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WELCOME

Welcome to our new catalogue for the Late Summer and Autumn 2023.

It has been a tricky decision to make but this will be the last Autumn catalogue that we produce with things as they are. There will be another Spring catalogue early next year but that will mark the end of Avon Bulbs as it is.

I took over Avon Bulbs in May 1987 when it was still very small. It had no computerised records, we did not take credit card payments for many years and there was a staff of 3, one being Alan Street. That was at Bradford on Avon. 1989/90 saw a move to South Somerset and over the next 34 years we gradually built facilities, a reputation on the show circuit (we won 30 Gold Medals at the Chelsea Flower Show up until we stopped attending there in 2017), grew collections of plants - Agapanthus, Eucomis and Galanthus in particular. The staff numbers increased to 10 (not all full time), I got married and the kids who featured in our early catalogues became more reluctant to appear there and have now started on their own careers (Stage Management, System Controls and Robotics since you wondered!) and are not interested in any succession here. In recent years we have been through the difficulties of importing – or worse for us, exporting plants due to Brexit, the pandemic (which as a mail order business means that we were busier than usual) and in 2021 and 2022 Alan's illness and death. Avon Bulbs has provided us with a reasonable living and gainful and I hope rewarding work for those employed here. But we have (I admit) been slow to expand, employ young staff or to perhaps grow away from what is a slightly limiting location. We have a very loyal and tolerant lot of customers who I hope know that we try hard to produce and sell interesting plants and bulbs at reasonable cost but as importantly – in a slightly old-fashioned way that I hope is ethical and honest. We occasionally make mistakes but try to put them right as long as the complaint is fair and where necessary own up to such errors, sometimes even if the customer was unaware that there was a problem!

Since Alan became unable to work I have been trying to fulfil his role (as well) but without the horticultural knowledge. I ran the business, organised and directed but I could not hire anyone else to take on his job whilst he was alive and feel that employing a manager in the future, on a site where we will continue to live, would be unfair on them – I do not see myself as an easy onlooker on a business that I ran for so long!



THEN



I have tried to find a buyer who would like to take the Avon Bulbs name, relocate it and prosper with it. Horticulture however seems not to provide the rewards that make that a very attractive prospect. Someone may yet appear and making our position public might trigger some interest.

We would encourage those of you with Gift Tokens as yet unspent to use them up. However, let me assure you that we are not closing for commercial reasons – we are solvent and work continues with the next season in mind. In past years we have sold a proportion of our 'crop' and either left a proportion to grow for a future harvest or replanted the 'offsets' (the smaller bulbs) so that they may be harvested another year when bigger. This year there is less of a requirement to do that. Consequently, we may have larger stocks of what we grow ourselves to sell, or have a surplus of bulbs of a smaller size than we normally send out that might be available. Please enquire if you have a particular interest.



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LATE SUMMER 2023

Bulbs that either flower in the autumn, shortly after planting along with a few that much prefer early autumn planting despite being spring flowering.

We aim to deliver any orders made from this section in mid August to early September, ahead of orders for the Autumn section. These will incur their own post and packing charge. Please order using the form at the end of this section.

ACIS

AUTUMNALIS



Slender wiry green or russet coloured stems, carrying delicate looking white papery bells. They were thought to be autumn flowering forms of the snowflakes (*Leucojum*) but are now in their own family. Ideal for a trough or container that stays that much drier. Naturally small bulbs, the size of large peas with tails, to get planted close together.

↔ 1" (3cm)
9" (22cm)
£8.00 for 5

Aug/Sept
106-10

NICAENSIS

Hailing from North Africa and South Eastern France the species name refers to Nice where they grow in limestone crevices. They were (like *A. autumnalis*) within the *Leucojum* family till recently. Wiry leaved with glistening six petalled white flowers that open widely. On the edge of hardiness - best in an alpine bed where they can be drier in winter. Big seedheads containing lots of seed and therein lies potential for increase.

↔ 1" (3cm)
8" (18cm)
£9.50 for 3

March/ April
106-11

AMANA

EDULIS

Looking like a Tulip these are sometimes known as *T. edulis* but they are from the Far East whereas the true Tulips are central Asian so unlikely to be in the same family. They actually fall in the Lily family. In Japan they grow in meadows near watercourses at low altitudes. Martin Rix in the Bulb Book says that they are "easy to grow in a well drained sunny position, dormant in summer but should not need protection from rain". We have evidently cosseted them too much! Ivory coloured flowers with darker markings - stoloniferous and flowering from small bulbs with bulb tunics a very deep orange.

↔ 3" (8cm)
3" (10cm)
£18.00 for 3

Feb/Mar
214-01



Acis nicaeensis



Amana edulis



Amaryllis purpurea major



Amaryllis belladonna hybrids

AMARYLLIS

The Amaryllis and their hybrids flower before they come into leaf in the autumn and remain in leaf during the winter. South African in origin they consequently require a more sheltered position to survive wet, cold British winters. We have some that do well every year at the base of a south facing wall which is (in Somerset) good enough. In colder areas one might need to grow them in pots so that one can protect them further. They enjoy a hot summer baking when they are without their leaves and planting them too deep means that the soil might not get warm enough to suit them. I have included the Hippeastrum below them (and out of alphabetic order) because they are so similar and always confused. The Hippeastrum sold in the autumn as houseplants are of mixed hybrid origin and generally "treated" to make them flower in the winter and are not hardy at all. This one will survive some frost but will grow better in more shelter.

BELLADONNA HYBRIDS

Remnants of our past listing years ago of the forms named after South African towns and cities and now gracing part of a polytunnel where they have been allowed to go a bit wild. Some are dark pink, some pale, so we will not be able to identify them. All are heavily scented. More flared and usually more colourful than *A. purpurea major* which is fractionally earlier to flower.

↔ 9-12" (20-30cm)
16" (47cm)
£7.00

Aug/Sept
56-13

PURPUREA MAJOR

Grown outside here these would love to be planted under a south facing wall. Earlier to flower than the slightly bigger and wider flared cousins above but equally scented. Hard winters like the one we have just faced might cause damage to the leaves but usually do not kill the bulb.

↔ 9-12" (20-30cm)
16" (47cm)
£7.00

Aug/Sept
56-15



Acis autumnalis

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



Hippeastrum acramannii



Colchicum speciosum album



Colchicum speciosum

X PARKERI ALBA

A hybrid form (Amaryllis x Brunsvigia) which makes big, rounded, bulbs and flowers with apple-white, hugely scented trumpets circling the stem. No different in hardiness to those above.

↔ 9-12" (20-30cm)

Aug/Sept 12" (30cm)
56-10 £8.50

HIPPEASTRUM

X ACRAMANNII



Not quite hardy, although EB Anderson grew them out of doors at Porlock (Somerset) in the 1960s and letters from customers in much less promising locations were more positive (till last winter anyhow!). Red and scarlet trumpeted beauties.

↔ 6" (15cm)

Sept/Oct 14" (35cm)
56-14 £12.00

COLCHICUM

Easy to grow in reasonably deep moisture-retentive soil, these appear from their summer dormancy to flower without their leaves in the autumn – hence their common name of 'naked ladies'. A pointer to the end of summer, their flowers last incredibly well considering their apparent fragility. The leaves then appear in the early spring. They do not need deep planting - 3" (8cm) deep is enough - perhaps a little more for ones with the biggest bulbs. They will naturalise effectively, but the mower will have to be restrained until the leaves wither away in June.

****Please order early – after the end of September they seem to flower regardless of the conditions****



Colchicum autumnale



Amaryllis x parkeri alba

AUTUMNALE

Softly, satin-sheened in mauve. They naturalise most effectively either in sun or partial shade where they often produce several flowers from each corm. An easy British native known as Meadow Saffron. Wychwood Forest and coastal west Wales has thousands flowering each autumn, but the leaves being poisonous to cattle they were dug out and destroyed in much of Britain.

Sept 73-05 ↔ 4" (10cm)
6" (15cm)
£13.00 for 3

AUTUMNALE ALBUM



The white-flowered form of the species above, although some are pinkish white. They tolerate full sun but are especially useful in some shade where the flowers stand out. Best in damp, but not waterlogged conditions.

Sept 73-06 ↔ 3" (8cm)
6" (15cm)
£11.00 for 3

SPECIOSUM



The best of the larger forms for most gardens, these spread and naturalise most effectively. Stronger stemmed and later flowering than C. autumnale with longer flower stems and more richly coloured thick, rounded, rosy pink-lilac petals.

Sept/Oct 73-15 ↔ 4" (10cm)
8" (20cm)
£11.00 for 3

SPECIOSUM ALBUM



The very best Colchicum which had been lost to large scale production for many years and was sorely missed. Then in 2020 I had a call from Scotland where some grew 'nearly wild' – would I like to buy some? Of course! They arrived in greater numbers than I expected and have now experienced a couple of years in the soft south and should be beauties. Big bold goblet shaped flowers in pure white, ideal for part shade.

Sept/Oct 73-16 ↔ 4" (10cm)
8" (20cm)
£15.00 for 3 or £22.00 for 5



Colchicum autumnale album

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

Flowering time	Flowering height
Item Code	Price



GAP Images

Colchicum Waterlily



Colchicum x agrippinum



Crocus goulimyii



Crocus goulimyii Mani white



Crocus niveus



Crocus nudiflorus

WATERLILY

A multi-petalled variety which opens widely in the sun with multiple flower stems, flowering somewhat later than the others. Surprisingly resilient to the weather despite its tousled appearance.

↔ 6" (15cm)
6" (15cm)
£14.50 for 3

Oct
73-23

X AGRIPPINUM

A much smaller Colchicum, with a naturally smaller bulb than the others we list and one to treasure in a raised bed or in a trough. The flowers open nearly flat to the soil with pointed tips, covered in wonderful darker pinkish-purple tessellations (chequering). I seem to make it sound as though growing them is a challenge. They should be none too difficult if you have the right place.

↔ 3" (8cm)
4" (10cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

Sept
73-19



CROCUS AUTUMN FLOWERING FORMS

Flowering in the late autumn these Crocuses bloom as a reaction to the lowering of the soil temperatures (and the re-wetting of the soil) at the end of the summer. The spring flowering forms (listed in the Autumn section of our catalogue) flower as the soil temperature rises. These vary in their requirements, and some are a bit 'picky'. Crocus speciosus should be a feature of every garden providing a dreamy violet splash of colour in late September and October (and is probably the easiest to grow). Those listed below that are grown by us () will vary in size as they naturally do, but the numbers in the pack sizes will be augmented by smaller bulbs yet to flower - a bit of a bonus.*



Insect friendly Plants

We believe the plants where you see this symbol to be particularly beneficial to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, moths and hover flies.



GOULIMYI

Hardy in sheltered situations. The most perfectly proportioned and gorgeous of any Crocus in my eyes. Alternating petals of dark and paler soft silvery lilac with paler throats.

↔ 2" (5cm) but probably
much more

Oct
77-36

5" (12cm)
£13.00 for 3 (*)



GOULIMYI MANI WHITE

As above but the much rarer all white form. We inadvertently muddled these two stocks several years back and have been sorting them out ever since as they flower, but last year suggested that we had succeeded.

↔ 2" (5cm) but probably
much more

Oct
77-33

5" (12cm)
£13.00 for 3 (*)



NIVEUS

Large flowered in very pale lilac with a yellow throat. Found in olive groves in Southern Greece. In some leaf when in flower and requiring a sunny sheltered site, a scree bed or some shelter at least. Few to sell.

↔ 2" (5cm) but probably
much more

Oct
77-44

5" (12cm)
£5.00 (*)



NUDIFLORUS

Easy to grow in the garden and even individual flowers popping up are a joy, but difficult to commercialise as they dislike commercial cultivation. Hence rarely offered and likely to be small bulbed. A fairly tall, dark flowered crocus well suited to grow in short grass, they form stolons and so tend to move in the soil and also set seed so one hopes will increase one way or another.

↔ 2" (5cm) but probably
much more

Oct
77-42

5" (12cm)
£12.00 for 3 (*)



Crocus tournefortii



Crocus sativus



Crocus speciosus Conqueror



Crocus speciosus



Crocus speciosus albus



Cypripedium Gisela

SATIVUS

The source of Saffron: gathered by collecting the tiny bright red stigmata from each flower (it takes half a million per kilo, thereby justifying the huge cost of Saffron). They need deep planting in rich soil, in a sunny position and probably need lifting and dividing with regularity to encourage flowering. Their flower production is triggered by suddenly colder nights, our maritime climate does not regularly provide that, which makes guaranteeing one's own Saffron production a bit uncertain, but it is still a lovely bloom.

Oct
77-20

↔ 3" (8cm)
4" (10cm)
£7.50 for 15

SPECIOSUS

Along with the next, the easiest to grow of all the autumn flowering crocus. Dramatically effective, deep lilac to purple hues, with bright yellow anthers. Good in light shade or under deciduous shrubs, or in light grass, planted deeply. They will flower later than suggested in their first year, consequent to them having been out of the soil and dried off this summer. Do buy enough of them! Our suggested planting density 15 per sq. ft.

Sept/Oct
77-26 ↔ 3" (8cm)
5" (12cm)
£4.50 for 15 or £13.00 for 50

SPECIOSUS CONQUEROR

In a deeper blue this is a named form of the more lilac-purple C. speciosus above.

Sept/Oct
77-43 ↔ 3" (8cm)
5" (12cm)
£4.50 for 15 or £13.00 for 50

SPECIOSUS ALBUS

All white flowered, great for a contrast with a few planted amongst the others, or as a bright creamy white splash all on their own.

Sept/Oct
77-27 ↔ 3" (8cm)
5" (12cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25

TOURNEFORTII

Surprisingly variable with pale and lilac flowers intermingled, all with darker veins. They, unusually, do not close at night or on dull days once having opened.

Sept/Oct
77-38 ↔ 3" (8cm)
5" (12cm)
£13.00 for 3 (*)

CYPRIPEDIUM

GISELA

Hardy slipper orchids that you can grow in the garden where they flower better after a cold winter. They need good light in the spring and summer shade in fertile soil that isn't too limey. They are a temptation for slugs but on the other hand last ages in flower and are highly unusual. Currently filling 3 litre pots they will provide several spikes each.

April/May
64-07

↔ 12" (30cm)
18" (45cm)
£15.00



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Cyclamen hederifolium x 5
Crocus speciosus x 15
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Gladiolus tristis with Lunnaria Chedglow



Helicodicerus muscivorus



Nerine flexuosa alba

ERANTHIS

Two of the named forms of Aconites. Expect dark, multibranched, wizened rhizomes, not dissimilar to an aggregation of rabbit droppings! Early spring flowering with the snowdrops and (to mix my livestock analogies) rare as hen's teeth to obtain. Woodland plants of shade, perhaps best protected by a mesh basket planted in the soil until they are evidently happy.

ORANGE GLOW

As the name suggests, these have an obvious orange tint to the otherwise yellow flower.

Jan/Feb
81-03

↔ 3" (8cm)
5" (12cm)
£10.00 for 3

SCHWEFELGLANZ

Creamy white flowered, usually described as straw yellow but the translation from German suggests sulphur yellow which I would say was darker. What is strange is that they do set seed and then they 'come true' from seed, which to me is a bit unexpected.

Jan/Feb
81-01

↔ 3" (8cm)
5" (12cm)
£10.00 for 3

GLADIOLUS

TRISTIS

Native to South Africa, but we have always suggested that they are not quite hardy enough to trust outdoors full time. I am told however of them growing in gardens more widely than I expected and even in Shropshire. A very special winter growing Gladiolus with a wonderful scent in the evenings – believe me, it does not scent by day but come the evening, the perfume is remarkable. Presumably moths are the pollinator it hopes to attract. It really needs a sheltered site in good light, with shelter when they are in leaf through January and February. The apple white flowers open progressively up the long rush-like stems and produce a generous seed set.

April/May
88-15

↔ 3" (8cm)
3" (90cm)
£15.00 for 3

HELICODICEROS

MUSCIVORUS

A natural fly trap when in flower in the late spring or early summer. The plant that I think best replicates something from the animal kingdom with a thick fleshy flower covered in hairs that direct the attracted flies towards their pollination duties. Very stinky but fascinating. Probably not quite hardy, they have survived for years in an unheated greenhouse planted in the soil here and an Instagrammer claims that he grows them out of doors in Holland.

May/June
63-01

↔ 12" (30cm)
14" (35cm)
£10.00



Ornithogalum reverchonii

NERINE

FLEXUOSA ALBA

A winter growing species (all the other N. bowdenii forms that we grow are summer growing and sold in the spring catalogue), so these require a bit more protection. The frilly white petals however last ages in flower and in sheltered gardens are a treat in the autumn.

Sept/Oct
33-23

↔ 6" (15cm)
14" (35cm)
£9.50 for 3

ORNITHOGALUM

REVERCHONII

On the edge of hardy with a native range in SW Spain and Morocco but in the milder south of Britain certainly worth a go outside. Simple white, bell shaped flowers on tidy spikes above rather long lax leaves.

Late spring
117-19

↔ 1" or less (2cm)
12" (30cm)
£6.00 for 3

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations
Flowering time Flowering height
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Romulea bulbocodium (Forde Abbey)



Scilla autumnalis



Tecophilaea cyanocrocus



Tropaeolum tricolor



Scopolia carniolica



Scopolia Zwanenburg

ROMULEA

BULBOCODIUM

A small crocus-like bulb from the Mediterranean where it grows in sandy or rocky places. A sun lover which we would have suggested is best pot grown and brought in for the winter just to keep them drier. However, a visit to Forde Abbey this spring revealed a mass of it growing on a well-drained rockery in the garden that lies in a frost pocket - so if you have anything close to those conditions well worth consideration. Velvety flowers opening in shades of lilac and purple.

↔ 1" or less (2cm)
3" (8cm)
£5.00 for 5

Spring
199-01

SCILLA

AUTUMNALIS

Hardy, but uncommon natives of the south-west of the UK with small bulbs. These are incredibly long-lasting in flower. Bright blue flowers up a fine wiry stem. They need a sunny, well-drained soil.

↔ 3" (9cm)
5" (12cm)
£7.00 for 3

Aug/Oct
125-18

SCOPOLIA

CARNIOLICA

Very hardy plants originating from South Eastern Europe and Russia. Potato-like foliage in the spring with solitary maroon flowers in the spring, usually quite hidden under the leaves. Plants for shade, ideally not too dry. They disappear underground again in the early summer. Poisonous if ingested.

↔ 8" (20cm)
18" (45cm)
£5.00

April
32-04

CARNIOLICA ZWANENBURG

A darker flowered clone.

↔ 8" (20cm)
18" (45cm)
£6.50

April
32-05

TECOPHILAEA

Chilean bulbs from a high altitude, so one would expect them to be cold tolerant, but where they come from is relatively dry, and our winters are really too wet for them. If possible, grow them under some protection (particularly from rain) and you'll be amazed by the depth of colour in the flowers. Their blue is like the dazzling displays produced by some exotic butterfly.

CYANOCROCUS



Gorgeously blue. We can only now supply bulbs that are 'unselected' for colour as our supplier of 30 years standing has retired. We bought much of his remaining stock but have not been able to allocate enough time to attend to the detail as he did, so some labelling has gone a bit awry. They will vary from dazzling blue with a pale eye, through to thundercloud purple.

March
128-07 5" (12cm)
£10.00 for 3 or £20.00 for 9

TROPAEOLUM

A winter-growing form of these climbing plants, they start to grow in late September and flower in the late spring. Their hardiness is probably limited if temperatures fall below about -5°C for an extended period but they are actually happier grown somewhere cool rather than too warm. If in some doubt grow them in pots with something to climb up and then protect them with some fleece if required during the very coldest weather. Reports from happy customers suggest that they really cheer up the late spring with a blast of long lasting colour.

TRICOLOR



Exhibiting shoals of stunning red, black and yellow flowers that last ages in flower. A climber that starts into growth very early in the autumn so early ordering is a must. They will be growing by mid November. One of the most spectacular plants that we sell, and a favourite of mine. The tubers are inconsistent, some round, others long and twisted and vary widely in their colour and skin finish.

↔ 6" (15cm)
climbing up to 4' (120cm)
Spring
47-06 £4.50 or £12.00 for 3

The following bulbs can be included on either a Late Summer or an Autumn order form as stocks allow.

If you order them alone, they will be sent as soon as we can, but ordering them with anything else their 'delivery season' will be determined by what else you order. They would all benefit from earlier planting if possible.



Arum creticum album



Cyclamen coum



Cyclamen repandum (Forde Abbey)

ARUM

CRETICUM ALBUM

Our stock has multiplied and thrived so I hope that a lower cost will encourage others to try a wonderful plant. In flower for ages with creamy coloured spathes. We grow them where they will experience very little frost. Winter growing and summer dormant.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Early spring
60 -11

15" (40cm)
£4.50 or £12.00 for 3

CYCLAMEN

These are all hardy, tough and perennial and once established will seed about. If you order and plant them early these Cyclamen will arrive dormant and ready to pop in and then awake in their new circumstances. Ordering them from the Autumn section, means that there will probably be some growth visible on them. These are all from seed and own grown but we are unable to match in numbers what a specialist grower provided till 2021 so our stocks are limited.

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



SPRING FLOWERING FORMS

COUM



Home grown tubers, a good proportion of which have silver rather than all green leaves. They will also show a variation in flower colour when they flower. Having been lifted from the tunnel where they have been growing (in the ground) in the hot conditions that prevail, their response to them being brought into the cooler barn may be to encourage them to start growing early. Hardy stalwarts of the spring garden in virtually any conditions where it does not get waterlogged.

↔ 5" (13cm)

Feb/March
51-116

£15.00 for 3

REPANDUM



Better in more sheltered conditions and certainly needing more shade and leaf mould in the soil, where they need to be planted more deeply. Only reckoned to be properly hardy in the south, though special circumstances may affect that generalisation. Often small bulbed. They provide spicily fragrant, deep carmine-coloured flowers in late spring and set seed and spread where happy. The photo was taken at Forde Abbey - a frost pocket, yet they abound in several locations there.

↔ 5" (13cm)

April/May
51-129

£6.00 or £16.50 for 3



Cyclamen hederifolium

AUTUMN FLOWERING FORMS

hederifolium

These tubers may be pink or white flowered (though pink will dominate). The petals sweep up and away from the flower and in the spring (and for much of the year after) the ground will be carpeted in their dark, glossy, ivy-leaf shaped leaves, although some will be silvery. They will in time dominate mixed plantings of C. coum where they are planted together. Again, as with the C. coum, they may flower early.

↔ 6-8" (15-20cm)

Aug/Oct
51-107

£12.00 for 5

hederifolium silver leaf

These will be predominantly silver leaved - but the flower could be pink or white.

↔ 6-8" (15-20cm)

Aug/Oct
51-132

£15.00 for 3

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



Iris unguicularis



Iris unguicularis Marondera



Iris unguicularis Mary Barnard



Iris unguicularis Walter Butt



Narcissus Cedric Morris



Narcissus Ziva

IRIS

UNGUICULARIS (STYLOSA)

A firm favourite for the winter garden. They need a sunny site and are often found growing right up against the house wall or in very poor soils, but they will perform even better if the growing conditions are not too harsh. Avoid the inclination to shear off the untidy foliage in the summer, instead rake out some of the dead leaves in the early autumn and give the plant some water and a liquid feed at the same time. It is then that they make their new roots and are initiating their flower buds so that should result in more flowers in the following winter. New divisions need careful planting and firming in, regular watering till established and possibly some protection in their first winter, but we do supply generous sized divisions.

UNGUICULARIS

The species plant with pale mauve flowers, the standards slightly paler and more silvery. A tough survivor even in poor soil conditions. They will be supplied in big pieces.

Feb/March 102-04
 ↔ 12" (30cm)
 18" (45cm)
 £6.00 or £16.00 for 3

U. MARY BARNARD

The darkest of them all and a glossy marvel in the winter. Tissue-like, velvety purple-blue flowers with white and golden markings on the falls, the foliage shorter and darker than the other forms. Discovered by E.B. Anderson near Algiers in 1962.

Feb/March 102-05
 ↔ 12" (30cm)
 15" (38cm)
 £7.50 or £20.00 for 3

U. MARONDERA

The form found near where I was at school east of Harare! Somewhat bigger flowered than the species and slightly darker.

Feb/March 102-13
 ↔ 12" (30cm)
 15" (38cm)
 £7.50

U. WALTER BUTT

The first form to flower with the largest flowers and the most scented too. Palest of pale ice blues with some fine purple veining, drawing one's attention to the fact that they are not white flowered. Longer leaved and with more upright, paler, foliage.

Nov/Feb 102-06
 ↔ 12" (30cm)
 18" (45cm)
 £7.50 or £20.00 for 3

NARCISSUS

Also see the main Autumn Catalogue pages 35 - 40 for the main Narcissus listing. Planting the N. Ziva early can result in Christmas blooming (and the associated fragrance) which can help overcome the mid-winter blues but as an alternative I suggest planting them relatively late (late December) then they are actually easier to care for and to reuse because the foliage does not get so leggy and then they can go outside after flowering in March, by when most of the cold has gone. Paperwhites will still need a hot dry resting phase in August.

CEDRIC MORRIS

These will sell out in no time at all, sadly they are very rare. Very early flowering beauties with a great provenance. Obtained at great cost (!) from Bob Brown's closing down sale.

Dec/Jan 113-114
 ↔ 4" (10cm)
 6" (15cm)
 £25.00

PAPERWHITE ZIVA

Early to flower from being forced; we reckon on about eight to ten weeks from potting to blooming, so work your potting date out from when you want them in flower. White flowered and multi-headed, with a huge room-filling perfume. Grow them in good light and at cool temperatures without freezing so that they don't get too tall, only bringing them in to admire at room temperatures for their final flourish. Not reliably hardy.

Dec/Jan 113-152
 ↔ 1-2" (2-4cm) (potted)
 15" (38cm)
 £10.00 for 5 or £12.50 for 7

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

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AUTUMN 2023

Plants and Bulbs to plant in the Autumn, mostly to flower the following spring. Despatch of these items begins in early to mid September with the intention of sending everything on your order in one parcel. For further information see the 'Ordering from Avon Bulbs' section at the back.

You may include plants and bulbs from the preceding section Arum to Zephyranthes to be sent with those that follow as Autumn items.

ALLIUM

Alliums are always welcome in the early summer as the flowers offer height and distinction at a time that most gardens are not quite so colourful. Their exclamation mark shape differentiates them from the plants around them, and those companion plants in turn 'hide' what is sometimes distracting foliage, which (in most of these Alliums) is beginning to yellow at flowering time. They are generally plants of sunny and well-drained soils, and can be used either in dramatic eye-catching sweeps, or else, in a more cottagey style in isolated small groups to equally good effect. Everyone seems to love Alliums and, knowing that the beneficial insects and bees are struggling nowadays, it is worth a reminder that Alliums provide a fantastic food supply for those insects, especially the late flowering forms. Our beds of *A. angulosum*, *A. glaucum* and *A. tuberosum* shimmer with activity on sunny summer days. Do try out a number of different forms to see which do best in your circumstances. The results of a trial at Wisley have been published in a useful booklet called the RHS Grower Guide on Ornamental Onions and the RHS Plant Review of June 2023 has an article on many of the smaller forms by Christopher Grey-Wilson.



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Allium Globemaster



Allium Ambassador



Allium angulosum



Allium beesianum



Allium caeruleum

 **AMBASSADOR**   **ANGULOSUM**
Beginning to flower in late May these flowers should see one through all of June and into July with very tall stems topped by their mid purple heads about 6" (15cm) across. Very big bulbed plants which benefit from deep planting to ensure that the stems remain firmly upright. Good seed heads follow the main flower show.

(PYRENAICUM)
Wonderfully easy to grow plants. Bright glossy green leaved with lots of low pale lilac flowers in the height of summer when butterflies and hoverflies jostle to feed on them. We supply small clumps to be planted 9" (22cm) apart, in the sun where it is not too dry. Divide them again when they are thick.

 **BEESIANUM**   **CAERULEUM**
Discovered by George Forrest in Yunnan in the early 1900s and named for one of his sponsors, the Bees nursery in north west England. The Liverpool University Botanic Garden at Ness is now located in what was the garden of their head of the firm. This is a very narrow leaved plant with tubular slate blue bells in the late summer. Best as a plant of the rockery or raised bed on account of their size, although they will cope with wetter conditions than that suggests. Plants supplied in small clumps.

Unusual blue flowered drumstick flowers originating from the steppes of Russia and China. They will do best in a well-drained sunny spot or rockery where the small bulbs can be planted quite closely, only 1-2" (2.5-5cm) apart.

↔ 8-12" (20-30cm) or more
June/ July up to 50" (130cm)
53-60 £7.00 or £18.00 for 3

↔ 9" (22cm) per clump
July/Aug 12" (30cm)
53-28 £7.50 for 3 or £20.00 for 10 (divisions, not true bulbs)

Aug- Sept 12" (30cm)
53-75 £5.00

↔ 1-2" (3-5cm)
June 18" (45cm)
53-14 £5.00 for 15

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations
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Allium cernuum



Allium Cameleon



Allium cernuum White Master

CAMELEON

A named form of *A. trifoliatum* deriving from the Mediterranean. Naturally small bulbed with early summer flowering heads that start out quite pink and fade to pearl white by when only the ribs retain the pink colouring. One for the rockery or the front of the border in fairly free draining soil and good light.

↔ 1-4" (2-10cm)

June 18" (45cm)
53-73 £5.00 for 10 or £10.00 for 25

CERNUUM

Dainty chandeliers formed of dozens of small claret pink flowers hanging off the nodding stems so the bees have to hang upside down to get at the flowers, sometimes several heads form in a succession. Easy to grow and seeding themselves in lighter soils in the sun. Delivered as fresh dug flowering size plants rather than dry bulbs.

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm)

Summer 18" (45cm)
53-04 £8.00 for 10 or £17.50 for 25

CERNUUM WHITE MASTER

The white flowered form of the plant above, just as easy but I suspect that its seed may result in both pink and white flowered plants.

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm)

Summer 18" (45cm)
53-72 £5.00 for 5 or £12.50 for 15

CRISTOPHII

If you only ever buy two or three Alliums, this must be one of them. Sculptural flower heads, initially greenish purple, are gradually transformed as they are pollinated into metallic silvery-violet coloured spheres about 8" (20cm) across, all borne on quite stocky stems. The round melon sized heads naturally complement the purples of rampant geraniums or the spikier silvery blues of Lavender. Buff coloured seed heads follow. Plant them 8+" (20cm) apart in sunny well drained soils in borders or even rough grass, they will also grow in a degree of shade, but will be taller when grown in more shade.

↔ 8" (20cm) or more

June 10-24" (25-60cm)
53-11 £3.00 for 3, £9.00 for 10 or
£16.00 for 20

CYATHOPHORUM

VAR. FARRERI

Clump forming plants with very one sided pendulous reddish-purple umbels over thread like leaves. Reputed to be ideal in acidic soils and high rainfall and some shade, here they grow (as in the picture) in the open on heavy loam. They will be supplied as small clumps. They increase readily from seed but dead heading in July will put a stop to that.

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm)

Early summer 18" (45cm)
53-19 £4.50 for 5



Allium cyathophorum var. farreri



Allium cristophii



Allium Collection

- A. angulosum x 3
- A. cernuum x 10
- A. Purple Sensation x 10
- A. Purple Rain x 5
- A. sphaerocephalon x 15

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Insect friendly Plants

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Allium Globemaster



Allium Mount Everest



Allium lenkoranicum



Allium karataviense



Allium Purple Sensation



Allium hollandicum

GLOBEMASTER

Probably the best of the large headed Allium hybrids with exceptionally long lasting flowers. The first array is replaced by another second flush of their deep violet-purple flowers. The insects still love to feed on them, although despite these attentions they do not form a remnant seed head as they are sterile. Tidier leaved than most, even at flowering time. Plant in well drained soils in good light. Great planted with Astrantia 'Roma'.

↔ **12" (45cm) or more**

May/June 40" (100cm)
53-46 **£18.00 for 3**

HOLLANDICUM

Best for bigger gardens, or wherever you might want a more subtle and textured display. These provide that irregularity in colour, height, size and maturity which adds subtlety and charm to any planting, especially one on a bigger scale. Deep lilac to pale purple flowers about the size of an orange. Easy in any free draining soil in the sun, planted about 6" (15cm) apart.

↔ **6" (15cm)**

May/June 24-36" (60-90cm).
53-08 **£4.20 for 5, £7.50 for 10 or £14.00 for 20**

HOLLANDICUM
PURPLE SENSATION

An intensely deep purple coloured strain, with heads the size of small oranges. Another of that select group of those 'must have' Alliums. They provide purple polka dots to your planting scheme, adding colour, texture and geometric silhouettes to your borders. Derived from a clone these should all be the same hue. The RHS trial report said of them: "an excellent performance and is reliably perennial".

↔ **6" (15cm)**
35" (90cm)

May/June 53-09 **£5.00 for 5, £9.00 for 10 or £16.00 for 20**

KARATAVIENSE

These are very broad leaved and grow close to the ground with a ruby red margin around the leaf and a white flower, tinged pink. Their best use is in full sun on a raised bed or rockery where the foliage provides a very metallic looking and modern effect long before (and after) the flowers.

↔ **4" (10cm)**
10" (25cm)

May/June 53-22 **£5.00 for 5 or £9.00 for 10**

LENKORANICUM

A quirky, wispy plant native to Azerbaijan and reportedly only discovered in 1987, it increases to small clumps fairly readily and increases from seed in a sunny bed in well drained soils. It lasts ages in flower, and for the second half of the year seems never to be without flowers. From division and as growing plants.

↔ **1" (3cm)**

Summer 12" (30cm)
53-21 **£4.50 for 5**

MOUNT EVEREST

Probably the best tall white flowered Allium. Grapefruit sized heads top a tall glossy green stem. The leaves persist, so are not too obtrusive at flowering time. Lovely when combined with other strong coloured flowers such as Gladiolus byzantinus, and ideally planted against a dark backdrop, though some planted in the dappled shade of a Laburnum are great.

↔ **12" (30cm) or more**

May/June 53-43 **£14.00 for 3 or £21.00 for 5**

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Allium nigrum



Allium Purple Rain



Allium obliquum

NIGRUM (MULTIBULBOSUM)

Greeny-black ovaries in the centre of each floret provide for the name, though the suggestion of blackness in the name somehow does not sit so well on what is otherwise a creamy white flower! The flower head shape is less rounded and more flattened, and they are easily grown in sunny well-drained soils with a dry summer rest.

↔ 4-6" (10-15cm)

June 24" (60cm)
53-24 £5.00 for 5 or £9.00 for 10

OBLIQUUM

These are Siberian in origin so are incredibly tough despite being evergreen. They never really seem to be fully dormant. Their flowers are the size of large hens' eggs in June when they eventually straighten from their crook like stems to stand erect, greenish yellow in colour and increasingly 'fluffy'. They set lots of seed as well as forming clumps.

↔ 5" (12cm)

June 24" (60cm)
53-26 £10.00 for 3

PURPLE RAIN



A product of the cross between A. Purple Sensation (from which it gains its height and deeper colouration) and A. cristophii (which gives it the open structure) with heads about 6" (15cm) across. With such popular and eminent parentage these should be superior and indeed they performed superbly well in the Allium trials at Wisley and were judged "the best in the trial".

↔ 6" (15cm)

June 34" (85cm)
(later than Purple Sensation)
53-67 £4.20 for 5, £7.50 for 10
or £14.00 for 20



Allium schubertii

SCHUBERTII

Spectacular and eccentric. Emerging early in the late winter these are at some risk in extreme winters but when planted in a warm sunny garden and given a dry warm summer rest after flowering they can be fabulous. Like a tumbleweed, the long spokes are what they might roll away on when dry, the seeds held on the shorter extensions. A vegetable explosion or firework caught mid burst!

↔ 15" (38cm) or more

June 18" (45cm)
53-31 £9.00 for 3



Allium senescens glaucum

SENESCENS SSP.

GLAUCUM

Low growing, quite tussocky plants with narrow twisted blue-green foliage. The lilac pompoms which are carried in profusion are adored by the insects. They need open sunny conditions. These are lifted as fresh-dug divisions.

↔ 4" (10cm)

Summer 12" (30cm)
53-30 £6.00 for 3



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Allium unifolium



Allium tuberosum



Allium sicutum



Allium Violet Beauty



Allium sphaerocephalon

 **SICULUM**
(NECTAROSCORDUM)

(Now officially in the Allium family)
Tall stemmed (with a pronounced keel – think of the seam in a pair of tights) leading upwards to dozens of hanging green and burgundy marked bells pendulously arranged in a loose head. They enjoy more shade than most true Alliums and seed about enthusiastically (and for some are a weed) in conditions that they like and have strongly garlic scented foliage when crushed. The bees love them. The dry seed heads look like models of multi-turreted fairy castles.

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm)

Early summer 30" (75cm)
53-32 £4.50 for 5 or £8.00 for 10

 **SPHAEROCEPHALON** 

Butterflies love their egg-shaped heads (and at their peak they are about the same size). They emerge as tight, deep green buds in June, turning purple from their tips through July, swaying in the summer breezes on long wiry stems. Woven through a summer border, often as rivers of colour, they visually 'tie things together'. Easy and inexpensive for the effect that they provide, just do plant enough of them for a generous display. We always supply bigger bulbs than are more widely available, ensuring that the flowering will be better as a result. Plant them 3" (7cm) apart or 10-15 per square foot.

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm)

Summer 24" (60cm)
53-33 £5.00 for 15, £9.00 for 30 or £13.50 for 50

 **STIPITATUM**
VIOLET BEAUTY

A dusty violet colour with flowers 4" (10cm) in diameter, spherical except that the base is flattened. This one also did exceptionally well in the RHS Allium trial where its usefulness as a cut flower (it has a light fragrance) and its increase over the three years of the trial impressed the judges.

↔ 12" (30cm)
27" (70cm)

May/June 53-71 £5.00 for 5 or £9.00 for 10

  **TUBEROSUM**

Treated as much a herb as a bulb (like chives) but with a long flowering period through the summer, the white flowers displayed over lush foliage on very wiry stems which persist as dry straw-like markers through the winter. They are multifaceted plants, and brilliant insect feeding stations too.

↔ 4" (10cm)
24" (60cm)

Aug/Oct 53-38 £7.50 for 5 or £20.00 for 10 (small clumps)

 **UNIFOLIUM EROS**

Shell pink heads of quite papery and long-lasting flowers, about 15 contained within each head. Easy to grow in any sunny and well drained spot, especially the rockery. The small bulbs should be planted quite close together where their massed effect is very attractive.

↔ 2" (5cm)

May 53-40 10" (25cm)
£4.50 for 10

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ANEMONE

The flowering of the spring flowering Anemones marks that moment when the weather is on the turn for the better and the stronger light of spring is accentuated by the shiny wet foliage resulting from scudding showers (though these were seemingly absent in Somerset in 2022 and 2023!) and windy conditions. This is just what they love. They open wide in the sunshine though if the light is only dappled by dint of still bare branches on the trees they won't mind. However, they are not all alike even when 'resting': the bulbous (*A. blanda*) forms form hard, wizened corms, which need an overnight soak before planting and will take a long hot summer in their stride. The rhizomatous forms of wood anemone (*A. apennina* and the various *A. nemorosa*) need a cooler, shady (but also dry) rest after they have flowered, so they prefer more shaded, woodland-like conditions and, due to hating exposure to air, the rhizomes will be damp packed in coir when despatched by us.



Anemone apennina



Anemone nemorosa in foreground A. White Splendour in the background



Anemone apennina



Anemone blanda Pink Star



Anemone blanda White Splendour



Anemone blanda blue

APENNINA



An excellent and very pretty plant - I just wish it were more easily produced as I think it more attractive and better than *A. blanda* in a woodland setting, but it is not a similarly 'commercialised' plant. In white or shades of blue with many deeply cut petals on flowers held well above soft mounds of leaves. Ideal under big deciduous trees following snowdrops and flowering with the early daffodils with which the colours combine very naturally. Plant the small stick-like rhizomes in small groups 6" (15cm) apart where they will thereafter seed about. I think our strimming - once a year in the early summer, has greatly increased their spread. Home grown and dug-to-order from amongst the roots under the trees here where they are difficult to harvest, the damp packed rhizomes are inevitably rather variable in size and tricky to find, hence the cost.

↔ **clumps 6" (15cm)**

March/April 8" (20cm)
57-11 £7.50 for 3

BLANDA BLUE

Low growing in shades of blue, that unconformity just adds to their attractiveness, with flowers which shimmer close to the ground, unaffected by the March winds and shaking off the rain. Easy in any summer shaded spot where the more angled light (and moisture) of spring penetrates the canopy.

↔ **4" (10cm)**
4" (10cm)

March 57-07 £2.60 for 10, £6.00 for 25
or £10.50 for 50

BLANDA PINK STAR

Pale pink flowered plants of the same stature.

↔ **4" (10cm)**
4" (10cm)

March 57-08 £4.50 for 10

BLANDA

WHITE SPLENDOUR

Gleaming white petals surround a hub of golden stamens, which when ruffled by the wind, show off their pink-tinged backs. Opening widely in direct sunshine, their flowering is a sure sign that spring has arrived. Compared to the blue forms slightly warmer soils and more direct light suit them better, in too much shade they get rather leggy. They grow from larger hard, irregular corms but due to shortages we may have to supply cut tubers. Check the website for the latest information.

↔ **4" (10cm)**

March 57-12 5" (12cm)
£5.50 for 10, £12.50 for 25
or £23.00 for 50



NEMOROSA

The wild wood anemone. The simplest looking low, white flowers which derive from stick-like rhizomes. For woodland situations, in shade with leaf-mould-rich soils. As with many 'wild' plants they often take a while to settle in and get going. The varieties that follow are named forms of the same thing with often larger flowers and more highly coloured.

↔ **3" (8cm)**
4" (10cm)

April 57-20 £4.50 for 5

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Anemone bracteata



Anemone nemorosa Leeds variety



Anemone nemorosa Lychette

NEMOROSA BLUE EYES

Double petalled with the centre ringed in blue in mature plants.

↔ 3" (8cm)

April 4" (10cm)
57-36 £6.00 for 3

NEMOROSA BRACTEATA

Double petalled in white with green tinges to the outermost ones. Like all the A. nemorosa quite slow to get going but for a time in April a joy.

↔ 3" (8cm)

April 4" (10cm)
57-37 £5.00 for 7 or £10.00 for 15

NEMOROSA LEEDS VARIETY

Lustrous and one of the largest white flowered forms.

↔ 3" (8cm)

April 4" (10cm)
57-42 £6.00 for 3

NEMOROSA LYCHETTE

Much larger flowered than the normal wood anemone but still in white with pronounced yellow stamens. Slightly later flowering. A lovely form.

↔ 3" (8cm)

April 4" (10cm)
57-23 £6.00 for 5

NEMOROSA ROBINSONIANA



Big flowered and pale blue throughout with yellow stamens. Quite wonderful. They will take some time to thicken up as in the picture though!

↔ 3" (8cm)

April 4" (10cm)
57-24 £6.00 for 5



Anemone virescens



Anemone Robinsoniana



Anemone Wyatt's Pink



Anemone Stammheim

NEMOROSA STAMMHEIM

Double petalled with the narrow petalling tinged green, highlighted by green bracts.

↔ 3" (8cm)

April 4" (10cm)
57-30 £6.00 for 3



Anemone Blue Eyes

NEMOROSA VIRESCENS

For us the most productive of all the Anemone nemorosa forms. These do not have flowers in the conventional sense, but frothy green heads full of bracts that last much longer than flowers might.

↔ 3" (8cm)

April 4" (10cm)
57-17 £5.00 for 7 or £10.00 for 15



NEMOROSA WYATT'S PINK

Opening pale pink these have smaller more cupped flowers with darker pink backings.

↔ 3" (8cm)

April 4" (10cm)
57-39 £6.00 for 5



Anemone ranunculoides



Anemone Fuchsis Traum



Anthericum ramosum



Anemone ranunculoides pleniflora



Anthericum liliago major



Anthericum x Paradisea

RANUNCULOIDES



A European native with bright yellow petalled flowers, the tubers underground are shorter, thicker and less stick-like than those of Anemone nemorosa. Easy in light spring shade conditions amongst the other March and April flowering woodlanders where the Celandine yellow is a great contrast.

↔ 3" (8cm)
4" (10cm)
£6.00 for 5

April
57-31

RANUNCULOIDES PLENIFLORA



The double petalled form of the one above.

↔ 3" (8cm)
4" (10cm)
£6.00 for 5

April
57-27

RANUNCULOIDES FUCHSIS TRAUM

With longer internodes this form is a taller and less compact form than A. ranunculoides with small, pretty, double petalled yellow flowers.

↔ 3" (8cm)
4" (10cm)
£6.00 for 5

April
57-40

ANTHERICUM

LILIAGO MAJOR



Pretty white flowered perennials from southern Europe, known as the St Bernard Lily. They grow from an agapanthus-like crown of thick fleshy roots when more dormant in the autumn, providing for splendid, informal looking plants that thrive in moisture retentive soil in good light. When settled, each plant will carry ten or sometimes twenty flower stems piercing upward each carrying a dozen or more flowers looking like little flared trumpets with yellow stamens, opening sequentially up the stems. Border plants for good fertile soils in the sun.

↔ 24" (60cm)
18-24" (45-60cm)
£8.00 each

May
58-05

RAMOSUM

The 'Branched St Bernard's Lily', with many wiry flower stems bearing starry white flowers. From early summer there are flowers present though scattered over the spikes with a bit of a crescendo in July. An easy to grow hardy perennial for a sunny spot. Pot grown plants.

↔ 14" (35cm)
24" (60cm)
£6.00 or £15.00 for 3

June-Aug
158-07

ANTHERICUM X PARADISEA

We have grown both Anthericum liliago major and Paradisea lusitanica for a long while and they do not overlap in their flowering but have some similarities. We believe them to have spontaneously spawned an inter-generic hybrid because these flower after one and before the other, are much bigger, taller and later than the Anthericum but earlier and less leafy than the Paradisea.

↔ 24" (60cm)
24-36" (60-90cm)
£8.00 or £22.00 for 3

May/June
58-06



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

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Asphodelus albus



Brodiaea Babylon



Camassia leichtlinii alba



Camassia leichtlinii caerulea



Bongardia chrysozonum

CAMASSIA

Very hardy bulbs of North American origin that love that heavy, often rather poorly drained soil that many other bulbs find too tough to cope with. If your soil is rather too heavy and your summers too wet to get repeat flowering from your Tulips some of these might be a suitable (and more sustainable) alternative, albeit with a narrower colour palette? Suitable for borders or in grassland where one could achieve a full six weeks of interest using a few different varieties.



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Camassia leichtlinii caerulea

ASPHODELUS

ALBUS

Quite remarkable plants that provide structure and an architectural framework surprisingly quickly from autumn planted 'roots'. The strong stems carry white starry flowers in a spire, each looking as though they have been henna lined. Best in open conditions and well drained soils. These will be big roots and are priced as such on account of the likely difficulty in digging and packing them.

↔ 12" (30cm)

Spring/Summer 3-5' (90-150cm)
34-05 £12.50 or £35.00 for 3

BONGARDIA

CHRYSOZONUM

A rare bulb with coppery yellow flowers on tall slender stems with very attractive low, grey-green pinnate leaves marked with red, more so as they go dormant. Best suited to somewhere sun-baked and dry in the summer. As well as being fully hardy they are also hugely drought resistant and love a hot dry soil. Very special members of the Berberis family with pretty, textured, nut-like tubers.

↔ 6" (15cm)

April/May 9" (22cm)
67-04 £5.00 or £12.50 for 3

BRODIAEA

BABYLON

Western American in origin, related to Triteleia and Dichelostemma. These are wiry stemmed with what are initially upward facing purple trumpet shaped flowers with white stamens, as they are they open to a more starry shape. Very pretty and good cut flower. They will need soils that do not waterlog and better in well drained and sunny conditions.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

May/June 24" (60cm)
61-01 £4.50 for 5



LEICHTLINII ALBA

Ivory-cream in flower, standing out brilliantly against any dark backdrop and a good contrast plant for the last of the Alliums in May. They spread their seed around freely, and in time sow themselves through the herbaceous border in good cottage garden style. They do not naturally form as big a bulb as the blue C. l. caerulea and often flower from small juvenile bulbs. They are ideally planted about 6" (15 cm) apart. These generally flower about 10-14 days later than the 'standard' blue form of C. l. caerulea.

↔ 5-6" (12-15cm)

May/June 36" (90cm)
70-07 £6.00 for 3 or £16.00 for 9



LEICHTLINII CAERULEA

Especially valuable for being happy in heavier soils and a feature plant for the border in late spring where they make magnificent shows with many erect stems of deep lavender blue flowers, curving skyward from thick clumps when established. They set no seed, increasing as the bulbs split up. Longer lasting flowers result from planting them in some shade and they love clay soils that hold the moisture. Ideal partners might be Polygonatum x hybridum, Maianthemum racemosum or Tellima grandiflora. We supply big bulbs that should be planted with 5" of soil over them, 9" (22cm) apart.

↔ 9" (23cm)

April/May 32" (80cm)
70-06 £11.00 for 5 or £20.00 for 10



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LEICHTLINII

CAERULEA MAYBELLE

These flower two or three weeks later than the C. l. caerulea (above), are much shorter and more compact and the flower colour more blue, less purple. Mid-late May can be a time when one is noticeably short of colour in the garden so these really valuable gap fillers and extend the Camassia display. Being shorter they will also suit more exposed sites?

↔ 9" (23cm)

May 24" (60cm)
70-16 £12.00 for 5 or £22.00 for 10



Camassia leichtlinii semi plena



Camassia esculenta

LEICHTLINII AVON'S STELLAR HYBRIDS

A seed raised form, these are the result of hybridisation and selection work done here. The plants exhibit widely varying colours, Monet-like variations on blue through to purple, mauve, lilac, greyish, green and pale pink. We cannot guarantee what you might receive, it is 'pot luck' but many are individually eye-catching and from the seed that they in turn freely produce, who knows what you might raise yourself! The bulbs also vary somewhat in size being dug from our heavy soils - very different from the Dutch grown, machine harvested, machine graded bulbs that you may be more used to.

↔ 9" (23cm)

May 36" (90cm) - colours will vary
70-11 £14.50 for 5



Camassia Maybelle



Camassia Electra



Camassia Sacajawea

LEICHTLINII

ELECTRA

Large headed with the green bracts giving way to powder blue - lilac flowers. The individual flowers are huge and they form magnificent clumps by gradual division of the big bulbs. They set no seed. Originally, many years ago, the stock came from Beth Chatto's garden. They flower in the gap after C. l. alba and before C. l. caerulea here.

↔ 9-12" (23-30cm)

April/May 30" (75cm)
70-10 £5.00 or £12.50 for 3

LEICHTLINII

SACAJAWEA

Carrying cream-coloured flowers these are a variegated form with a bold cream coloured edge to the leaf in the spring before they flower. This nicely accentuates what is (in Camassia generally) not very interesting foliage. The name honours a native American Indian woman who saved the starving explorers on the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1805 as they crossed America east to west (and back again) for the first time, feeding them the native 'quamash' bulbs. Again several weeks later into flower than C. l. caerulea.

↔ 9" (23cm)

May/June 36" (90cm)
70-15 £11.00 for 5

LEICHTLINII

SEMIPLENA

A tall tower of full petalled, almost fluffy looking, cream coloured flowers. A sterile form of the cream flowered plant that is the species: C. leichtlinii alba. But the benefit of sterility for gardeners is a long and late flowering season. They grow better where they receive more sun than shade and are better still where the soils are damp all through spring and early summer. Brown tips suggest that they have been too dry.

↔ 6-9" (12-23cm)

June 36" (90cm)
70-08 £7.50 for 3

QUAMASH

(ESCULENTA)

The shortest of all the Camassia and very different in stature from those above. Suitable for naturalizing in rough, very late mown grass, or to dot in groups informally in the borders. Much smaller bulbed than all the forms above, these give rise to rich, dark purple-blue flowers with startling yellow stamens. A true meadow plant. The bulbs are often pitted and marked when dormant, though this seems to make no difference to their growth.

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm)

May/June 12" (30cm)
70-05 £7.00 for 25 or £12.00 for 50



Camassia Avon's Stellar hybrids

CAMASSIA COLLECTION

These will all come separately packed with their individual planting suggestions

C. l. caerulea x 5	C. l. Maybelle x 5
C. l. Sacajawea x 5	C. quamash x 25

999-461

£36.50
save
£4.50

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Cardamine heptaphylla



Convallaria Bordeaux



Convallaria Fortins Giant



Convallaria Hofheim



Chaerophyllum hirsutum roseum



Convallaria Flak Jacket



Convallaria Hardwick Hall



Convallaria rosea

CARDAMINE

HEPTAPHYLLA

A large white flowered form of the Lady's smock, or Milkweed which prefers to grow in shaded conditions. A perennial supplied as divisions.

↔ 9" (20cm)
24" (60cm)
£6.50 each

CHIONODOXA -

SEE UNDER SCILLA P. 43

CHAEROPHYLLUM

HIRSUTUM ROSEUM

The Hairy Chervil. A relative of the cow parsley with deep roots and a branching habit supporting deeply divided leaves and in the late spring and early summer masses of stems with flattened heads of lilac-pink flowers. For sun or part shade in heavier soils and totally hardy. Field dug plants which will probably have untidy and large roots, but with lots of potential.

↔ 20" (50cm)
24" (60cm)
£8.50 each

May/June
197-01

CONVALLARIA

Lilies of the Valley. Spring flowering plants of woodland origins with stringy rhizomes under the soil. They like humus rich soil and part shade but everyone's experience of growing these is different and (as is reported to us) they will grow in the most unlikely places. But the critical commonality is that they do need patience to begin with and tales of them taking 2 or 3 years to settle-in abound. They are all about 6" (15cm) tall when in flower in May.

MAJALIS BORDEAUX

Bigger flowered than the ordinary forms with what are supposed to be darker leaves - but grown here in different conditions (one in sun, the other in shade) that is hard to verify. It has bulked up well from the small patch we started with.

↔ 4" (10cm)
£9.50 for 5

75-13

MAJALIS FLAK JACKET

Given to us by the late Steve Taffler many years ago (unnamed then) and rather neglected for a while. The foliage exhibits strange mottling, but the plants seem strong and flower readily. The cause is likely to be viral but many plant viruses seem to do no harm. They will not be to everyone's taste but what is marmite to one is marmalade to another!

75-15

↔ 4" (10cm)
£5.00 for 3

MAJALIS FORTINS GIANT

Larger flowered and taller than the 'common' white Lily of the Valley but equally scented. For sun or shade but in the former they need a more moisture retentive soil. Good, strong, fresh-dug rhizomes (stringy roots) to plant horizontally about 2" deep (5 cm) and twice that apart.

75-05

↔ 4" (10cm)
£6.50 for 10

MAJALIS HARDWICK HALL

Wide leaved with an irregular creamy coloured margin to the leaf, providing an aspect of interest even when not in flower. The flowers are large, white and scented.

75-09

↔ 4" (10cm)
£5.00 for 3

MAJALIS HOFHEIM

A creamy yellow edge to the otherwise plain green leaf marks these out, these marginal highlights are considered rather stronger in this form than it is in C. Hardwick Hall, the flower is creamy white and scented.

75-12

↔ 4" (10cm)
£7.00 for 5

MAJALIS ROSEA

Like small and very exclusive pink pearls, a vigorous form which we know to be tough and productive with lovely pale pink fragrant flowers. Best in dappled light or part shade as direct bright sunshine tends to burn out the pink. As with any Convallaria you'll need a degree of patience before they thicken up.

75-07

↔ 4" (10cm)
£7.00 for 5 or £12.00 for 10

↔ = suggested plant spacing
in garden situations

Flowering time	Flowering height
Item Code	Price

CROCUS SPRING FLOWERING

The *C. tommasinianus* forms are perfect for planting in light grass or borders, self-sowing and increasing where happy and potentially spreading everywhere. The bees love them, and their opening is always a certain and early sign of the arrival of spring. The hybrid forms such as the chrysanthus hybrids have been raised for garden use but need more suitable situations than do the 'tommies' which are more bombproof. They are all palatable to mice and squirrels as are some other small carbohydrate rich bulbs, but the 'tommies' are less affected. Mesh baskets (as offered on page 56 of this catalogue) are a great help (with the addition of a home-made wire lid). These buried containers do seem to thwart those opportunistic raiders. The bigger and later flowering *C. vernus* or 'Dutch' forms of Crocus are much bigger bulbed (so can be planted more deeply) and seem to both persist better and are less affected by rodents.

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Crocus Ard Schenk



Crocus Cream Beauty



Crocus Blue Pearl



Crocus Prince Claus



Crocus Dorothy



Crocus etruscus Rosalind

CROCUS

ARD SCHENK

Very early flowering with pure white petals marked by a yellow throat inside. Glistening in the early sunlight.

↔ 1.5" (3cm)

78-72 £6.00 for 15 or £11.00 for 30

DOROTHY

Bronzy yellow throughout, the open flowers mirroring the sun with a shiny sheen. Bright and cheery.

↔ 1.5" (3cm)

78-69 £5.00 for 15 or £9.00 for 30

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

Flowering time	Flowering height
Item Code	Price

PRINS CLAUS

A slightly bigger two-tone flower with ivory white within and a smoky purple blue reverse to the petal. Grouped together each petal seems to frame their neighbour and so they show themselves off magically.

↔ 1.5" (3cm)

78-70 £5.00 for 15 or £9.00 for 30

BIFLORUS

A lovely goblet shaped flower with a soft lavender-blue exterior, pale silvery blue inside, and bronzing at the base.

↔ 1.5cm (3cm)

78-12 £6.00 for 15 or £11.00 for 30

CHRYSANTHUS

CREAM BEAUTY

Elegant, with pale-cream petals brushed with charcoal on the reverse and bright orange stigmas when open wide in the sun.

↔ 1.5cm (3cm)

78-14 £5.00 for 15 or £9.00 for 30

ETRUSCUS ROSALIND

Wishing to experiment with offering some different forms of Crocus I found both Rod Leeds in "Early Bulbs" and Brian Matthew in "Smaller Bulbs" write that they are 'easy'! They hail from N.W Italy in light woodland and are a pale lilac-blue with a yellower throat.

↔ 1.5" (3cm)

78-76 £5.00 for 15 or £9.00 for 30



Insect friendly Plants

We believe the plants where we have highlighted the name in yellow to be particularly beneficial to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, moths and hover flies.



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Crocus Early Gold



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Crocus tommasinianus Whitewell Purple



Crocus tommasinianus Barr's Purple



Crocus heuffelianus Harry Hay



Crocus tommasinianus Ruby Giant

HEUFFELIANUS HARRY HAY

A purple tipped selection of the species that grows in the mountain chains of eastern Europe. This one is much less commonly available and was first described in the March 2020 edition of the RHS Plant Review and named after a generous and great plantsman from near Reigate. It has been found to be robust in cultivation but is only available in very limited numbers.

78-74

↔ 2" (5cm)
£7.50 for 3

X LEONIDII EARLY GOLD

Large and golden flowered, and as suggested in the name - very early. A cross involving the golden flowered *C. angustifolius* which is native to Crimea and has been cultivated since the seventeenth century.

78-75 ↔ 1.5" (3cm)
£5.00 for 15 or £9.00 for 30

TOMMASINIANUS BARR'S PURPLE

Darker than the two forms below with purple sheened petals with their contrasting orange-yellow anthers.

78-77 ↔ 2" (5cm)
£3.50 for 15, £6.00 for 30 or £11.00 for 60

TOMMASINIANUS RUBY GIANT

Deep pinkish-silvery purple flowered with contrasting yellow anthers. Excellent for naturalising and an ideal accompaniment to the early dwarf daffodils and to follow the Cyclamen corm. Don't be deceived by the naming, they are neither Ruby coloured nor Giant, just 'chubbier' and a bit darker than Whitewell Purple.

78-44 ↔ 2" (5cm)
£3.50 for 15, £6.00 for 30 or £11.00 for 60

TOMMASINIANUS WHITEWELL PURPLE

Free-flowering with silvery mauve-pink flowers and bright yellow anthers, this form is a little finer and paler in hue. They are ideal to plant with the intention of allowing them to seed about and naturalise. They don't last long in blazing March sunshine so try them in dappled shade. If they are planted in grass don't mow till the leaves have gone and, if you remember, look out for the seed-heads at soil level in June.

78-45 ↔ 2" (5cm)
£3.50 for 15, £6.00 for 30 or £11.00 for 60

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations
Flowering time Flowering height
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Crocus vernus Pickwick



Crocus vernus Golden Yellow



Crocus vernus Jeanne D'Arc



Crocus vernus Remembrance and Jeanne D'Arc



Crocus vernus Flower Record

CROCUS VERNUS 'DUTCH' HYBRIDS

Selected over the centuries, originally from *C. vernus* (which are wild plants of the mountains of Eastern Europe) these are useful for planting in grassed areas to provide an early spring show (though in February and March the grass will hardly be growing) and being bigger bulbed they can be planted more deeply and would cope with rougher grass cover than lawn grasses imply. Each corm produces multiple flowers. Flowering into the early Daffodil season they can be an effective companion to the sea of yellow in the March garden. Plant them 3" (8cm) apart, or roughly 7-12 per square foot. They do not quite all flower together (which is a benefit) so choose a few varieties to provide a slightly greater spread of flowering. They are Late February and early March flowering 5" (12cm) tall.



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FLOWER RECORD

The deepest purple form, providing that darker contrast in a mixed planting.

78-71 ↔ 3" (8cm)
**£6.00 for 10, £11.00 for 20
 or £20.00 for 40**

GOLDEN YELLOW

Bright golden yellow. Either use them alone or in combination with the purple forms (it flowers fractionally earlier). It has been found not to be a true *C. vernus* form at all but a triploid hybrid between *C. vernus* and *C. angustifolius*.

78-52 ↔ 3" (8cm)
**£6.00 for 10, £11.00 for 20
 or £20.00 for 40**

JEANNE D'ARC

A superb goblet shaped white crocus (occasionally with purple flecking) with strong stems. Great planted alone or else supporting a mix of other colours. But also nice with late snowdrops.

78-51 ↔ 3" (8cm)
**£6.00 for 10, £11.00 for 20
 or £20.00 for 40**

Crocus vernus Collection

Collection of 10 each of
4 named *Crocus vernus*
supplied in individually
named bags.

999-458

PICKWICK

Strongly striped and feathered in violet over a white background. A larger flowered and vigorous crocus, generally with several flowers per corm.

78-53 ↔ 3" (8cm)
**£6.00 for 10, £11.00 for 20
 or £20.00 for 40**

REMEMBRANCE

The deep purple blue, and again slightly shorter stemmed. Brought back into our list by popular demand with memorials in mind.

78-63 ↔ 3" (8cm)
**£6.00 for 10, £11.00 for 20
 or £20.00 for 40**



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Dichelostemma Pink Diamond



Erythronium Kinfauns Pink



Erythronium dens canis



Dichelostemma congestum



Dichelostemma ida maia



Erythronium californicum

DICHELOSTEMMA

Allium-like bulbs of North West America with some nice stories to go with them. They are obviously very unusual plants to be found in UK gardens but they are hardy and tough enough to grow in lighter and more free draining soils. They grow much as any Allium but flower later. The sap from cut stems can be caustic to the skin.

CONGESTUM

From the far west of America, producing a compact, hen's egg sized flowerhead much like an Allium, formed of very long-lasting lilac-purple flowers, on a slender but very wiry stem. They will grow where one would expect Alliums to thrive.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

June 24" (60cm)
82-04 £3.50 for 5 or £6.00 for 10

IDA-MAIA

Spectacular red, yellow and green coloured flowers, shaped like cigars, opening at the tip of a wiry stem. Named after the daughter of a Californian stagecoach driver and pollinated (in the wild) by humming-birds! Grown much as any Allium.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

June 18" (45cm)
82-05 £3.50 for 5 or £6.00 for 10

PINK DIAMOND

A naturally occurring sport of D. ida-maia with bright pink flowers with pale tips.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

June 18" (45cm)
82-06 £3.50 for 5 or £6.00 for 10

ERYTHRONIUM

There is only one European form of Dog's Tooth Violet (that common name referring to the shape of the bulb); the others are all American species or hybrids where the common name for them is the Trout Lily (due to the beautifully mottled markings on the leaves). They grow best where they have cool humus rich soil conditions in the spring, usually in dappled shade, with a drier resting phase in what will by then be deeper shade in the summer. They all have interesting leaves and look great with Dicentra, Trilliums, Epimedium and the wood Anemones. Knights Hayes Court, or The Garden House at Buckland Monachorum, both have good displays.

CALIFORNICUM

Apparently one of the parents to E. White Beauty below, but they are quite similar. White flowered with orangey markings within the flower. The leaves are mottled. They will love and thrive in deep leaf mould rich soils in the summer shade of trees or shrubs.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April 10" (25cm)
84-26 £4.50 or £13.00 for 3

DENS CANIS

The European Dogs Tooth Violet with magically mottled leaves, often with brown and purple markings. The flowers are pale pink through to lilac or purple. They benefit from good spring light but ideally with shade from about April.

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm)

March 4" (10cm)
84-08 £6.50 for 3

KINFAUNS PINK

A hybrid between E. revolutum and E. White Beauty with paler, broad, glossy leaves which are marbled in white and pretty, very pale pink flowers with a darker inner ring. Plants of cool shade.

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm)

March 8" (20cm)
84-25 £5.50

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations
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Erythronium revolutum



Fritillaria imperialis lutea



Fritillaria acmopetala



Erythronium Pagoda



Erythronium White Beauty



Fritillaria imperialis William Rex

PAGODA



A more vigorous hybrid first discovered in the late 19th Century. It is a bigger plant altogether, with creamy yellow flowers. They are easier to grow than any of the others and one starts with a big finger sized tuber. Ideally planted in some shelter from spring gales (the large leaves tend to crack in strong winds) and in humus rich soils in the shade where they will clump up.

↔ 5-7" (12-18cm)

April 12" (30cm)
84-17 £5.00 for 3 or £10.50 for 7

REVOLUTUM

A lilac-pink flowered Erythronium, originally from the western seaboard of North America, all the way from California to Vancouver. Now they are a welcome highlight of woodland gardens here too. More subtle and refined than E. Pagoda, but if you can grow the yellow one (and most can) then these are a definite possibility. They seed around quite vigorously and mix in very naturally with wood anemones, Anemone apennina, and all those low growing gems of April. A cool damp April is a blessing, otherwise they are too quickly over. Some will be marked with lovely brown flecks on the leaves.

↔ 5-7" (12-18cm)

April 10" (25cm)
84-21 £9.00 for 3

WHITE BEAUTY



Probably the best Erythronium in Britain for more formal small gardens and an undoubted favourite - if you have visited Knightshayes Court in Devon in early April you'll know why. A very neat and compact hybrid with mottled leaves and creamy white flowers, often multi-stemmed on established plants. The whole plant is nicely proportioned. Pamper them with deep leaf mould rich soils in the summer shade of trees or shrubs.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April 10" (25cm)
84-15 £5.00 or £14.00 for 3

FRITILLARIA

The plants that we list are illustrative of the amazing diversity of the family, from small bulbs of moist riverine meadows to giants of near desert like locations. Sadly, rather few of the many species of Fritillaria are well suited to 'ordinary' garden conditions in Britain but, if you can invest some effort into their planting and exercise judgment in where to plant them, the following are to be particularly recommended. Our website does provide more detail on all of them.

ACMOPETALA



A native of the Eastern Mediterranean with one or more hanging jade green bell-shaped flowers characteristically turned back (reflexed) at the tip, with chocolate brown markings. Grow them in the sun or a little shade in fairly well-drained conditions, out of the strongest wind. Expect walnut sized bulbs.

↔ 4" (10cm)
12" (30cm)
£5.00 for 3

April/May
85-04

IMPERIALIS WILLIAM REX

Deeply coloured orange-red flowers which surround a strong dark stem. A selected form of the Crown Imperial Lily. A top knot of green leaves above the flower makes them look quite exotic. For rich sunny soils, ideally damp in the spring but dry in summer, sheltered from too much wind with bulbs the size of oranges planted 6-8" (15-20cm) deep.

↔ 12" (30cm) or more

April 30" (75cm)
85-20 £7.00 or £20.00 for 3

IMPERIALIS LUTEA

Bright yellow flowered on a pale green stem, no more difficult to grow than the red flowered form. Both grow very rapidly in the early spring and needing to quickly replenish that effort, we suggest that they benefit from liquid feeding whilst in growth to encourage flowering in subsequent years.

↔ 12" (30cm) or more

April 36" (90cm)
85-21 £8.50 or £24.00 for 3



Plants we list which have received the RHS Commendation 'Award of Garden Merit' are now tagged with the trophy symbol. Space does

not allow us to add the hardiness rating - please be aware the award applies to the ease of cultivation, excellence and constitution, but not necessarily hardiness.



Fritillaria meleagris



Fritillaria pallidiflora



Fritillaria uva vulpis



Fritillaria pontica



Fritillaria persica



Fritillaria michailovskyi

MELEAGRIS



The ever-popular Snakeshead Fritillary. Serpent like with darkly chequered nodding bells, a smattering of which may be paler or even white. In Elizabethan times it was widespread – typically in damp, grassy, late-cut meadows and in moist alluvial soils. So, with that in mind, aim for these conditions to have them increasing and self-seeding yourself. They are best ordered early to allow for timely planting. Plant 4" (10cm) deep in drifts, 4" (10cm) apart (10-15 per sq ft.)

↔ 4" (10cm)

March/April 12" (30cm)
85-27 £7.00 for 15 or £22.00 for 50

MICHAILOVSKYI

A striking small plant with a yellow band around the rim of the chunky, reddish-brown, bell-shaped flower. These need a well-drained soil to persist in the ground, otherwise growing them in a pot in the protection of something such as a bulb frame to keep them drier, particularly in summer, is advisable.

↔ 4" (10cm)

March/April 8" (20cm)
85-31 £3.50 for 3

PALLIDIFLORA



Pale straw green bells, speckled with darker flecking within the bell. The broad leaves and relatively large flowers act as a sail and the stems inevitably become more S shaped but this actually helps one to see inside the flower! None too difficult to grow and charming in a raised bed or in well drained soils.

↔ 5-6" (12-15cm)

April 12" (30cm)
85-36 £3.80

PERSICA

We grew these with ease and to great proportions 30 years ago on the limestone brash soils at Bradford on Avon. That indicated their surprising preference for good light, and good drainage. This picture is taken here where our heavier soils seem to suit them less well, but they are impressive all the same with towers of black grape-like flowers.

↔ 12" (30cm)

April/May 24-30" (60-75cm)
85-37 £7.00 or £20.00 for 3

PONTICA



Bell shaped flowers (showing none of the flared lip that you see in F. acmopetala) with green and brown markings. Shorter too, suited to a bit more shade, seeding freely where happy.

↔ 4" (10cm)

April/May 9" (25cm)
85-39 £4.50 for 3

UVA-VULPIS

The name comes from the Turkish 'Fox-grape' and this is a common plant of the Levant in cornfields and meadows. Here they need full sun as they grow too tall and flop over in much shade.

↔ 8-10" (20-25cm)

Mar/April 18" (45cm)
85-42 £3.50 for 5

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

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Geranium tuberosum



Gladiolus albus



Gladiolus Nathalie



Gladiolus byzantinus



Gladiolus Atom



Gladiolus Nymph

GERANIUM

TUBEROSUM

Obviously members of the Geranium family with pretty pinkish flowers with a blue tinge, but this one is tuberous. Early flowering with soft foliage that survives the winter, but which has disappeared again by mid-summer. A completely hardy Mediterranean native. An ideal accompaniment to many of the spring flowering bulbs.

April/May 9" (25cm)
211-01 £4.00 for 10 or £7.20 for 20

GLADIOLUS

BYZANTINUS



Rich magenta-coloured flowers with white flashes. These are free flowering plants with large strongly coloured flowers, and infertile as the plant is tetraploid. They are lovely, persisting colourful cottage garden plants for the early summer, but the leaves do emerge early in the year and in very cold gardens (or in the north) they may need a mulch over winter. There is skulduggery about regarding what is sold under this name. A poor relation to what we sell is *G. byzantinus* ssp. *communis* which is often passed off as the same plant and is a good deal cheaper. The two are like chalk and cheese. For sun or slight shade.

June 4" (10cm)
88-04 24" (60cm)
£8.00 for 10 or £14.50 for 20

The 'named' hybrid dwarf gladioli flower in the early summer. Short enough not to need staking, they do not tower over the garden as do the larger forms. They make particularly good cut flowers. They grow away early, and this may result in the foliage being susceptible to severe late frost, so mulching is a possible requirement in very cold gardens. Plant them in a sheltered site in well-drained soil, 6" (15cm) deep, 4" (10cm) apart on a bed of sharp sand. The winter dormant hybrid forms are also sold in the spring, if yours is a cold garden buy them then instead.

ALBUS

Starry, tapered, gleaming white flowers tinged with green at the throat, a strong-growing favourite of ours and our customers. Do ensure that the soil is well drained and if you have failed before, try them again planted in deep pots protected from the worst of the cold till spring and then plant these out into your sunny border.

June 4" (10cm)
88-06 18" (45cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 20

ATOM

Dusty orange-red flowers, each petal margin enriched by white piping, which highlights their individual shape. This is particularly effective where the petals overlap one another. Best in well drained soils and in the sun.

July 4" (10cm)
88-18 30" (75cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 20

NATHALIE

Predominantly pink flowered with the bottom petals on each marked with a darker rose and cream coloured flash, pretty and easy to fit into the summer colour theme.

July 4" (10cm)
88-19 30" (75cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 20

NYMPH

White flowered, but clearly marked with luscious pink and purple lipstick kisses on the lower petals. Much less formally upright, the bigger flowers bending the stems this way and that, so they weave through surrounding plants with an appealing informality.

May/June 4" (10cm)
88-11 24" (60cm)
£5.00 for 10 or £9.00 for 20

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Hyacinthoides non scripta



Hyacinthoides non scripta pink



Hyacinthus Blue Jacket

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Hyacinthoides non scripta alba



Hyacinthoides alba bracteata



Hyacinthus White Pearl

HYACINTHOIDES

The family name that covers all the varied 'Bluebells' – they are or have been known at different times as *Scilla* and *Endymion*.

NON SCRIPTA

The English Bluebell. Violet-blue nodding bells which glisten in damp shady glades. Always in demand and providing that perfect moment in April when the woods turn violet, they were particularly good this spring. Self-seeding, so increasing steadily once established. Plant 4" (10cm) deep and 4" (10cm) apart, working on planting up to 15 per sq. ft.

↔ 4" (10cm)

April/May 12" (30cm)
125-10 £6.00 for 10 or £13.50 for 25

NON SCRIPTA ALBA

Wild populations of English Bluebells are nearly all violet-blue, but rarely white flowered plants occur and it is from those that these derive. They do stand out in a sea of blue. These bulbs will always stay white and will split and increase below ground, though their seedlings may well be blue.

↔ 4" (10cm)

April/May 12" (30cm)
125-12 £10.00 for 3

NON SCRIPTA ALBA BRACTEATA

White flowered with a pair of long whiskery bracts alongside each flower node. A quirky oddity.

↔ 4" (10cm)

April/May 12" (30cm)
125-26 £5.00 for 3

NON SCRIPTA ROSEA

A pale pink clone that is distinctly pink on first opening but fades to near white, we have built these up from just a few bulbs over the years.

↔ 4" (10cm)

April/May 12" (30cm)
125-34 £5.00 for 3

HYACINTHUS

The bigger Hyacinths can be potted for use in the house, where they will flower in March and should look magnificent in pots or be planted directly into the garden to flower in March and April. The last is smaller and has a tale to tell. All are tremendously fragrant. They prefer very well drained and sunny situations, reaching a height of 12" (30cm). The skins of Hyacinths can cause an allergic reaction and even if your hands are not itchy, touching anywhere more sensitive with your fingers after handling the bulbs can become uncomfortable. Do take precautions.

WHITE PEARL

Dense glossy white flowered spikes.

↔ 4" (10cm)

86-38 £5.00 for 3 or £10.00 for 7

BLUE JACKET

Compact spikes of deep blue with a slight silvering to the edge of each petal.

↔ 4" (10cm)

86-39 £5.00 for 3 or £10.00 for 7



Insect friendly Plants

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

Flowering time Flowering height
Item Code Price



Hyacinthus Woodstock



Hyacinthus Gloria Mundi



Ipheion Alberto Castillo



Hyacinthus Pink Surprise



Ipheion Jessie



Ipheion Rolf Fiedler

PINK SURPRISE

A soft rose-pink coloured variety.

86-42 £5.00 for 3 or £10.00 for 7
↔ 4" (10cm)

WOODSTOCK

Deep beetroot purple stems and flowers, one of the most dramatic.

86-17 £5.00 for 3 or £10.00 for 7
↔ 4" (10cm)

GLORIA MUNDI

You'll really need to read the full story online on the website as there is insufficient room here. This was a remarkable discovery from the brink of extinction after 250 years and it is an amazing story with an ending that seems a bit up in the air. White and green double petalled variety of antiquity with pale pink centres.

86-37 £8.50 each
↔ 4" (10cm)

IPHEION

These little bulbs often start pushing up one or two leaves very early followed by pretty star shaped flowers, but their main display is reserved for late March and April. They are easy in any reasonably well drained soils and a moderately sunny site and although the leaves can be burnt off in a heavy frost (with an associated smell of garlic) they seem to recover in weeks. The named forms are better and more interesting than the widely available species forms which tend to be a bit too invasive (for which reason we do not stock them). The biggest bulbs of the first are the size of a small clementine segment, but the others are much smaller.

ALBERTO CASTILLO

Vigorous, with very white starry flowers over grey-green foliage which smells of onions when crushed. Longer stemmed, which raises the flowers well above the foliage and they pick well for small posies with small daffodils but to prevent them from flopping you should plant them in conditions of fairly good light.

March/April
97-09

↔ 1-2" (2-5cm)
9" (22cm)
£3.80 for 7



ROLF FIEDLER

Broader and more fleshy leaved than the *I. uniflorum* varieties and consequently (I think) maybe not so tough. The flowers are flatter and an extraordinary blue, set off by the tips of the yellow stamens. They pick and stand up well as a small cut flower for a posy.

March/April
97-06

↔ 1-2" (2-5cm)
6" (15cm)
£4.00 for 5



JESSIE

Evidently a darker flowered selection from a stock of *I. Rolf Fiedler* made by Tony Hall, then at Kew.

March/April
97-12

↔ 1-2" (2-5cm)
6" (15cm)
£4.00 for 5



Iris Charlotte Bishop



Iris Froyle Mill



Iris hollandica Montecito



Iris hollandica Discovery



Iris hollandica Mystic Beauty



Iris hollandica Picasso



Iris hollandica Silvery Beauty

UNIFLORUM CHARLOTTE BISHOP

A pretty, pink flowered form, darker on opening, fading gracefully in the sun. In well drained soils they are vigorous and will increase.

March/April
97-10

↔ 1-2" (2-5cm)
6" (15cm)
£4.00 for 7

UNIFLORUM FROYLE MILL

First selected in the village in Hampshire which explains the name, with starry, velvety-violet flowers, similarly vigorous in sunny conditions.

March/April
97-08

↔ 1-2" (2-5cm)
6" (15cm)
£3.80 for 7

IRIS x HOLLANDICA

These are hybrid forms of Iris xiphium that florists use lavishly in the late spring and summer, but the bulbs are reasonably inexpensive and you could easily grow your own? In the garden they are likely to last far longer than cut flowers too! These would be planted 4-6" (10-15cm) apart in sunny conditions and in lighter soils.

DISCOVERY

The darkest in rich blue throughout with a yellow flash. Very close in looks to the now unobtainable Professor Blaauw.

May/June
99-18

↔ 4-6" (10-15cm)
18-24" (45-60cm)
£3.00 for 10 or £4.00 for 15

MONTECITO

Yellow falls with white standards, the replacement variety for the now unavailable Apollo which we showed to acclaim at the Spring Flower show at Malvern, but to my eyes no different.

May/June
99-17

↔ 4-6" (10-15cm)
18-24" (45-60cm)
£3.00 for 10 or £4.00 for 15

MYSTIC BEAUTY

Mid blue over much of the flower with a golden tongue marking on the falls which diffuses into the blue very prettily.

May/June
99-14

↔ 4-6" (10-15cm)
18-24" (45-60cm)
£3.00 for 7 or £6.00 for 15

PICASSO

A beguiling contrast resulting from the violet standards (the upright part of the flower) and the golden-brown falls (the more horizontal parts). These were the most popular when sold in flower.

May/June
99-16

↔ 4-6" (10-15cm)
18-24" (45-60cm)
£3.00 for 7 or £6.00 for 15

SILVERY BEAUTY

Simply fresh and somehow a bit 'lighter' this is probably my favourite form with white and pale violet flowers above leaves that display the silvery sheen implied in the name. Roundly admired at RHS Wisley.

May/June
99-11

↔ 4-6" (10-15cm)
18-24" (45-60cm)
£3.00 for 7 or £6.00 for 15



Iris reticulata Katharine's Gold



Iris reticulata Katharine Hodgkin



Iris reticulata Harmony



Iris reticulata Painted Lady



Iris reticulata Spot On



Iris reticulata Alida



Iris reticulata Pixie

IRIS DWARF (RETICULATA)

These are derived from plants native to the Middle East and do best in well drained conditions with a warm dry summer rest. In UK conditions with our usual, but these days, infrequent but heavy, summer rain this is not easy to achieve so they sometimes do not do well year on year. It helps to plant them deeply 5" (12cm). The best situation would be a raised bed in the sun with well-drained soil conditions. There you'll be able to admire them up close and smell the scented ones. 12-15 bulbs will nicely fill a 9" (20cm) planter or pot filled with sharply draining compost for an early spring treat so our packs of 25 should do two of those.

ALIDA

A pretty two tone blue, the lower parts of the flower darker than the standards.

↔ 2-4" (5-10cm)

Feb/March 6" (15cm)
101- 29 £5.00 for 15 or £7.50 for 25

HARMONY

Flowering with amazingly intense gentian blue flowers, only marked with a small yellow and white crest on the falls. Our most popular of all the forms.

↔ 2-4" (5-10cm)

Feb/March 6" (15cm)
101-11 £5.00 for 15 or £7.50 for 25

KATHARINE HODGKIN

An utterly distinct hybrid raised by EB Anderson in the 1960s. Predominantly yellow with blue and sea-green veining and markings over the wide petals. Probably the most persistent and perennial form when planted in a rich, gritty soil in a sunny site.

↔ 2-4" (5-10cm)

Feb/March 6" (15cm)
101-07 £3.30 for 5 or £6.00 for 10

KATHARINE'S GOLD

Creamy coloured predominantly with flecks of darker yellow and blue on the falls. Visually quite startling so early in the year. The bulbs are always smaller.

↔ 2-4" (5-10cm)

Feb/March 6" (15cm)
101-24 £3.00 for 5 or £5.50 for 10

PAINTED LADY

In pale blue, cream and white these are far more subtle in their colouration than most of the Iris reticulata group.

↔ 2-4" (5-10cm)

Feb/March 6" (15cm)
101-28 £6.00 for 15 or £9.00 for 25

PIXIE

Wide petalled in the deepest of blue, not quite purple, and equally scented.

↔ 2-4" (5-10cm)

Feb/March 6" (15cm)
101-23 £5.00 for 15 or £7.50 for 25

SPOT ON

Raised by Alan McMurtrie in Canada this hybrid is evidently the result of crossing I. reticulata Pauline x I. reticulata bakeriana. It appears and grows much like the others but is slightly smaller, the white throat markings are distinct and outstanding, surrounded as they are by the rich purples.

↔ 2-4" (5-10cm)

Feb/March 6" (15cm)
101-25 £4.00 for 5 or £7.50 for 10



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Lilium Claude Shride



Leucojum Gravetye Giant



Lilium candidum



Iris graminea



Lilium regale



Maianthemum bifolium

IRIS (OTHER TYPES)

GRAMINEA



Grassy leaved perennial with a tidy habit growing in open sunny conditions. The purple and lilac flowers are rather well hidden in the foliage but pick one and sniff, fabulous – ripe greengages to my nose. Fresh dug divisions of these perennials.

↔ 5" (12cm)
12" (30cm)
£6.50

May
103-06

LEUCOJUM

ÆSTIVUM



GRAVETYE GIANT

A larger flowered Snowflake with hanging, bell-shaped flowers and often confused with snowdrops despite them flowering much later (but not really in summer). Strings of emerald-tipped white bells hang from bare upright stems above glossy green foliage. Particularly happy in damp, even winter-flooded situations, but they will do anywhere where the soil is heavier and more moisture retentive.

↔ 6" (15cm)
18" (45cm)
£3.90 for 3 or £8.30 for 7

April
106-07

LILIUM

Lilies would have to come near the top of any list of most gardeners' favourite bulbs. For stature, grace and perfume they are unbeatable, but to ensure longevity one needs to get some things right. Do incorporate plenty of organic matter in the area to be planted, having chosen a site that is of good, probably rich soil, not too dry in summer, and possibly shaded – many lily flowers will last longer in cooler shade. Plant at least 5" deep (except L. candidum). If planting in the confinement of a container, try to ensure regular watering. Lily beetle are a problem in warmer parts. Readily seen as red and black beetles they eat any foliage of the Liliaceae (which includes the Fritillaria). These beetles drop off and hide if you alarm them, but sneakily picking off the adults and cleaning the messy black 'eggs' off the foliage is moderately effective (and squashing them satisfies a lust for retribution). Provado, a systemic insecticide (which might have side effects) seems to reduce future generations more effectively.

CANDIDUM

The Madonna Lilies are best planted early in the autumn. A loose-scaled lily bulb that even in October is beginning to show its leaves. Best planted quite shallowly in sunny conditions, often found to be happy in rather poor stoney soils.

↔ 6" (15cm)
36" (90cm)

June
107-114

£7.50 or £20.00 for 3

MARTAGON CLAUDE SHRIDE

A dark mahogany red selection of the martagon lily with yellow flecking at the throat.

↔ 6" (15cm)
36" (90cm)

June/July
107-41

£6.50 or £18.00 for 3

REGALE



Familiar and much loved favourites with ivory-white trumpets, flushed with pink on their backs, providing great wafts of beautiful scent. Accommodating in most gardens, either in borders or large deep pots. The autumn planted L. regale bulbs always seem to do better than spring planted ones which is logical as they have longer to root over the winter before they flower and consequently have greater anchorage and resources available to them through a wider root run.

↔ 6" (15cm)
36" (90cm)
£11.00 for 3

July
107-04

MAIANTHEMUM

BIFOLIUM

An unusual native of northern England. Plants with leaves that look a bit like small Hostas. These are plants for shade with ground covering possibilities in nice, leafy, dappled shade where they can then form a dense mat. The leaves open in the spring with a welcome fresh greenness growing. The flowers are like small white plumes. We can afford to be generous with these clumps. Expect fine, small, wiry roots but that is as they are.

↔ 3" (8cm)
4" (10cm)

May
110-04

£5.00 for a clump

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

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MUSCARI

The 'Grape Hyacinths', and as the name implies some are heavily scented. All do well in the drier, sunny conditions provided under deciduous shrubs in the early spring, with summer shade later in the year. Part of the group of bulbs covered by the heading of 'Little Blue Jobs', that create the backdrop and provide the 'chorus' to the spring display. Have a look at the LBJ Collection on page 42. The common and weedy 'ordinary' Grape Hyacinth (*M. armenaicum*) is undoubtedly best avoided - it gives the well behaved Muscari a bad name.



Muscari aucheri Blue Magic



Muscari Baby's Breath



Muscari azureum



Muscari aucheri White Magic



Muscari botryoides album



Muscari Valerie Finnis

AZUREUM

Probably the easiest to grow and not at all invasive. Tightly packed powder-blue flowers, flared open at their tips, emerging initially as a cone shaped spike but becoming more rounded as more flowers open. For a well-drained sink or rockery or in light soils at the front of a spring border.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

March 111-15 £3.50 for 10 or £7.50 for 25

AUCHERI BLUE MAGIC

Bright blue with white rims to the mature flowers. These selected colour forms are derived from the species *M. aucheri* which is native to alpine turf in Turkey, they will not be invasive here.

↔ 2" (5cm)

April 111-20 £3.50 for 10 or £7.50 for 25



AUCHERI WHITE MAGIC

The aucheri forms are less vigorous, (and by implication not invasive) so suited to smaller gardens. This selection has attractive pale green flower buds opening white, initially quite pointed but rounded when in full flower.

↔ 2" (5cm)

April 111-14 £5.00 for 10 or £12.00 for 25

BABY'S BREATH (JENNY ROBINSON)

This form of *M. neglectum* was found by Jenny Robinson, the then holder of the National Collection of Muscari, in Cyprus. Opening from lime green buds the flowers are in the palest of blues with a wonderful scent.

↔ (5cm)

April 111-23 £3.50 for 10 or £7.50 for 25

BOTRYOIDES ALBUM

A smaller form with pale leaves, certainly no thug, with neat strings of little pearls strung on pale stems. Scented.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

April 111-06 £3.50 for 10 or £7.50 for 25



VALERIE FINNIS

Tightly packed ropes of scented powder blue flowers, best grown in open sunny conditions. It arose in Valerie Finnis' garden in Northamptonshire (by then she was Lady Scott).

↔ 3" (8cm)

March 111-18 £3.50 for 10 or £7.50 for 25

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



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NARCISSUS

(DAFFODILS)

The highlight of the April garden in a 'normal' year, though some earlier ones are often welcome and the last will flower into May. Do plant them really quite deeply with 4-6" (10-15cm) of soil over the biggest bulbs (unless otherwise suggested for the smaller forms). When planted deeper they will remain more cool and moist in the spring and safer from gardening activity above them in the summer. Do not be tempted to cut back or tidy the foliage after flowering – this period of replenishment of the bulb's starchy food reserves is critical to future flowering. A liquid feed whilst the leaves are still green will benefit clumps in poorer soil, but generally feeding is unnecessary. I would suggest that you plant in groups of the same variety (and particularly any that you 'naturalise') and not a jumbled mixture of varieties – the effect is generally better. Most should clump up from being planted about 4-6" (10-15cm) apart unless we suggest differently, further apart for more 'relaxed' planting.



Divisions: The number in brackets after the name represents the type of flower expressed by its 'division' within the Narcissus family:

1= trumpet, 2= large cupped, 3= small cupped, 4= double flowered, 5= triandrus forms, 6= cyclamineus types, 7= jonquilla forms, 8= tazetta forms, 9= poeticus types, 10= bulbocodium types, 11= split corona, 12= miscellaneous, 13= species and wild variants (more suitable for naturalising).

The suggested flowering month should be used as a guide only – annual variation can be great, as recent springs have shown.

The flowering height suggested is the height at which the first flowers open, the stems often extend thereafter.

BATH'S FLAME (3)

One of our "Old Ladies" as Alan used to refer to the taller, scented varieties that were often raised by enthusiasts and then grown for cutting prior to WW1 and after that war were largely lost. This was raised by Rev Engleheart pre 1913. Small cupped with an orange rim with pale yellow petals that are slightly ruffled. These are home grown, we never get them to reach the size of Dutch grown bulbs. Ideal in borders and grass, or under old apple trees. See also Butter and Eggs and White Lady.

↔ 6" (15cm)
 March/April 18" (45cm)
 113-07 £7.00 for 5 or £20.00 for 15



Narcissus Bath's Flame



Narcissus Butter and Eggs

BUTTER AND EGGS (4)

Much older with recorded cultivation pre 1770, a pretty, scrambled double in all yellow with a long history.

↔ 6" (15cm)
 Feb/March 18" (45cm)
 113-18 £7.00 for 5 or £20.00 for 15



Narcissus cyclamineus

CYCLAMINEUS (13)

An iconic small species, one that is much loved and sought after by many, but they rarely do well in warm, dry, limey soils. Neutral to acid soils suit them better, moist in spring and more shaded in summer. Grow them where they will be happy and seed about. We always sell out of them early.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)
 March 5" (12cm)
 113-179 £4.00



Orchard Collection

- N. Bath's Flame x 15
- N. Butter and Eggs x 5
- N. poeticus recurvus x 10
- N. White Lady x 5

999-457

£39.50





Narcissus Elka



Narcissus Desert Bells



Narcissus February Gold



Narcissus fernandesii var. cordubensis



Narcissus Gipsy Queen



Narcissus Jetfire

DESERT BELLS (7)

Multiheaded with pale yellow flowers that gradually fade to a crisp white, the trumpets fading more slowly so that at any moment one might have all the stages showing together which is nice.

↔ 4-5" (10-12cm)

April 10" (25cm)
113-35 £6.50 for 5 or £18.25 for 15

ELKA (1)



A perfectly proportioned pale bicoloured miniature with a relatively long, cream coloured trumpet and milk white petals. It was raised by Alec Gray, a Cornish flower grower and distinguished daffodil hybridiser of the 1940s and 50s.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

March/April 6" (15cm)
113-61 £3.75 for 5 or £10.00 for 15

FEBRUARY GOLD (6)



Dating back to 1923. Early flowering but, despite the name, rarely in February. A long lasting, upright, golden yellow garden favourite with slightly swept back petals and a good stature, also good for pots or tubs.

↔ 4-6" (10-15cm)

Feb/March 12" (30cm)
113-09 £3.75 for 5 or £10.00 for 15

FERNANDESII VAR.

CORDUBENSIS (13)

A small bright yellow jonquil with what I think of as a jaunty attitude. Generally with several small, gleaming, fragrant flowers on each stem and narrow grass like foliage. A raised bed in the sun is a likely requirement for it to increase happily. Naturally small bulbs.

↔ 2" (5cm)

April 10" (25cm)
113-103 £3.00 for 5 or £7.50 for 15

GIPSY QUEEN (1)

A small and highly desirable hybrid with what are initially pale greenish yellow flowers with darker tips which fade to white as they age. They are lovely and would prefer a cooler spot.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

April 10" (25cm)
113-107 £5.00 for 5 or £13.50 for 15

JETFIRE (6)



A cyclamineus hybrid with somewhat swept back yellow petals around an orange-yellow trumpet. Some of the orange trumpeted daffodils look rather over coloured to my eyes, these are not too extreme!

↔ 3-4" (7-10cm)

Feb/March 8" (20cm)
113-109 £3.75 for 5 or £10.00 for 15



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Narcissus Minnow



Narcissus lobularis



Narcissus More and More



Narcissus Baby Moon



Narcissus Martinette



Narcissus Julia Jane



Narcissus moschatus

JULIA JANE (10)

Soft pale yellow with billowing skirts, a named form of *N. bulbocodium romieuxii*, the species which derives from high on the Atlas mountains. Charmingly petite and early flowering they look better and flower for longer if protected from too much wind and rain but are totally hardy with regard to the cold. In the summer they should stay dry. Small bulbs as you would expect.

Feb 113-101 £4.75 for 5 or £12.75 for 15

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm) 6" (15cm)

LOBULARIS (PSEUDONARCISSUS) (13)

The 'wild' daffodil, as seen on wet Welsh hillsides and thriving on cool damp, usually north facing slopes. Quite variable in form as you would expect with a wide flowering period, a short pretty bicolor which does seed about in time. They only form small bulbs.

Feb -March 113-31 £4.75 for 5 or £12.75 for 15

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm) 6" (15cm)

MARTINETTE (8)

Brilliant yellow with several flowers on each stem, the centres darker, with a small, more orange coloured cup with an enormous scent. Narrower leaved and quite tall, not one for the shady part of the garden.

March 113-84 £3.25 for 5 or £8.50 for 15

↔ 4-5" (10-12cm) 14" (35cm)

MINNOW (8)

Multi-headed, with many small primrose yellow flowers held flat only just above the top of the foliage, the small cup rather darker when they first open. It also needs more sunny conditions and to be grown in better drained soils, but is one that I wouldn't be without.

March/April 113-51 £3.00 for 5 or £7.50 for 15

↔ 3" (8cm) 12" (30cm)

MORE AND MORE (7)

Although I can't say that I like the name very much, I can see how it occurred to someone, these produce many, many flowers! Each bulb produces 4 or 5 stems with several flowers each. Very low growing and late flowering, ideal for a rockery or in a planter. Naturally small bulbs.

April 113-104 £3.00 for 5 or £7.50 for 15

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm) 9" (25cm)



MOSCHATUS (13)

Palest creamy-white with a flower that always seems downcast in the way that it hangs – some describe it as swanlike? They seem to prefer damper soil in more shade than most daffodils, but the pale colours show in shadier conditions perfectly.

April 113-94 £7.00 for 5 or £20.00 for 15

↔ 1-2" (3-5cm) 12" (30cm)

BABY MOON (7)

A newly bred jonquil form with narrow leaves and sharp lemon flowers with a pale edge. Flowering surprisingly late with hugely scented flowers suitable for the rockery or sunny well drained bed.

April/May 113-106 £3.00 for 5 or £7.50 for 15

↔ 1-2" (3-5cm) 6" (15cm)

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations	
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Narcissus Oxford Gold



Narcissus Pipit



Narcissus poeticus recurvus



Narcissus obvallaris



Narcissus Rijnvelds Early Sensation



Narcissus Sailboat

OBVALLARIS (13)



A daffodil suitable for naturalising that grows wild in South Wales is the Tenby daffodil, this looks just like it with a neat and tidy all yellow flower (though some doubt as to whether it is exactly the same plant). Perfect for planting into rough grass to provide 'bomb-proof' simple yellow daffodils.

↔ 4" (10cm)
10" (25cm)

March 113-30 £3.75 for 5 or £10.00 for 15

OXFORD GOLD (10)



A selected form of *N. bulbocodium* (the hoop petticoat forms) with masses of large, butter yellow blooms, flowering quite early with a great scent. The foliage is narrow and needle-like, indicating that they would prefer a sunnier situation.

↔ 1-2" (3-5cm)
6" (15cm)

April 113-92 £3.75 for 5 or £10.00 for 15

PIPIT (7)

A multiheaded form called a 'reverse' bicolor. These flowers open with all parts a sharp lemon yellow and then fade outwards from the centre of the flower to a paler, creamier colour (most bicolors fade from the tips of the petals inwards). Tough enough to plant in rough grass.

↔ 4" (10cm)
12" (30cm)

April 113-32 £3.75 for 5 or £10.00 for 15

POETICUS RECURVUS (13)

The Pheasant's Eye daffodil. Wild in high alpine meadows in Europe and found gracing old gardens and orchards here. White, with slightly swept back petals, highlighted by a stubby, burgundy rimmed cup. One of the last daffodils to flower and deliciously fragrant too. Very suitable for naturalising but because of its late flowering habit better planted in dappled shade in grass, or in a cool border amongst other plants.

↔ 3" (8cm)
15" (35cm)

May 113-28 £4.75 for 5 or £12.75 for 15



RIJNVELD'S EARLY SENSATION (1)



Bright yellow throughout with a short, flared trumpet. This variety's outstanding quality is that it really does flower in the garden around New Year, sometimes earlier. It is going over when the main daffodil season begins. They provide a blast of spring in the middle of winter, even before the snowdrops. Plant them where they might be a bit protected from wintery gales.

↔ 4" (10cm)
12" (30cm)

Dec/Feb 113-44 £6.50 for 5 or £18.25 for 15


SAILBOAT (7)



Pale and interesting with a pleasant perfume, the white petals fly back from the slightly flared, pale yellow trumpet on flowers which seem to hold their chins up! Keep calm and carry on flowering?

↔ 4-5" (10-12cm)
14" (35cm)

March/April 113-89 £3.75 for 5 or £10.00 for 15



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Narcissus Sir Winston Churchill



Narcissus Sweetness



Narcissus Segovia



Narcissus Tete a Tete



Narcissus Thalia

SEGOVIA (3)



These have a flattened pale lemon trumpet that sits squarely against the bright white petals which flare back slightly. The whole effect is fresh and bright with narrow leaves, it would like a brighter spot in which to grow.

↔ 3-5" (8-12cm)
6" (15cm)

April
113-87 £4.75 for 5 or £12.75 for 15

SILVER CHIMES (8)

A lovely multi-headed tazetta form which would best be planted in slightly warmer conditions where it is not too wet. The tazetta forms are not so good where it is very cold. Broad leaved with pure white petals around a pale primrose cup with a huge scent. Big bulbs.

↔ 4" (10cm)

April
113-41 £6.50 for 5 or £18.25 for 15

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL (4)



Frilly white petals mix with splashes of sulphur yellow to produce a frothy and exuberant flower with a huge scent. They are quite tall and late flowering. Reliable, with several stems per bulb and each of these multiheaded.

↔ 4" (10cm)
18" (45cm)

April
113-97 £5.00 for 5 or £13.50 for 15

SWEETNESS (7)



Sturdy, simple, bright yellow and deliciously scented with narrow foliage that does not get in the way, everything a daffodil ought to be!

↔ 4" (10cm)
14" (35cm)

March
113-24 £3.25 for 5 or £8.50 for 15

TETE-A-TETE (12)



Widely grown since it was raised soon after WW2 and many people's favourite small daffodil. Very short when first in flower, extending in stem length as it matures and long lasting in cool conditions. Deep golden yellow and multi-headed from the biggest bulbs available.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

Feb/March
113-16 £3.25 for 5 or £8.50 for 15

THALIA (5)

Raised in 1916. A national treasure, refined and elegant and a perfect foil for all those March yellows with a greeny-white, multi-headed, scented flower. A well-known classy favourite now not readily available.

↔ 4" (10cm)

March/April
113-42 £5.00 for 5 or £13.50 for 15



Narcissus Silver Chimes



Narcissus Toto



Narcissus Ziva



Ornithogalum nutans



Narcissus Topolino



Narcissus White Lady



Ornithogalum ponticum Sochii

TOPOLINO (1)

A small statured, vigorous bicolor with a flared trumpet that is darker than the petals.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)
8" (20cm)

March/ April
113-54 £3.75 for 5 or £10.00 for 15

TOTO (12)

Gorgeously pale and simple flowered, the trumpet just a shade darker than the petals and early enough to overlap with that blue phase in the garden when the Anemones, Muscari and Scilla are at their best, the combination is wonderful.

↔ 4" (10cm)

March/ April
113-90 £6.50 for 5 or £18.25 for 15



WHITE LADY (3)

Pre 1897 and raised by Rev. Engleheart and another of the pre war cut flower varieties. Sadly now quite difficult to obtain. White with a small yellow cup and sweetly scented. Absolutely lovely under old apple trees.

↔ 6" (15cm)
18" (45cm)

April
113-65 £7.00 for 5 or £20.00 for 15

ZIVA (PAPERWHITE) (8)

These are best suited to indoor display with a huge scent. They flower just eight to ten weeks from being potted so you can work out for yourself when to plant them for a Christmas display. Planting them in late December is however somewhat easier as by the time they flower the days are getting longer and as a result do not get quite so tall.

↔ 1-2" (2-4cm)
(planted in pots)

Dec/Jan
113-152 £10.00 for 5 or £12.50 for 7

ORNITHOGALUM

The 'Star of Bethlehem' family. Silvery white and green flowered and generally tough and accommodating, many are perfect for naturalising.

NUTANS

Very pretty, soft silvery grey-green flowers, bluebell-like in stature and long lasting when picked. They probably should be grown in light shade. If dry or stressed, in May particularly, the foliage tends to begin to yellow even at flowering time. You will need to work on about 10-15 per square foot.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)
9" (22cm)
May
117-09 £4.00 for 15 or £7.00 for 30



PONTICUM SOCHII (SYN. MAGNUM)

I have these successfully growing in some rough (late cut) grass to follow some Camassias and they are doing well, but they could equally enhance a border. White flowered with dozens of flowers circling a tall stiff stem from a bulb about the size of a small hen's egg.

↔ 4" (10cm)
24" (60cm)
June
117-18 £5.70 for 3



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Ornithogalum umbellatum



Pimpinella major Rosea



Paeonia kavachensis-like



Ornithogalum pyrenaicum

PYRENAICUM

Tall, slim, waving wands tipped with starry pale green flowers, the leaves having disappeared by flowering time. A naturalised native in NE Somerset, and hence called the 'Bath Asparagus'. Easy to grow in free draining soil in part shade.

↔ **12" (30cm)**
18" (45cm)
£12.00 for 3

June
 117-11

UMBELLATUM

A sun lover and excellent in thin grass from what are unpromising looking bulbs. Clumps of them in sunny conditions really hug the ground and they are especially useful for carpeting a sunny bank in April with their grey-green leaves and white flowers. Plant about 4" (10cm) apart, 10 per square foot.

↔ **4" (10cm)**

April/May
 117-13 **£3.00 for 10 or £6.25 for 25**



Paradisea lusitanica

PAEONIA

KAVACHENSIS-LIKE

Over the years these have sown themselves into the ground in a shade tunnel. They may be kavachensis but there is some variation so one cannot be sure. There may be some hybridisation in evidence. Early May flowering, mostly in a shocking pink with big papery flowers. They will be 'untidy' tubers having been wrenched from some fairly unpromising Somerset clay but they do make a wonderful show.

↔ **24" (60cm)**
24" (60cm)
£15.00

May
 38-12

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Polygonatum Betburg

PARADISEA

LUSITANICA

This species comes from Northern Portugal and Spain where it grows in damp meadows. When dormant their thickened fleshy roots look a bit like those of an Agapanthus crown. In flower they provide elegant, clean stemmed, spires of bright white flowers providing impressive uprights in the herbaceous border, and a great accompaniment to the Alliums. Supplied as fresh dug divisions, to be planted 4" (10cm) deep in moisture retentive soil in sun or part shade.

↔ **12" (30cm)**
36-48" (90-120cm)
£15.00 for 3

June
 140-04

PIMPINELLA

MAJOR ROSEA

Cow Parsley-like plants with flattened flower heads comprising many tiny pink flowers. Flowering over several weeks in the late spring. Best in some shade and in soils that are not too dry. A clump forming hardy perennial that will gently seed about. Pot grown plants from 1 litre pots.

↔ **12" (30cm)**
24-36" (60-90cm)
28-01 £6.50 or £18.00 for 3

May-June
 28-01

POLYGONATUM

The Solomon's Seal family. Hardy perennials that grow in most situations without any attention, preferring moisture-retentive, heavier soils best of all. They do get quite a bit taller in shade. Their only downfall is their appeal to the Gooseberry Sawfly caterpillar which strips the leaves in June in some gardens. There is now an organic nematode spray available against them.

BETBURG

Named after the German village in the Black Forest near Laufen where it was first found. The stems and leaves a dark chocolate brown when they emerge, this effect is a bit variable in my experience and I think that is down to the amount of direct sunlight and the phase of growth at the time, but when it happens it is very dramatic. This dark foliage is a marked contrast against the white flowers. As the season progresses the leaves become more olive green.

↔ **6" (15cm)**
24-30" (50-75cm)
April/May £10.00 or £25.00 for 3
 37-16



Polygonatum curvistylum



Polygonatum sibericum



Polygonatum odoratum



Polygonatum x hybridum



Polygonatum odoratum flore plena



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Puschkinia libanotica alba

CURVISTYLUM

Dark stemmed plants with narrow purple tinted foliage and mauve waisted bell-shaped flowers in whorls at each leaf axil. Graceful yet tough in sun or part shade.

June
37-10

↔ 5" (12cm)
30" (75cm)
£11.00 for 3

ODORATUM

Scented white and green flowers with curiously angled stems and a shorter, less erect habit. A rare native.

May
37-09

↔ 5" (12cm)
18" (45cm)
£6.50 for 3

ODORATUM FLORE PLENO

The rarer double flowered form which when in flower requires one to turn the flowers over to check out the tidy hose-in-hose petal arrangement.

May
37-12

↔ 5" (12cm)
18" (45cm)
£8.00 for 3

SIBERICUM

Taller plants with a slender profile and fine leaves which are more olive in colour. At the internodes hang greenish white flowers that insects love, and in the autumn red fruits when pollenated. Sun or part shade suits them fine.

June
37-13

↔ 4" (10cm)
38" (90cm)
£8.00 for 3

X HYBRIDUM

A naturally occurring hybrid between P. multiflorum and P. odoratum with gracefully arching stems and pendant jade green and ivory flowers. Increasing slowly but steadily to form a thicket. A great screen in damp, moist shade. The stems cut well for flower arrangements when you have plenty of them.

May/June
37-04

↔ 5" (12cm)
24-36" (60-90cm)
£6.50 for 3 or £12.00 for 7



PUSCHKINIA

LIBANOTICA ALBA

There are lots of 'Little Blue Bulbs' to add to the chorus line in the spring but fewer good whites. I have included these for that reason and because some planted around the edge of a container of tulips were so successful.

April
198-01

↔ 2" (5cm)
5" (12cm)
£2.60 for 10, £6.00 for 25
or £10.50 for 50



The LBJ Collection

See the entry under Scilla to see how useful these are.

- Anemone Blanda blue x 25
- Iris Harmony x 15
- Muscari Blue Magic x 25
- Scilla bifolia x 25
- Scilla forbesii Violet Beauty x 25

999-462

£28.00
save
£3.25



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SCILLA

The smaller Scillas, often sold in larger multiples, are rarely stand-alone performers, but they are the unmissable and necessary chorus along with the Anemones and Muscari, supporting the prima donnas of the bulb world, so you shouldn't be without them. Their preferred situations do vary widely. We have also now bowed to the Plantfinder and the nomenclature Police and are including the Chionodoxa in this section.

The spring bulbs generally exhibit a huge range of bold shapes and strong colours. As a result, if one does not follow a colour theme or stick to a limited palette one can find that the whole effect can look a bit haphazard. A way to help with this is to use a range of the 'little blue bulbs' to create a unifying backdrop. This ties the louder colours together and provides a steadying consistency. Any of the Scilla, Anemone, Puschkinia and Muscari are the bulbs that I have in mind and perform this role, but you could use other perennial plants as well such as the later flowering Brunnera or Myosotis (Forget-me-not). Check out the LBJ collection in this regard.



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Scilla liliohyacinthus alba



Scilla liliohyacinthus



Scilla forbesii Pink Giant



Scilla bifolia



Scilla bifolia rosea



Scilla forbesii Blue Giant



Scilla forbesii Violet Beauty

BIFOLIA



An easy dwarf species with stary purple-blue flowers and waxy leaves. Naturalises under shrubs or in light grass in summer shade where the massed heads really create an early purple haze, flowering at the same time as the anemones and early daffodils. Small bulbs that you need to be generous with, plant them 2-3" (5-8 cm) apart, 15 per square foot.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

Feb/Mar 6" (15cm)
125-05 £6.50 for 25 or £11.00 for 50

BIFOLIA ROSEA

The pale pink flowered form

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

Feb/Mar 6" (15cm)
125-06 £4.00 for 10, £8.75 for 25,
or £15.00 for 50

FORBESII BLUE GIANT (CHIONODOXA)

Larger flowered than the S. luciliae with a more noticeable central white throat.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

March/April 6" (15cm)
72-11 £5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25

FORBESII PINK GIANT (CHIONODOXA)

With a spike of very pretty, simple, pale pink flowers these need to receive more light to avoid them getting too leggy and flopping over. Plant about 2"- 3" (5-8cm) apart, or 15 per square foot.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

Feb/March 5" (12cm)
72-10 £3.50 for 10 or £7.70 for 25

FORBESII VIOLET BEAUTY (CHIONODOXA)

Providing a tinge of violet to the otherwise generally more blue flowered Scillas.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

Feb/March 5" (12cm)
72-12 £4.40 for 15 or £6.25 for 25

LILIOHYACINTHUS

A great addition to the early spring woodland tapestry. Broad and tidy leaved, with pretty, delicate racemes of soft pale blue. Neat looking mounds of foliage and a joy when in flower. The bulbs are formed of loose lily-like scales which dislike being dried out (hence the name). Clump forming and best in some shade. Do please order these early, they 'move' better in September rather than too far into October.

↔ 3" (8cm)

Mar/April 8" (20 cm)
125-28 £8.50 for 3

LILIOHYACINTHUS ALBA

This pretty form has all the attributes of the blue but the flowers are white and the leaves are slightly paler than those of the blue flowered form above. Again, best grown in some shade.

↔ 3" (8cm)

Mar/April 8" (20 cm)
125-29 £7.50 for 3



Scilla mischtschenkoana



Scilla siberica Spring Beauty



Triteleia Corrina



Triteleia Twilight



Scilla luciliae



Scilla peruviana



Triteleia Silver Queen



Triteleia Rudy

LUCILIAE (CHIONODOXA)

Multifunctional small bulbs, they can go into your beds of perennials or be allowed to seed about in rock gardens in the sun or part shade, where they combine well with the daffodils, grape hyacinths, crocuses and other small spring bulbs. They can also be naturalized in grass (though mowing too early and too short needs to be avoided). Brilliant blue with white centres. Buy lots your planting densities need to be generous, though they will seed about in time. You'll initially need about 30-40 per square ft.

↔ 1-2" (3-5cm)

Feb/March 4" (10cm)
72-04 £4.20 for 20 or £10.00 for 50

MISCHTSCHENKOANA (TUBERGENIANA)

The earliest pale-blue gem. They seem to ignore the winter cold and emerge especially early to flower at the same time as the Cyclamen coum and the winter aconites - far earlier than other similar plants. Very hardy and well suited to the rockery or a border and under deciduous shrubs.

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm)

Feb 4" (10cm)
125-17 £3.50 for 5 or £9.00 for 15



PERUVIANA

Low, broad, fleshy, near evergreen leaved plants produce a dramatically architectural flower head of bright blue flowers, in bud it sparks one's anticipation! Easy in good soil but they seem to do better in full light and planted deeply. They do also flower better in the spring following a warm summer. Suffering from an unfortunate confusion when they first arrived in Britain leading to their misleading name (they are of Mediterranean origin).

↔ 10" (25cm)

May/June 10" (25cm)
125-11 £5.00 or £13.00 for 3

SIBERICA SPRING BEAUTY

Bone hardy, these hail from the Black Sea area. The Prussian-blue flowers piercing through the cold ground in advance of their leaves, especially happy on sandy soils in summer shade. Darkly shiny bulbs.

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm)

Mar/April 6" (15cm)
125-14 £6.50 for 10 or £15.00 for 25

TRITELEIA

Early summer flowering bulbs, also known in the past as Brodiaea but now more accurately Tritelleia. They come from north-west America. So often we are told by folk who see them in flower that they look like miniature Agapanthus, to which they are unconnected. Their papery blooms are a lasting pleasure, with up to 25 flowers per stem. Plant in well-drained soil and in good light, 4" (10cm) deep and 2" (5cm) apart.

CORRINA

A dark flowered form, creating a haze of purple-blue when viewed from a distance. Wiry stemmed and a blue that anticipates the summer Agapanthus season to come.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

June 18" (45cm)
68-06 £4.00 for 25 or £6.00 for 50

RUDY

The same shape and stance as T. Corrina but white flowered with a broad violet blue stripe down the centre of each petal. Very eye-catching and 'different' with a long vase life for when you feel that you have enough to pick.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

June 18" (45cm)
68-07 £5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25

SILVER QUEEN

Creamy white with a green rib, perfect for the garden, or to use as cut flower? Just the thing to plant in a sunny border ahead of a summer wedding, given a bit of advance warning? A little earlier and taller than the others.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

June 20" (48cm)
68-13 £5.00 for 10 or £11.50 for 25

TWILIGHT

A new selection seen at the RHS Tritelleia Trials at Broadleigh Gardens. Deep purple, strong stemmed, a nice addition to the stable.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

June 20" (48cm)
68-16 £3.50 for 5 or £9.00 for 15



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SPECIES TULIPS

The species types tend to have small bulbs, typically about the size of an almond. They are particularly grown for their bright bold colours, mostly in April and early May and because they often persist better from year to year (even increasing in the right conditions) than do the bigger hybrid forms. In villages nearby there are examples of several colonies that I see growing and spreading. They are sun lovers and don't want it too wet, particularly in the summer when the bulbs are resting. They can be attractive to mice and squirrels looking for the high levels of the carbohydrates in the autumn, if that might be a problem there is mention (under the Crocus heading) of a way of keeping them protected and the same applies here.



Tulipa bakeri Lilac Wonder

BAKERI LILAC WONDER

Silvery pink with a yellow bull's eye in the centre of each multiheaded flower, held above broad, deep green, glossy leaves. A dependable sun loving plant closely related to T. saxatilis.

↔ 3" (8cm)

Mid-Late April 6" (15cm)
131-53 £4.50 for 10 or £10.00 for 25



Tulipa batalinii Bronze Charm

BATALINII BRONZE CHARM

Apricot yellow with increased bronzing on the petals in sunnier conditions. Grey-green leaved. A really endearing small tulip with poise and character. Gravelly soils or being planted into a well-drained rockery would be perfect.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

Mid-Late April 10" (25cm)
131-08 £4.00 for 10 or £8.75 for 25



Tulipa batalinii Honky Tonk

BATALINII HONKY TONK

Pale yellow flowered above noticeably grey-green foliage. The Tulipa batalinii group are closely related to the red flowered T. linifolia and may be botanically indistinguishable.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

Mid-Late April 10" (25cm)
131-03 £4.50 for 10 or £10.00 for 25



Tulipa clusiana Cynthia

CLUSIANA CYNTHIA

We have some of these are growing and flourishing in some rough grass here - somewhat to my surprise, but given fairly good light and a drier summer rest they have performed well. This form is yellow behind the pink flush.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

April 10" (25cm)
131-167 £6.50 for 10 or £15.25 for 25



Tulipa linifolia



Tulipa Little Beauty



Tulipa humilis Lilliput

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Tulipa clusiana Peppermintstick



Tulipa humilis Persian Pearl



Tulipa praestans Shogun

CLUSIANA PEPPERMINTSTICK



The furled petals look like a little stick of edible rock which, when open, are ivory white inside with a violet eye, the backs of the petals are blushed cerise pink. The whole effect is lovely but do remember to plant them in sunny conditions where it is not too windy.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)
10" (25cm)

April
131-02 £8.50 for 10 or £20.00 for 25

HUMILIS LILLIPUT

Almost flowering at ground level and in flower thereafter for ages as the stem length increases slightly. A glossy, deep crimson red with a dark centre.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)
4" (10cm)

March/April
131-15 £4.50 for 10 or £10.00 for 25

HUMILIS PERSIAN PEARL

This is a selected form which comes from Turkey and eastwards, all the family has low leaves nearly flat to the ground and colourful flowers. They need full sunlight to stay compact. Deep magenta rose coloured flowers with silvery backed petals.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

April
131-12 £4.50 for 10 or £10.00 for 25

LINIFOLIA

A crimson- red flowered, low growing small tulip with red margins to the wavy edged leaves. Suitable for any sunny well drained garden site.

↔ 2-4" (5-10cm)

Mid-Late April
131-26 £4.00 for 10 or £8.75 for 25

6" (15cm)



LITTLE BEAUTY

Growing wild in much the same area as T. humilis these have shockingly bright crimson-pink flowers which open wide in the sun to reveal white and blue centres which is slightly startling. For a sunny well drained site again.

↔ 3-4" (8-10cm)

Mid-Late April
131-27 £4.00 for 10 or £8.75 for 25

5" (12cm)

PRAESTANS SHOGUN

Not as dwarf as most of the other forms in this section but still shorter and earlier to flower than any of the larger hybrids. A remarkable colour for a tulip, multiheaded in a lovely clear pale Marigold orange.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

March/April
131-07 £4.50 for 10 or £10.00 for 25

14" (35cm)



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Tulipa sylvestris



Tulipa tarda



Tulipa sprengeri



Tulipa turkestanica



Tulipa whittallii

SPRENGERI



Wonderful in early summer if you can get shafts of light to pick out the rich gold, verdigris and crimson colours. They will naturalise in many situations, either in shade or sun, but resent disturbance as young plants. They are an enigmatic and emblematic tulip, but we always seem to be short of them so do order early. They flower from surprisingly small bulbs.

↔ 3" (8cm)

April/May 12" (30cm)
131-35 £6.00 each

TARDA

A perennial performer with larger, very rounded fat bulbs which produce multiple flowers from each bulb, all crammed together. Honey scented in a deep golden yellow, edged in white. Pretty bulbs to plant in a sunny site. Easy and persisting.

↔ 3" (8cm)

Mid-Late April 5" (12cm)
131-38 £4.50 for 10 or £10.00 for 25



TURKESTANICA

Ivory and cream coloured within the flower with dark anthers contrasting with the petals, greenish tinged on their backs. It is widespread in its natural range from SE Europe through to Iran and Russia. Growing away early and quite tall they need bright conditions out of too much wind. Characteristically red bulbed.

↔ 2-3" (5-8cm)

April 9" (20cm)
131-134 £4.50 for 10 or £10.00 for 25



WHITTALLII

Named after Edward Whittall, a plant collector extraordinaire who amassed many such treasures of around Izmir in Turkey where there is still a famous garden named after him. These are a gorgeous bronzy orange with a dark centre and would love sunny conditions in a raised bed or rockery.

↔ 3" (8cm)

April 12" (30cm)
131-42 £6.00 for 5 or £10.00 for 10

SYLVESTRIS

Easy to grow, and possibly the only one apart from T. sprengeri that will persist in some shade, but naturally rather shy to flower. We have some that have increased happily under an Amelanchier for 10 years or so, flowering intermittently as seems to be their nature. The flowers are sulphur yellow and fragrant.

↔ 4" (10cm)

April 12" (30cm)
131-37 £7.50 for 10 or £17.50 for 25

Just Orange Collection

T. Shogun x 10
T. Orange Emperor x 10
T. Brown Sugar x 10

999-463

£18.00



BIGGER HYBRID TULIPS

Arranged in broad groupings that place similar shaped varieties together these are the bigger bulbed hybrids more suited to planting in borders and containers for a colourful addition to your garden in April and early May generally. If planting in containers do remember that in the spring when the plants are growing vigorously they will need lots of water, rainfall alone is rarely enough. Liquid feed them occasionally and (if the container can be spared) allow them to go dormant in situ and then put the pot on its side for the summer in the shade to keep the bulbs dry. Summer rainfall and wet, warm conditions are the death knell for tulips.



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Tulip Elegant Lady



Tulipa Exotic Emperor



Tulipa Flaming Purissima



Tulipa Orange Emperor



Tulipa Purissima

FOSTERIANA TULIPS

(Group 13) Earlier flowering than the main Tulip display, large flowered on sturdy stems and available in lovely pastel colours. They need planting about 5" (12cm) apart and are equally suitable for containers or borders. Always well skinned bulbs.

EXOTIC EMPEROR

Double petalled in white and when about to flower looking somewhat rose-like with the white buds clasped by intriguing green bracts. Where we have seen it in gardens it has persisted for years on thin stoney soil.

↔ 5" (12cm)

18" (45cm)

April
131-100 £8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50

FLAMING PURISSIMA

Cream coloured when they first open with just a hint of pink at the edges of the petals. This becomes increasingly dominant as the flower matures, feathering gracefully in from the edge of the petals which are eventually mostly red when fully developed, with dark anthers.

↔ 5" (12cm)

14" (35cm)

Mar/April
131-71 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £32.50 for 50

ORANGE EMPEROR

One of my favourites with quite long flowers in pale orange with pretty, green shading at the base. Good for bold contrast and great in combination planted with Purissima for an early flowering twosome.

↔ 5" (12cm)

16" (40cm)

Mar/April
131-72 £6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25
or £27.50 for 50

PURISSIMA



Opening a pale primrose yellow, about which we receive a number of phone calls each year wondering whether a packing mistake has occurred, they turn through creamy shades to pure white and then in late March sunshine they open wide to reveal dramatic mascara-black anthers. Strong stemmed over bright green leaves.

↔ 5" (12cm)

18" (45cm)

Mar/April
131-16 £6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25
or £27.50 for 50



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Tulipa Calgary Flames



Tulipa Barcelona



Tulipa Brown Sugar



Tulipa Annie Schilder



Tulipa Calgary



Tulipa Flaming Flag

MID SEASON TULIPS

The Triumph (Group 3) and Darwin (Group 4) tulips all flower at roughly the same - we used to say mid to late April and early May, but that is now less accurate, they now often flower earlier and the frequency of that happening seems to only increase. These would be ideally planted about 5" (12cm) apart and are very well suited to the open garden in borders, or containers.

ANNIE SCHILDER

Warm rose-orange when in bud, then the flower opens and pales to a lighter shade with some yellow at the petal edges. Broadly bowl shaped with a lovely perfume that seems to come with many of the orange tulips. Dating back to the 1920s this is one that has been around a while.

↔ 5" (12cm)
18" (45cm)
April 131-135 £6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25 or £27.50 for 50

BARCELONA

Outstanding at Keukenhof when I visited, with strong stems and a very vibrant pink flower. It made the shortlist straight away.

↔ 5" (12cm)
18" (45cm)
April 131-159 £9.60 for 10, £23.25 for 25 or £44.00 for 50

BROWN SUGAR

Difficult to pin down in colour terms, bronzed apricot or coppery pink perhaps, with some purple on the reverse. Much taller but strong stemmed with a beautiful perfume.

↔ 5" (12cm)
24" (60cm)
April 131-142 £9.60 for 10, £23.25 for 25 or £44.00 for 50

CALGARY

Very short and compact with waxy white flowers that are brilliant in exposed conditions, shrugging off any wind and rain, lasting brilliantly. We use them at the edges of our exhibits and you could use them in the same way in the garden or containers.

↔ 5" (12cm)
9" (22cm)
April 131-48 £8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25 or £37.50 for 50



CALGARY FLAMES

A variant on the Calgary model with a prominent yellow flush to the outer petals, we find them useful at flower shows as with such short stems they do not flop over during the show, so at the front of borders or close to the edge in big pots these too could help your display?

↔ 5" (12cm)
9" (22cm)
April 131-136 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25 or £32.50 for 50

FLAMING FLAG

White with broad raspberry flames from the base. The white with crimson mix is like an expensive ice cream, absolutely perfect in combination with the pink and white apple blossom that is out at the same time. A few of these tulips go a long way.

↔ 5" (12cm)
18" (45cm)
April 131-168 £6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25 or £27.50 for 50



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Flowering time Flowering height
Item Code Price



Tulipa Grand Perfection



Tulipa Havran



Tulipa Hemisphere



Tulipa Mistress



Tulipa Mango Charm

GRAND PERFECTION

Exhibiting broad flashes of red over what is, when they first open, quite a yellow background. This soon turns white for a stronger raspberry and vanilla contrast. Reminiscent of the tulips illustrated in the paintings by the Dutch Masters at the height of the Tulip mania.

↔ 5" (12cm)
18" (45cm)

April
131-123 £6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25
or £27.50 for 50

HAVRAN

Darker than plum in some lights, with a grape like bloom dusting the petals, these are not quite as dark as Queen of Night but have a more pointed shape and would open earlier, so they could start off your dark theme. Often multiheaded with more than one flower to a stem.

↔ 5" (12cm)
18" (45cm)

April
131-57 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £32.50 for 50

HEMISPHERE

These change colour as the flowers mature so the effect is one of gradual evolution, each flower developing its freckling and faint stripes at a slightly different rate. The whole result is a range of warm colours from white through to raspberry. Most tulips are pretty uniform, these are less so, which I like, but do plant enough of them to get the effect.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April
131-137 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £32.50 for 50

MANGO CHARM

I find these difficult colours to describe. Salmon pink over the main petal area but with more yellow at the edges, but in different lights and at different stages of development I have seen them looking both considerably more pink and rather more yellow!

↔ 5" (12cm)
18" (45cm)

April
131- 172 £8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50

MISTRESS

A clear strong pink with simple flowers.

↔ 5" (12cm)
20" (50cm)

April
131-162 £6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25
or £27.50 for 50



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Dolly Mixture Collection

Narcissus Minnow x 15
T. Grand Perfection x 10
T. Hemisphere x 10
T. Pieter de Leur x 10

999-464

£25.00



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in garden situations

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Tulipa Negrita



Tulipa Prinses Irene



Tulipa Sanne



Tulipa Paul Scherer



Tulipa Sunny Prince

NEGRITA

One might imagine Negrita to be darker than its name suggests? This is a lovely purple tulip with beetroot veining running through the petals, strong stemmed too.

↔ 5" (12cm)
18" (45cm)

April
131-149 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £32.50 for 50

PAUL SCHERER

Strong stemmed, with slightly grey-green foliage contrasting with the exceptionally dark cup-shaped flowers. I love the possibilities that tulips provide to allow one to play with colours in a way that no other plants allow. As dark as Queen of Night and probably with a stronger stem these are better than dark chocolate.

↔ 5" (12cm)
18" (45cm)

April
131-107 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £32.50 for 50

PRINSES IRENE



An earthy mix of oranges, marmalade and purple, and unlikely as it seems, they work brilliantly together. This is a great favourite, less affected by poor weather with its reddish marked leaves on short stems. Add in a huge scent and one can see why it is so popular.

↔ 5" (12cm)
15" (38cm)

April
131-10 £9.60 for 10, £23.25 for 25
or £44.00 for 50

SANNE



Pale apricot when they first open with a pinkish tinge adding to the mixture as they mature, the tips of the petals always slightly paler. Soft, feminine and subtle with a vase like shape.

↔ 5" (12cm)
18" (45cm)

April/May
131-122 £8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50

SUNNY PRINCE

Bright buttercup yellow within the flower, slightly paler on the backs of the petals, this is an earlier flowering, relatively short, sturdy form seemingly filled with happiness.

↔ 5" (12cm)
14" (34cm)

April
131-143 £6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25
or £27.50 for 50

Sea & Moon Collection

Anemone blanda blue x 25
Narcissus Desert Bells x 10
Tulipa Sunny Prince x 10

999-465



£20.00



Tulipa City of Vancouver



Tulipa Queen of Night



Tulipa Francoise



Tulipa Clearwater



Tulipa Antoinette



Tulipa Ballerina

SINGLE LATE TULIPS

(Group 5) These have simple, elegant cup or goblet shaped flowers on longer stems, flowering after the mid season tulips (but overlapping with them).

ANTOINETTE

A chameleon tulip which starts greenish-yellow then fades to creamy-yellow with a hint of pink and finally turns salmon pink with a touch of orange. With a multi-headed nature this provides lots of flower with continual development and interest.

April/May
131-153 £8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50

CITY OF VANCOUVER

Pale creamy yellow and turning to white as they age. Simply gorgeous.

April/May
131-156 £6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25
or £27.50 for 50

CLEARWATER

You can never have enough white Tulips. Either on their own or alongside any of the other colours they are always special. A long stemmed, simple, pure white form.

April
131-170 £8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50

FRANCOISE

White with creamy yellow. Simple looking with broad petals and a strong stem. A great white, rather bigger flowered than City of Vancouver.

April/May
131-171 £6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25
or £27.50 for 50

QUEEN OF NIGHT

One of the darkest delights, and justifiably one of our best sellers. Though not quite black, only Paul Scherer or Havran come close. The deepest hue shows on bulbs in direct sunlight, in more shade they are deep purple and often taller.

April/May
131-58 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £32.50 for 50

LILY FLOWERED TULIPS

(Group 6) Characterised by their longer stems and that refined 'hour glass' shape to the flower, waisted when in bud and opening up in the sun with pointed tips. They are great in flower borders, and in tall containers which seem to exaggerate the stem length.

BALLERINA



Soft tangerine coloured flowers, though different lights and differing levels of UV light seems to result in some variation in the shade from year to year. One of my favourites (and in that I am not alone). I particularly love its scent when warmed in the sun. The tangerine hue also goes perfectly with all the leafy greens, altogether very eye-catching, with a heady perfume.

April/May
131-65 £8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50



Sun & Moon Tulip Collection

999-466

£15.50

T. Pieter de Leur x 10
T. Shogun x 10
T. Sunny Prince x 10



Tulipa Firework



Tulipa Fly Away



Tulipa Pieter de Leur



Tulipa Elegant Lady



Tulipa Tres Chic



Tulipa Merlot

ELEGANT LADY

Pale ivory yellow with pale pink edging, refined and elegant.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April/May 20" (50cm)
131-78 £6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25
or £27.50 for 50

FIREWORK

A bright and zingy combination of strong yellow petals with a bright red flare up the centre of each petal. Not particularly tall so perhaps a better choice for windy sites?

↔ 5" (12cm)

April/May 16" (40cm)
131-163 £8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50

FLY AWAY

Much more apparently 'Lily flowered' with the typically pointed silhouette, the band of yellow is narrower and the red rather more pronounced.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April/May 22" (55cm)
131-164 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £32.50 for 50

MERLOT

Less evidently pointed but still tall and elegantly poised with flowers that mimic a large wine glass in both shape and content, there can be no doubt about how the name arose.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April/May 28" (65cm)
131-130 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £32.50 for 50

PIETER DE LEUR

Glistening, vibrant, deep vermilion red, almost opalescent as a ruby tiffany lamp, not a tulip for the faint hearted but then these are showy tulips doing what they do best! It was my father's favourite with his dimming eyes.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April/May 18" (45cm)
131-150 £6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25
or £27.50 for 50

TRÉS CHIC

Creamy white when in bud, becoming white with faint green tips to the pointed petals as they open properly, sometimes with pink splashes as well. Much shorter in stature, which in exposed gardens or in some planters may be an advantage. A tulip that lives up to its name.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April/May 12" (30cm)
131-66 £8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50

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Flowering time Flowering height
Item Code Price



Tulipa Honeymoon



Tulipa Lambada



Tulipa Pacific Pearl



Tulipa White Triumphator



Tulipa China Town

WHITE TRIUMPHATOR

All white with long clean green stems. An iconic and popular tulip, but not so typically lily flowered in its shape. They seem always more dramatic when provided with a darker background against which to view them.

April/May 131-46 **↔ 5" (12cm)**
20" (50cm)
£8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50

FRINGED TULIPS

(Group 7) First popular in the florist shops these are fringed by frills along the edges of the petals, they are not just frivolous though, they provide a contemporary twist.



HONEYMOON

Creamy white, sometimes with a tinge of green and edged in a sparkling white, frosted fringe. A cracking tulip that looks as though it has just been drawn from the freezer. Earlier into flower than others in the same group.

April/May 131-95 **↔ 5" (12cm)**
15" (38cm)
£8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50

LAMBADA

A fringed apricot - rose coloured tulip with perhaps a hint of orange as well. Later flowering than others in the group.

April/May 131-151 **↔ 5" (12cm)**
18" (45cm)
£6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25
or £27.50 for 50



PACIFIC PEARL

Gorgeous against the light when the richness of the colour shows at its best, and the frilly edge means that you can mix them with any of the other unfringed ones and find that they complement each other hugely.

April/May 131-152 **↔ 5" (12cm)**
18" (45cm)
£6.50 for 10, £15.25 for 25
or £27.50 for 50

VIRIDIFLORA TULIPS

(Group 8) Multi-coloured tulips with vertical colour banding, most often in green. Some exhibit complicated colour patterning, like an artist's mixing palette. In the borders they provide great opportunities to create subtle combinations and contrasting silhouettes.



Contrasting Fringed Tulip Collection

T. Peppermintstick x 10
T. Honeymoon x 10
T. Pacific Pearl x 10

999-467

£20.00

CHINA TOWN



The only tulip that we offer with variegated foliage, these have a broad pale edge to the otherwise grey-green leaf. In flower they start off pale pink and the pink deepens as the green contrast stripe down the centre of the petal darkens.

April/May 131-173 **↔ 5" (12cm)**
20" (50cm)
£8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50



Tulipa Groenland



Tulipa Amazing Parrot



Tulipa Finola



Tulipa Spring Green



Tulipa Black Parrot



Tulipa Foxtrot

GROENLAND

Rounded heads in pink and green, a mix of both colours makes them very easy to combine with other pink flowered Tulips as well as other foliage plants.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April/May 18" (45cm)
131-44 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £32.50 for 50



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SPRING GREEN



Pale apple-white petals marked with wispy green brush strokes on the back of each petal. Often less 'regular' in height and flower shape compared to many other tulips but ideal for separating strong colours in the border or for flower arranging. One of the all-time favourites.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April/May 18" (45cm)
131-51 £8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50

PARROT TULIPS

(Group 10) Exuberance is the greatest asset of this group, with flowers that seem to be overflowing with frilled or fluted petals. Dramatic is the best way to describe them. Wonderful to use as part of a fantastical flower arrangement. Big and heavy headed, best in good light and in some breeze which will shake the rain from the multitudinous petals.

↔ = suggested plant spacing in garden situations

Flowering time Flowering height
Item Code Price

AMAZING PARROT

A big headed, crimped and ruffled extravaganza in peach, orange, pink and green. Riotous and extravagant.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April/May 20" (50cm)
131-174 £9.60 for 10, £23.25 for 25
or £44.00 for 50

BLACK PARROT



The unopen flower buds seem to be clutched in a green fingered grip and when it escapes to flower the dark chocolate purple petals seem to erupt in a cockscomb of frilled excess, a dark favourite indeed.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April/May 20" (50cm)
131-17 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £32.50 for 50



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DOUBLE PETALLED TULIPS

(Group 11) Also known as the Paeony flowered forms. These tend to be late flowering with more spherical buds and rounded flower shapes, filled with deep layers of petals.

FINOLA

Pale pink when first opening these deepen with age and often have flashes of green on the backs of the outermost petals.

↔ 5" (12cm)

April/May 16" (40cm)
131-175 £8.50 for 10, £20.00 for 25
or £37.50 for 50

FOXTROT



An early flowering double in old rose pink which deepens in colour as the flowers age. Tidy and neat.

↔ 5" (12cm)

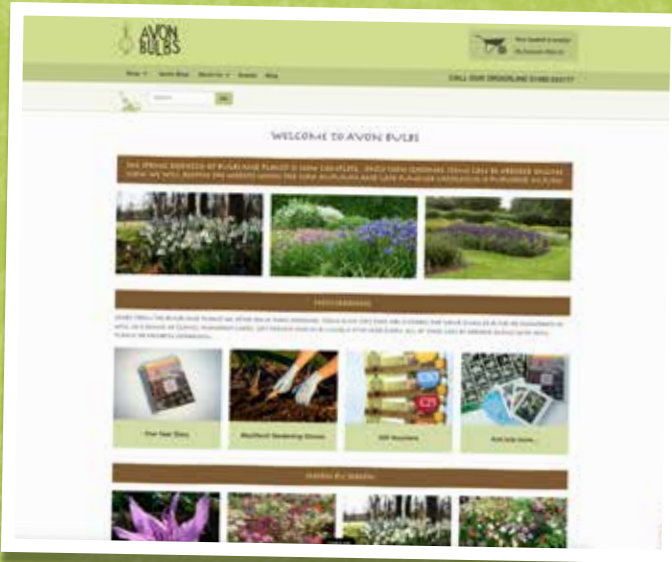
April 12" (30cm)
131-147 £7.50 for 10, £17.50 for 25
or £32.50 for 50

Features of the Website

If you have seen a plant, or read about it somewhere and want to order it, but it is **'Out of Season'** you can **'Register an Interest'** by putting in your email address and the next time that we have that plant ready to order you'll get an email to say that you can look again with a view to ordering that item.

There is also a **Quick Order Form** function. If you have found items that you wish to order in the catalogue you just need to put their code number (as printed alongside every item in the catalogue ie Iris Alida 101-29) into the **Search** field and then go to the **Selection Option** (below that) to be shown the pack sizes which you might order and then **Add** them. Once you have completed your list go to **Add items to your basket** and they will do just that. Easy!

You can buy our Gift Tokens through the website: Just click on **Shop** to access the **Gifts and Vouchers** section where you can make an order. The recipient can easily redeem the voucher which will be sent to them against a purchase either on the website or by phone.



There are also some items that we generally can only offer in smaller numbers and do not themselves justify space in the catalogue (or get left out for reasons of space). These are offered on the website without making it into the catalogue.

MORE INFORMATION

The website allows much more detail about individual plants and we are gradually building up that information source, so do have a look online if you are left wanting to know more about a particular plant or family and their suggested planting instructions. Individual planting suggestions are provided again when you get sent your order.

The website also indicates availability and if an item is **Sold Out** it will be indicated there. This is particularly useful for later orders.

If an item is marked **Out of Season** you can "Register an Interest" and with no commitment receive an email back when it is next in stock and can be ordered.

There are occasionally varieties that missed the catalogue and get listed online.

Peat Free?

There is a lot of discussion in the Press and elsewhere about the use of peat in horticulture. We did use a proportion of peat in our own compost mix until fairly recently but have over the years been reducing that proportion and replacing it by coir in particular as well as bark based materials. This has been reasonably successful and we have now not used peat for a while.

Mesh Baskets

We have long suggested the use of aquatic baskets to contain special bulbs in the garden. This helps to keep them from 'wandering', means that you can move them all at once without excessive disturbance (and your own home-made lid) offer protection from pests. The plants within can root out into the surrounding soil but not escape. Good for small bulbs and special snowdrops. These are rugged and long lasting pots from the Finofil range.

We can offer 2 sizes, both cylindrical:
14 cm diameter x 10 cm deep (1 litre)
668-02
23 cm diameter x 13 cm deep (3.5 litre)
668-03



£4.50 for 3

£3.00 each or £8.50 for 3

We are sorry but the Snowdrop Pots have been discontinued by the supplier.

ORDERING FROM AVON BULBS

Generally: This catalogue is **valid** through the remainder of 2023 and expires in December. The **prices** are for single bulbs unless it says otherwise, and can be found under each description. **VAT** is included in our prices at the prevailing rate. Please remember that this catalogue was written in June when bulbs we offer are listed in the expectation, not the certainty, that we can supply them. Nature, the weather, and the perishability of living bulbs means that we sometimes cannot supply things that we list, despite our best intentions. If that happens we make **no substitutions** for items out of stock without contacting you for authority unless they are from our Collections, within these we do make suitable substitutions if required.

If, when you get your parcel, you are concerned at all by its contents please contact us as soon as you can. We do occasionally make mistakes, but we do make no specific guarantees about our bulbs except that we believe them to be viable, suitable and correctly named. We cannot **guarantee** flowering - though we would expect it in the first season from the vast majority of the bulbs supplied under reasonable growing conditions.

Ordering: You can order by post or phone. Alternatively you can browse this catalogue but place your order online using the Quick Order facility on our website. Whichever way you do it we will **acknowledge** your order, ideally by email but if not, by post. Please check that your order has been correctly entered onto our system.

Paying: Please provide a means of payment with your order. This could be your **credit or debit card** details (the card payment is then taken as the parcel is despatched), similarly a **Not to Exceed cheque** – made out like a normal cheque but undated and with no values. Across the top of the cheque you instead write “Not to Exceed £XX” where the value is a slightly greater than the amount you expect to pay. We will then complete it at the time of despatch for the correct total. Or a normal **cheque** for what you believe is the right amount (which we will bank when the order is placed). If the card payment is not authorised at the point of despatch your order will be held up whilst we contact you and obtain your correct card details.

Delivery – When? There may be some delay before we can send you your order. Orders are dealt with in receipt order in their season and when all the items are ready to be sent.

How much? The basic **postage charge** is £5.95 for all parcels within mainland UK, but there are exceptions. For addresses in the Scottish Highlands, the Scottish islands and Island destinations such as the Channel Islands, Isle of Wight, Isle of Man and Scillies we may need to add a surcharge dependant on parcel weight, these are generally sent by Royal Mail or ParcelForce, but these require a trip to the Post Office 3 miles away.

In detail: ‘Mainland’ UK: Parcels under 2 kg are sent by the Royal Mail. Parcels heavier than 2 Kg will be sent to mainland UK addresses with our carriers, DPD, on a next working day service (no deliveries on a Saturday). Providing us with your **email address** will result in a message from us to confirm despatch of the parcel (whoever the carrier) and will also result (for the parcels sent with DPD) a further advisory message to allow you to track the delivery. From DPD also (if you provide a

mobile telephone number) you will be sent a text message telling you exactly when your parcel will be delivered (to within an hour) and you can reply to this to change that time slot. Whichever service we use we do recommend that you provide us with **Safeplace** leaving instructions. The delivery will then not require your signature but will be left where you nominate.

Other ‘Mainland’ Destinations

For Destinations in the Highlands and Islands and the remoter parts of Britain: see the paragraph under How Much?

Europe & Northern Ireland: Sadly, due to the cost of phytosanitary inspections and other issues we are not accepting orders from Europe or Northern Ireland.

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



What3Words. Getting a parcel to the right address and even to ensure that it is left in the expected location is becoming more and more important. If DPD cannot find your address they are taking it upon themselves to leave parcels at Pick up Shops, which may not be located within a suitable distance and might cause you additional inconvenience. DPD understandably want to reduce their time and fuel use and to improve their first time deliveries. At the moment as long as you provide us with an email address and/or a phone number you should get an alert as to when a delivery will be made within one hour’s time slot of the expected delivery date. But technology now allows you to improve the chances of them finding you easily at the first attempt.

The What3Words app divides the world up into 3m squares and allocates each of those with unique but randomly generated three words. Our office steps (our own favoured delivery point) are located by hairspray. thudding. moral - not as catchy or memorable as Friends. Romans. Countrymen I grant you, but it works. So PLEASE, if yours is an address where you know that there have been problems for parcel couriers in the past – maybe the street numbering is not consistent (or your house has no number), a rural address where the roads are not well marked or the vegetation covers the signage do consider installing the app to determine the three words that mark your favoured delivery spot and provide these as your delivery instructions – which could be: “In the porch: ruler. drone. driven” and the delivery might work even better! (This is for an address in Carnarvon, Western Australia, so best not use that?!)

DPD now give you the opportunity to add your What3Words address to your Profile in their app and also a photo of the front of your house, so once you have found your What3Words address, please consider adding it on there and they should be able to find you first time, every time



Dormant Snowdrops 2023



Galanthus Ballerina



Galanthus Bumblebee



Galanthus Chantry Green Twins



Galanthus Excelsis



Galanthus Fly Fishing



Galanthus Godfrey Owen



Galanthus Long John Silver



Galanthus Marjorie Brown



Galanthus Matt Bishop



Galanthus Quasimodo



Galanthus Rising Sun



Galanthus Treasure Island

Due in part to the catalogue production being a bit later than usual we can include a taster for some of our special dormant snowdrops. The full list can be seen on the website and we would ask you to order there or on the phone and not to use the order forms in the catalogue please. ***These will be ready to be sent out in August.***



Galanthus Cliff Curtis



Galanthus Dotty Trump



Galanthus Kermode Bear



Galanthus Kryptonite



Galanthus Merlin



Galanthus Moya's Green



Galanthus Trumps



Galanthus York Minster

Ballerina	£20.00
Bumblebee	£50.00
Chantry Green Twins	£40.00
Cliff Curtis	£30.00
Dotty Trump	£25.00
Excelsis	£20.00
Fly Fishing	£15.00
Godfrey Owen	£20.00
Kermode Bear	£65.00
Kryptonite	£60.00
Long John Silver	£35.00
Marjorie Brown	£15.00
Matt Bishop	£40.00
Merlin	£15.00
Moya's Green	£35.00
Quasimodo	£35.00
Rising Sun	£75.00
Treasure Island	£70.00
Trumps	£20.00
York Minster	£70.00

Seeds from Avon Bulbs

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

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



Average seed contents: 20

Allium cernuum

Claret pink flowered plants of reasonably well drained locations in full sun. Of North American origin and hardy in the UK, self sown seedlings spreading and thickening one's clumps. Summer flowering about 18" (45 cm) tall with leaves that persist for much of the year. The flowers are good for beneficial insects. They may take 3 years to flower from seed, some will flower in their 2nd year



Average seed contents: 50

Camassia leichtlinii 'Avon's Stellar hybrids'

Hardy North American plants, Camassia all like heavy soils in sun or part shade. They flower in late April or early May, (after the blue flowered forms which produce little or no seed). The flowering plants are 24-26" tall (60-90 cm). Colours will vary - pink, lilac, blue, cream and green.



Average seed contents: 15

Dahlia coccinea var palmeri

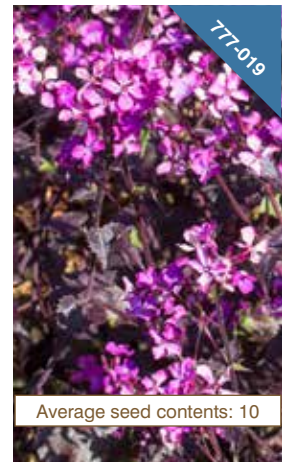
Single orange-red flowers in late summer on a plant which exhibits very dissected 'frothy' foliage. The plant can be large, the seed was collected from an established plant about 7' tall. Dahlias like a rich fertile soil and need planting in the sun. They may need a mulch (or to be lifted) in cold gardens,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



Average seed contents: 25

Gladiolus tristis

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



Average seed contents: 10

Lunaria annua Chedglow

Hardy biennial flowering April to early May with wonderful chocolate leaves and lilac flowers, growing to 3' (1 m) or a bit more. Decorative seed heads can be used in dried arrangements.



Average seed contents: 15

Nectaroscordum siculum

Closely related to Alliums (the ornamental onion), originally from Asia minor and Mediterranean these have tall smooth stems on which there open dangling bell shaped flowers in pink, purple and green. When dry they stand erect. The whole plant is very garlic scented when handled. They grow best in lighter soils in sun or part shade and are happy growing in grass. They flower in the early summer about 30" (75cm) tall.



Average seed contents: 20

Orlaya grandiflora (White Lace Flower)

A plant of meadows, vineyards and olive groves in the Mediterranean. Fern-like foliage and lace-like white umbels, with the outer petals larger than the inner. 18-24" tall (45-60cm). An easy to grow annual setting seed that you can collect and grow.



Average seed contents: 50

Pimpinella major rosea

Deep pink umbels of small flowers, they look like a pink flowered cow parsley. Blooms in May/June, ideally in the sun or light shade, 40" (100cm) tall. Sow the seeds in the autumn in ordinary garden soil or gritty compost (as they require chilling to break the dormancy) and overwinter the seed tray outside. They may not germinate until the spring. Prick out into small pots when the seedlings are large enough to handle and when these plants are large enough themselves plant into their final position.



Average seed contents: 15

Tulbaghia cominsii x violacea

Long flowering perennial of South African origin. Long thin leaved foliage, onion scented when crushed. Purple - pink flowers from June to October, 18-24" (45-60 cm) tall. Seedlings may vary, due to the hybrid nature of the plant. Plants flower in their second year. Very good patio plants in planters, enjoying warm conditions and very drought tolerant. In cold areas mulch plants in the ground in winter and protect pots from extended freezing temperatures. Hardy outside to about -10°C.



Average seed contents: 30

Tulipa sprengeri

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

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

Any packet
of seeds
£2.50



777-028

Average seed contents: 10

**Lunaria annua
Corfu Blue**

Hardy biennial, flowering in the spring often earlier than other Lunaria, with purple-blue flowers on purple flushed stems, growing to 3' (90cm) tall and a spread of up to 30" (75cm). The seed cases are distinctive as papery silvered seed heads. These may hybridise with other Lunaria close by. The leaves are browsed by rabbits.



777-008

Average seed contents: 80

**Nicotiana mutabilis
(Ornamental Tobacco)**

A striking tender plant up to 5' (1.5m) with showers of white flowers which turn through pink to a deep magenta as they mature. The effect is spectacular with both colours present on the plant together. Flowers in the late summer. If a plant is overwintered (in frost free conditions) flowering is much earlier and more profuse the second year.



777-013

Double Black



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Double Lilac



777-011

Double Pink



777-012

Double Shiraz

Papaver somniferum

Fully double flower heads of various colours. June flowering about 36" (90cm) tall. May need staking in windy gardens. They are plants of open, sunny situations in well drained soil and are hardy, but annual, so you will be reliant on falling (or collected) seed for future years. Self fertile, but some slight variation in flower colour may occur.



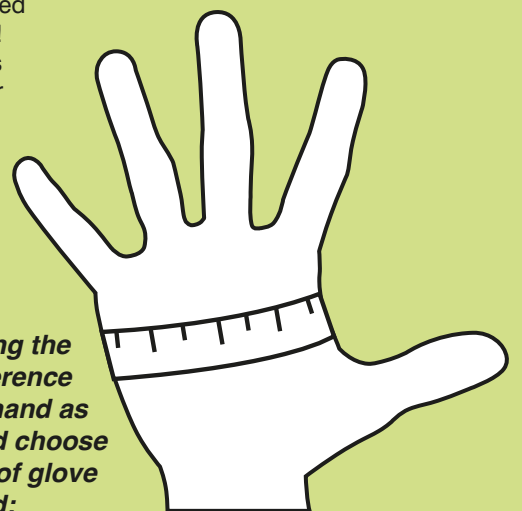
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Tulipa Honeymoon



Tulipa Triumphator

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

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