

BROADLEIGH GARDENS 2017 CATALOGUE Spring & Autumn

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CELEBRATION OF HARDY SOUTH AFRICAN BULBS AND PLANTS

We have long grown these colourful plants which add a touch of the exotic to the late summer/autumn garden.

All need full sun and a well drained soil. Many make excellent pot plants for a sunny patio.

Bulbs and plants to be posted from February - April

AGAPANTHUS (African Lily)

Easy, trouble-free perennials forming large clumps of narrow leaves and round heads of flowers in late summer. Feed in spring with Tomorite. Many more varieties will be found on our website.

NOTE: We sell mature plants all grown buy us NOT plugs and although most have flowered here they may not flower in the first year after moving; they need time to settle.

1. DECIDUOUS VARIETIES FOR BORDERS OR POTS

This is our largest collection growing unprotected in our field. We sell divisions not plugs. They make superb and easy plants for a sunny border. We can only list a handful here. See online or phone us for many more varieties. We have grouped them by size to make choosing easier. All can also be grown in pots if wanted. All are vigorous and free flowering having proved themselves here for thirty years.

TALLER VARIETIES

BLUE GIANT

One of the x intermedius cultivars with intense dark blue flowers on dark stems.

30" July £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

BLUE MOON

A truly magnificent plant, long admired here. It is the last to flower, with huge grey-blue flowers on stiff stems.

4' Late Aug-Sept £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

BRESSINGHAM BLUE

Vigorous plants producing a mass of intense blue compact heads. Late flowering.

30" Aug-Sept £6.00 each; 3 = £16.00

BROADLEIGH BABE

One of our own seedlings this distinct variety produces masses of relatively small heads of rich deep blue flowers on very upright stems and is much later than most.

3' Aug-Sept £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

DONAU

Another of the excellent Rivers of Europe series with intense deep blue flowers on very stiff, upright dark stems. Late flowering.

4' August £6.00 each; 3 = £16.00

ICE BLUE STAR

Dense heads of the most delicious ice blue. Vigorous and free flowering. One of the very best.

36" July £6.00 each; 3 = £16.00

MIDNIGHT STAR (Navy Blue)

Large heads of intense deep blue. One of the darkest and always a show winner.

36" July-Aug £8.00 each; 3 = £22.00

Snow Shadows

This variety is very popular at the Tatton Park show where it was named by competition. The white flowers are heavily marked with blue/purple and have dark stems. The whole flowers takes a deep pink tinge as it ages.

4' July-Aug £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

STORM CLOUD

Huge heads of powder blue flowers. Although evergreen it is hardy in our open field.

5' August £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

SHORTER VARIETIES

BEN HOPE

One of the excellent 'Royal' series, producing masses of well shaped, mid blue flowers. One of the earliest to flower. Good front of border plant.

36" July £6.00 each; 3 = £16.00

JONNY'S WHITE

One of our own hybrids with waxy white flowers on stiff stems. Compact and perfect for the front of the border.

24" August £6.00 each; 3 = £16.00

LILIPUT

Narrow leaves and masses of tiny deep blue heads.

14" July £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

LITTLECOURT

The beautiful white flowers with dark stems completely cover the plant. From a friend's garden, this compact hybrid is one of the last to flower. Ideal front of border plant.

18" Aug-Sept £6.00 each; 3 = £16.00

PROFUSION

This lives up to its name; producing a mass of small mid blue flowers mid season.

24" July-Aug £6.00 each; 3 = £16.00

2. EVERGREEN VARIETIES FOR CONTAINERS

This is a selection of our evergreen varieties. These are less hardy and require protection from frost, although they are hardy by the sea or in similar sheltered positions. Most produce fewer but much larger heads and have leek like foliage.

DOUBLE DIAMOND

Fully double flowers smother this tiny growing Agapanthus. Best in a pot.
8" July £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

ENIGMA

One of the very best. Huge heads of white flowers that have brilliant blue bases.
3' August £8.00 each

MEGAN'S MAUVE

Stunning large heads of rich lavender blue. Very beautiful.
3-4' July-Aug £8.00 each

QUEEN MUM

One of the best new introductions. The large white heads have bright blue bases to the flowers. Taller than Enigma.
4' July-Aug £8.00 each

REGAL BEAUTY

The giant of the genus with absolutely enormous heads of deep purple-blue flowers. Patience required but worth the wait.
5' August £10.00 each

SILVER MOON

Nearly deciduous and hardy it is probably best appreciated in a pot. Dramatic silver variegated leaves contrast well with the mid blue flowers.
18" July £10.00 each

SNOW CRYSTAL

Fabulous new plant with large dense heads of pure white flowers. Reasonably hardy..
36" August £6.00 each Young plants

STRAWBERRY ICE

A dramatic new cultivar that lives up to its name. The upright buds are pink tipped.
3' July-Aug £6.00 each Young plants.

TWISTER

The most distinct of the new Agapanthus. Probably hardy but dramatic in a pot. White flowers with a very obvious dark blue base to the petals. Free flowering and modest stature. Few.
24" July-Aug £10.00 each

AMARYLLIS

The true outdoor plant! Useful for late autumn display. They are best planted in a warm, sunny border where they can be left undisturbed.

BELLADONNA

Lovely clusters of pink lily-like flowers on naked stems. Huge bulbs!
18" Sept-Nov £5.50 each

'HATHOR'

Pure white flowers open from creamy buds. My bulbs originally came from Lady Walton. Probably not as hardy as the pink forms. Few.
18" Sept-Nov £15.00 each

AMARINE

We are offering 3 shades of this dramatic and very vigorous hybrid between Amaryllis & Nerine. Free flowering with enormous heads. Hardy to -10C. There will be a little variation in flower colour in each variety. Fabulous cut flowers.

BELLADIVA

Large mid pink flowers.
30" October £5.00 each; 3 = £13.75

EMANUELLE

Very pale pink almost white flowers with a darker central stripe.
30" October £5.00 each; 3 = £13.75

TOMOKO

Large dark pink flowers.
30" October £5.00 each; 3 = £13.75

CROCOSMIA

Once included under Montbretia, these plants appreciate a little humus on planting and prefer shade for at least part of the day. They do not flower well in hot dry conditions or deep shade. Excellent for extending the season into late summer. Lift and divide regularly.

CANARY BIRD

We found a stock of this lovely deep golden Crocosmia in a local garden. Although we know no more of its history than its name, it is a very fine plant.
24" Aug-Sept 10 = £6.00

CARMINE BRILLANT

Masses of medium sized, brilliant red flowers. Very dramatic in the hot beds at RHS Rosemoor.
24" August 10 = £6.00

CITRONELLA

Clear lemon-yellow flowers and pale leaves – a must for the autumn garden. The true plant. Later flowering.
24" Aug-Sept 10 = £6.00

CONSTANCE

A showy new hybrid producing an endless succession of large, clear orange-red flowers. Vigorous.
One of the best.
30" Aug-Oct 5 = £4.50

HELL FIRE

An intense velvety red version of Lucifer. A superb new cultivar and just as easy.

3' July £5.00 each

LIMPOPO

Another of the new showy cultivars with dense heads of pinkish orange flowers. Free flowering.

24" July-Sept £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

LUCIFER

The brilliant flame-red flowers make this variety a 'must' in the summer flower border. The earliest of the hybrids so far. Superb cut flower.

36" June-Aug 3 = £4.00; 10 = £12.30

OKOVANGO

Dense heads of large peachy-orange flowers that seem to glow. Exceptionally long flowering period.

24" Aug-Oct £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

PAUL'S BEST YELLOW

Arching sprays of large clear lemon-yellow flowers. Quite outstanding. Not too tall.

24" July-Aug 3 = £6.00

RED KING

Masses of deep red flowers on dark stems. Good to add drama to a border.

3' August 10 = £5.00

SARACEN

Large, deep red flowers and bronze leaves. Excellent edge of shrub bed plant.

24" Aug-Sept 3 = £6.00

ZAMBESI

To my mind the best of the new cultivars with a very different habit. The huge clear orange flowers with their dramatic brown spots are carried on arching stems. Long flowering period is a bonus.

30" Aug-Sept £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

ALBUCA

Easy S African bulbs for cold glass.

SHAWII

Elegant stems of small nodding yellow flowers. They flower all summer and make an unusual container plant. Keep dry and frost free in winter.

24" July-October 3=£6.00

CRINUM

Hardly a small bulb but we are regularly asked for these popular summer flowering bulbs from S Africa. Plant in full sun with the neck of the bulb above the soil. They will look dreadful in the winter but resist the temptation to tidy up until the new leaves start to poke through in the spring.

MOOREI

The parent of the well known C. x powellii for a sheltered spot. Tall stems with huge widely flaring flowers of the palest pink. Their scent can fill the whole garden. Slow but worth the wait.

3' Sept-Oct £7.00 each

x POWELLII

Heads of deep pink flowers. Forms large clumps in time.

3-4' Aug-Sept £7.00 each

x POWELLII ALBUM

The huge bulb produces large clusters of long leaves and a succession of white, trumpet shaped flowers in mid-summer. Clump forming – my enormous one produced 26 stems this year!

3-4' Aug-Sept £6.00 each; 3=£16.50

DIERAMA (Angel's Fishing Rod)

A beautiful genus; normally very tall arching spikes ending in hanging bells. Evergreen and clump forming. Well drained soil in full sun. Beautiful arching over a path.

BARR HYBRIDS

Over the years D. pumila and D. pulcherrimum have hybridised here to produce a lovely free flowering intermediate plant. The colour is very variable from palest lilac to salmon-pink and purple. Mixed colours only.

3-4' June-July £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

GUINEVERE

A delicate plant of mid height with arching sprays of lovely pink-tinged white flowers. Few.

4' June-July £10.00 each

IGNEUM

Slender arching wands of unusual pale salmon flowers above neat clumps of leaves. Sells on sight. Dwarf.

30" June-July £6.00 each

MIDNIGHT FAIRY

We are gradually building up our "Fairy" range of Dieramas. This handsome one has brick red flowers.

3-4' June-July £5.00 each; 3 = £13.75

PENDULA

Vigorous young plants. Colours vary from white to pale pink but pot luck only. Flared flowers carried well above the narrow leaves.

4' June-July £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

EUCOMIS (Pineapple flower)

These easy and unusual late summer flowering bulbs are becoming increasingly popular. They are full hardy surviving -20°C. Plant at least 6" deep. The shorter ones are excellent in large pots. I just pop mine into the garage for the winter and re-pot each spring. Feed and water well for best results.

AUTUMNALIS (zambesiaca)

A dwarf species with apple-green foliage and white flowers. Excellent for shallow pans and front of sunny borders.

12" Aug-Sept 3 = £6.00

BICOLOR

Large compact spikes of pale green, maroon-tipped flowers above broad leaves. Spectacular long lasting seed heads. Will self-seed.

14" Aug-Sept 3 = £6.00

COMOSA (punctata)

Outward facing flowers in shades of pinkish-green in a very large, bold spike, crowned with a tuft of leaves. Striking. 30" Aug-Sept £3.00 each; 3 = £8.00

LEIA

A superb new dwarf hybrid just like an intense reddish pink E. autumnalis. Excellent in pots.

10" Aug-Sept £6.00 each; 3 = £16.50

POLE-EVANSII (pallidiflora)

The giant of the genus – a bulb that almost looks you in the eye! Towering 10 inch wide spikes of creamy-green flowers. Unlikely to flower the first year but well worth the wait. Plant deeply. Huge bulbs.

5' Aug-Sept £8.00 each

SPARKLING BURGUNDY

Bold spikes of pale pink flowers with attractive purple leaves. A handsome plant and one of the best.

14" Aug-Oct £7.50 each

VANDERMERWEI

An amazing dwarf Eucomis with intensely speckled, prostrate leaves and deep rusty red flowers. Fantastic in pots.

7" Aug/Sept £6.00 each; 3 = £16.90

GLADIOLUS – Species & short varieties

We are concentrating on increasing our range of the delightful species. Most are hardy, and have a grace and charm absent in many of the modern hybrids.

MURIELIAE(acidanthera)

Spikes of strongly scented, spectacular white flowers with a crimson blotch, on wiry stems. The correct name for an old favourite. Excellent for late colour as well as scent. Good in pots or borders. Large bulbs.

36" Sept-Nov 15 = £4.00; 50 = £12.00

'THE BRIDE'

Lovely white flowers with a green marking. Very popular for flower arranging.

18" June-Aug 10 = £4.80; 25 = £11.20

FLANNIGANII

Known as the suicide gladiolus this dramatic deep red gladiolus grows perched precariously on cliffs at the top of the Drakensberg Mountains. It is the photographer who nearly commits suicide trying to photograph them! . It seems to be fully hardy in well-drained soil in full sun. These corms originally came from Scotland!

12" July £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

FLAVIO COOL

One of the new breed of miniature glads with crowded spikes of dramatically coloured small flowers – soft lilac blue with a lemon centre and a dramatic dark plum eye. Upright habit.

30" Summer 10 = £4.80; 25 = £11.20

FLAVIO LAGUANA

Similar to the above but with dramatic dark pink rimmed pale lemon flowers on upright stems.

30" Summer 10 = £4.80; 25 = £11.20

PAPILIO

Stoloniferous and forming large patches in time. Arching stems of nodding brown and cream flowers. Likes a fertile soil or it will not flower.

3' Aug-Oct 3 = £7.00

'RUBY' (papilio)

This fabulous new hardy gladiolus has the depth of colour of a modern gladiolus combined with the stoloniferous habit of its species parent. Deep ruby red.

36" July-Sept £3.50 each; 3 = £9.70

HESPERANTHA (SCHIZOSTYLIS)

An excellent plant with a slightly bulbous rhizome for autumn flowering when there is little else in the garden. It grows well in sun or shade but must have a damp root run in early summer.

COCCINEA MAJOR

Vast glossy red flowers on strong spikes. Recommended.

30" Aug-Oct £3.50 each; 3 = £9.70

JENNIFER

One of the best with stiff stems of large clear pink flowers with no hint of salmon. Bred locally and introduced by us.

30" Aug-Oct £3.50 each; 3 = £9.70

PINK PRINCESS (Wilfred Bryant)

A sport of S. Jennifer, it has huge flowers of the palest pink. As well as a stunning garden plant it is an excellent cut flower, lasting well in water.

30" Aug-Oct £3.50 each; 3 = £9.70

SUNRISE

A very fine plant with large dark pink flowers. Increases well.

30" Aug-Oct £3.50 each; 3 = £9.70

ZEAL SALMON

A superb Devon hybrid with large deep salmon flowers that stand up well to bad weather.

30" Aug-Oct £3.50 each; 3 = £9.70

NERINE (Autumn Lily)

We have gradually been expanding our range of these stalwarts of the autumn garden. One of the joys of autumn is the sight of an established clump of nerines in full flower. The bowdenii forms are the hardiest preferring a sunny spot. They are perfect at the base of a wall where they should be allowed to form large congested clumps. Only divide them when the bulbs push themselves right out of the ground and they stop flowering. The other varieties are hardy in frost free areas but make easy pot plants.

BOWDENII

The bulbs produce a flower stem with one rather loose umbel of up to eight pink flowers. Plant against a sunny wall and leave to clump.

24" Sept-Oct 3 = £4.00; 10 = £12.50

BOWDENII ALBA

Large heads of glistening white flowers. Probably needs a little more protection than the type.

24" October £3.00 each; 3 = £8.35

BOWDENII 'ISABEL'

Bright cerise pink flowers dusted with silver. Similar in colour to Zeal Giant but smaller. Excellent.

24" Sept-Oct 3 = £6.00

BOWDENII 'MARNIE ROGERSON' Given to us by the husband of Marnie in 1970s! Free flowering with shell pink flowers. One of the best here.

24" Sept-Oct £3.00 each; 3 = £8.70

bowdenii 'PATRICIA'

Similar shade of pale pink to Marnie Rogerson but more compact.

18" Sept-Oct 3 = £6.00

ELEGANCE

A magnificent new hybrid with huge, deep salmon pink flowers on stiff stems. Hardy in a sheltered position but fabulous cut flower.

30" October £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

FEXUOSA ALBA

Although only hardy in the most sheltered gardens it makes an attractive and easy pot plant for cold glass. Tight heads of pure white, crimped flowers above neat apple green leaves.

18" October 3 = £12.00

FILIMENTOSA

We can spare a few of this, one of my favourites. Always the first to flower, this virtually evergreen species has grass like leaves and delicate frilled flowers on hairy stems. Cold glass.

12" Aug-Sept 3 = £15.00

"HERA"

Amazingly floriferous with compact heads of rich pink flowers. Probably hardy, it make a fabulous pot plant for cold glass. Late flowering. An incorrect name but a superb plant.

24" November 3 = £5.00

HUMILIS

Delicate, open heads of frilled pink flowers and narrow leaves. Undemanding plant for cold glass. Best left undisturbed.

14" November 3 = £15.00

'MANSELLII'

This stunning late flowering cv has large salmon flowers which fade to a delicious antique plum. For sheltered districts or dramatic pots.

24" Oct/Nov 3 = £15.00

'MR JOHN'

An extraordinary hybrid with almost blue-purple, cerise flowers.

18" Sept-Oct £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

sarniensis 'CORUSCA MAJOR' (Guernsey Lily)

Although not hardy this stunning nerine makes an easy and dramatic pot plant for greenhouse or conservatory. The large intense orange-red flowers appear before the leaves. Requires a dry summer dormancy.

14" Sept-Oct £5.00 each

sarniensis 'GLEN SAVAGE'

More delicate and later flowering this old cultivar is free flowering. Bright orange-red flowers.

14" October £5.00 each

UNDULATA (crispa)

Only hardy in sheltered gardens but easy pot plant for cold glass. Delicate pink flowers with wavy edges.

14" Oct-Nov 3 = £12.00

'ZEAL GIANT'

The original cross between bowdenii & sarniensis. Enormous heads of intense salmon pink flowers. Earlier than Elegance but a similar shade. Hardy here.

30" September £8.00 each

GALTONIA (Summer Hyacinth)

Excellent mid-late summer flowering bulbs from South Africa, requiring a well drained soil in full sun. Superb mixed with feathery flowers such as Gypsophylla, mixed with Agapanthus or in the wild plantings in the Olympic Park.

CANDICANS

Widely spaced, sweetly scented large white bells on a tallish stem.

3-4' July-Sept 5 = £5.00; 15 = £13.75

VIRIDIFLORA

Spikes of green hued white flowers.

3-4' July-Sept £3.00 each; 3 = £11.00

KNIPHOFIA (Red Hot Poker)

These have long been a favourite of mine for their extended period of flowering. They are an excellent foil for crocosmias (q.v.). Plant in full sun in a soil that is not waterlogged in winter.

ROOPERI

The last to flower with huge, fat heads of deep orange. Protect from excessive winter wet. Huge plants!
3' Sept-Oct £8.00 each

TRITONIA

Long confused with crocosmia these like a drier sunny position. Late summer flowering. Good with grasses.

DISTICA RUBROLUCENS

Masses of delicate salmon-pink flowers on branched, wiry stems.
36" Aug-Sept 5 = £5.00

TULBAGHIA

A clump-forming member of the lily family for a warm, sheltered spot and ideal as a conservatory plant. Flowers in succession for months. We supply good sized clumps.

ALLIOIDES

Tall slender stems with unusual creamy flowers with bold orange cups. Tender.

16" June £3.50 each

VIOLACEA

Clumps of narrow grey-green leaves and graceful heads of slender tubular flowers of soft violet all summer.

24" June-Oct £3.50 each

violacea 'PALLIDA'

As easy as the species but with very pale, almost white flowers.

24" June-Oct £3.50 each

violacea 'PURPLE EYE'

Pale lilac with a dark eye; a distinct hybrid with narrow leaves. It smothers itself in flowers all summer. Perfect for a patio pot. Summer

£4.50 each

violacea 'SILVER LACE'

The lavender pink flowers are a good foil for the strongly silver-variegated leaves. Excellent subject for a pot.

24" June-Oct £4.20 each

ZANTEDESCHIA (South African arum lily)

Though usually found in glasshouses, if well protected with mulch in the winter, it is perfectly hardy in the south of England. It is a very tolerant plant as long as it is sunny. Often grown by water.

AETHIOPICA 'CROWBOROUGH'

White spathes with contrasting deep yellow central boss. The leaves are arrow shaped and dark glossy green. Particularly good beside a pool.

36" June-July £5.00 each

AETHIOPICA 'GREEN GODDESS'

Flowers of a delectable shade of pale, almost lime, green.

30" June £5.00 each

AETHIOPICA 'KIWI BLUSH'

A fine new hybrid, the large white 'flowers' have a distinct pink blush to the throat which spreads to the whole flower as it ages.

30" Apr-June £5.00 each

OTHER BULBS AND PLANTS FOR SPRING PLANTING

This is just a selection of other plants and bulbs that we grow. Please see online or call for more varieties.

ACIS

AUTUMNALIS (Leucojum autumnale)

Has two or three bell-shaped flowers of white tinged with pink. Best planted in a sunny position, such as a rock garden, or at the base of a tree

6" Aug-Sept 5 = £6.00

BRUNNERA

Easy clump forming plants for light shade.

BETTY BOWRING

We are all familiar with the ubiquitous blue variety with its forget me not flowers. This is just as easy but with clouds of delicate white flowers and the advantage of not seeding. A perfect foil for many spring bulbs, especially dark tulips.

2' June-Sept £6.00 each

ANEMONE

SYLVESTRIS (Snowdrop Anemone)

Large fragrant white flowers above clumps of well-divided leaves over a long period. Best in a cool, semi-shady position.

12" May-Sept £5.00 each

CAMPANULA

Easy plants for a sunny border, each producing a succession of large, showy flowers all summer.

KENT BELLE

An amazing plant which produces a succession of intense, violet-blue nodding flowers all summer. Clump forming.
24 - 30" July-Oct £4.50 each; 3 = £12.00

CODONOPSIS

A delightful group of plants for semi shade in a well drained soil.

GREY-WILSONII

A tuberous rooted climber with relatively large vivid blue saucer shaped flowers.
3"+ June-August £5.20 each

CYCLAMEN

Hardy Cyclamen in general are far better planted as growing plants than as dormant bulbs. Due to the fragility of their leaf stalks we prefer to despatch late in their growing season when they are naturally dying back. All tubers are dug daily for immediate despatch. All Cyclamen require a humus-rich soil that is well drained. They are summer dormant – an annual top dressing of bone meal and leaf mould or composted bark is beneficial. They should be planted with the tops of the tubers one inch below the soil surface.

COUM

This excellent, hardy winter-flowering cyclamen will slowly spread to give a carpet of colour under trees or shrubs. Pink or crimson flowers.

4" Dec-Mar £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

COUM ALBUM

Pure white flowers with a dark 'nose'. Most attractive.

4" Dec-Mar £5.00 each; 3 = £13.75

COUM 'MAURICE DRYDEN' Stunning coum hybrid with silver leaves and pure white flowers, occasionally blushed palest pink at first. 4" Dec-Mar £5.20 each

COUM PEWTER GROUP

Young, vigorous plants with almost completely silver leaves and flowers in shades of carmine.

4" Jan-Mar £5.20 each; 3 = £14.35

COUM DEEPEST PINK

A selected form with fine deep-coloured flowers. Always sought after at shows.

4" Dec-Mar £5.00 each; 3 = £13.75

hederifolium album

The fine white flowered form. A good foil for the pink ones.

4" Aug-Oct £5.00 each

hederifolium (neapolitanum)

The mainstay for autumn-flowering. Finely marked variegated leaves with a mass of pink flowers. Should be planted 1ft apart in a dry situation with dappled or even full shade. Makes huge tubers!

4" Aug-Oct £3.50 each; 3 = £9.70

hederifolium 'RED SKY'

The most fabulous form we have ever seen. Deep, almost blood red flowers. Large tubers.

4" Aug-Oct £7.00 each

hederifolium 'SILVER CLOUD'

A magnificent form with completely silvered leaves. A wonderful winter foliage plant for dry shade.

Pink or white flowers.

4" Aug-Oct £5.00 each

libanoticum

One of the most beautiful of the cyclamen with very large blush-pink flowers. Hardy in sheltered situations under trees. Good in pans.

4" Feb-Mar £5.50 each

pseudibericum

A very beautiful, large, violet-carmine flower. Strongly marbled leaves with red underneath. Hardy in sheltered gardens.

5" Feb-Mar £5.00 each

purpurascens (europeum)

This native of the Alps is only rarely offered. It grows best in dry shade such as under a viburnum. The strongly scented carmine flowers are produced in succession.

4" July-Oct £7.00 each

repandum

The ivy-leaved cyclamen. Does well here under box hedge seeding out into the grass. Marbled foliage and deep pink flowers. Plant 3" deep in light soil.

4" Apr-May £5.50 each

ERANTHIS in growth (Winter Aconite)

Please note that towards the end of our packing season they are beginning to die back but this is normal and they will grow just as well. They require a well-drained spot under trees and should be left undisturbed.

hyemalis

The common Winter Aconite with deep green hand-shaped leaves and bright yellow flowers.

3" February 5 = £3.20; 20 = £11.80; 50 = £28.80

GALANTHUS (Snowdrops) in growth

Snowdrops are well known to be another plant which resents being dried out and, therefore, prefers to be moved in growth in the spring. Plant the bulbs, preferably in small clumps, 3" to 4" deep and 3" apart under ornamental trees and shrubs. Avoid manure at all costs! See online for many more

ATKINSII

One of the finest snowdrops, with tall, stately flowers. Exceptionally vigorous, increasing well.

8th Jan-Feb 3 = £7.00; 10 = £21.00

S BRENDA TROYLE

A very attractive fragrant snowdrop. Large outer segments rounded and blunt, inner ones heart-shaped and deeply marked.

8th February £4.50 each; 3 = £12.00

CAUCASICUS (elwesii monostictus)

We have reverted to the traditional name for the single marked *G.elwesii*. Easily grown, vigorous species with large grey leaves and single marked flowers.

7th February £4.50 each; 3 = £12.00

CAUCASICUS HIEMALIS (Early)

The early flowering form, often out well before Christmas.

7th Dec-Jan £6.00 each; 3 = £16.90

COLOSSUS

This really lives up to its name. A superb early flowering bulb with plicate leaves and large flowers. Often out for Christmas.

9th Dec-Jan £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

CONQUEST

At last we are able to spare a few of this, the best *G.plicatus byzantinus* cultivars we have seen. Broad grey folded leaves and large, puckered flowers. The large twin marks often merge to form a single green mark. Named after the garden where it was found.

8th February £16.00 each

GALATEA

A handsome snowdrop. The very large flowers are held at an angle on the long, kinked pedicel, similar in habit to Magnet. Early and increases well.

8th February £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

GREEN BRUSH

A sturdy snowdrop with waxy petals - the outer ones having a bold green mark. It is the best of the green marked *G.elwesii*. 7th

February £15.00 each

MAIDWELL 'L'

A highly desirable *G.elwesii* type. The inner segments of the very large flowers are completely green. Early.

9th Dec-Jan £9.00 each

MAGNET

The large flowers are held away from the stems on exceptionally long pedicels. They open wide & seem to dance in the slightest wind. I call it the 'ballerina snowdrop'.

7th February £6.00 each; 3 = £16.90

MIGHTY ATOM (Bill Bishop)

One of the largest of all. The huge flowers are well rounded. We had it as Mighty Atom but it might be Bill Bishop!

7th February £10.00 each

NIVALIS

The common Snowdrop Found over a wide area of Europe. Excellent for naturalising.

4 ½" February 10 = £3.50; 50 = £16.00;

100 = £30.00

NIVALIS FLORE PLENO

The double form of nivalis. Not found so often but makes a lovely display.

4 ½" February 10 = £4.50; 25 = £10.40; 50 = £19.80

OPHELIA

Although the flowers are not perhaps the largest it is the first of the large flowered *Greatorex* doubles, flowering early in the New Year. It is very reliable and increases well

9th Dec-Jan £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

PLICATUS

A late flowering species with distinctive folded leaves. Seeds freely here under our large chestnut tree.

6th February £4.50 each; 3 = £12.00

S. ARNOTT

One of the best and boldest of the snowdrops, with rounded bell-shaped scented flowers.

8th February 3 = £12.00

VIRIDAPICE

A strong handsome plant. The tips of the outside petals are marked with green. Sturdy with bold spathes.

9th February £6.00 each; 3 = £16.90

WENDY'S GOLD

A handsome yellow marked *plicatus* which is very distinct. We find it more vigorous than most yellows. Few.

7th February £18.00 each

WORONOWII

A very effective variety, being dwarf-growing with recurved green leaves. Increases freely in dry soil in semi-shade. Late flowering.

5th Feb-Mar 3 = £5.00; 10 = £15.30

HELLEBORUS

More species online

THIBETANUS

A fabulous Chinese hellebore with true soft pink flowers. It is deciduous and seems to do best on a bank or at the base of a tree where it can be left undisturbed.

12th March £12.00 each

ORIENTALIS (x hybridus) (Lenten Rose).

Given the complex genetic history of these plants, they have now been given their own name. Easy free flowering plants for part shade. Mixed Colours. All shades of pink, white and purple.

10" Feb-Apr. 3 = £11.50

HEPATICA

These little plants are closely related to Anemones and grow exceptionally well under deciduous trees or shrubs, especially if lime is present.

NOBILIS

The vigorous European hepatica, with flowers varying in colour from white to blue and cerise. Mixed colours only. Slow.

4" March 5.00 each

TRANSILVANICA (Buis strain)

A free-flowering strain with relatively large bright blue flowers. Almost evergreen hairy leaves. One of the best.

6" April £6.00 each

IRIS SPECIES

Most of our extensive collection of dwarf and intermediate bearded Iris will be found online.

ALBICANS (White cemetery iris)

One of, if not, the oldest iris in cultivation. It originated in Saudi Arabia but has spread throughout the Middle East. Large white flowers on short stems. Easy in a dry sunny position.

15" April £6.00 each

BILIOTTII

One of the graveyard iris of eastern Turkey. Delicate blue purple flowers with dark falls.

30" May £6.00 each

ENSATA (Japanese water iris)

The huge blue, purple and white flowers have the most amazing patterns and swirls on them. They do not need to be in water although they can be inundated in the winter. We grow them in ordinary garden soil.

18" June £4.50 each; 3 = £12.00

FLORENTINA (Orris Root)

This was grown near Florence for the perfume industry. Very pale blue flowers with darker veining.

36" May £5.00 each

GRAMINEA

S The wonderful plum (or is it a greengage?) scent of this iris makes up for the small size of its rich plum coloured flowers.

9" May-June 3 = £6.00

KERNERIANA

Beautifully shaped flowers above twisted narrow leaves. Neutral to acid soil in full sun. Fabulous in full flower.

16" June £4.50 each; 3 = £12.00

NIBELUNGEN (Miniature Tall Bearded)

Quite stunning. Yellow with a white veined purple fall. Like a miniature I.variegata.

14" April-May £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

LANGPORT WREN

An intermediate iris. Deep black-red with a brown beard perfect with Tulip Queen of Night.

20" £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

PALLIDA(Bearded Iris)

This is one of the ancestors of all our spectacular modern bearded iris but sometimes the simplest flowers are still the best.

Beautiful, pure sky blue flowers above glaucous foliage. Stunning in the herb garden at Hatfield House.

3" April £5.00 each; 3 = £13.75

SIBIRICA. 'ROANOKES CHOICE'

An excellent and rarely offered US variety with large open flowers of soft pink. Late flowering and vigorous.

30" June-July £4.50 each; 3 = £12.00

SIBIRICA 'SILVER EDGE'

The large blue flowers have a distinctive silver rim. Striking in my dry stream garden here.

30" June £5.00 each; 3 = £13.75

SIBIRICA 'SPARKLING ROSÉ'

Large rich pink flowers. A good foil for the blues

30" June £4.50 each; 3 = £12.00

SIBIRICA WHITE DWARF

Sadly I have lost the name for this delightful dwarf sibirica which I have grown for decades. It is smothered with pure white flowers.

8" June £4.50 each; 3 = £12.00

SIBIRICA 'WHITE SWIRL' Always popular in the garden these are easy plants for the border or edge of a pond. Pure white flowers produced in profusion.

30" June £5.00 each; 3 = £13.75

SPURIA

These dramatic iris are the tallest of the family; flowering in early summer. The large, colourful flowers are produced in "layers". They like a moist soil in full sun. Mixed colours only.

3" June £5.00 each; 3 = £13.75

SURPRISE

A showy intermediate iris with large heads of ruffled flowers. Lemon standards and white falls.

14" £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

UNGUICULARIS (stylosa)Winter Iris.

Fragrant bright lilac flowers with darker markings all winter. It appreciates a warm sun-baked corner and will stand very poor soil.

12" Nov-Mar £4.50 each; 3 = £12.00

LILIES

Lilies require a fertile well-drained soil with an uninterrupted supply of moisture while they are growing. They should be planted 6"-8" deep.

CASA BLANCA (acid soil)

Huge white outward-facing scented flowers with a hint of green in the centre. Excellent in pots and quite magnificent.

3' August 3 = £4.50; 10 = £13.75

MARTAGON ALBUM

Well known turks cap lily with creamy-white unspotted flowers. When happy it will seed around.

3'-4' June £7.00 each

NEPALENSE (acid soil)

Up to five huge recurved trumpets of greeny-cream, each with a deep maroon centre. Needs a moist acid soil. Stoloniferous.

3' July £3.50 each; 3 = £9.00

REGALE

Probably the most famous of all lilies. Easy to grow, glistening white scented trumpets shaded yellow at the throat. Lime tolerant.

4' June-July 3 = £6.00; 10 = £18.00

SWEET SURRENDER

Lovely large reflexed flowers of rich clotted cream with a light sprinkling of dark dots. Good among shrubs but of a medium height so can be grown in pots.

24" July 3 = £5.50; 10 = £16.80

PAEONIA

Easy, long lived plants but slow to grow. The single flowered species peonies have a special charm.

CAMBESSEDESSII

This dwarf peony always sell on sight. Soft pink flowers above distinctive leaves. It is one of the first to flower and does best in a sheltered position. Flowering size plants.

18" April £12.00 each

TENUIFOLIA

This is probably the most distinct of all peonies. It makes a mound of fantastically dissected leaves - up to 50 segments in a mature plant, topped by bright red single flowers. Good drainage is essential. Large, flowering sized plants.

16" Jun £15.00 each

PULMONARIA

Undemanding plants for shade.

BLUE ENSIGN (angustifolia)

The large deep blue flowers almost swamp the plant. Semi deciduous. I use it as ground cover under a magnolia.

One of the best.

8" Spring £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

LEWIS PALMER

One of the showiest with very large sprays of brilliant blue flowers held above well spotted leaves. Highly recommended.

14" April-June £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

PRIMULA

These well-known plants grow best in soil that does not dry out and like shade at least in the middle of the day. Most should be divided regularly. Large plants.

VERIS (Cowslip)

An old favourite but still good for naturalising especially on limey soils.

9" April-May 3 = £7.00

VULGARIS (Common Primrose)

Needs no introduction this is an essential for the early spring garden in sun or light shade.

4" Jan-April 3 = £7.00

VULGARIS 'TAIGETOS'

Our dramatic introduction that was first collected in Greece many years ago and has proved itself a magnificent garden plant.

The pure white flowers completely swamp the plants. Early flowering, usually well before Christmas. Sterile. AGM in 2016

5" Dec-Mar 3 = £10.00

ROSCOEIA

Easy, trouble free plants for light shade producing their orchid like flowers all summer. The tubers should be planted deeply and mulched in winter in cold districts. Leave undisturbed to make large clumps.

ALPINA

Tiny clumps of slender leaves and small pink and white flowers all summer. Perfect for light shade.

6" July-Aug 3 = £4.00

AURICULATA

Intense purple flowers produced all summer. Good foliage plant with neat mounds of green leaves.

18" July-Sept 3 = £10.00

BEESIANA

An easy species with a long flowering period. Succession of large yellow flowers with purple flashes.

12" July-Aug 3 = £12.00

CAUTLEYOIDES

Narrow upright foliage and large hooded soft yellow flowers.

14" June 3 = £10.00

HUMEANA

Broad, almost horizontal, leaves and large, hooded, rich-purple flowers. One of the best.

12" June-July 3 = £12.00

KEW BEAUTY

The fabulous large flowers of the palest yellow are produced in profusion.

12" July-Aug £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

SCILLIFOLIA

Tiny clumps of slender leaves and small almost black flowers all summer. Perfect for light shade.

6" July-Aug 3 = £4.00

WISLEY AMETHYST

One of the new cultivars. Each of the white flowers has a dramatic amethyst mark on the falls. A truly showy plant in flower for a long time.

14" June-Sept £7.00 each; 3 = £18.00

TRILLIUM(Wood Lily)

Slow to grow requiring humus rich soil that is not to dry in part shade, Patience!!

GRANDIFLORUM (Wake Robin)

Extremely beautiful showy snow-white flowers becoming rose with age.

15" April £4.00 each; 3 = £11.00

VIOLA (Violet)

These perennial plants like a fertile soil. They are easy to grow in either sun or shade. They look like miniature pansies and are particularly useful for the front of the border and as ground cover under shrubs forming large patches.

CUCLULATA ALBA

Large pure white flowers above handsome mid-green leaves. An excellent foil for small bulbs.

4" Apr-May £3.50 each; 3 = £9.70

SORORIA 'FRECKLES'

A fine plant for shady corners. The large white flowers are washed with blue speckles.

3" Apr-June 3 = £7.00

SPRING COLLECTIONS

Take the strain out of choosing with our tried and tested collections.

COLLECTION OF CYCLAMEN Collection No. 1

Easy varieties to grow under trees where they can seed to form large patches

- 3 cilicium
- 3 coum
- 3 hederifolium

3 tubers

£24.80 (saving £2.70)

COLLECTION OF SNOWDROPS Collection No. 2

Easy varieties suitable for grass or under trees.

- 10 nivalis (single)
- 10 nivalis flore pleno (double)
- 3 Atkinsii

23 bulbs

£15.00 (saving £4.50)

AGAPANTHUS COLLECTION Collection No. 3

Four easy, free-flowering varieties for pots or borders.

4 plants

£18.00

COLLECTION OF DAY LILIES Collection No. 4

Easy clump forming plants for any soil in sun. One each of 5 different varieties (named), our choice. Heads of large trumpet flowers all summer on compact plants. Yellow, orange, red and striped. Height: 24" Flowers: Jun-Aug

£12.00

DWARF AMERICAN DAY LILIES Collection No. 5

4 tiny varieties for the front of a sunny border producing flowers all summer.

£10.00

COLLECTION OF HESPERANTHA (Schizostylis) Collection No 6

One each of our 5 varieties.

£14.00

P&P (Central UK) £6.30. Other areas please ask

SPRING FLOWERING BULBS FOR AUTUMN DESPATCH

Whilst most standard bulbs like tulips & crocus will be in our May catalogue and continue to be posted from Kent this is a list of what we grow and sell from Taunton. Please use separate order form. **These bulbs will be sent in September**

WOOD ANEMONE

FLACCIDA

The Japanese version of our wood anemone. This has 'fat' rhizomes. The leaves form a tight mat and are beautifully marked with bronze when they first appear. Large white flowers much larger than our own wood anemone. Need shade or they will flop!. Summer dormant.

4" April 3=£6.00

NEMOROSA (wood anemone)

Our native wood anemone with dainty white flowers on slender stems and divided leaves.

4" April 5 = £3.00; 20 = £11.05

NEMOROSA 'ALLENII'

A superb form of our native wood anemone with very large pale blue flowers on slender stems and divided leaves. Excellent for naturalising under trees and shrubs.

6" April 3= £6.00

NEMOROSA BLUE CENTRED DOUBLE

A neat tight white double wood anemone with blue backs. As the flowers mature so a blue centre appears.

4" April 3=£6.00

NEMOROSA 'ROYAL BLUE'

A superb form of our native wood anemone with dainty deep blue flowers on slender stems and divided leaves. They are not too vigorous and smother themselves in flowers. Excellent for naturalising under trees and shrubs.

4" April 3= £6.00

NEMOROSA 'VESTAL' (double) Compact plants studded with small white flowers that have a tight double centre.

4" April 3=£6.00

RANUNCULOIDES

This unusual wood anemone from eastern Europe quickly spreading to form attractive clumps covered in bright yellow flowers.

4" April 3 = £6.00

CAMASSIA

CUSICKII

Large racemes of silvery-blue flowers. These are the first to flower - just as the daffodils are fading.

36" May 5 = £5.00; 15 = £13.75

LEICHTLINII ALBA

Large spikes of starry creamy white flowers. It is an excellent border plant for any soil in sun.

30" May 5 = £5.00; 15 = £13.75

LEICHTLINII 'BROADLEIGH BELLE'

Our own cultivars. Later flowering and taller than C leichtlinii caerulea. In lovely shades of lilac, pink and true white.

24-30" May 5 = £5.00; 15 = £13.75

LEICHTLINII SEMI-PLENA

This is the tallest of the camassias and the last to flower. The very tall, stiff stems, are densely covered with a succession of creamy-yellow star-shaped flowers that are semi-double.

4' May-June 3 = £7.00

LEICHTLINII SUCKSDORFII(caerulea)

The more correct name for the standard tall blue camassia. Striking spikes of strong blue starry flowers with conspicuous yellow stamens.

30" May 5 = £5.00; 15 = £13.75

COLCHICUM

COLCHICUM MIXED

We have decided to discontinue growing these and will be offering corms from our collection at greatly reduced prices. They will be mixed varieties only.

6-8" Sept-Oct 5 = £10.00 *Please order these early

PACIFIC COAST IRIS

Evergreen iris for cool acid soil in part shade. Clump forming.

'AMIGITA'

Pale lilac flowers with a beautiful deep purple mark on the falls. Early flowering and vigorous

14" May-June £5.00 each

'BROADLEIGH LAVINIA'

This produces a succession of flowers in a most unusual colour of pale peach with a claret mark on the falls.

18" May-June £5.00 each

'BROADLEIGH NANCY'

This striking hybrid produces a succession of white flowers with strong purple markings and well-branched stems.

18" April-May £5.00 each

'BROADLEIGH ROSE'

This produces a succession of a beautiful dusky old rose colour. Vigorous.

18" April-May £5.00 each

MIXED CALIFORNIAN IRIS (Pacific Coast Iris)

A selection of our unnamed iris hybrids in shades from palest gold to deepest purple. These evergreen herbaceous plants are easily grown in soil with a high humus content — ideal mixed with shrubs in light shade. Please note they are not suitable for growing in pots.

18" April-May 3 for £10.00

ERYTHRONIUM

'PAGODA'

A most beautiful and vigorous hybrid with large sulphur-yellow turks cap flowers.

10" Mar-Apr 3 = £4.00; 10 = £12.30

'WHITE BEAUTY'

Large white turks cap flower with pale yellow centres.

10" Mar-Apr 3 = £7.00; 10 = £21.00

REVOLUTUM

This is probably the most dramatic of all this dramatic family. The flowers are like mini bright pink turks cap lilies with a beautifully marbled leaves. They tend to seed rather than clump and require an acid soil in light shade.

8" Mar-Apr £6.50 each

NARCISSUS(DAFFODILS)

1. ALEC GRAYHYBRIDS

A selection from our National Collection. The number in brackets denotes the Division

BEBOP (7)

A perfect tiny jonquil. Small golden yellow heads with a deeper cup.

7" April £3 each; 3 = £8.35

BOBBYSOXER (7)

A dwarf jonquil with neat round yellow flowers and orange cups. Twin headed. Not one of Alec Gray's smallest hybrids but an excellent garden plant.

10" April 5 = £5.00; 15 = £13.75

CORNET (6)

A very descriptive name for this, one of Alec Gray's larger cultivars. Well swept back petals.

Clear yellow.

12" Feb-Mar 5 = £5.00

CREAM SEGOVIA (7)

This little daffodil is a sport of Segovia, regularly appearing in Alec's stock in our field but with cream rather than pure white petals. There is some confusion over the name, with this name being incorrectly applied to the cream sport of Xit which is much smaller.

6" April £3.00 each; 3 = £8.35

ELKA (1)

A tiny gem with a slightly nodding lemon trumpet and milk white petals. It does well here on the edge of a shrub bed where it is dry in the summer.

4" March 5 = £5.00

JOHANNA (5)

One of Alec Gray's larger hybrids. 1-2 pale lemon flowers with expanded darker yellow trumpets. Nodding.

14" Mar-Apr 5 = £5.00; 15 = £13.75

JUMBLIE (12)

An excellent little cyclamineus hybrid with two to three clear yellow flowers to the stem. Slightly orange cup and well reflexed petals. Sister seedling to Tete a Tete but the cyclamineus parentage is more pronounced and the deeper trumpet longer.

8" March £3.00 each

LITTLE SENTRY (7)

Tiny discs of gold on stiff stems with very flat cups. They open golden but fade to a beautiful cream.

8" April 3 = £6.00; 10 = £18.00

RIKKI (7)

The small round flowers open yellow then the petals fade to cream. Slightly larger than Little Sentry with a slightly more starry appearance. Vigorous.

8" April £3.00 each; 3 = £8.35

SEGOVIA (3)

More like jonquil hybrid which is not surprising as one of its parents is the tiny jonquil species *N.watieri*. Superbly contrasting glistening white petals and small flat lemon cup. Actually bred by Alec's wife Flomay.

6" April 10 = £6.00; 25 = £12.50

SIDHE (5)

One of Alec Gray's slightly larger triandrus hybrids. 1-2 nodding pale lemon yellow flowers. A very graceful plant rarely offered.

12" April £3.00 each; 3 = £8.35

SOLTAR (7)

Perfectly round flowers on stiff very upright stems. They open yellow and gradually fade to cream with a darker eye. They have been excellent in my trough garden for many years. Rarely offered.

7" April £3.00 each

TETE A TETE (12)

Probably the best of all dwarf hybrids. Very early and tremendously long lasting. Golden petals very slightly reflexed from the neat cups. Cannot be too strongly recommended and a very prolific flowerer. Perfect for containers, borders, woodland or even grass. The most famous of all Alec Gray's miniatures.

6" Feb-Mar 10 = £5.00; 25 = £11.60

XIT (7)

A stunning pure white *N.watieri* hybrid with small round white flowers on stiff stems. Perfect for troughs or rock garden or maybe try it in light shade.

6" April £5.00 each

2. OTHER DAFFODILS

AGNES HARVEY (5)

An old (pre 1902!) but still beautiful dwarf triandrus hybrid daffodil. It has 1 to 2 nodding white flowers.

9" April 3 = £6.00

CLOUD NINE (2)

A delightful intermediate reversed bicolor daffodil. The well shaped flowers open bright lemon and the cup gradually fades to cream. It is one of the last to flower and is long lasting in flower and very vigorous.

14" April 5 = £4.00; 15 = £11.05

S CORDUBENSIS (13)

A spectacular jonquil species from S Spain. Masses of deep gold strongly scented flowers - up to 10 per stem, with small flat cups. Needs a dry sunny position to flower well. It is perfect for a pot in a cold glasshouse.

14" April 3 = £6.00

CYCLAMINEUS (13)

A very beautiful species of deep yellow with a long trumpet and completely swept back petals. Excellent for naturalising in a damp acid soil. Stock grown from seed. Can easily die if too dry.

5" Early March £5.00 each

FEBRUARY SILVER (6)

A most amazingly lasting hybrid with milk white petals and a lemon cup. It is also very long lived. Our clumps here were planted in 1970's and show no sign of stopping flowering.

12" Feb-March 3 = £5.00

x INTERMEDIUS (13)

Masses of strongly scented golden flowers on tall stiff stems. This wild hybrid requires are very warm, dry summer dormancy to flower well. Excellent in a pot in cold glass.

14" April 5 = £5.00; 15 = £13.75

LEMON SILK (6)

A beautiful cyclamineus daffodil with delicate lemon flowers. The long trumpet is slightly paler than the well reflexed petals. Early flowering forming good sized clumps.

14" Early March 3 = £4.50; 10 = £13.75

LITTLE RUSKY (6)

An exquisite US jonquil hybrid. Tiny creamy-yellow flowers with a orange rimmed deeper yellow cup and a green eye. Usually twin flowered.

8" April £3.00 each; 3 = £8.35

MEDIOLUTEUS (biflorus) (Primrose Peerless) (13)

This is one of the very oldest daffodil cultivars still in cultivation. Late flowering with 1 or 2 small white flowers with a tiny lemon yellow cup. Sweetly scented flowers.

10" April-May 3 = £4.50; 10 = £13.75

MITE (6)

This is a perfect tiny golden cyclamineus hybrid daffodil with long straight trumpet and 'fly-away' perianth. Rather like a larger more robust N.cyclamineus. It increases rapidly making good clumps. Although it loves a moist acid soil it is just as happy on dry sandy soils. Divide regularly.

9" March £3.00 each; 3 = £8.35

S PATOIS (9)

Like a tiny, perfectly round Pheasant Eye daffodil. Pure white petals and a completely flat, red-rimmed cup. One of the last to flower.

10" May 3 = £4.00; 10 = £12.30

POETICUS PRAECOX (13)

S Early Pheasant Eye daffodil. This is the early flowering form of poeticus recurvus. It is strongly scented. The snow-white petals with a tiny yellow cup edged with red. It was this red colouring that gave rise to all the colour in subsequent daffodil hybrids.

16" March-April 10 = £6.00

S POETICUS var HELLENICUS (13)

This is an exquisite tiny, perfectly round Pheasant Eye daffodil. Pure white petals and a completely flat, red-rimmed cup. One of the last to flower. Rather tall for the size of the flower!

14" May 3 = £4.00; 10 = £12.30

RIJNVELDT'S EARLY SENSATION (2)

It is a short flowered egg-yellow daffodil with a rather flared cup that is slightly darker. Often in flower on Christmas Day. Very vigorous, increasing well. can be naturalised in grass.

10" Jan-Feb 10 = £7.00

ROGUE (3)

One of our own hybrids. A neat intermediate with pure white petals and a neat lemon-yellow cup on stiff stems. A good seed parent.

12" April 10 = £6.00

SABROSA (7)

A tiny jonquil daffodil with 1-2 lemon flowers. Absolutely exquisite, increasing well and covering itself with tiny flowers. It needs a dry summer so is probably best grown in an Alpine house and fed well. A good show flower.

3" April 3 = £6.00

TOBY (6)

A delightful cyclamineus daffodil. Neat lemon cup and swept back white petals.

12" March-April 3 = £6.00

WILLKOMMII (13)

A tiny species with up to three tiny golden-yellow, strongly scented flowers. It needs a hot, dry summer dormancy to flower so is best grown in an Alpine house.

4" April 10 = £6.00

GLADIOLUS

To be planted in the autumn.

BYZANTINUS "Whistling Jack"

The true form of this Mediterranean species The large purple-red flowers with a white flash are carried on stiff stems.

24" June 5 = £7.00

CARNEUS

Delicate sprays of pale pink flowers with a darker flash on the lower 3 petals. Probably tender but it grows freely in pots here in a cold glasshouse and flowers profusely.

18" Apr-May 5 = £4.00

ORNITHOGALUM

ARABICUM

Stunning heads of large, glistening white flowers. From the beaches of S Spain so requires a dry sunny position or it is easy under cold glass. Dry summer dormancy.

18" May 3 = £4.00

MAGNUM

Tall slender spikes of up to 75 glistening white flowers in early summer. Excellent in the RHS garden at Harlow Carr growing at the base of a pergola. Well drained soil.

18- 30" June-July 3 = £5.00

SCILLA

LILIO-HYACINTHUS

These delightful bulbs grow in the woods of N Spain with fritillaries and wild daffodils. Delicate candles of soft blue flowers. The bulbs are rather like a lily- hence the name. Clump forming and never a problem!

6" April 3 = £6.00

PERUVIANA

One of the best late-flowering species with extraordinary triangular heads of rich, almost glowing blue flowers which arise from a basal rosette of wide leaves. From S Spain, not Peru! They should be planted a sunny, warm position. Almost evergreen. 9" April-May

£3.00 each, 3 = £8.35

PERUVIANA ALBA

One of the best late-flowering scilla species with large candle-shaped heads of white flowers.

For a dry sunny position,

9" Apr-May £3.00 each; 3 = £8.35

STERNBERGIA

LUTEA

The Biblical 'Lily of the Field' for sharply drained soil in full sun. Large, bright yellow crocus-like flowers. They come from the Mediterranean area and require a dry summer. We grow them under a south facing wall and under a large chestnut.

5" Sept-Nov 3 = £4.00; 10 = £12.50 *Please order these early

LUTEA ANGUSTIFOLIA

A free-flowering form with narrow, deep green foliage and similar bright yellow crocus-shaped flowers.

5" Sept-Oct 3 = £5.00 *Please order these early

TULIP

SPRENGERI (species tulip)

This small scarlet tulip is the very last to flower. It does not increase by offsets like most tulips but has to be grown from seed - it will self seed on a dry, sunny rock garden or in thin grass

12" mid - late May £4.50 each

P&P (Central UK) £3.95. Other areas please ask.

Items from this section cannot be sent with those from the first Spring section.