10 seeds. HP** ☞

SILYBUM

SILYBUM – Compositae/Asteraceae

1175E £2.45 S. marianum (= St. Mary's: recalls the legend that the leaves of this plant were mottled by the milk of the Virgin Mary).

Milk Thistle, St. Mary's Thistle, Blessed Thistle

No! Don't dismiss this plant as just another thistle – it is a striking and most attractive foliage plant with flat rosettes of large, prickly leaves, most strikingly lined and marbled with broad white veins – indeed variegation probably not surpassed for beauty in any other plant – and bearing large heads of sweet-scented, rose-purple flowers. Not only that, but you can eat it: the roots boiled, the flower-heads like Artichokes, and the leaves in salads – which just leaves the prickles! **4ft (1.2m)**

HA/HB 🌱

SINNINGIA – Gesneriaceae

641Q £2.95 S. speciosa, F1 Hybrid 'Avanti' Formula Mixed Colours.

Gloxinia

These F1 hybrid Gloxinias, bred specifically for the commercial pot flower market, have several advantages, too, for the amateur gardener, even those with only a window sill at their command. These are earlier flowering (in as little as five months from seed), of greater vigour and more compact plants combined with uniformity of growth – a 4 or 5 inch pot is all they ask. In addition, they have more tolerance to lower temperatures and are even easier to grow. Wide range of lovely colours including blue, rose-red, scarlet, red with white margin and white. **1ft (30cm) GP** 🌱

SISYRINCHIUM – Iridaceae

1175S £2.95 S. striatum (= striped)

Very easy to grow is this species from Chile, with Iris-like foliage and slender stems bearing, in summer, tall spikes of numerous creamy-yellow flowers, each an inch or so across. **2ft (60cm) HP**

SMILACINA – Liliaceae

1177A £2.95 S. racemosa. False Spikenard

With its large, loose, feathery spikes of fragrant, creamy-white flowers in May (most unlike anything else you will find in the Lily family), this is a splendid plant for those slightly shady places that are found in most gardens. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **3ft (90cm)** Packet of 8 seeds. **HP**

SMYRNIUM – Apiaceae/Umbelliferae

1177B £2.95 S. perfoliatum. Perfoliate Alexanders

This is a most exciting plant for flower arrangers. The upper stems appear to grow right through the middle of the quite circular leaves and, with their interesting yellowy-green flowers, they should give limitless scope for novel, talk-provoking ("What is that flower?") arrangements. Slow but sure germination. **3ft (90cm) HP/HB** 🌱

SNAPDRAGON. See *Antirrhinum*

SOLANUM – Solanaceae

1180M £2.65 S. sisymbriifolium. Sticky Nightshade

Now, here's something rather different to ornament your border this summer! From tropical America, it is a most interesting and very showy plant with erect stems, deeply lobed leaves and sepals all ornamentally adorned with many yellow or orange spines. Extraordinarily freely flowering, it bears numerous clusters of pale blue or white flowers, each an inch and a half or so across. These are followed by bright red fruits. It also makes a splendid plant for flowering in pots in your conservatory – put them outside on the patio as a conversation point when you have a barbie! **4ft (1.2m) HHA**

SOLENOSTEMON (*syn.* *Coleus*) – Lamiaceae/Labiatae

The ever-popular pot plant, *Coleus*, that, with its brilliantly coloured leaves, really needs no introduction. One of the nice things about growing this plant from seed is that even the first pair of true leaves that emerge after germination shows signs of the colour to come.

379A £2.95 S. scutellaroides (*syn.* *Coleus blumei*),

'Fairway', Extra Dwarf Formula Mixed

Ideal for window sill culture is this very fine *Coleus* strain, extra dwarf in habit, naturally basal branching (i.e. you don't have to go round your plants nipping out the stem tops to encourage this) and producing numerous short-stemmed branches bearing a most pleasing array of painted leaves attractively smaller than your average *Coleus* leaf. This mixture is a blend of about ten individual luxury colours including velvet-red, bronze and scarlet and all with the lovely markings one associates with this colourful race of plants. **10ins (25cm) TP**

Solenostemon scutellaroides, Superfine Rainbow Coleus

From Japan comes a range of named *Coleus* strains, all coming 100% true to name and description, with a brilliance of colour and pattern – most unlikely to be obtained from ordinary mixtures – hard to surpass. Raising these from seed should give an enormous amount of enjoyment.

▶ **378X £2.45 S. scutellaroides, Superfine Rainbow Coleus,**

'Masterblends Rainbow'

This is a formula mixture of outstanding colours which are selected and grown separately to give a seed mix that will yield plants of exceptional quality. **1½ft (50cm) TP**

SOLIDAGO – Compositae/Asteraceae

1180E £2.25 S. canadensis, 'Golden Baby'. Golden Rod

As the name implies, this is a dwarf form of that popular, ubiquitous plant, inferior forms of which seem to abound in gardens and, as escapes, waste land up and down the country. By contrast, this is a fine strain producing numerous, superb, golden-yellow plumes in summer. Sown early will flower the first year from seed. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌿 🌻

SORBUS – Rosaceae

1185C £2.75 S. torminalis (= and we doubt you'd ever guess this one! – relating to or effective against colic; tormina being Latin for griping of the bowels).

Wild Service Tree, Chequers

Surprisingly rare in cultivation is this most attractive and striking, deciduous tree with sharply lobed, almost Maple-like (the only member of the genus to have such foliage), polished lustrous dark green leaves that turn crimson and yellow in autumn. Downy corymbs of white flowers are borne in June followed by edible, russet-brown fruits rich in vitamin C. Also used for hedging. **40ft (12m) HTt**

SORGHUM – Poaceae/Gramineae**1185E £1.95 S. nigrum. *Black Millet***

A beautiful but rather underrated species, Black Millet is grown around the world as a crop plant, but it is extremely ornamental. A quite majestic and striking plant with large and robust, dark brown, plume-like inflorescences, it will add drama to your borders and is also excellent for drying. **3ft (90cm) HA** ☞

SPILANTHES OLERACEA. See *Acmella oleracea***SPOROBOLUS – Poaceae/Gramineae****1191G £2.55 S. heterolepis. *Prairie Dropseed***

This is the most elegant and refined of the North American prairie grasses and one that you will be very happy to have as an ornamental in your border. Slow growing, it produces a dense, flowing mound, 15ins tall, of the finest texture composed of the thinnest of thin, thread-like, glossy green blades. In autumn the clump turns a conspicuous deep orange before fading to a light copper for the winter. In late summer the plants bear, on very slender stalks high above the foliage, unbelievably delicate, graceful flower panicles, excellent for cutting. And a completely unexpected bonus: they are perfumed with a fragrance, delicate, sweet or pungent; a blend of coriander and slightly burnt buttered popcorn! **2½ft (75cm) HP** ☞

SPRUCE. See *Picea***STACHYS – Lamiaceae/Labiatae****1192E £2.30 S. lanata (= woolly) (syn. *Stachys byzantina*). *Lamb's Ear***

A very popular plant with thick, soft, densely woolly, whitish leaves, and attractive, woolly spikes of small purple flowers in July. **1½ft (45cm) HP**

1192Q £2.45 S. officinalis (syn. *Betonica officinalis*). *Betony, Bishop's Wort*

A native wild flower of open woodland, bearing all summer spikes of bright reddish-purple flowers. Long used in medicine, a physician to the Emperor Augustus Caesar wrote a book about it; another herbalist stated that it is one of the herbs that ought to be kept in every family! Amongst its many, many virtues, it is said, a decoction with wine gargled in the mouth eases toothache. **2ft (60cm) HP** ☞

STATICE. See *Limonium***STEPHANOTIS – Asclepiadaceae****1198 £2.45 S. floribunda (= flowering freely) RHS 🏆**

From Madagascar, this is one of the most popular greenhouse plants with its clusters of pure white, very fragrant, waxy flowers from May to July. Although at its best when planted in a bed – in which case they can reach a height of 30ft – they can, however, be grown successfully in pots when, if required, they can be trained in a circle. Requires heated glass (minimum 50°F (10°C)). **30ft (9m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **GP(CI)**

STEVIA – see *The VegBook***STIPA – Poaceae/Gramineae****1201F £2.95 S. arundinacea (= reed-like) (syn. *Anemanthele lessoniana*).*****Pheasant Tail Grass***

Like newly washed hair is how one writer describes the graceful, arching, drooping panicles of (presumably colour-rinsed!) purplish-brown flowers. The seed can be sown mixed with soil and pushed into holes in tree trunks and the like when resulting plants will arch down artistically over their support. It will tolerate very deep shade. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **3ft (1m) HP**

1201E £3.95 S. barbata, 'Silver Feather'

This is a fun plant! Grow it and you'll see what we mean. The plant produces the most enormous, decorative awns (they're the wispy bits you get on grasses). Each of these awns ends in a single, solitary, very large (for a grass) seed. Hence, regrettably, the very high price. A puff of wind and they blow everywhere and no-one can resist picking them up. An eye-catching and attractive addition to any garden. **3ft (90cm)** Packet of 7 seeds. **HP**

1201J £2.85 S. capillata (= furnished with fine hairs), 'Lace Veil'. *Feather Grass*

This is a beautiful and distinctive ornamental grass forming dense clumps of grey-green foliage and bearing in summer highly decorative, upright, silvery-white plumes. These will look splendid in the border or in your finest flower arrangements. **3ft (90cm) HP** ☞

1201G £3.75 S. gigantea. *Golden Oats, Giant Feather Grass* RHS 🏆**BEST SELLER**

This is a splendid, architectural, ornamental grass forming large, dense clumps of numerous narrow leaves. In summer it supports on long, stiff stalks large, loose panicles of long-awned, silvery spikelets with conspicuous dangling, golden anthers which persist well into winter. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **8ft (2.4m)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP**

**1202E £2.25 S. tenuissima (= thinnest) (syn. *Nasella tenuissima*), 'Pony Tails'.
Silky Thread Grass, Angel Hair* RHS 🏆 BEST SELLER*

This is a very graceful and beautiful ornamental grass. Forming dense clumps of arching, filament-thin, bright green leaves, it bears all summer long a profusion of long, narrow, softly feathery plumes – greenish-white to start with then changing to buff. 'Pony Tails' describes the whole perfectly, particularly when the whole plant billows in the slightest breeze. Flowers the first year from seed and is excellent for the border, pot or patio. **2ft (60cm) HP** ☞

STOKESIA – Compositae/Asteraceae**1202B £2.99 S. laevis (syn. *S. cyanea*). *Stokes' Aster***

A native of South Carolina and Georgia, this lovely plant is one of America's finest (or, to use a word popular in the trade but one, we think, we have avoided so far, choicest) horticultural exports. Various attempts have been made to describe the bloom by comparing it with other flowers like your common Aster, Cornflower or Chicory. None of these, however, do it justice: it has that certain, indescribable quality that puts it in a class of its own. Blue or purplish-blue and borne from late summer until the first frosts and, whereas in the wild these are only an inch or so across, it seems to take to cultivation and, with the right treatment, responds by producing blooms three or four inches across. Good for cut flowers. Needs a well-drained soil. **2ft (60cm) HP** ☞

STRAWBERRY

STRAWBERRY. See **The VegBook**

STRELITZIA – Musaceae. *Bird-of-Paradise Flower*

These plants are unique in that they are the only ones known with flowers pollinated by birds' feet. In the banana family, they have very ornamental foliage and striking flowers.

1205A £4.65 S. juncea (= rush-like)

With flowers very like the popular *S. reginae* but a far more compact plant with spike-like leaves and only growing to about 2ft, this is perhaps the best *Strelitzia* for cultivation in the smaller greenhouse.

2ft (60cm) Packet of 5 seeds. **HHP**

1205B £3.25 S. nicolai. White Bird of Paradise

A superb palm-tree-like species eventually bearing large, bold, distinctively shaped, unusually softly coloured Bird-of-Paradise flowers. Luckily unlikely to reach their full proportions indoors, they make a great house plant. **20ft (6m)** Packet of 8 seeds. **GP**

1206 £3.45 S. reginae RHS 🌿

The commonest of the Bird-of-Paradise flowers with large, purple and orange blooms. Requires heated glass (minimum 50°F (10°C)). **20ft (6m)** Packet of 8 seeds. **HHP**

STREPTOCARPUS – Gesneriaceae. *Cape Primrose*

1207P £3.95 Streptocarpus, 'Dibley's Dragons' Mixed, F1 Hybrid

Flowering generously over an extended period in as small as a three inch pot is this beautiful, award-winning hybrid *Streptocarpus* bred in North Wales (hence the dragons!) by Dibley's, renowned specialists in this popular flower. These are compact plants with a uniform habit yet will produce plants with all the *Streptocarpus* colours with the flowers veined and shaded in infinite variety – like snowflakes, each plant will be unique – as each comes into bloom you will inspect it closely and delight. An ideal window sill item and you can fill your conservatory with them. 6-12ins

1ft (30cm) **GP**

1207R £3.95 Streptocarpus, 'Dibley's Pink Bouquet', F1 Hybrid

From Dibley's, the UK holder of the National Collection of *Streptocarpus*, comes this lovely mix of these beautiful flowers in colours of every shade of pink from deep to pale, through to white. The plants are uniform and compact with branching stems and will be much admired on your window sill. **1ft (30cm)** **GP**

SUCCISA – Dipsacaceae

1147E £2.35 S. pratensis (*syn.* *Scabiosa succisa*). **Devil's Bit Scabious**

Like the small *Scabious*, this is another native wild flower beloved of bees and butterflies, with mauve to dark blue-purple flowers. **2½ft (75cm)** **HP** 🐝

SUCCISELLA – Dipsacaceae

1212A £3.25 S. inflexa (= bent inwards), **'Frosted Pearls'**

Developed from a species found in wet places in the southern Balkans is this fine perennial for your border guaranteed to arouse the curiosity of visitors. Forming a tidy clump of spatula-shaped leaves, it bears from June to September branching stems carrying innumerable spherical flower-heads. These are pink when in bud but open to reveal white petals with just the slightest touch of blue. These have great potential as cut flowers. **2½ft (75cm)** **HP** 🌸

SUNFLOWER. See *Helianthus annuus*

SUTERA (*syn.* *Bacopa*) – Scrophulariaceae

1212C £3.95 S. cordata, 'Snowtopia White'

Pure white flowers on indispensable plants for the garden. Versatile around the garden, they are outstanding in containers and hanging baskets, overflowing with the greatest of ease – just like a pan of milk boiling over! Very weather tolerant, they are uniquely self-cleaning so no dead-heading means immaculate containers and they bloom for an amazingly long period. For ease of sowing, the seed is sold as multi-seeded pellets. **10ins (25cm)** Packet of 10 pellets. **HHA**

SWEET PEA. See *Lathyrus odoratus*

SWEET WILLIAM. See *Dianthus barbatus*

SYMPHYOTRICHUM (*syn.* *Aster*) – Compositae/Asteraceae

148E £2.85 S. novae-belgii, 'New Variations' Mixed. New York Aster

These have long attracted the attention of plant breeders, particularly in England, and around 1,000 named cultivars have been recorded – you may think of adding to the list from the best of the plants from this packet! With distinctive dark green, smooth and shiny foliage, you can expect some fine plants to supply you with some lovely flowers to cheer up your autumn garden. And, of course, super cut flowers. If you can, and have the space, grow lots of plants in a reserve border and select (and think of a name!) the ones you like best. Few, however, will disappoint. Average **5ft (1.5m)** **HP**

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148M £2.99 S. oblongifolius. Aromatic Aster

Found growing on limestone glades, slopes and prairies of Missouri, this virtually unknown species is likely to become popular when folk get to see it. Easily grown, it is a bushy, stiff, compact plant with rigid, oblong (how did you guess), 4-inch blue-green leaves, fragrant (again, how did you guess) when crushed. In late summer and autumn it bears a mass (so many indeed they can sometimes tend to weigh the plant down) of one-inch flowers in shades of violet-blue. These are enjoyed by butterflies and flower arrangers. **2ft (60cm)** **HP** 🐝 🌸

SYMPHYTUM – Boraginaceae

1215P £2.95 S. officinale. Common Comfrey, Alum

BEST SELLER

This is a handsome native wild flower with attractive drooping clusters of blue, purple, pink or cream, bell-shaped flowers in early summer. Well known for centuries as a medicinal plant, but the leaves are now regularly used as a compost activator helping the breakdown of other compost materials. Comfrey is also often used as a mulch or as a liquid green manure. **4ft (1.2m)** **HP** 🌿

TACCA – Taccaceae**1220A £4.25 T. chantrieri. Bat Plant**

This weird plant has created a considerable amount of interest in recent years. When this plant was first introduced into cultivation from the depths of Far Eastern forests at the turn of the century, it was probably grown as a rather splendid, Anthurium-like, foliage plant. However, nowadays it is for the strange heads of dark brownish-purple, almost black in fact, flowers that the Bat Plant is grown. Sombre enough to be out of place even at a funeral, these strange and sinister flowers, with their almost grotesque, 12in. long, shoe-lace-like attachments, are quite unlike any other and are going to excite, at the very least, curiosity in all that see it. **2ft (60cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **GP**

TAGETES – Compositae/Asteraceae. Marigold

This genus includes some of the commonest and most popular annuals grown. In spite of their common names, they all originate from Mexico. All are easy to grow and are useful for cutting.

Tagetes erecta. African Marigold

A splendid vigorous plant with large flowers; if you've never grown it before, try it this year!

▶ 1221D £2.25 'Crackerjack' Mixed

An old, (at least 40 years) favourite variety, it could with little fear of contradiction be said to be the standard, open-pollinated African Marigold. Very early flowering, it bears freely extra large flowers in shades of orange, gold and lemon. **3ft (90cm)** HHA 🌱 ☞

▶ ★NEW★ 1223B £3.65 'Indiana' Mixture, F1 Hybrid

With very uniform, large, round, very double flowers, they come in bright sunny colours of orange, yellow and gold. Of a compact and tidy habit, they are ideal for edging and mass planting. Looks good in pots too. **1ft (30cm)** HHA 🌱

▶ 1222B £3.75 'White Gold Max', F1 Hybrid

This award winning variety bears large double flowers of tightly packed petals in a colour described by the breeder as pure white, which is an unusual colour for Marigolds. It might be more accurately described as a creamy vanilla white! **1ft (30cm)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HHA** ☞

1222E £2.25 T. lucida, 'Sweet Mace'

Completely overshadowed by its well known cousins and but rarely seen in gardens these days, this is a charming plant with lance-shaped leaves and clusters of golden, sweet-scented flowers. Well worth growing – why not try it for a change this year? **1½ft (45cm)** HHA 🌱

1222D £2.25 T. minuta. Mexican Marigold

It is not as an ornamental that we offer this species, but for its reputation as a destroyer of weeds by means of its strong herbicidal root secretions which repel nematodes and suppress weeds. Among the more popular weeds said to yield to these are Ground Elder, Couch Grass, Convolvulus and other nasties. In general appearance, well grown, it looks like a rather large African Marigold with particularly finely cut leaves (so at the very least you finish up with a rather fine foliage plant) but with small flowers more like an impoverished, pale yellow Groundsel. Plant out in spring 12ins apart. **8ft (2.4m)** HHA

Tagetes patula (= spreading). French Marigold

This well-known, small bushy annual, flowering continuously all summer (even longer if you bring in and pot a plant or two for a window-sill), is as near as you can get to an instant flower, the first buds appearing in a very few weeks from sowing. For this reason, always have a packet to hand – if all else fails, a packet sown in June will quickly cheer up an otherwise bare patch. May be hardy outside in some seasons with frost-free protection in winter.

▶ 1223D £2.35 'Bonita' Mixed

This is your irreplaceable-middle-of-the-road-can't-possibly-fail Carnation-flowered, French Marigold. Lots of flowers, lots of petals, lots of colour combinations. Treat as a half-hardy annual or sow-and-forget. **1ft (30cm)** HA/HHA 🌱 ☞

▶ 1222K £2.50 'Burning Embers'**BEST SELLER**

These beautiful deep orange blooms have petals edged with a paler outline. Grow with tomatoes to protect from pests or as a cut flower. **1½ft (45cm)** HHA 🌱 ☞

▶ ★NEW★ 1222H £2.25 'Carmen'

This most floriferous variety has a mass of sumptuous, very double, dark rusty red flowers with a fine, dark orange edging to the petals and dark orange centres. **1ft (30cm)** HHA 🌱

▶ 1222Q £1.95 'Cinnabar'

Small, single flowers with sumptuous dark velvety red petals edged in bright orange. Large and prominent frilled anthers are also bright orange. **2ft (60cm)** HHA 🌱 ☞

▶ ★NEW★ 1222X £2.25 'Favourite Red'

Charming very dark rusty-red single flowers with dark orange centres and petal edging. Like a compact version of our best-selling 'Burning Embers'. **1ft (30cm)** HHA 🌱

▶ 1223A £2.35 'Honeycomb' RHS 🏆

A splendid, dwarf crested variety with glowing, fully double flowers, 2ins or more across, in two-tone colour schemes of mahogany and orange. **10ins (25cm)** HHA 🌱

▶ 1222W £3.25 'Strawberry Blonde'

These gorgeous Marigold blooms have double flowers in a palette of our favourite peachy apricot tones, some even verging on the pink, all unusual. The plants' tolerance of all the vagaries of the British climate makes this a winning long time bloomer. **10ins (25cm)** HA/HHA 🌱

▶ 1222M £2.25 'Tiger Eyes' RHS 🏆

A dwarf, double French Marigold, the flowers a rich maroon-mahogany with large, bright orange tufted centre crests. Very easy. **8ins (20cm)** HHA 🌱

1222T £2.25 T. patula x erecta, 'Konstance'

These taller than usual Marigold plants have striking dark bronze mahogany double flowers, edged and striped with bright golden yellow. This variety is a really strong garden performer – robust and very long flowering. **1ft (35cm)** HHA 🌱 ☞

Tagetes tenuifolia (= slender-leaved). Striped Mexican Marigold

These are quite delightful dwarf plants. Brilliant at the front of borders and perfect in pots, they are smothered with small flowers all summer.

▶ 1225C £2.25 'Starfire' Mixed

A very fine strain supplying an abundance of flowers in a wide range of yellow and brown colours. **8ins (20cm)** HHA 🌱

TAGETES

▶ 1225G £2.25 'Lemon Gem'

We seek far and wide for inspiration as to what to include in our Catalogue – this came from our local cemetery! The writer was so impressed by the performance of one bed of Tagetes there, he inquired about its identity and was informed it was 'Lemon Gem' – large bushes, hedges almost, just completely covered with a mass of large lemon-yellow flowers totally concealing the foliage. For this our packets are unnecessarily large – grown like this you just won't need many plants for even the largest beds! A good companion plant for 'Tangerine Gem'. **1ft (30cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

▶ 1225K £2.25 'Tangerine Gem'

BEST SELLER

Vibrant deep tangerine-orange flowers. A great companion plant to 'Lemon Gem'. **1ft (30cm) HA/HHA** 🌱

TALINUM – Portulacaceae

1225R £2.95 *T. paniculatum*, 'Verde'

This variety with dark green, fleshy leaves bears on strong, tall, narrow stems, airy panicles of tiny rose-pink flowers which are very effective when massed together and appear light and airy, a little like gypsophila. The flowers are followed by orange berries that ripen to red with time. Excellent for cutting. **3ft (90cm) TP** 🌱 🌀

TANACETUM – Compositae/Asteraceae

1227A £2.45 *T. parthenium* (syn. *Matricaria capensis*, *Chrysanthemum parthenium*). **Feverfew** **BEST SELLER**

Strongly aromatic perennial wild flower with corymbs of white flowers with yellow centres. Formerly cultivated as a medicinal herb and used as a febrifuge – hence its common name. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱

1227H £2.25 *T. vulgare*. **Tansy**

This pretty native plant with its deeply serrated and aromatic leaves and heads of very attractive, yellow, button-like flowers will make an interesting addition to your borders. Of particular interest is its well documented insect repellent properties and it has been found to significantly reduce incidences of infestation when planted as a companion crop. Try a pot in the kitchen (or sprigs in a vase) to repel flies in summer! **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱

TARAXACUM – Compositae/Asteraceae

★NEW★ 1227K £2.35 *T. rubrifolium*

This is an unusual and not often seen dwarf relative of the humble Dandelion. Forming a small flat rosette of the deepest purple, the contrasting yellow dandelion flowers on short stems make this an interesting addition for the garden and definitely not in the weed category. **6ins (15cm) HP** 🌱

TAXODIUM – Pinaceae

1231 £3.25 *T. distichum*. **Swamp Cypress**

A beautiful and handsome tree from the Everglades region of Florida. Hardy throughout the British Isles, it is attractive both in the spring when the young leaves are pale green, and in the autumn when they turn bronze-yellow. **115ft (35m) HTr** 🌱

TELEKIA – Compositae

226H £2.34 *T. speciosa* (syn. *Buphthalmum speciosum*). **Ox-Eye Daisy**

Very easily grown is this rather splendid plant for the border with strongly and attractively scented, large, handsome leaves, bearing in summer large, orange-yellow flowers up to 4ins across with long, spidery petals. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱 🌀

TELLIMA – Saxifragaceae

1234E £2.25 *T. grandiflora*. **Fringe Cups**

A plant for dappled shade in woods and wild gardens with very hairy leaves, and bearing from early spring onwards many-flowered racemes of lime-green flowers that turn reddish with age. On close examination, these reveal a delicacy and beauty of form unsuspected at a first glance. **2ft (60cm) HP**

1234F £2.25 *T. grandiflora* var. **purpurea**

A very fine variety with reddish-purple or bronze foliage, particularly colourful in the autumn, and pinkish-cream flowers. **2ft (60cm) HP**

TELOXYS – Chenopodiaceae

1235A £2.25 *T. aristata*. **Sea Foam**

A real novelty in every sense of the word. And a plant for your dedicated model maker as little chunks of this fascinating plant are sold for use as model shrubs and trees for miniature track-side and road decoration. 'Sea Foam' describes well the intricately shaped form in which the myriad tiny stems of this plant entangle themselves, more the framework of a loofah than your average plant. The insignificant flowers open green then, with the rest of the plant, turn reddish-maroon and finally to reddish-brown, the whole being outstanding as an everlasting. At first the plant is a very slow grower, then, as flowering time approaches, it leaps into action and grows, our supplier's word, "explosively". A plant of the Gobi Desert. **1ft (35cm) HA/HHA**

TETRAPANAX – Araliaceae

★NEW★ 584B £3.75 *T. papyrifera*. **Chinese Rice Paper Plant** RHS 🌱

This is a handsome, useful and interesting plant – as a house plant it will be much admired for its magnificent felt-covered, deeply lobed leaves, orange-green when young and whitish-green when mature. Indoors it will attain 3 to 6 ft. in height and form multi-stemmed clumps. The pith obtained from inside the stems is used to make Chinese rice-paper. And as if that were not enough, the plant has been used to stimulate the secretion of milk in nursing mothers. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter (minimum 2°C). **6ft (1.8m) Packet of 6 seeds. HHS**

TEUCRIUM – Lamiaceae/Labiatae

1237G £2.25 *T. chamaedrys*. **Wall Germander**

Naturalised in parts of Britain, where it is found growing on walls and ruins, is this spreading plant with dark green, somewhat hairy foliage, and bearing spikes of small, pretty, rosy flowers from July to September. **10ins (25cm) HP** 🌱

THALICTRUM – Ranunculaceae***Thalictrum aquilegifolium***

With its attractive pinnate, glaucous foliage, strong flower stems and large panicles of lovely fluffy flowers, these are very graceful and ornamental plants for the border. Easy in most soils in sun or part shade.

- ▶ **1236H** £2.35 **T. aquilegifolium. French Meadow Rue**
Soft pinky-purple flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HP** ☼

- 1238B** £2.45 **T. delavayi. Chinese Meadow Rue** **BEST SELLER**

An attractive species from China with glaucous, much divided leaves, and bearing large, loose panicles of relatively large, mauve flowers, up to 1in. across, with long drooping stamens with yellow anthers. **4ft (1.2m) HP** ☼

- 1238H** £3.75 **T. delavayi, 'Album'**

This is a superb variety of *T. delavayi* with really attractive lime-green foliage and bearing in summer large panicle heads of lovely pure white flowers. Apart from looking rather good in the border, they make an uncommon cut flower in a vase. **4ft (1.2m) HP** ☼

- 1239A** £3.25 **T. rochebrunianum. Giant Meadow Rue** RHS 🏆

A particularly fine species with strong, erect, purple-blue stems and dainty, glaucous, fern-like foliage, and bearing large, branching panicles of rosy-lavender flowers in summer. Sun or partial shade. **4ft (1.2m) HP** ☼

- 1239L** £2.62 **T. uchiyamae**

Will you be the first in your neighbourhood to grow this fairly recently discovered most desirable species from the Far East? A splendid perennial for your border, it produces a tidy basal pillow of delicate maidenhair foliage from which ascend thin, graceful repeatedly branching stems bearing showers of innumerable, tiny, shimmering, tassel-like, pink and yellow flowers, a colour combination unique in the genus. **5ft (1.5m) HP** ☼

THLASPI – Brassicaceae/Cruciferae

- ★ **NEW** ★ **1241D** £2.45 **T. arvense. Field Penny Cress**

Grown for its decorative seed pods and used in fresh and dried arrangements. **2½ft (80cm) HA** ☼

THUNBERGIA – Acanthaceae***Thunbergia alata. Black-eyed Susan***

- ▶ **1243H** £3.65 **'African Sunset' Mixed**

This beautiful and unusual climber has unique sunset shades of red, apricot and buff with dark burgundy eyes. **7ft (2.1m)** Packet of 15 seeds. **HHP(CI)** 🌸

- ▶ **1243C** £2.45 **Mixed**

This is the popular, easily grown and beautiful climbing plant for greenhouse or for outside in mild districts with, in this variety, a profusion of yellow, orange or white flowers, each with a black "eye", borne over a period of three or four months. **6ft (1.8m) HHP(CI)** 🌸

- ▶ **1243J** £2.65 **'Sunrise White with Eye'**

Lovely variety bearing bright white flowers with a central dark eye. **7ft (2.1m) HHP(CI)** 🌸

THYMUS – Lamiaceae/Labiatae

- 1244A** £1.95 **T. serpyllum. Creeping Thyme** **BEST SELLER**

This is an ideal plant for paved areas, forming a mat of delightfully aromatic, bright green foliage, and bearing in summer a profusion of pinkish-purple flowers. **3ins (8cm) HP** ☼ 🌸

- 1244Q** £2.95 **T. serpyllum, 'Magic Carpet'** **BEST SELLER**

This is a superb cultivated variety of the popular type species and another ideal plant for paved areas. Forming very low carpets of green aromatic foliage, it bears from May to August a magic deep pile carpet of very conspicuous, carmine-pink flowers. The chinks in your patio paving can't wait for its arrival! **3ins (8cm) HP** ☼

TIARELLA – Saxifragaceae

- 1244B** £2.95 **T. wherryi** RHS 🏆

This is a compact, attractive and free-flowering plant with heart-shaped leaves that turn reddish in autumn, and dense racemes of white, sometimes with a tinge of rose, starchy flowers in early summer. Does well in a dappled shade. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1ft (35cm) HP**

TILIA – Tiliaceae. Lime

- 1246** £2.04 **T. cordata. Small-leaved Lime**

Medium sized native tree with heart-shaped leaves and ivory-coloured, fragrant flowers in July. Used for hedging. **55ft (17m) HTR** ☼

TITHONIA – Compositae/Asteraceae***Tithonia rotundifolia. Mexican Sunflower***

This is a superb plant that deserves to be better known – in its native Mexico it grows to 6ft. or more, but here will only reach 3-4ft. They form large, compact plants and produce their single, Dahlia-like flowers very freely from July to October. Try it – your neighbours will want to know what it is.

- ▶ **1250Q** £2.65 **'Fiesta del Sol'** **BEST SELLER**

The most compact available, early flowering, it produces an abundance of very intense, bright orange flowers, each three dazzling inches across. Plant in full sun, dead-head, and enjoy blooms and butterflies all summer long! **2½ft (75cm) HHA** ☼ ☼

- ▶ **1250L** £2.35 **'Goldfinger'**

Smaller and more compact than 'Torch', this is another fine cultivated variety with eye-catchingly brilliant yet soft orange-coloured flowers, each three inches or so across. **3ft (90cm) HHA** ☼ ☼

- ▶ **1250** £2.25 **'Torch'** **BEST SELLER**

A cultivated form with orange-scarlet flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** ☼ ☼

- ▶ **1250W** £2.35 **'Yellow Torch'**

Another superb cultivated form with buff-yellow flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HHA** ☼ ☼

TOLMIEA

TOLMIEA – Saxifragaceae

1250D £2.20 *T. menziesii*. **Piggy-back Plant**

Although perfectly hardy for the border or woodland, this attractive foliage plant with softly hairy, fresh green leaves is best known as one of those ideal Bring-and-Buy pot plants because of its propensity of producing babies on the surface of old leaves. **2ft (60cm) HP**

TOLPIS – Compositae/Asteraceae

1250K £1.95 *T. barbata*. **European Umbrella Milkwort**

A recommendation: in C.O. Booth's famous Encyclopaedia of Annual and Biennial Garden Plants published in 1957 when coloured pictures were at a premium, only eight plants merited such an illustration. This is one of them. It is a most attractive plant for border or rockery producing in great profusion from July to September brilliant bright yellow flowers, each 2ins across, with deep maroon centres. Splendid for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HA** ☞

TRACHELIUM – Campanulaceae

Trachelium caeruleum

Although strictly a perennial, these beautiful and exquisite plants are usually grown as half-hardy annuals. The small, star-shaped, faintly sweet-scented flowers are produced in dense, cloudy umbels, not only perfect for cutting but also making great pot plants.

▶ 1251H £2.95 'Lake Michigan Violet'

Dense cloudy umbels of an intense deep violet in colour. **3ft (90cm) HHA** ☞ ☞

▶ 1251J £2.95 'Lake Michigan White'

Gorgeous white clouds of star-shaped flowers with lovely dark green foliage. Brilliant filler for cut flowers. **3ft (90cm) HHA** ☞ ☞

TRACHYCARPUS (= rough fruit) – Palmae/Arecaceae

1251 £3.64 *T. fortunei* (*syn.* *T. excelsus*). **Chusan Palm** RHS 🌿

This is one of the hardiest of all palms, virtually hardy in most parts of the British Isles, but best grown in a sheltered position so that the large, fan-shaped leaves (up to 4ft across) are not torn by the wind. If you want a palm in your garden, give this a try. **25ft (8m) HT**

TRICHOCEREUS – Cactaceae

1252F £3.85 *T. pachanoi* (*syn.* *Echinopsis pachanoi*). **San Pedro Cactus**

This rare, fast-growing cactus is native to Ecuador and Peru. Typically with 6-8 prickly, sometimes glaucous, light to dark green, tubular ribs, it has been known to grow up to 40ft. Your patience will be rewarded with the most beautiful multi-layered, white, star-shaped flowers which open at night. You will, therefore, have to be a night owl to appreciate their beauty! Easy to cultivate from seed. **20ft (6m) Packet of 12 seeds. GP**

TRICYRTIS – Liliaceae

1254H £2.66 *T. hirta* (= hairy). **Japanese Toad Lily**

Rejoicing in its less than lovely English name is this rather splendid, softly white hairy plant for a warm sheltered spot in the border, with racemes of small, lily-like (yet quite distinct) flowers which are white with large purple spots. **3ft (90cm) HP**

TRIFOLIUM – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

1254Y £2.38 *T. ochroleucum*. **Sulphur Clover**

An attractive, large native Clover found growing in clumps in grassy places mainly in the eastern counties of England but now seen far less frequently. With trifoliate leaves, it bears heads of showy, creamy-yellow flowers, much visited by bees and butterflies. **1½ft (45cm) HP** ☞

1254G £2.25 *T. pratense* (= of the meadows). **Red Clover** **BEST SELLER**

Like *T. repens*, this is a familiar and attractive native wild flower, a more or less erect plant with trifoliate leaves marked with a white crescent, and pale rose-pink flowers all summer. **2ft (60cm) HP** ☞

1254F £1.95 *T. repens*. **White Clover** **BEST SELLER**

A native wild flower found in grassy places throughout the British Isles, particularly on clay soils. It is a creeping plant, bearing familiar and attractive, white clover flowers all summer. This is the plant of lucky four-leaved clover fame. This form is not that uncommon, so grow some and be lucky! **4ins (10cm) HP** ☞

1254M £2.26 *T. rubens*. **Red Trefoil**

An attractive and ornamental plant from the Alps and Pyrenees forming neat bushes of trefoil foliage and bearing in summer, large, showy, oval heads, 3 or 4ins long, tightly packed with purplish-red flowers. After flowering, the heads become silky. **1½ft (50cm) HP** ☞

TRIPTERIS. See *Osteospermum*

TROLLIUS – Ranunculaceae

1258E £2.25 *T. europaeus*. **Globe Flower**

This is a native wild flower found in wet pastures and woods in mountain areas. It is a most attractive plant with dark green, deeply cut leaves and bears in summer almost spherical flowers described as egg-yolk yellow in colour. **2ft (60cm) HP**

TROPAEOLUM – Tropaeolaceae. *Nasturtium*

Tropaeolum majus

▶ 1258C £2.35 'Gleam' Double Hybrids **BEST SELLER**

The 'Gleam' hybrids have long been a favourite. Amongst the easiest to grow, they produce vigorous plants, of a semi-trailing habit, which form bushes of foliage eventually covered with a mass of double and semi-double, delightfully scented flowers in various appealing colours, including orange, salmon, scarlet, soft yellow and mahogany. Incidentally, it may interest our readers to know that this particular species, *T. majus*, has been credited not just with exhibiting the property of phosphorescence, but of having the power of actually emitting, in certain atmospheric conditions, electric sparks or flashes both from the leaves and flowers. This phenomenon was observed by no less a person than Linnaeus (the man who invented the Latin names) himself as well as many other reliable botanists (one wrote, "the whole leaf seemed to twinkle with points of light"), and mentioned as a fact in Nicholson's Dictionary (1887) under the entry for the species. We have, however, been unable to find any modern references on the subject and we should be interested to know of anyone who has actually observed this strange effect. **6ft (1.8m) HA(CI)** ☞

- ▶ **1258A £2.25 'Gleam Salmon'**
Apricot coloured variety of this popular series of double and semi-double Nasturtiums. **6ft (1.8m) HA(CI)** 🌱
- ▶ **1259D £2.25 'Indian Chief'**
Yet another classic variety is this superb climbing Nasturtium with dark foliage and bearing vivid scarlet, double flowers; and like all its companions – so easy to grow! **6ft (1.8m) HA(CI)** 🌱
- ▶ **1260Y £2.55 'Jewel of Africa'**
This is the climbing equivalent of 'Alaska', the popular variegated dwarf Nasturtium. With very attractive, cream marbled and striped variegated foliage, it bears well above the leaves lovely flowers in all those striking, see-them-from-a-distance, nasturtium colours of yellows, creams, reds and peach-pinks, plain and blotched. Great for baskets and containers, ground cover and, of course, climbing. **6ft (1.8m) HA(CI)** 🌱
- ▶ **1259G £2.65 'Milkmaid'** **BEST SELLER**
Unique in the genus are the flowers of this rather exciting variety. Of the climbing/trailing type, it bears flowers the colour of which the raiser describes as "nearest to white" – top of the milk, say, rather than full cream. It should make a pleasant contrast when grown alongside the usual brightly coloured varieties. **6ft (1.8m) HA(CI)** 🌱
- ▶ **1258G £1.95 Tall Mixed**
This is, of course, your ever-popular, easy-to-grow, ugly-structure-covering and practically idiot-proof, tall, climbing Nasturtium or, as sometimes called, Indian (South American type, it's from Peru) Cress. So well known we will ignore the plant's claims to horticultural renown and concentrate on its gourmet uses as implied by this latter name. The leaves have a tangy, cress-like flavour and can be used in salads and the like or can be stuffed like vine leaves. The flowers have a similar taste and make an attractive salad garnish or can be pickled. Both the flower buds and young seeds are used as caper substitutes. Mature, the seeds can be roasted and eaten and even make a good substitute for pepper. No garden can be without it! **6ft (1.8m) HA(CI)** 🌱
- ▶ **1260N £1.95 'Vesuvius'**
Yet another oldie! In cultivation for at least 80 years is this lovely variety with dark bluish-green leaves and flowers in shades of salmon and salmon-pink with a dark spot on the base of the upper petals. **6ft (1.8m) HA** 🌱

Tropaeolum minus

- ▶ **1260H £2.55 'Alaska'** **RHS** 🌱
A must for those who like variegated plants is this fascinating dwarf Nasturtium which, unlike the majority of such plants which don't, comes almost completely true from seed. The leaves are most attractively blotched with pale cream in a variety of abstract patterns at times leaving some almost devoid of green. The flowers are freely produced in a range of bright Nasturtium colours. **8ins (20cm) HA** 🌱
- ▶ **1259F £2.25 'Black Velvet'** **BEST SELLER**
This is a remarkable variety. One need not waste too many words in describing it; quite simply, of the Tom Thumb type, it produces compact plants covered with velvety-black flowers, a colour unique in nasturtiums. **1ft (30cm) HA** 🌱
- ▶ **1260K £2.45 'Cherry Rose Jewel'**
This is a lovely Nasturtium, early blooming, it bears on uniform, compact plants beautiful semi-double upward-facing flowers of a strong cherry-rose colour. **1½ft (45cm) HA** 🌱
- ▶ **1260L £1.95 'Empress of India'**
A classic compact, non-trailing variety. To save himself the trouble of thinking of something new to say about it, the writer will crib from a 1931 catalogue (when it had then been in cultivation for at least 40 years): "This has been justly described as a sensational variety. Foliage dark bluish-green, with flowers of an intense crimson-scarlet." **1½ft (45cm) HA** 🌱
- ▶ **1261B £2.45 'Ladybird'**
These aptly named flowers, with their super, eye-catching and unique bright yellow-orange blooms with bright red markings are sure to bring a smile. Possibly the most cheerful plant in your garden, flowering all summer long from May to October. Perfect for pots. **8ins (20cm) HA** 🌱
- ▶ **1259M £2.65 'Ladybird Rose'**
This is a variety that has been on our wish list for some time. It has beautifully coloured blooms; dusky-pinky-apricot with dark ladybird spots at the base of each petal. **1ft (30cm) HA** 🌱
- ▶ **1259N £2.45 'Salmon Baby'**
Compact variety with striking, bright, salmon-pink blooms held above the foliage. **1ft (30cm) HA** 🌱
- ▶ **1261G £2.45 'Tip Top Apricot'** **BEST SELLER**
With a long flowering season from May to October, this is an attractive Nasturtium with showy apricot-coloured flowers held well above the foliage, and making a splash of welcome colour in beds and containers. Easy to grow and rewarding. **1ft (30cm) HA** 🌱
- ▶ **1259L £2.55 'Tip Top Mahogany'**
These flowers are a stunning mahogany-red colour set off by attractive golden-green foliage. **8ins (20cm) HA** 🌱
- ▶ **1260M £2.45 'Tom Thumb' Mixed**
Another classic variety in cultivation for at least 100 years with dwarf, compact plants bearing cheerful, single flowers in a wide range of cheerful colours. If you can't grow these, you'd better give up gardening as a hobby! **1½ft (45cm) HA** 🌱

'Whirlybird' Series

The 'Whirlybird' Nasturtiums are a very free-flowering compact bushy variety, with upward-faced single spurless flowers carried well above bright green foliage. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter.

- ▶ **★ NEW ★ 1259H £2.45 'Whirlybird Cream'** **RHS** 🌱
Floriferous variety with abundant creamy-yellow flowers, some with attractive darker yellow streaking. **1ft (30cm) HA** 🌱
- ▶ **1260 £2.45 'Whirlybird Mixed'** **RHS** 🌱
Blend of several attractive colours including red, yellow, cream and mahogany. **1ft (30cm) HA** 🌱

TROPAEOLUM

1259A £1.95 **T. peltophorum, 'Spitfire'**

A tall climber, up to 12ft, with bright orange-scarlet flowers. **12ft (4m) HA(Cl)** 🌱

1260A £2.25 **T. peregrinum** (= exotic). **Canary Creeper**

Got any nasty chain-link fencing in your garden? Then this popular climber from Peru could be the answer. With its slender stems, pale green leaves and profusion of strange yet very attractive lemon-yellow flowers, it will make a splendid screen for the summer. **6ft (1.8m) HA(Cl)** 🌱

TULIPA – Liliaceae

You may be wondering why grow these natural species of Tulip from seed when so many different cultivated varieties are so easily available to grow from bulbs? Well, given that you have already reached "Tu..." in our alphabetised catalogue and are still reading this introduction, then it is safe to assume you are a both curious and patient type. This will serve you well in the 4-7 years it will take to reach the point of flowering. However you will be rewarded as, although less ostentatious than their cultivated cousins, they become more reliably exuberant with age. Like a fine wine perhaps. So please note that we sell seeds and not bulbs.

1262C £2.26 **T. sprengeri** RHS 🌱

A most elegant and beautiful plant with long, pointed, shiny green leaves and brownish-crimson flowers with reflexed petals. Shade tolerant. **1½ft (45cm) HBb**

TWEEDIA – Asclepiadaceae

1265G £3.95 **T. caerulea** (*syn.* *Oxypetalum caeruleum*) (= blue), **'Heavenborn'**

Specially bred for cut flower use, but equally at home as a very decorative plant for the border, is this lovely variety with narrow sprays of spectacular sky-blue flowers, a colour seldom found in the garden. Unlike the ordinary, type species which is a climber, this is a normal, stand-alone plant and, although a true perennial, is intended to be grown as an annual flowering in only a few months from seed. **3ft (90cm) HHP** 🌱 🌿

TYPHA – Typhaceae

1265C £2.45 **T. latifolia. Bulrush Reedmace**

A native wild flower found growing in and beside rivers and ponds. It is a robust plant with the familiar tassel-bearing, cylindrical flower-heads beloved of flower arrangers. **8ft (2.4m) HP** 🌱

ULEX – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

1265A £2.25 **U. europaeus. Gorse**

If this were a rare and exotic plant, how we would all seek it out to plant in our gardens – few plants can equal the sheet of chrome-yellow produced by a group of them in full bloom. So well known there is really no need to say more about it except emphasise that there are not many months in the year when a few flowers cannot be found on it – indeed as the saying goes "When gorse is out of bloom, kissing is out of season"! Does best on poor, dry, acid soil. Useful for hedges. **6ft (1.8m) HSH**

VACCARIA – Caryophyllaceae

1141G £1.95 **V. hispanica** (*syn.* *Saponaria vaccaria*), **'Pink Beauty'**

This is one of those plants that appears to have gone completely out of fashion; once very popular, now very few catalogues appear to list it. Very easy to grow, almost in the sow-and-forget category, it is in fact a very attractive and showy annual with graceful sprays of deep pink flowers, each about one third of an inch across. Produced in profusion, they are excellent for cutting. **2ft (60cm) HA** 🌱

VALERIANA – Valerianaceae

1269H £1.95 **V. officinalis. Valerian, All Heal**

BEST SELLER

A native wild flower particularly alluring to cats. It is an attractive plant with pinnate foliage, and clusters of fragrant, pale pink flowers in summer. The plant has long been used as a herbal medicine, and Pliny recommended it as an analgesic almost 2,000 years ago. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱

VENIDIUM FASTUOSUM. See *Arctotis fastuosa*

VERBASCUM – Scrophulariaceae

★ NEW ★ 1273G £ 2.25 **V. blattaria var. album. Moth Mullein**

Quite distinct from the other species we offer, which tend to be robust in appearance, this species, although reaching 4ft in height, is a plant to which the adjective, gracious, can be applied. It forms clusters of dark green leaves, bearing graceful, slender panicles of creamy-white flowers. **3ft (1m) HB** 🌱 🌿

1273J £2.20 **V. bombyciferum, 'Arctic Summer'. White Bride, Silver Mullein**

An impressive yet lovely plant forming rosettes of large, white-powdered, woolly leaves, and bearing long, tall, fleecy stems of bright yellow flowers. Rewarding and easy. **6ft (1.8m) HB** 🌱

1273H £2.25 **V. chaixii var. album**

BEST SELLER

A fine border plant with white-woolly leaves and long, loose panicles of white flowers. **5ft (1.5m) HP** 🌱

1271R £2.85 **V. hybridum, 'Southern Charm'**

BEST SELLER

Beautiful and unusual variety with long flowering spikes in subtle yet eye-catching shades of peach, pink, lilac and apricot, each individual flower with a darker eye. The tall stems are excellent for cutting. **3ft (90cm)** Packet of 10 seeds. **HP** 🌱 🌿

1273P £2.30 **V. nigrum. Dark Mullein**

This is a most attractive and generous native perennial (well, more or less – if it takes a dislike to you, it may pass into oblivion after its first flowering) plant producing from early summer into autumn slim spikes up to 18ins or so in length of yellow flowers with a contrasting purple centre. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱

1275 £2.25 **V. olympicum. Olympian Mullein, Greek Mullein**

A most magnificent plant and probably the finest of the genus. The basal leaves form a large, grey-felted rosette. The flowering stem branches near the base giving the effect of an enormous candelabra and bears numerous bright golden-yellow flowers, 1in. or so across, from June to September. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 🌿

1271T £2.35 **V. phlomoides, 'Spica'**

This is a rather stately variety of Verbascum with greyish-felt-like foliage and spikes of large, creamy-white blooms. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 🌿

Verbascum phoeniceum

▶ **1273W £1.95 Wild Form. Purple Mullein**

This is one of those plants where, when you see the original wild species, here with numerous spikes of vivid, rich and velvety purple flowers borne for a couple of months in early summer, you wonder why the plant breeders try to improve on nature. **3ft (1m) HP** 🌱

▶ **1276R £2.25 'Flush of White'. White Mullein**

This is a most delightful variety producing beautiful, simple spires of pure white, totally innocent flowers. The attractive seed pods that follow are a bonus. A true perennial, sown early it will flower in the first year. **2½ft (75cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

▶ **1280Y £2.25 'Rosetta'**

Reliable and easy to raise from seed is this splendid variety, tough and tolerant of a wide range of conditions. From tight rosettes of crinkled, dark green leaves, it produces in summer several, sturdy, two foot spikes densely wrapped in large and delicate, paper-like, cup-shaped blossoms of an intense dark carmine pink colour. This variety is going to be popular; the raiser reckons he has cracked the code with this one! **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

▶ **1280Z £2.35 'Violetta'**

BEST SELLER

With the present fashion in dark coloured blooms, this fine variety should be of interest. Forming rosettes of fresh green foliage, it bears in summer candles of dark purple-violet flowers. Dead-head it after blooming and it will probably perform again for you. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

▶ **1275A £2.35 Mixed Hybrids**

BEST SELLER

Quite different from the other species offered, this is a graceful addition to the herbaceous border, bearing in early summer its long spikes of flowers in a range of bright colours including apricot, carmine, salmon and violet. **3ft (90cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

1274 £1.95 V. thapsus. Aaron's Rod, Common Mullein

An easily grown native biennial plant with white, hairy, velvety leaves with long dense spikes of yellow flowers. The wool was once used for lamp-wicks. **3ft (90cm) HB** 🌱

VERBENA – Verbenaceae

1275B £2.45 V. bonariensis (= from Buenos Aires). Purple Top RHS 🌱

BEST SELLER

A very useful plant for the border, producing its heads of bright blue or rose-lavender flowers from June until October. Sown early, it will flower the same year. Particularly effective if grown in a mass. May need winter protection in cold districts. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 ✂️ 🌸

1275H £2.75 V. bonariensis, 'Vanity'

BEST SELLER

If you find the type species a little tall and unwieldy in your garden, this variety might be for you. This is a much more compact variety, growing to 80cm, which makes it much more suitable for growing in smaller gardens and even containers. When we saw it growing side by side with standard V.bonariensis it appeared to be a more intense blue with finer foliage and a neater habit. It still retains its fragrance and of course will encourage the bees from miles around. **2½ft (80cm) HP** 🌱 ✂️ 🌸

Verbena hastata

Borders up and down the country are surely going to become host to this wonderful variety in the very near future. Flowering the first year from seed and blooming from late spring into early autumn, it bears long spires of scores of flowers, individually delightful, gorgeous by the spire-full; and it makes a super cut flower too.

▶ **1271B £2.35 'Blue Spires'**

Dark blue flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱 ✂️ 🌸

▶ **1271C £2.25 'Pink Spires'**

Brilliant pink flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱 ✂️ 🌸

BEST SELLER

▶ **1271D £2.25 'White Spires'**

Pure white flowers. **4ft (1.2m) HP** 🌱 ✂️ 🌸

1271G £2.25 V. hybrida nana compacta, 'Apricot'

These open a shade of pinky-coral and then pass through shades of peach, apricot and creamy yellow resulting in an ever-changing palette of pastel shades. An ideal bedding plant or grab a spare hanging basket to devote to it! **8ins (20cm) HHA** 🌱

1274A £1.95 V. officinalis. Vervain, Simpler's Joy

A native wild flower with several stiffly erect, somewhat bristly, tough stems, and bearing in summer dense slender spikes of tiny, pale lilac flowers. The plant enjoyed a reputation as a herbal medicine, curing, amongst other ailments, yellow jaundice, dropsy, gout and piles. Mixed with vinegar, it was used as a cosmetic, presumably not as a deodorant. **2ft (60cm) HP** 🌱

1274D £2.75 V. officinalis var. grandiflora, 'Bampton'

BEST SELLER

A beautiful, bushy variety first discovered in Bampton, Devon, bearing clouds of little purple-pink flowers on wiry, dark, purple-green branching stems and deliciously dark foliage over a long season. You and the bees will love it. A generous self-seeder and good for cutting. **3ft (1m) HP** 🌱 ✂️

1275C £2.45 V. rigida RHS 🌱

Another useful border plant with 2in. clusters of small, dense, violet-purple flowers borne from July to October. Plant in bold groups for best effect. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter but in cold districts the tuberous roots can be lifted for the winter as for Dahlias. **3ft (1m) HP** 🌱 ✂️

1274W £2.95 V. speciosa, 'Imagination'. Trailing Verbena

Go out and buy yourself another hanging basket! Quite simply, this is one of the finest plants we have seen for use in this increasingly popular house accessory. Bearing all summer and into autumn countless clusters of innumerable, delightful little flowers of an intense blue-violet colour covering the plants and providing literally (a word that the writer's sister insisted must mean just that) an increasing cascade of colour, your only problem will be lifting the basket from time to time to maintain head-room beneath it. With a spread of 20 inches, you don't need many plants for your basket and, likewise, the mound-shaped plants will soon conceal the soil in your flower-beds; yes, it's a fine border plant too! **1ft (30cm) HHA** 🌱

★ **NEW ★ 1271N £2.25 V. tenuisecta, 'Lilac blue'. Moss Verbena**

Beautiful clusters of tiny flowers in a range of lilac and blues. These spreading plants look lovely planted en masse and are drought tolerant. Very long flowering. **1ft (30cm) HP** 🌱 🌸

1271W £2.65 V. x hybrida, 'Scentsation Mix'

Lovely mixture which, as the name suggests, is exquisitely scented. This represents quite some breakthrough in plant breeding. Flowers are a mixture of soft and subtle colours – delicate pinks, mauves and white – lovely in mixed bouquets to bring some perfume into your house. Compact plants are also perfect for containers and brilliant for bedding. **1ft (30cm) HA** 🌱 ✂️

VERNONIA

VERNONIA – Compositae/Asteraceae

1272M £2.25 *V. gigantea*. **Giant Ironweed**

Although perhaps not quite gigantic, this is nevertheless a large plant of attractive appearance for the back of the border. With tall, erect stems clad with long, narrow leaves, it bears from summer late into autumn heads of dark violet flowers adding some useful colour when there isn't much left in flower. **7ft (2.1m) HP**

VERONICA – Scrophulariaceae

1274N £2.45 *V. gentianoides* (= *Gentian-like*; but according to one author "a rather ridiculous name")

Well deserving a place on the rockery is this cheerful plant making tufted masses of bright glossy green foliage, bearing in summer many spikes of largish flowers of the palest blue, attractively hemmed a deeper shade. Hardy throughout the British Isles. **1½ft (50cm) HP**

1276T £2.65 *V. longifolia*, 'Pink Shades'

This is a wonderful strain with long spikes densely clothed with deep rose-pink flowers borne in summer. These make a lovely display in the garden and are fine for cutting. **3ft (90cm) HP** ☞

1271J £2.65 *V. longifolia*, 'Blue Shades'

An attractive strain with the long spikes smothered with brilliant light to dark blue flowers in summer. Very ornamental both in the garden and in a vase. **3ft (90cm) HP** ☞

1274C £1.95 *V. officinalis*. **Common Speedwell**

Another native wild flower found in grasslands and open woods. A very pretty plant, it is a mat-forming species bearing, from spring into summer, spikes of small lilac flowers. **8ins (20cm) HP** 🌱

VERONICASTRUM – Plantaginaceae

Veronicastrum virginicum

This is a distinct species, a bold and stately plant from North America, that is becoming increasingly popular, particularly as a cut flower. The tall flower spires appear elegantly above the attractive leafy stems throughout the summer and into autumn attracting pollinators and flower arrangers alike.

▶ 1273Z £2.65 *V. virginicum* f. *albiflorum* RHS 🌱 **BEST SELLER**

Charming white, and occasionally pale pink and blue, spikes of flowers. **6ft (1.8m) HP** 🌱 ☞

1273C £2.25 *V. virginicum* f. *caeruleum*

Spires of violet-blue. **6ft (1.8m)** 🌱 ☞

VIGNA – Leguminosae/Fabaceae

980B £3.25 *V. caracalla* (*syn.* *Phaseolus caracalla*). **Snail Vine, Corkscrew Flower**

The quite unique flowers of the Snail Vine make it something rather special. It is a fast-growing, twining climber bearing from summer into autumn twelve inch racemes of very striking, quite extraordinary, large, fragrant, two inch blooms, a matchingly unusual mixed purplish-creamish-yellowish in colour and with (if you want to be technical) vexillum and carine twisted, or, more simply, which are snail-like. A plant for your conservatory where it should flower the first year from seed. The roots are used in Mexico to make an exciting alcoholic beverage, batari. **10ft (3m) Packet of 15 seeds. TP** 🌱

VIOLA – Violaceae

★ NEW ★ 1276Q £2.25 *V. arvensis*. **Field Pansy**

A charming little native wild flower, this is a very, very variable (a botanist could have a ... no, we refuse!) plant that produces its delightful little cream-coloured, often blotched yellow or violet, pansies from April through to October. Although only an annual, it will need little persuasion to seed itself into history. **4ins (10cm) HA** 🌱

Viola cornuta. **Horned Pansy, Horned Violet**

A cottage garden flower if ever there was, the *Viola* differs from the Pansy in having smaller flowers on more compact plants and in being very free-flowering. On this latter point, they will start blooming in early spring and, if dead-headed regularly, will continue far into the autumn – indeed, one enthusiast writing as long ago as 1908 mentions picking flowers on Christmas Day. Exceptionally hardy and trouble free.

▶ 1277J £2.48 'Arkwright Ruby'

Of all the named varieties we could list, we originally selected just this one simply because it is the writer's favourite, and that by virtue of its quite remarkable colour – a glowing coppery, ruby-crimson shading to terracotta. Medium sized flowers and fragrant, too. Grow it and see if you agree! **8ins (20cm) HP**

▶ 1278F £2.45 'Chicky Chicks'

Were we at all influenced by the name? Of course we were; with sweet, happy faces in every colour imaginable, we were unable to resist this compact, long-flowering variety. **4ins (10cm) HA**

'Endurio' Series

These are such pretty varieties and bear blooms in lovely shades. The flowers may look delicate, but they will withstand any weather our unpredictable winters may throw at them.

▶ ★ NEW ★ 1278P £3.45 'Endurio Lavender Shades', F1 Hybrid

Pretty shades of purple. **8ins (20cm) HA/HB**

▶ 1278E £3.45 'Endurio Pink Shades', F1 Hybrid

Gorgeous antique mix of creams, dusky pink and lilac. **8ins (20cm) HA/HB**

▶ 1279F £2.25 'Johnny Jump-Up'

A lovely old-fashioned *Viola* with charming, three-coloured flowers of violet, lavender and yellow. **6ins (15cm) HP**

▶ 1277P £2.30 'Prince Henry'

Although somewhat older than its royal namesake, this particularly fine *Viola* variety produces very freely over a long period deep purple-violet flowers. **6ins (15cm) HP**

▶ 1278C £3.45 'Tiger Eye Red', F1 Hybrid

Following the popularity of 'Tiger Eye Yellow' we are happy to introduce the darker, bronze flowered and equally stripy variety. **6ins (15cm) HA/HB** 🌱 ☞

▶ **1277Z £3.45 'Tiger Eye Yellow', F1 Hybrid**

Rather different and quite exciting. The rich yellow flowers have dark, dark brown stripes radiating from the centre of the flower in a most tiger-like fashion. Early flowering and with brilliant garden performance, this is easy and rewarding to grow. Incidentally, although it wouldn't really call itself a cut flower as such, it is great for small vases (indeed cut the flowers to encourage even more to grow). **6ins (15cm) HA/HB** 🌱 ✂

Viola odorata

The well-known plant with wonderfully fragrant flowers. Seeds require exposure to frost before they will germinate.

▶ **1279W £2.65 True Wild Form. Sweet Violet, English Violet, Wild Violet**
BEST SELLER

The lovely plant, one of the earliest (February) wild flowers to bloom, you know. So we'll let you know some of the ways it has been eaten. Apart from crystallising the flowers (these can be made into syrups, jellies and marmalades), the young leaves are used in salads or battered and fried, and an extract of them used to flavour ice cream, sweets and cakes, with or without the flowers, they make a soothing tea. And there's more! **6ins (15cm) HP**

▶ **1278D £2.82 'Queen Charlotte'**

Dark blue flowers on long stems, good for cutting, suitable for forcing. **4ins (10cm) HP** ✂

▶ **1277X £2.65 'Reine de Neiges'**

This highly fragrant variety's name is French for Queen of Snow which would lead you to predict it to have white flowers which, indeed, it does, although the blooms can be ever so delicately tinged with pale blue. This is one of the longest flowering Violets with flowers from February to April. **6ins (15cm) HP**

1282C £2.75 V. odorata var. sulphurea. Yellow Violet

This is a beautiful variety making lushly leafy cushions and bearing in early spring a profusion of creamy-yellow flowers with an apricot centre. A lovely plant for a shady corner. **6ins (15cm) Packet of 10 seeds. HP** 🌱

1278H £2.25 V. tricolor, True Wild Form. Wild Pansy, Heartsease**BEST SELLER**

This must surely be one of our most charming wild flowers and, although fortunately still not uncommon, there can be few amongst us who do not get a feeling of delight when coming across it at the edge of a meadow or along a hedgerow. Flowering from spring into autumn, it is very variable and is found in three-colour combinations in shades of yellow and blue-violet, usually with very pretty markings. In a world full of modern cultivated forms, one tends to forget the unassuming yet surely still unsurpassable beauty of the original wild flower. **4ins (10cm) HA/HP**

Viola x wittrockiana. Pansy▶ **1277W £2.15 'Floral Days Morning Dew'**

A pretty variety that caught our eye with a range of complementary peach and plum colours. **8ins (20cm) HP/HB**

'Swiss Giant' Series

An excellent and popular large-flowering strain of what could be termed "main-crop" Pansies. Very floriferous and vigorous plants in an array of lovely colours.

▶ **★ NEW ★ 1278Q £2.65 'Swiss Giant Field Grown Mix'**

Wonderful new mixture of pansies with large flowers in a wide range of colours with contrasting centres – white, purple, rusty reds and yellows. **8ins (20cm) HP/HB**

▶ **★ NEW ★ 1279D £2.65 Swiss Giants, 'Laura'**

Carmine-red and dark lilac, some with darker centres, some with lighter. **8ins (20cm) HP/HB**

▶ **★ NEW ★ 1279C £2.65 Swiss Giants, 'Silverbride'**

Stunning white blooms with dark purple centres. **8ins (20cm) HP/HB**

▶ **1278X £2.95 Swiss Giants, 'Ullswater'**

Rich deep, velvety blue with black blotch. **8ins (20cm) HP/HB**

▶ **1280X £2.65 Winter Flowering Mixed**

What a wonderful flower the Pansy is! How many other flowers are there that, with careful selection of varieties, will give colour to your border virtually twelve months in the year? This mixture will help take care of the winter months – one of the earliest (or latest even, looked at another way – which comes first Christmas Day or New Year's Day?) pansies to bloom, it produces an abundance of small flowers in a wide assortment of colours and patterns when the rest of your garden is fast asleep dreaming of springtime. **6ins (15cm) HP**

VISCARIA – Caryophyllaceae**1280B £1.95 V. oculata (= with an eye), Formula Mixed Colours**

A cottage garden plant, thought by some to be one of the most beautiful of hardy annuals, that deserves a revival. Very easily grown in a sunny position, they smother themselves during the summer with a profusion of showy flowers. We offer a superior, well-balanced mixture including azure-blue, scarlet and salmon-rose. Revive childhood memories and grow them again this year. **1½ft (40cm) HA** ✂

WALLFLOWER. See Erysimum cheiri**WANGENHEIMIA – Poaceae/Gramineae****★ NEW ★ 1285C £2.45 W. lima, 'Vulcan'**

Specifically raised for the professional flower market is this fine new ornamental grass variety. Easily grown, it bears unusual, flat flower-heads that can best, if not particularly attractively, be described as having the shape and arrangement of a small fish skeleton (less head!) Either fresh or dried, they make long lasting, decorative displays. Best sown direct where they are to bloom but can also be grown in 5 or 6 inch pots. **2½ft (70cm) HA** ✂

WISTERIA – Leguminosae/Fabaceae**1295 £4.45 W. sinensis. Chinese Wisteria**

Probably the noblest hardy climber ever introduced. In a suitable tree, it can reach 100ft. Beautiful, fragrant, mauve or deep lilac flowers in pendulous racemes, 12ins long. **100ft (30m) Packet of 10 seeds. HP** 🌱

XANTHOCERAS

XANTHOCERAS – Sapindaceae

1296B £3.25 *X. sorbifolium*. *Shinyleaf Yellowhorn*

We have been lucky enough to have been sent these seeds by Bob Flowerdew, popular gardening author and long-time panellist on BBC Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time. When seen at its best, this lovely deciduous species from northern China is one of the most beautiful of small trees. With most attractive, pinnate, bright green foliage divided into many slender, toothed leaflets, it bears in late spring and early summer long, erect panicles of large, fragrant, vaguely trumpet-shaped, white flowers with the five petals marked carmine. These are followed by pea-sized, chestnut-like fruits. May be hardy outside in some regions with frost-free protection in winter. **13ft (4m)** Packet of 6 seeds. **HSH/HT**

XERANTHEMUM (= actually means dry flower) – Compositae/Asteraceae

1298 £1.95 *X. annuum*

An attractive and easily grown everlasting flower with white, woolly leaves and white, pink or violet flowers, each 1½ins across, borne freely all summer. They thrive on poor, dry soils. **1½ft (50cm)** **HA** 🌱 ✂️

1298C £1.95 *X. cylindraceum*

A splendid plant for you dried flower arrangers! An erect, branching annual with foliage densely covered with soft greyish-white down, it bears cylindrical heads of small, half-inch, pink flowers. And, as we say, an excellent everlasting. **1½ft (50cm)** **HA** 🌱 ✂️

XEROCHRYSUM. See *Helichrysum*

XEROPHYLLUM – Liliaceae

1299 £2.55 *X. tenax*. *Indian Basket Grass*

A most unusual and fascinating plant with a mass of very narrow, rather stiff leaves densely clustered at the base from which arises a stem, 3-4ft high, bearing a dense, leafy raceme with 50-100 white, fragrant flowers with violet stamens. **4ft (1.2m)** **HP**

ZALUZIANSKYA – Scrophulariaceae

1306N £2.85 *Z. capensis*, 'Midnight Candy'. *Night Phlox* **BEST SELLER**

You will surely want to grow this lovely plant for its outstanding late evening and nocturnal fragrance. In the Night-Scented-Stock order of excellence, this has been described as Daphne or Heliotrope-like, but is one that its really indescribable loveliness can be detected at many paces from even a single plant. It is a charming species bearing over a long period in summer numerous short spikes of very striking white, Phlox or Lychnis-like flowers, purple-black on the outside. Plant it where you can appreciate it and just hope the nightingales add their song! **1½ft (45cm)** **HA/HHA**

ZINNIA – Compositae/Asteraceae

The well-known ZINNIA, a brilliant plant for the border with beautifully formed flowers on long stems, splendid for cutting. We love them and so here you will find a large range of all different types and colours. Just sow them where they are to flower (they like a sunny, sheltered position and don't like to be moved) from the end of April to the end of May when the soil is warming up. Apart from keeping the weeds at bay, just let nature do the rest. If you feel you have to thin out, be careful not to disturb the roots of the plants you are retaining. And in a few short weeks you'll be able to sit back and admire the colourful results of your hard labours!

Zinnia elegans

'Benary's Giant' Series

This is a special selection of giant Zinnias with long, thick sturdy stems with magnificent, fully double blooms, each four or five inches across. All are excellent for cutting.

▶ ★NEW★ 1309A £3.15 'Benary's Giant Coral'

Unusual but vibrant coral double blooms. **3ft (90cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 1310N £3.15 'Benary's Giant Golden Yellow' **RHS** 🏆

Dazzling yellow, large, double blooms on thick sturdy stems. **3ft (90cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 1310B £3.15 'Benary's Giant Lime'

Super lime green blooms. **3ft (90cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

BEST SELLER

▶ 1311D £3.15 'Benary's Giant Salmon Rose' **RHS** 🏆

Very on-trend colour of salmon-pink. **3ft (90cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ ★NEW★ 1310C £3.15 *Benary's Giant Scarlet'* **RHS** 🏆

The brilliant scarlet of this variety, with its fully double flowers, will create a vibrant splash of colour wherever it is planted, and enliven any floral arrangement. **3ft (90cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 1310D £3.15 'Benary's Giant White'

Although eye-catching on its own, grow this white variety alongside some of the other Zinnias to bring out and emphasize the strength of some of the colours on show. **3ft (90cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

BEST SELLER

▶ 1310J £3.15 'Benary's Giant Wine'

A very glamorous deep burgundy. Very classy. **3ft (90cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 1310A £3.15 'Benary's Giant Mix'

This mix comes in a splendid range of many colours, including orange, crimson, purple, scarlet and lilac. (Please note it does not include 'Giant Lime'). **3ft (90cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

BEST SELLER

▶ 1311H £1.95 'Burpeeana' *Chrysanthemum Flowered Mixed*

This mixture always catches our eye at trials. Tall and robust plants show off copious quilled-petalled, mostly double, flowers in a delightful rainbow of colours including bright orange, carmine red, fuchsia pink, salmon pink, gold and more. **3ft (90cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 1311A £2.25 'Dahlia-Flowered Coral Beauty'

These vigorous plants bear cheerful, double, coral-rose blooms. **2½ft (75cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 1309F £1.95 *Dahlia-Flowered Mixed*

Lovely double flowers in a wide range of bright colours, exuberantly decorative, with lots of rounded petals. **3ft (90cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

▶ 1309E £2.35 'Envy' **RHS** 🏆

This splendid variety is a "must" for those many lovers of green flowers. Described as chartreuse-green are the beautifully formed, double or semi-double, broad-petalled blooms of this lovely strain. Unlike most Zinnias, which like as much sun as they can get, 'Envy' will put up with just a little shade. **2ft (60cm)** **HA/HHA** 🌱 ✂️

BEST SELLER

▶ **1309G £1.95 Giant Cactus-Flowered Mixed**

Large, semi-double cactus flowers (lots of long, narrow, quilled petals) in a wide range of colours. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

'Lilliput' Series

A particularly attractive range of Zinnias with abundant, small and perfectly formed, pompom flowers on strong, medium height, perfect-for-cutting stems, all summer long.

▶ **1309X £1.95 'Lilliput Orange'**

Zingy, bright orange flowers. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1309W £1.95 'Lilliput Purple'**

Beautiful and vibrant deep purple flowers. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1311J £1.95 'Lilliput Rose'**

Beautiful soft rosy-pink. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1311C £1.95 'Lilliput Salmon'**

Delightful, salmon-pink blooms. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

BEST SELLER▶ **1309Y £1.95 'Lilliput White'**

White. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1311Q £1.95 'Lilliput Mix'**

A mix of all the colours. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

BEST SELLER▶ **1310H £1.95 'Luminosa'**

Wonderfully extravagant, large, fully double pompom-like flowers in a vibrant shade of brightest pink. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1310R £2.35 'Mazurkia'**

Award-winning variety with most unusual, striking cream-tipped scarlet flowers. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

'Oklahoma Series'

This is an excellent range for cutting, bearing large numbers of medium-sized flower heads borne on long strong stems.

▶ **1311T £2.65 'Oklahoma Pink'** RHS 🏆

A bright cheery pink. **2½ft (80cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1311M £2.65 'Oklahoma Salmon'** RHS 🏆

Gorgeous warm mix of peach shades. **2½ft (80cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1311R £2.55 'Oklahoma Mix'** RHS 🏆

A bright mix of colours. **2½ft (80cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1309T £1.95 'Polar Bear'**

Another lovely variety with large, double-flowered, white (how did you guess?), Dahlia-like blooms. Borne on strong stems, these are excellent for cutting, lasting well in water. Easy to grow, impressive in the garden and brightening up the home. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1310L £1.95 'Purple Prince'** RHS 🏆

Sporting large, rounded, fully double flowers in a vibrant and stunning shade of bright purple-pink, this lovely vigorous variety will certainly provide impact in your garden. Easy to grow and most regal! **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

'Queen Lime' Series

This exceptional and unique range of Zinnias has earned much admiration. Of a well-branched, upright habit, it is the flowers, on high quality stems, which are so elegantly beautiful with coloration of the outer petals of the fully double flowers changing towards the centre of the bloom. Give them a sunny, well-drained position.

▶ **1311L £3.25 'Queen Lemon Peach'**

Beautiful blooms with changing shades of peachy yellow. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

BEST SELLER▶ **1311F £3.25 'Queen Lime Orange'**

Eye-catching variety featuring a gradient of colour covering the petals from lime green fading through to peach and orange. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1311E £3.25 'Queen Lime with Blotch'**

Imaginatively named Zinnia with lime-green petals and a maroon centre. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1310F £3.25 'Queen Red Lime'** RHS 🏆

Pale red outer petals fade to lime green towards the centre of the bloom and with a deep maroon centre. One of our all time favourite varieties of any flower. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1311P £3.45 'Queen Lime Mixed'**

This is a mix of some of our favourite, unusually hued Zinnias, that will look quite magnificent growing all together. Contains 'Queen Red Lime', 'Queen Lime Orange' and 'Queen Lime with Blotch' and 'Lime'. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

BEST SELLER▶ **1309H £1.95 Scabious-Flowered Mixed**

This is a distinct and beautiful strain with large, double, crested blooms in a zinnia range of bright colours. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1309B £2.25 'State Fair', Choice Mixed Colours**

An outstanding tetraploid variety with large flowers in a wide range of bright colours. **2½ft (75cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1310Y £2.25 Super Cactus 'Señorita'**

This is a slightly eccentric variety of Zinnia with large, spiky petalled, cherry and salmon-pink blooms. **3ft (90cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

▶ **1309J £1.95 'Whirligig' Mixed**

A fascinating variety with double blooms in which the petal tips are a different colour from the rest of the flower giving the whole an eye-spinning, bicolor effect. Lots of colour combinations. **2ft (60cm) HA/HHA** 🌱 🌿

'Super Yoga' Series

An excellent series specifically bred for cut flowers; large flowers on tall, strong, minimally branched stems.

- ▶ **1311W £2.25 'Super Yoga Carmine'**
Dazzling, dark pink. 3ft (90cm) HA/HHA 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **1310M £2.25 'Super Yoga Dark Red'**
Stunning, very classy, dark-red colour. 3ft (90cm) HA/HHA 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **1310Z £2.25 'Super Yoga Rose'**
A subtle rose-pink colour. 3ft (90cm) HA/HHA 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **1311Y £2.25 'Super Yoga Salmon Rose'**
Peachy-apricot blooms. 3ft (90cm) HA/HHA 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **1310X £2.25 'Super Yoga Scarlet'**
Bold scarlet. 3ft (90cm) HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

BEST SELLER

'Zinderella' Series

Quirky looking scabious-flowered Zinnias with fluffy-looking domes topping the blooms. Not all flowers will be fluffy, but the variety of shapes is certainly quirky. The flowers become more double as daylength decreases.

- ▶ **1310T £3.15 'Zinderella' Lilac**
This variety is an attractive lilac-pink colour. 2ft (60cm) HA/HHA 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **1310W £3.15 'Zinderella' Peach** ^{RHS} 🌱
We have fallen a little bit in love with 'Zinderella' Peach, with its unusual layers of cream, peach and salmon coloured petals. 2ft (60cm) HA/HHA 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **1311B £3.15 'Zinderella' Purple**
A double dose of purple. Purple crested blooms. 2ft (60cm) HA/HHA 🌱 🌿
- ▶ **1311G £3.15 'Zinderella' Red**
Bright red frilled flowers, very eye-catching. 2ft (60cm) HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

BEST SELLER

1310Q £2.25 Z. haageana, 'Jazzy Mixture'

This long-flowering Zinnia has very interesting and unusual colouring – brightly bicolored single and double blooms with closely set petals in a range of colours – mainly shades of red, tipped with yellow, but some flowers will surprise you with a touch of orange. Very eye-catching. 1½ft (45cm) HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

1311N £3.15 Z. marylandica, 'Zahara' Mix

These zesty Zinnias with their multicoloured, vibrant single, some bicolored, blooms will be a cheerful and uplifting addition to your garden. Robust and floriferous bushy plants with brilliant all-weather tolerance for a very easy splash of colour. Excellent for containers. 1½ft (50cm) HA/HHA 🌱 🌿

1310K £2.25 Z. tenuifolia, 'Red Spider'

This Zinnia has something of a more wild and natural look about it than its more showy cousins; single, bright red blooms with narrow, spidery petals. 2½ft (75cm) HHA 🌱 🌿



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OUR FAVOURITE BEE FRIENDLY FLOWERS FOR CUTTING

And finally, here is a curated list of our favourite flowers that are both bee friendly and excellent for cutting. You might say we have saved the best for last!

- Achillea millefolium*, 'Colorado'
Achillea millefolium, 'Summer Berries'
Achillea ptarmica, 'The Pearl'
Achillea sibirica var. *camtschatica*, 'Love Parade'
Agastache aurantiaca, 'Apricot Sprite'
Agastache cana, 'Heather Queen'
Ageratum houstonianum, 'Red Flint'
Ageratum houstonianum, 'Timeless' Mixture
Agrostemma githago 'Light Rose'
Agrostemma githago, 'Bianca'
Ammi majus
Ammi visnaga, 'Green Mist'
Anchusa capensis, 'Blue Angel'
Anethum graveolens, 'Mariska'
Angelica gigas
Angelica sylvestris, 'Ebony'
Anthriscus sylvestris
Antirrhinum majus, 'Costa Apricot', F1 Hybrid
Antirrhinum majus, 'Madame Butterfly' Mixed
Antirrhinum majus, 'Rust Resistant Giant' Mixed
Armeria pseudoarmeria, 'Ballerina' Red
Astrantia major
Calendula officinalis, 'Indian Prince'
Calendula officinalis, 'Orange Flash'
Calendula officinalis, 'Sherbet Fizz'
Calendula officinalis, 'Touch Of Red Buff'
Callistephus chinensis, 'Duchesse Apricot'
Callistephus chinensis, 'King Size Apricot'
Campanula medium, Single Mixed
Catananche caerulea
Centaurea cyanus, True Wild Form
Centaurea moschata, 'The Bride'
Centranthus ruber
Cephalaria gigantea
Cerinth major var. *purpurascens*
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum, True Wild Form
Chrysanthemum segetum, True Wild Form
Cleome hassleriana 'Violet Queen'
Cosmos bipinnatus, 'Antiquity'
Cosmos bipinnatus, 'Apricotta'
Cosmos bipinnatus, 'Purity'
Cosmos bipinnatus, 'Rubenza'
Crepis rubra
Dahlia, 'Bishop's Children'
Daucus carota, 'Dara'
Delphinium consolida, 'Salmon Beauty'
Dianthus barbatus, 'Oeschberg'
Dianthus superbus
Didiscus caeruleus, 'Lace Mixture'
Digitalis purpurea annua, 'Sutton's Apricot'
Digitalis purpurea var. *alba*
Digitalis purpurea, 'Pam's Choice'
Dipsacus fullonum
Echinacea purpurea
Echinops ritro
Echium amoenum
Eryngium giganteum, 'Miss Willmott's Ghost'
Erysimum cheiri, 'Scarlet Bedder'
Erysimum cheiri, 'Vulcan'
Eschscholzia californica, 'Thai Silk Apricot Chiffon'
Gaura lindheimeri, 'Summer Breeze'
Gypsophila elegans, 'Kermesina'
Gypsophila paniculata
Helianthus annuus, 'Ms Mars'
Helianthus annuus, 'Valentine'
Hesperis matronalis, Purple-violet
Knautia arvensis
Knautia macedonica
Lathyrus odoratus, 'Cupani'
Lathyrus odoratus, 'Heirloom Mixed'
Lathyrus odoratus, 'Matucana'
Lathyrus odoratus, 'Royal Family Mixed'
Lavatera trimestris, 'Mont Blanc'
Lemon Bergamot
Limonium latifolium
Limonium sinuatum, Pastel Mixed
Limonium suworowii
Linaria maroccana, 'Licilia Azure'
Linaria purpurea
Linaria purpurea, 'Canon Went'
Lunaria annua
Lunaria rediviva
Lysimachia atropurpurea, 'Beaujolois'
Malope trifida, 'Grandiflora Choice Mixed'
Matthiola incana, 'Anytime Yellow'
Matthiola incana, Appleblossom
Nicotiana alata, 'Lime Green'
Nicotiana glutinosa
Nicotiana langsdorffii, 'Lemon Tree'
Nicotiana mutabilis
Nigella damascena, 'Albion Green Pod'
Nigella damascena, 'Miss Jekyll'
Orlaya grandiflora
Papaver rhoeas, 'Pandora'
Papaver rhoeas, True Wild Form
Papaver somniferum, 'Lauren's Grape'
Penstemon barbatus, 'Twizzle Coral'
Perovskia atriplicifolia, 'Blue Steel'
Phacelia tanacetifolia
Phlox drummondii grandiflora Tall Mixed
Phlox drummondii grandiflora, 'Crème Brûlée'
Phlox drummondii, 'Phlox of Sheep'
Pimpinella major, 'Rosea'
Polemonium caeruleum
Pot Marigold
Rudbeckia fulgida, 'Goldsturm'
Rudbeckia hirta, 'Sahara'
Rudbeckia triloba, 'Prairie Glow'
Salvia horminum, 'Oxford Blue'
Salvia nemorosa, 'Rose Queen'
Salvia sclarea var. *turkestanica*, 'Vatican Pink'
Sanguisorba officinalis
Scabiosa atropurpurea, 'Beaujolois Bonnets'
Scabiosa atropurpurea, 'Fata Morgana'
Tithonia rotundifolia, 'Torch'
Verbascum hybridum, 'Southern Charm'
Verbena bonariensis
Verbena hastata, 'Pink Spires'
Veronicastrum virginicum f. *albiflorum*
Zinnia elegans, 'Benary's Giant Mix'
Zinnia elegans, 'Lilliput Mix'
Zinnia elegans, 'Super Yoga Salmon Rose'



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