

Achillea millefolium 'New Vintage Red' ('Balvinred') / Yarrow / Bloodwort



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm x 50cm

Hardy, spreading perennial

Grey-green fern-like foliage

Upright stems of domed small red flowers fading with age from early summer to early autumn

Full sun and moist but well drained soil

Additional information

Trouble free, good drought tolerance

Pollinator plant

Achillea 'Cerise Queen' / Yarrow / Bloodwort



Details

Height x Spread = 60cm x 50cm

Hardy, vigorous perennial

Feathery dark green foliage & clusters of magenta pink flowers in summer & autumn

Full sun and moist but well drained soil

Additional information

Trouble free

May need staking in soil that is nutrient rich

Drought tolerant Pollinator plant

Actaea matsumurae 'White Pearl' / Baneberry



Details

Height x Spread = 1.2m x 50cm -1m

Hardy, clump forming perennial

Pale green stems, leaves and flowerbuds

Spires of fragrant white flowers in late summer & autumn

Partial shade and moist but well drained or poorly drained soil

Additional information

Does not seem to like being watered directly into crown of plant

Good plant for late season interest & a shady site

Agastache 'Astello Indigo' / Giant Hyssop



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm - 1m

Upright perennial with aromatic leaves and whorled spikes of 2-lipped deep blue flowers
summer to autumn

Full sun, moist but well drained to well drained soil

Additional information

Great for pollinators, drought tolerant

Doesn't like wet winters & may disappear in a wet winter

Agastache 'Blackadder' / Hyssop



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm - 1m

Hardy reliable perennial with aromatic foliage & upright spikes of dark violet-purple to dark blue

bottlebrush like flowers July-October
Full sun & well drained soil

Additional information

Somewhat intolerant of wet soil in winter
Take cuttings from early summer as a safeguard
Pollinator plant

Ajuga reptans Black Scallop / Bugleweed



Details

Height x Spread = 10cm - 30cm x 40cm - 1m
Usually evergreen creeping perennial with glossy dark, near black scalloped leaves and short spikes of deep blue flowers in spring & early summer
Moist but well drained or poorly drained soil
Full or partial shade

Additional information

Intolerant of very dry soil such as from competing tree roots
Good pollinator plant

Alcea rosea 'Chater's Yellow' / Hollyhock



Details

Height x Spread = 1

5-2m x 10-40cm

Vigorous but sometimes short-lived perennial with double yellow flowers

Moist well drained soils in full sun

Additional information

Often short lived but dramatic

Great cottage garden effect

Somewhat prone to rust so grow at back of border where leaves may be hidden

Alcea rosea Chaters Double 'Apple Blossom' / Hollyhock



Details

Height x Spread = 1.5m - 2m x 10-15cm

Pale pink blooms in summer on a tall short-lived perennial

Full sun and moderately fertile well drained soil

Additional information

Water well before planting & keep soil moist until established

May need staking in windy conditions

May be susceptible to hollyhock rust

Alchemilla mollis / Lady's Mantle



Details

Height x Spread = 30-45cm x 30-45cm

Hardy herbaceous perennial

Moist soils, Sun or shade

Additional information

Tough front of border plant in sun or shade

Contrasts beautifully with ferns in shade

Drought tolerant once established

Aloysia citriodora / Lemon Verbena



Details

Height x Spread = 1.5m - 2.5m

Deciduous sub shrub with strongly scented leaves and tiny white or pale lilac flowers

Full sun, sheltered site and well drained soil

Additional information

Can be evergreen in a mild climate

Leaves often used for tea

Anemone x hybrida / Japanese Windflower



Details

Height x Spread = 1.2 - 1.5m x 60cm but suckering roots so eventually spreading

Semi evergreen herbaceous perennial with pink or white flowers in summer/autumn

Most moist but well drained soils in sun or part shade

Additional information

Good for late season interest

Drought tolerant once established

Can become invasive but easy to pull up around the edges in Spring

Argyranthemum madiera 'Crested Pink' / Pink marguerite daisy



Details

Height x Spread = 45–90cm x 30–50cm

Bushy subshrub with aromatic, fern-like foliage and prolific daisy flowers in white, pink, or yellow from spring until frost

Additional information

Aster / Symphyotrichum 'Purple Dome' / Cultivar of New England Aster



Details

Height x Spread = 60cm x 35-40cm

Clump forming herbaceous perennial with deep purple semi double daisies with yellow centre

Full sun to partial shade

Moist but well drained soil

Additional information

Useful for end of season garden interest and is a late season food source for butterflies & other pollinators

Not tolerant of a really, really dry soil

Astrantia major / Greater Masterwort / Hattie's pin cushion



Details

Height x Spread = 40-60cm x 45-50cm

Hardy herbaceous perennial

Flowers in spring & early summer

Most moist but well drained soils in sun or part shade

Additional information

Common name Hattie's pin cushion beautifully describes the flower

Prefers some shade and can cope with some drought once established

Cut right back when first flower flush finishes and foliage looks tired & you will be rewarded with new foliage & some flowers

Astrantia pink / Masterwort / Hattie's pin cushion



Details

Height x Spread = 60–70cm x 45–60cm

Clump-forming perennial with deeply lobed, maple-like leaves and wiry stems bearing intricate pincushion flowerheads of soft pink, surrounded by papery bracts, from early to midsummer

Hardy herbaceous perennial

Additional information

Good drought tolerance

Athyrium filix-femina / Lady Fern



Details

Height x Spread = 60–90cm x 60–75cm

Elegant deciduous fern with finely divided, arching light green fronds; ideal for moist, shaded borders and woodland settings

Full shade or partial shade, moist but well drained soil

Additional information

As a rule ferns prefer a poorer soil with lots of organic matter, eg leaf mould

Bergenia cordifolia / Elephant's Ears



Details

Height x Spread = 40-45cm x 30-45cm

Hardy evergreen perennial with large glossy leaves

Pink flowers in late winter early spring

Most soils in sun or shade

Additional information

Reliable

Provides a great contrast of leaf when planted with Alchemilla and Astrantia

Also combines well with ferns

Early season flowers

Bistorta officinalis 'Superba' / Red Bistort 'Superba'



Details

Height x Spread = 50-70cm x 1.5m spreading

Hardy herbaceous perennial with heart-shaped leaves and spires of small pink flowers in summer & autumn – loved by bees & pollinators

Moist soil in sun or part/light shade

Additional information

This one needs a moisture retentive soil

Not drought tolerant

Bronze Fennel / Bronze Fennel



Details

Height x Spread = 1

8m x 30-60cm

Self seeding herbaceous perennial with very finely divided aromatic (aniseed) foliage & seeds

Small yellow flowerheads in summer

Most moist but well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Even if you don't use it as a culinary herb it has an airy, light presence in a border & will self seed if happy

Some drought tolerance

Attractive to bees / hover flies

Brunnera macrophylla / Siberian Bugloss



Details

Height x Spread = 45-50cm x 45cm

Hardy perennial with rough heart-shaped leaves and blue forget-me-not flowers in spring

Some seedlings have silvery markings on leaf

Fertile moist but well drained soil

Part shade

Additional information

Not as drought tolerant as many sources indicate

Cut back tired foliage, feed & water for a fresh flush

Campanula 'Pink Chimes' / Long flowered harebell



Details

Height x Spread = 40cm

Hardy, clump forming herbaceous perennial

Basal rosette of leaves

Tubular bell-shaped pink flowers with purple spotting inside -hang from leafy stems in summer

Full sun or part shade

Moist but well drained soil

Additional information

Pollinator plant

Campanula 'Sarastro' / Bellflower



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm-1m x 10-50cm

Clump forming herbaceous perennial with large downy leaves & spires of long tubular bell-shaped deep bluish-purple flowers mid to late summer

Moist but well drained soil

Full sun or part shade

Additional information

Pollinator plant

Carex oshimensis 'Evergold' / Japanese Sedge



Details

Height x Spread = 30-35cm x 45cm

Evergreen grass

Yellow-green striped linear foliage in full sun to very light shade

Additional information

Drought tolerant once established

Ceratostigma plumbaginoides / Leadwort Blue flowered



Details

Height x Spread = 15-20cm will spread to about 50cm if happy in location
Some red autumn colour on foliage and very pretty blue flowers from late summer
Well drained soil in full sun
Water well to help it establish

Additional information

Great front of border plant in sunny rockery or front of border
A great addition to your garden if you have the place for it
Some drought tolerance

Chrysanthemum 'Doris Ozall' / Chrysanthemum



Details

Height 90cm may need staking

Orange Early Flowering

Woody based deciduous perennial producing large late summer & autumn flowers

Full sun & well drained soil

Additional information

Plant out once roots fill pot

Remove growing tip after 14 days to ensure side shoots develop

Improve soil before planting

Water well in dry weather Feed with hi nitrogen fertilizer then switch to high potash as soon as flower buds seen Can grow in a pot if desired

Chrysanthemum 'Misty Primrose' / Chrysanthemum



Details

Height 1.5m will need staking

Yellow Early Flowering

Woody based deciduous perennial producing late summer & autumn flowers

Full sun & well drained soil

Additional information

Plant out once roots fill pot

Remove growing tip after 14 days to ensure side shoots develop

Improve soil before planting

Water well in dry weather Feed with hi nitrogen fertilizer then switch to high potash as soon as flower buds seen Can grow in a pot if desired

Chrysanthemum 'Rejoice' / Chrysanthemum



Details

Height 50-100cm

Pink Late Flowering Woody based deciduous perennial producing bright pink blooms in November

Once roots have filled pot move into a 23cm pot & support with a cane if needed

Use John Innes 3 compost

Sunny position

Additional information

Remove growing tip after 14 days to ensure side shoots develop

Grow in a pot & at end of October before flowers open move to a cold greenhouse or very sheltered garden position to ensure blooms not damaged by frost

Feed hi nitrogen until flower buds appear then switch to high potash

Chrysanthemum 'Samson' / Chrysanthemum



Details

Height 90cm

Deep red Late Flowering

Woody based deciduous perennial

Once roots have filled pot transfer to a 23cm pot & support with a cane if needed

Use John Innes 3 compost

Sunny position

Additional information

Remove growing tip after 14 days to ensure side shoots develop

Grow in a pot & at end of October before flowers open move to a cold greenhouse or very sheltered garden position to ensure blooms not damaged by frost

Feed hi nitrogen until flower buds appear then switch to high potash

Convallaria majalis / Lily of the Valley



Details

Height x Spread = 15–25cm x 30–60cm

Spreading rhizomatous perennial with paired oval leaves and arching stems of sweetly scented, nodding white bell flowers in late spring

Any soil that is moist but well drained or even poorly drained in full or partial shade

Additional information

All parts poisonous to dogs & cats

Grows in shade on heavy clay

Cosmos / Cosmos



Details

Height x Spread = 60–120cm x 45–60cm

Tall, feathery-leaved annual bearing open, saucer-shaped flowers in white, pink, and crimson all summer into autumn

Moist but well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Drought tolerant once it gets its feet down

Cosmos Cosmic Orange / Cosmos



Details

Height x Spread = 10 - 30cm

Compact half hardy annual with finely divided green foliage & semi double daisy like orange flowers summer & autumn

Full sun, moist be well drained soil

Additional information

Grow on in their pots for a while longer before planting out

Pollinator plant

Crocasmia 'Lucifer' / Montbretia



Details

Height x Spread = 1.5 -2.5m x 10-50cm

Cormous herbaceous perennial, robust upright habit & pleated blade-like leaves & arching deep red flowers with paler orange throat mid to late summer

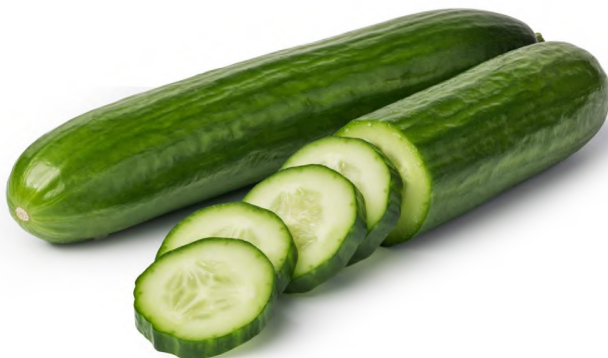
Full sun or part shade & moist but well drained to well drained soil

Additional information

Impactful plant in light shade & dry conditions

Dig up every 3 or 4 years discarding the old corms and just replanting the youngest ones

Cucumis sativa 'Hana' / Cucumber Hana



Details

Height x Spread = 2-4m x 10-50cm

Easy to grow & reliably heavy cropping, snack-size female cucumber with smooth skin & short seedless fruit

Best grown in greenhouse but possible in sheltered location outdoors

Moist but well drained soil & full sun

Additional information

Does not mind a bit of shade

Likes regular watering & grows well in cooler conditions

Dianthus barbatus / Sweet William



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm x 10-20cm

Mainly a hardy annual but will self seed readily if they like their favoured situation of full sun and a well drained soil

Additional information

A fairly underrated plant for its flower power

Plant a lot of them for greater impact

Flowering late spring & early summer

Dead head for a longer season

Diascia / Twinspur



Details

Height x Spread = 60–120cm x 45–60cm

Tall, feathery-leaved annual perenial bearing open, saucer-shaped flowers in white, pink, and crimson all summer into autumn

Moist but well drained to well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Often grown as an annual but in a pot that has good drainage it often survives the winter

Doellingeria umbellata / Tall White Aster / Flat-topped White Aster



Details

Height x Spread = 1

5mx 50cm -1m

Hardy herbaceous perennial

Upright stems bearing clusters of small white flowers in summer
Full sun or part shade and moist but well drained to well drained soils

Additional information

Good to have something flowering in the second half of summer
Understated mass of white flowers absolutely loved by bees

Dryopteris erythrosora / Wood fern / Male fern



Details

Height x Spread = 45–60cm x 45–60cm

Semi-evergreen fern valued for copper-pink new fronds that mature to glossy deep green;
thrives in shade with moist soil

Moist but well drained or poorly drained soil in full or partial shade

Additional information

Dryopteris filix-mas / Male fern



Details

Height x Spread = 60–120cm x 60–90cm

Large, robust deciduous fern forming handsome shuttlecock clumps of lance-shaped green fronds; tolerates dry shade once established

Additional information

Echinacea purpurea / Purple Cone Flower



Details

Height x Spread = 1-1.5m x 10-50cm

Herbaceous perennial with solitary flowerhead with slightly reflexed purplish- pink ray petals & domed golden brown central disk midsummer to autumn

Full sun to part shade and well drained soil

Additional information

Slugs ate them in the Prairie Bed in the park in the 2nd year, but then bounced back in the 3rd year!

Pretty drought tolerant once established

Pollinator plant

Echinacea purpurea 'Pow Wow Wild Berry' / Cone Flower



Details

Height x Spread = 30-60 x 30-60

Compact bushy growth

Vibrant berry pink petals and striking orange brown cone

Full sun to part shade and well drained soil

Additional information

Thrives in full sun and well drained moderately fertile soil

Drought tolerant once established

Pollinator plant

Echinops ritro / Globe Thistle



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm-1

2m x 10cm-70cm

Robust herbaceous perennial with divided dark greyish green leaves & violet blue flowerheads from early summer

Tolerates most soils but prefers well drained in full sun or part shade

Trouble free

Divide in spring

Additional information

Tough perennial

Reliable in sun or morning shade

Drought tolerant and great for the bees

Epimedium x rubrum / Red Barrenwort / Bishop's Hat



Details

Height x Spread = 30–38cm x 45–60cm

Deciduous groundcover with heart-shaped leaves that flush red in spring and autumn; dainty red and yellow flowers in mid-spring

Moist but well drained soil in partial shade

Additional information

Good drought tolerance once established

Erigeron karvinskianus / Mexican Daisy / Mexican Fleabane



Details

Height x Spread = 20-30cm x 20cm but self seeding & spreading

Herbaceous perennial

Happy, small pink and white daisy flowers that show their faces in the sun

Full sun best, can cope with shade for a bit of the day, and a well drained soil

Additional information

Will self seed in cracks & crevices in sun & part shade adding that bit 'extra' to your garden

Eupatorium purpureum / Joe-Pye-Weed



Details

Height x Spread =1

5-2

5m x70cm-1m

Robust herbaceous perennial

Strong stems support domed clusters of small purplish-pink flowers later summer & autumn

Most moist but well drained to well drained soils in full sun or part shade

Drought tolerant and liked by bees

Additional information

Tall plant, emerging late (note where it is planted)

Doesn't usually need staking

Emerging shoots bothered by molluscs in wet conditions

Euphorbia amygdaloides var robbiae / Mrs Robb's Bonnet / Wood Spurge



Details

Height x Spread = 10-50cm x 1-1.5m

Spreading evergreen perennial forming a colony

Rosettes of dark green oblong leaves & rounded sprays of yellow-green flowers in spring

Full sun, full shade, part shade

Additional information

A great plant for a woodland

Euphorbia characias / Mediterranean Spurge



Details

Height x Spread = 1

2m

Semi evergreen sub shrub with grey-green foliage and rounded heads of greenish-yellow flowers early spring to early summer

Well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

One of the plants which heralds spring with its acid green/yellow flower heads

Cut spent flower stem right to the base but be mindful of the sticky latex sap which can irritate the skin

Fatsia japonica / Japanese aralia False castor oil plant



Details

Height x Spread = 2.5-4m

Mid size evergreen shrub with spreading habit

Large palmately lobed leaved & clusters of small white flowers followed by small black fruit (not to be eaten)

Moist but well drained soil

Sun, shade, part shade, some shelter from cold winds

Additional information

Pollinator plant

Quite amenable to pruning on a regular basis but then you won't always get the flower & berries

Geranium x magnificum / Purple Cranesbill



Details

Height x Spread = 60–70cm x 60–90cm

Vigorous clump-forming perennial producing large violet-blue veined flowers in early summer above deeply lobed, hairy foliage

Moist but well drained to well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

A very robust geranium

Doesn't have the long flowering season of some newer blue varieties but grows in a wider range of soils & sites

Geranium x oxonianum 'Wargrave Pink' / Cranesbill



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm – 1m

Clump forming evergreen perennial

Salmon pink flowers summer & autumn

Full sun to partial shade, moist but well drained to well drained soil

Additional information

Cut back tired looking foliage & flowers to encourage fresh regrowth

Generally trouble free Water deeply to encourage deep roots & will have good drought tolerance

Geum 'Blazing Sunset' / Avens 'Blazing Sunset'



Details

Height x Spread=60cm x 30-45cm

Clump forming herbaceous perennial with double red flowers spring to later summer

Moist but well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Does best in a fertile, well dug soil in sun or part shade

Dead head to keep it flowering as long as possible

Border or pot culture

Geum 'Mrs Bradshaw' / Avens 'Mrs Bradshaw'



Details

Height x Spread= 60cm

Clump forming herbaceous perennial with semi-double scarlet flowers June through August

Dead head to prolong flowering
Moderately fertile, moist but well drained soil in full sun or light shade

Additional information

Suitable for pot culture
Do not do well in poor soil

Geum 'Prinses Juliana' / Avens



Details

Height x Spread = 40–60cm x 30–40cm
Classic cottage-garden perennial with semi-double, warm orange flowers on wiry stems through late spring and early summer
Moist but well drained to well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Long lasting display of flowers
Will benefit from dividing from time to time to re-energize the plant

Helenium Helena Mix / Helena Mix



Details

Height x Spread = 60–90cm x 45–60cm

Upright perennial with masses of daisy-like flowers in rich yellow, orange and bronze tones from midsummer to early autumn; excellent for pollinators

Fertile moist but well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Long flowering season

Helenium autumnale / Sneezewood Autumnale



Details

Height x Spread = 1m x 50cm

Hardy herbaceous perennial with daisy type flowers in yellow & autumn shades from late summer through autumn

Flowers very attractive to bees & other insects

Full sun and humus rich moist but well drained soil

Additional information

Very good for colour in second half of summer, One of the tougher Heleniums usually lasting many years, but can be susceptible to slugs & snails in a wet Spring

Helianthus 'Lemon Queen' / Sunflower 'Lemon Queen'



Details

Height x Spread = 1

75m x 1m spreading if happy

Hardy herbaceous perennial with bright lemon yellow daisy type flowers in late summer which are attractive to bees & other pollinating insects

Full sun to light shade

Moderately fertile, moist but well drained soil

Trouble free

Additional information

A 'cast iron' plant

Robust shrub, tall with yellow flowers attracting bees

Divide regularly to prevent reduced flowering in the plant's centre & give bits to your friends

A 'smile' in your garden in the second half of summer

Hemerocallis Colour Unknown / Day Lily



Details

Height x Spread = 60–90cm x 60–75cm

Reliable clump-forming daylily with strap-like foliage and trumpet-shaped flowers in summer; exact colour to be confirmed on flowering

Well drained soil in full sun but will tolerate partial shade

Additional information

Orange flowered ones are *H. fulva* 'Flore Pleno'

As with all day lilies, it benefits from lifting & dividing every 3 or 5 years

Heemerocallis lilioasphodelus / Day Lily



Details

Height x Spread = 30–40cm x 45–60cm

Compact repeat-flowering daylily with golden-yellow blooms from early summer through

autumn; one of the longest-blooming cultivars available
Well drained soil in full sun but will tolerate partial shade

Additional information

A dainty day lily with a fragrant yellow flower

As with all day lilies, it benefits from lifting & dividing every 3 or 5 years

Hemerocallis 'Pink Damask' / Day Lily



Details

Height x Spread = 75–90cm x 60–75cm

Vigorous daylily with broad, arching leaves and large, salmon-pink trumpet flowers with a paler midrib, blooming mid to late summer

Additional information

A dainty day lily with a fragrant yellow flower

As with all day lilies, it benefits from lifting & dividing every 3 or 5 years

Hesperis matronalis / Dame rocket / Sweet rocket



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm - 1m

Biennial or short-lived perennial Leafy stems & loose clusters of white, or pale to mid purple scented flowers in late spring & early summer

Fertile, moist but well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Cut back after flowering

Easy to grow from seed & may self seed

Fits the ambiance of an informal/wildlife garden

Pollinator Plant

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Dark Angel' / Hydrangea



Details

Height x Spread = 1-1
15m

Hardy deciduous shrub Dark foliage and flattened purple-red flowerheads with cream centres in summer

Light shade and moist but well drained soil

In sun, soil must remain reliable moist

Generally trouble free

Additional information

Black diamond series

Great plant in border or pot

Not drought tolerant

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Pink Lacecap' / Hydrangea



Details

Height x Spread = 1-1
15m

Hardy deciduous shrub with light bright green foliage and lacy flowerheads composed of small fertile florets surrounded by showy sterile florets

Full sun or part shade in moist but well drained soil

Additional information

In full sun ensure soil does not dry out completely

Mulch deeply in spring

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Pink Mophead' / Hydrangea



Details

Height x Spread = 1-1
15m

Hardy deciduous shrub with large bright green leaves and large rounded flower head
Full sun or part shade in moist but well drained soil

Additional information

In full sun ensure soil does not dry out
A deep mulch in spring may help this

Hydrangea macrophylla 'White Mophead' / Hydrangea



Details

Height x Spread = 1-1
15m

Hardy deciduous shrub with large bright green leaves and large rounded flower head which

fade to light green

Full sun or part shade in moist but well drained soil

Additional information

A tough and reliable plant

Great flowers for drying Good also for pot culture

Iris sibirica / Siberian Iris / Siberian Flag



Details

Height x Spread=75cm x 50cm

Hardy herbaceous perennial with upright strappy foliage and bright blue flowers in May

Full sun preferred with moist but well drained soil

Tolerant of wet soil

Additional information

A great plant to bring interest in May

Lathyrus odoratus / Sweet Pea (mixed)



Details

Height x Spread = 1.5–2m x 30–45cm

Scrambling annual climber with tendrils and highly fragrant, butterfly-shaped flowers in pink, purple, red, and white all summer long

Moist but well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Sweet peas are quite hungry plants so feed weekly & give plenty of water

If growing them in a pot choose one that allows a deep root run

Liatris spicata - white / pink / Dense blazing star (mixed colours)



Details

Moist but well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Limonium 'Heavenly Blue' / Statice / Sea lavender



Details

Height x Spread = 40–60cm x 30–45cm

Clump-forming perennial sea lavender producing clouds of tiny lavender-blue papery flowers on branching stems in mid to late summer

Well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Exceptionally drought tolerant

They dry well and can be used in decorations

Liriope muscari / Lily Turf



Details

Height x Spread = 20-30cm x 30cm

Hardy, spreading grass like evergreen perennial with small spiky blue purple flowers in autumn

Moist but well drained soil in shade

Additional information

A great filler for the shade & tolerant of drought once established

Plant in a group for impact & contrast the foliage with something like Bergenia

Luzula nivea / Snow-white Wood-rush



Details

Height x Spread = 45–60cm x 45–50cm

Evergreen woodrush forming clumps of dark green, hair-fringed leaves topped with fluffy white flowerheads on tall stems in early summer

Moist but well drained or well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Cut off old flower stems & tired foliage to the ground after flowering to encourage fresh new growth

It's flowerhead give a light airy feel especially to partly shaded woodlands

Lychnis chalcedonica / Maltese Cross



Details

Height x Spread = 60-70cm x 20cm

Can form a clump of 50cm and attaining 1m in height in ideal conditions

Hardy herbaceous perennial with bright vermillion flowers in a compact domed head in summer

Well drained soil in full sun or light shade

Additional information

Plant with a red flower which can be a challenge to work with, but rewarding if you get it right – good with purple

Definitely does better in the ground than in a pot

Needs some sun

Lychnis viscaria 'Plena' / German Catchfly



Details

Height x Spread = 30–45cm x 20–30cm

Compact perennial with sticky stems and double, vivid magenta-pink flowers in dense clusters

in late spring and early summer

Moist but well drained or well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Deep tap root give good drought tolerance

Macleaya cordata / Plume Poppy



Details

Height x Spread = 2

5m x 1

5m but can spread

Hardy rhizomatous (spread via roots) perennial with grey-green lobed leaves to 20cm and plumes of tiny buff-white flowers in summer

Moist but well drained soil in full sun or part shade

Additional information

A tall plant with a light open flower and very interesting glaucous grey green leaves

In the park it was well behaved for many years...

then we had the very wet winter and it went wandering

We now cull it back to its allotted space in spring, Lovely plant though

Mentha spicata / Garden Mint / Spearmint



Details

Hardy perennial which prefers damp soil
Full sun or part shade tolerated

Additional information

Best grown in a pot

Each Spring remove plant from pot and split into 3

Replant 1 and give 2 parts away

Harvest leaves regularly

Flowers attractive to bees but if you want mint for culinary purposes avoid letting it flower

Or keep one of the other divisions & let it flower for the bees

Myrtus communis / Common Myrtle



Details

Height x Spread = 2-4m x 1
5-2m

Hardy evergreen shrub with aromatic foliage and clusters of small white flowers in summer
beloved by bees

Moist but well drained to well drained soil in full sun

Native to Mediterranean

Additional information

Small plants but will grow to a good sized evergreen shrub

You can control the size by pruning in spring after frosts

It has good bark so you can also clear the stems at the base of foliage on mature shrubs

Try making a liquor from the berries it tastes a bit medicinal but very palatable

Nepeta x faassenii 'Six Hills Giant' / Catmint



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm x 60cm

Hardy herbaceous perennial which many grow as an alternative to lavender

Blue purple flowers in late spring loved by bees

Grey green aromatic foliage

Full sun or part shade and moist but well drained to well drained soil

Additional information

May disappear if you have cats in your garden

When flowers are over their best, cut back the plant, feed/water and you will get another flush

It is possible to get three flowerings over the growing season

Ophiopogon planiscapus 'Nigrescens' / Black Mondo Grass



Details

Height x Spread = 10-30cm

Hardy grass-like evergreen perennial with tuft of leathery black grass like leaves & racemes of small purplish flowers in summer followed by black berries; Fertile, humus rich moist but well drained soil in full sun or part/light shade

Additional information

Drought tolerant

Saw it once with purple crocuses growing up through it

Stunning but sadly the crocuses didn't reliably come up each year

Osteospermum Yellow / African daisy



Details

Height x Spread = 30–50cm x 30–50cm

Tender perennial sub-shrub producing cheerful bright yellow daisy flowers over a long season

from late spring into autumn
Well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Impactful plant

Deadhead to keep them flowering & improve appearance

Drought tolerant

If growing in a pot bring under cover for winter and don't over water

In spring when growth restarts prune back to green node

Osteospermum jucundum 'Bright Pink' Cultivar / African daisy



Details

Height x Spread = 45cm x 45cm-1m

Almost hardy woody based evergreen perennial with dark-eyed daisy like flowers from spring through autumn

Well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Sun & well drained soil needed

Very showy

Grows beautifully over & down the brick wall of the Sensory Bed at Lauderdale House

Osteospermum pink / African daisy



Details

Height x Spread = 30–50cm x 30–50cm

Tender perennial sub-shrub with a trailing mounded habit bearing large, daisy-like pink flowers with dark centres throughout summer

Well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

A plant with the Wow factor

Panicum virgatum 'Warrior' / Switch grass



Details

Height x Spread = 50-100 cm

A deciduous perennial grass forming a clump with purple flowering panicles and leaves which turn yellow in Autumn

Full sun & well drained soil

Additional information

Drought tolerant

If you like grasses, this one gives good value

Site where it catches the breeze to bring movement to your garden

Pelargonium Scented Leaf 'Attar of Roses' / Sweet scented geranium



Details

Height x Spread = 30–60cm x 30–45cm

Scented leaf pelargonium to 60cm

Rose scented leaves & mauve-pink flowers in summer

Well drained soil and full sun

Additional information

Not hardy

Grow in a pot & bring indoors before winter

Add grit to growing media

Pelargonium Scented Leaf 'Orange Fizz' / Sweet scented geranium



Details

Height x Spread = 30–45cm x 25–40cm
Bushy habit with leaves that smell orange
Pale pink flowers with purple markings spring & summer
Full sun & a well drained soil

Additional information

Not hardy
Grown in a pot & bring under cover before winter
Ensure good drainage by adding grit to compost

Pelargonium Scented Leaf 'Pink Capitatum' / Sweet scented geranium



Details

Height x Spread = 45–60cm x 90–150cm
Sub shrub growing to 60cm

Soft hairy rose scented leaves and clusters of pink, white or pale purple flowers in summer
Full sun & well drained soil

Additional information

Not hardy

Grown in a pot & bring under cover before winter

Ensure good drainage by adding grit to compost

Pelargonium Zonal / Zonal geranium



Details

Annual usually grown in pots for a vibrant summer display

Full sun and a compost that drains well is crucial

Could be grown in the soil in a rock garden which mimics the ideal growing conditions

Additional information

Can be over wintered under cover then cut back in spring to give another year's display

Pelargonium crispum 'Variegatum' / Crisped leaf pelargonium



Details

Height x Spread = 30–60cm x 20–40cm

Sub shrub - can grow to 60cm in ideal conditions

Lemon scented grey-green leaves with creamy white margins & small pink flowers

Full sun & shelter

Well drained soil

Additional information

Not hardy

Bring under cover in winter

Mix grit in with potting compost

Pelargonium 'Citronella' / Citronella plant



Details

Height x Spread = 30–60cm x 30–50cm
Evergreen sub shrub
Strongly lemon scented rounded leaves with toothed margin
Small pink flowers spring, summer & autumn
Full sun & well drained soil

Additional information

Not hardy
Grow in a pot and bring under cover in winter
Allegedly keeps mosquitoes away! Add grit to potting compost

Penstemon 'Blackbird' / Beardtongue 'Blackbird'



Details

Height x Spread = 80-90cm x 50-60cm
Almost hardy woody based perennial with narrow lance shaped leaves on reddish stems & racemes of tubular reddish-purple flowers in summer & autumn
Dead head to prolong flowering
Fertile well drained soil in full sun or part shade

Additional information

Benefits from the Chelsea Chop to prevent it getting too tall and floppy
A very reliable penstemon but give it a good amount of sun and the appropriate soil conditions
May need staking
Cut back to base in winter and mulch with dry material to protect in winter

Persicaria 'Purple fantasy' / Knotweed 'Purple Fantasy'



Details

Height x Spread = 45–60cm x 90–150cm

Vigorous, spreading groundcover with arrow-shaped green leaves marked with bold purple chevrons; small pink flowers from midsummer to autumn

Moist but well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Grow for its interesting foliage

Persicaria amplexicaulis 'Alba' / Red Bistort



Details

Height x Spread = 1m x 1

5m

Hardy herbaceous perennial with heart-shaped pointed leaves and spires of small pink flowers

in summer & autumn – loved by bees & pollinators
Moist but well drained to well drained soil in sun or part/light shade

Additional information

Light shining through the flower heads bring a 'lightness' to a border
Lift & divide every 3 years

Persicaria amplexicaulis 'Firetail' / Red Bistort



Details

Height x Spread = 1m x1
5m will spread

Hardy herbaceous perennial with heart-shaped pointed leaves and spires of small red flowers in summer & autumn loved by bees & pollinator
Moist but well drained to well drained soil in sun or part/light shade

Additional information

Tough and good doer in difficult growing situations
Good drought tolerance once established
Remove growth at the edge of plants to 'keep it in its place'
Lift and divide every 3 years

Persicaria microcephala 'Red Dragon' / Knotweed Red Dragon



Details

Height x Spread = 1

5m x 60cm

Vigorous clump forming herbaceous perennial with lance shaped purplish green leaves with silver chevron

Clusters of tiny white flowers in late summer & autumn

Moist but well drained soil in full sun or part shade

Additional information

Grown primarily for its coloured foliage

Better in light shade

Seems to be pretty drought tolerant

We can't sell you this plant but can give it to you for a donation to the park

Phlomis russeliana / Turkish Sage



Details

Height x Spread = 1-1

5m x 50cm-1m

Herbaceous perennial with large hairy leaves & stout stems with whorls of hooded soft yellow flowers late spring to autumn

Moist but well drained to well drained soil and full sun

Additional information

A tough plant which performs well

Retains leaves at base in winter

Drought tolerant

Will grow in shade but flower less well

Very good ground cover Very good ground cover

Phlox 'Bright Eyes' / Phlox



Details

Height x Spread = 60–90cm x 60–75cm

Classic border phlox with fragrant, pale pink flowers each with a contrasting crimson eye; blooms mid to late summer; mildew-resistant

Moist but well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Reliable in light shade - but benefits from a bit of sun

Physalis alkakengi var franchetii 'Gigantea' / Chinese Lanterns



Details

Height x Spread = 60cm & spreading

Vigorous herbaceous perennial with nodding creamy-yellow bell shaped flowers in summer followed by lantern-like deep orange fruit capsules

Well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Primarily grown for its bright orange fruit capsules & valued in dried flower arrangements

Ripe fruit is edible, other parts of plant poisonous Seems to be tougher in the ground than in pot

Pittosporum 'Garnettii' / Pittosporum 'Garnetti'



Details

It can eventually make a small tree but it is very amenable to clipping

It is clipped to a dome of 1.4 x 1m in my garden

Equally you could clip it so that it is more columnar

Grey-green leaves & very small maroon slightly fragrant flowers if left unclipped
Sun and shelter
Moist but well drained soil

Additional information

One year old shrub for you to nurse along
Ensure it has good light, feed weekly and it will make good growth
Clipped forms add strong structure to your garden
Does quite well in a decent size pot
Drought tolerant

Pittosporum tobira 'Nanum' / Japanese Pittosporum



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm-1m
Small, slow growing, dense evergreen shrub with glossy bright green leaves and sweetly scented flowers white/yellow in spring/early summer
Give shelter from cold drying winds

Additional information

Small shrub for you to grow on
Forms a compact dome – a strong grounding structure in your garden
If clipped it rarely flowers

Plectranthus argentatus 'Silver Shield' / Silver Spurflower



Details

Height x Spread = 60cm x 50-60cm

Tender sub-shrubby perennial grown for velvety silver foliage

Slender inflorescences bear blue-white flowers in summer

Moist but well drained soil in part shade

Can plant outside when danger of frosts has passed

Additional information

House plant but good outdoors in summer

Makes an excellent plant as a filler in a pot planted for summer interest

Needs winter protection

Take stem cuttings in summer and grow on over the winter for new stock in spring

Polystichum setiferum / Soft shield fern



Details

Height x Spread = 60–90cm x 60–90cm

Graceful, semi-evergreen fern with finely divided, soft green fronds in elegant, spreading shuttlecock rosettes; thrives in dry shade once established

Full or partial shade

Additional information

One of the most reliable of ferns

Benefits from having the old fronds removed in late spring

Pulmonaria officinalis / Lungwort



Details

Height x Spread = 30cm x 40cm

Slow growing semi evergreen perennial with broad leaves spotted with greenish white & clusters of flowers from March to May opening pink & changing to blue

Fertile moist but well drained soil in partial to full shade

Additional information

Not great in a pot

Prone to mildew but cut the plant back, feed and water for a new crop of fresh foliage

Cut back after flowers have finished

Bees love the flowers

Red Chilli Pepper cayenne / Chilli Pepper



Details

Height x Spread = 60–90cm x 45–60cm

Tender perennial grown as an annual, producing an abundance of slender, fiery hot red chillies from summer through to the first frosts

Additional information

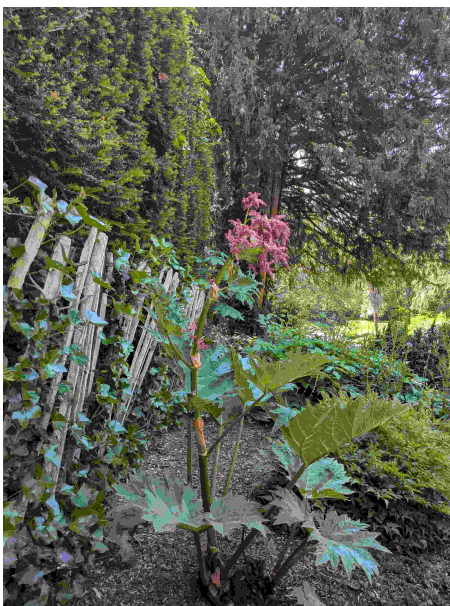
Best grown in a sunny greenhouse

Choose a reasonably well draining multi purpose compost

Best grown in a greenhouse

Dry the fruit for later use or use them in Christmas decorations

Rheum palmatum / Ornamental rhubarb / Chinese rhubarb



Details

Height x Spread = 2
5m x 1

5m (eventually)
Clump forming hardy perennial
Panicle of pink or creamy white flowers in summer
Fertile, moisture retentive soil in full sun or partial shade
Harmful if eaten

Additional information

Small plants for you to nurse along
Great impact in the garden with their giant leaves & statuesque flowers

Rudbeckia fulgida var deamii / Deam's Coneflower



Details

Height x Spread = 60–90cm x 45–60cm
Reliable, clump-forming perennial with deep yellow daisy flowers around prominent dark brown cones from midsummer into autumn; AGM winner
Moist but well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Rudbeckia triloba / Brown-eyed Susan / Cone flower



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm - 1m

Short lived perennial with yellow daisy like flowers on wiry stems over a long period from late summer

Full sun and moist but well drained soil

Additional information

Reliable flowerer even though a short lived plant

Salvia elegans / Pineapple Sage



Details

Height x Spread = 1m

Tender woody perennial with softly hairy pineapple scented leaves

Tubular bright scarlet-red flowers summer & autumn

Well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Usually grown in a pot in well drained compost and moved to protection over winter
Needs very sunny, well drained protected site outdoors to survive winter in UK

Salvia nemorosa 'Ostfriesland' / Balkan Clary



Details

Height x Spread = 45–60cm x 30–45cm

Compact perennial salvia producing dense, upright spikes of deep violet-blue flowers above aromatic foliage from early to midsummer; loved by bees

Moist but well drained to well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Good drought tolerance once established

Saponaria ocymoides / Rock soapwort / Tumbling Ted



Details

Height x Spread = 15–22cm x 30–60cm

Mat-forming semi-evergreen perennial smothered in bright pink flowers in early summer; ideal for trailing over walls and rock gardens

Well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Doesn't have the longest flowering season but is stunning when it is in flower and makes a neat trailing plant with its leaves

Pollinator plant

Sarcococca confusa / Xmas or Sweet Box



Details

Height x Spread = 1-1
5m

Hardy evergreen shrub with dark green glossy small leaves & small white scented flowers in winter followed by non edible black berries
Moderately fertile humus rich moist but well drained soil in full or partial shade

Additional information

Small shrubs for you to grow on
A reliable shrub amenable to gentle clipping with very fragrant small winter flowers
NB clip after flowering
Pollution & drought tolerant

Sedum / Groundcover / Creeping Sedum



Details

Evergreen and low growing
Needs very good drainage and full sun
Does better in the ground where it can spread

Additional information

The kind used on a green roof
Sun preferred
Ideal at the edge of paving

Sedum 'Herbstfreude' / Autumn Joy Stonecrop



Details

Height x Spread = 50cm-1m

Hardy herbaceous perennial with succulent greyish green leaves and broad flattened flower heads, pink in summer and darkening with age to coppery red in autumn

Needs well drained soil and full sun

Additional information

Later season flowers

Once established it benefits from the Chelsea chop each year to prevent it flopping open

Cut back stems by one third at the time of the Chelsea Flower Show

Loved by pollinating insects

Drought tolerant

Sisyrinchium striatum / Pale Yellow eyed grass / Yellow Mexican Satin Flower



Details

Height x Spread = 45–60cm x 20–30cm

Evergreen perennial with iris-like grey-green fans of leaves and upright spikes of creamy-yellow flowers with dark veins in early summer

Well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Pollinator plant with good drought tolerance

Stachys 'Pink Cotton Candy' / Stachys 'Pink Cotton Candy'



Details

Height x Spread = 50–60cm x 40–50cm

Free-flowering betony with masses of two-tone pink blooms on tall stems above fresh dark green foliage for up to eight weeks in summer

Well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Cultivar of a British native with a long flowering period

Tallish flowerhead add verticality near the front of a border

Drought tolerant

Pollinator plant

Stachys officinalis 'Hummelo' / Alpine betony



Details

Height x Spread = 45–60cm x 30–45cm

Tidy, clump-forming perennial with dense rosettes of dark green leaves and upright spikes of rose-lavender flowers throughout summer

Well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

Long flowering period

A well behaved plant for front or near the front of a border

Stipa tenuissima / Mexican Feathergrass



Details

Height x Spread = 60cm x 30-45cm

Semi evergreen grass with silver-green foliage and feathery flowerheads that sway in the breeze in late summer

Well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Good for gravel gardens

Cut back in spring just as new growth starts or comb fingers through the grass to remove dead foliage

Stokesia laevis / Stokes Aster



Details

Height x Spread = 10-50cm

Herbaceous perennial with basal lance shaped leaves and upright stems bearing cornflower purplish-blue flowers in summer & early autumn

Well drained soil in full sun & some shelter from cold drying winds

Additional information

Dead head to prolong flowering

May rot in soil that is too wet in winter

Sweet Pepper 'Yellow Snack' / Sweet pepper



Details

Height x Spread = 40–60cm x 35–45cm

Productive sweet pepper with a neat bushy habit bearing clusters of small, snacking-sized yellow fruits from midsummer onwards

Additional information

Grow in greenhouse but also happy outside in sunny sheltered location

Needs a long growing season and a lot of watering

Sweet Pepper Redskin / Sweet pepper



Details

Height x Spread = 30–45cm x 30–40cm

Compact, container-friendly sweet pepper producing abundant small to medium blocky red fruits on a dwarf bush; ideal for pots and small spaces

Additional information

Grow in greenhouse but also happy outside in full sun and a sheltered position but does need a fairly long growing season
Needs frequent watering

Symphytum x uplandicum 'Bocking 14' / Russian comfrey



Details

Height x Spread = 90–120cm x 60–90cm

Vigorous, sterile Russian comfrey with large, hairy leaves and lavender-blue bell flowers; valued as a dynamic accumulator and green mulch plant

Moist but well drained soil in full sun or partial shade

Additional information

This is a sterile form of comfrey often grown for its foliage to make a fertilizer for plants or to put in the bottom of a trench before planting on top

Rich in nitrogen

Tellima grandiflora / Fringe cups



Details

Height x Spread = 60cm x 30–45cm

Semi-evergreen woodland perennial with heart-shaped leaves and tall stems of small, fringed greenish-white to pink bells in late spring

Moist but well drained soil in full or partial shade or full sun

Additional information

A great plant for a woodland

It does to flop over a bit as its flowers finish and this is the time to cut off the flower stalks

Thymus x citriodora / Lemon Thyme



Details

Height x Spread = 15–30cm x 25–40cm

Low, spreading thyme with lemon-scented variegated foliage and pale pink summer flowers;

excellent for edging, pots, and paving crevices
Well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Very good in a rock or herb garden
Well used as a culinary herb

Tomatillo / Mexican Husk Tomato



Details

Height x Spread = 1m x 70cm

Lax annual grown for its rounded edible fruit surrounded by thin paperlike husk

Ripens from green to yellow or purple in summer & autumn

Grow in greenhouse or outdoors in sheltered position in full sun & moist but well drained soil

Additional information

Make your own Salsa verde

Tomato 'Tigerella' / Tomato



Details

As on the plant label

Additional information

Tomato 'Tumbling Tom' / Tomato



Details

Height x Spread = 20–30cm x 40–60cm

A trailing variety, best grown in a hanging basket or tall pot so fruit can hang down

Lots of small cherry tomatoes

Full sun and moist but well drained soil

Additional information

Tomato Apero / Tomato



Details

Height x Spread = 1-1.5m x 50cm - 1m

F1 Hybrid Cordon type tomato

Plum shaped cherry fruit in summer

Heavy cropper

Grow in greenhouse or outdoors

Good disease resistance Full sun, moist but well drained soil

Additional information

Tomato Cristal / Tomato



Details

Height x Spread = 2m x 50cm - 1m

F1 Hybrid Cordon type with excellent disease resistance

Grow in greenhouse or outdoors

Firm, round, scarlet fruit Full sun, moist but well drained soil

Additional information

Good for salads & sandwiches

Tomato Goldkrone / Tomato



Details

Height x Spread = 80–120cm x 45–60cm

Bush or semi-determinate tomato bearing golden-yellow, meaty fruits with a mild, sweet flavour

Suitable for containers and outdoor growing

Additional information

Cordon type requiring staking

High yielding yellow cherry tomatoes, sweet tangy flavour July to October

Grown in greenhouse or outdoors in sheltered sunny spot

Keep soil evenly moist - uneven watering causes skins to split

Tomato Red Alert / Tomato



Details

Height = 45cm

Bush tomato with a high fruit yield, smaller fruit than usual but with superior flavour

Early fruiting

Full sun and moist but well drained soil

Additional information

Grow in a container indoors or out

No need to remove side shoots

Verbena bonariensis / Purple topped Vervain / Tall Verbena



Details

Height x Spread = 1

5m-2m x 45cm

Tall herbaceous perennial with sparse leaves but numerous clusters of small lilac-purple flowers

on stiff stems in summer & autumn

Good for pollinating insects

Moderately fertile, moist but well drained to well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Has the potential to become a nuisance with self seeding but does add a lovely airy height to a border

Shorter varieties are appearing notably 'Lollipop'

Verbena officinalis 'Bampton' / Verbena



Details

Height x Spread = 60–90cm x 30–45cm

Ornamental form of common vervain with dark-stemmed, finely cut foliage flushed purple and small lilac flowers on airy branching spikes in summer

Moist but well drained or well drained soil in full sun

Additional information

Drought tolerant Borderline hardy

Crown may need a protective winter mulch

Unlikely to survive a soggy winter

Vinca minor / Small Periwinkle / Lesser periwinkle



Details

Height x Spread = 10–20cm x 60–150cm

Vigorous, evergreen groundcover with trailing stems, glossy dark green leaves, and starry blue-violet flowers from early spring into summer

Moist but well drained soil in full or partial shade, or full sun

Additional information

Tough, reliable ground cover

Under rated

White flowered vinca can bring light to darker areas
