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INFORMATION

Cultivation notes are included alongside some plant descriptions in this catalogue including the gladiolus species. For any other queries, please feel free to contact us by telephone, post or email.

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SECTION 1. AUTUMN PLANTING

**Bulbs planted now should give interest from
early in the New Year till late spring when the
gardens begin to burst with colour.**

ALLIUM

A collection of different sized and coloured alliums makes an attractive show in the garden before the bedding plants have a chance to take over and the dried seed heads last for ages.

A. altissimum 'Goliath' £2.50 each

The tallest, large-headed purple allium, to 180cm!

A. cristophii £2.00 per 5

Terrific value as the huge heads make a spectacular show.

A. 'Forelock' £1.50 each

This is a well-named tall bordeaux red allium with a 'top knot'.

A. karataviense 'Ivory Queen' £2.50 per 5

Framed by its wide leaves, this shorter, most attractive large white head turns into an attractive green seed head, to 20 cm.

A. schubertii £2.50 per 5

Exotic both in purple flower and as dried seed heads, these alliums look like a firework explosion, to 50cm.

ALLIUM COLLECTION Special Price £10

1 each of Goliath and Forelock & 5 each of cristophii, karatviense and schubertii.

ANEMONE BLANDA

We offer three colours of these pretty little daisy-like flowers which are also very useful for under-planting with tulips and daffodils, all are up to approx 15cms at most.

A. blanda 'Blue Shades' £2.00 per 20

Very attractive, especially when planted with tall pale flowers.

A. blanda 'Charmer' £2.50 per 10

This deep pink variety will naturalise well.

A. blanda 'White Splendour' £2.50 per 20
These have large white faces which show well alone or under darker tulips etc.

ANEMONE BLANDA COLLECTION Special Price £6.00
20 each Blue Shades & White Splendour and 10 Pink Charmer

CALOCHORTUS

The delicate-looking flowers are basically frost hardy and flowered for us outside from early June even after this year's cold winter. In a very wet area, best pot-grown and protected from the worst of the winter. The slender stems will probably need staking, 70 - 90 cm. Makes a good cut flower.

C. luteus 'Golden Orb' £2.00 per 10
Very attractive flowers with 3 beautifully-marked golden petals.

CAMASSIA

Always an eye-catcher in the spring in our front garden, these bring many enquiries from neighbours and passers-by. Tall, striking spikes, they will thrive in moist conditions in light sun or shade. We plant ours deeply and leave them in but they also look good in pots.

C. leichtlinii 'Alba' £2.50 per 5
A creamy white variety to contrast well with the blue.

C. cusickii £2.50 per 5
Sturdy blue stems topped with light blue spikes, 60 cm.

CHIONODOXA

Aptly named 'Glory of the Snow', these are among the earlier flowering spring bulbs. They are easy to please, will naturalise well and take sun or partial shade, to 13cm. They look good alongside pushkinia.

C. 'Pink Giant' £1.50 per 25

CORYDALIS

C. solida 'G.P.Baker' £2.00 per 3
A dual purpose plant with both fern-like foliage and masses of small tubular deep pink/red flowers. They are best planted in shade or under trees or shrubs in less rich soil, to 20cm.

The 'Great Western Gladiolus' main catalogue which lists all our exhibition and border gladiolus, will be available from early October.

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Bulbs in Bulk for Bedding Schemes

Although we have not included these in this catalogue, if you are interested in bulk purchasing, please contact us A.S.A.P. as we may be able to obtain Hyacinths, Narcissus and Tulips at favourable prices.

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We submit our catalogue listings annually to the RHS Plant Finder. If we can't supply something you want, why not try looking in the Plant Finder. It is also available online at:

www.rhs.org.uk

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We are happy to offer 3 illustrated talks to garden clubs or any other groups. We have a choice of 3 subjects: 'Growing and Showing Sweet Peas', 'Classic, Rare and Unusual Bulbs' and 'So You Think You Know Gladiolus!' If you think your group might be interested, please contact us.

CROCUS

Our six varieties of spring flowering species crocus should give a good spread of early colour in your garden.

C. ancryensis 'Golden Bunch' £2.00 per 40

An orange-yellow variety to greet the spring.

C. chrysanthus 'Snow Bunting' £2.00 per 40

Well named, this is a most attractive small species crocus.

C. chrysanthus 'Blue Pearl' £2.00 per 40

A light blue variety to enhance your border.

C. chrysanthus 'Zwanenburg Bronze' £2.00 per 40

The bronze shades will contrast well with blue and white.

C. sieberi 'Firefly' £2.00 per 40

The violet-pink of this will look good with all the other colours.

C. tomassinianus 'Ruby Giant' £1.50 per 40

A ruby purple variety of this pretty little crocus.

CROCUS COLLECTION Special Price £10.50

40 of each of our six varieties on offer.

ERANTHIS

E. cilicica £2.00 per 20

This deep yellow variety of winter aconite flowers a little later than the more common type. Plant as soon as it arrives.

FREESIA

F. hybrids - double mixed £2.00 per 10

Plant these as soon as you get them and leave the pots outside till early autumn. If you bring them indoors then they should bloom from January onward. It's very satisfying to see how easy they are to grow and enjoy the glorious scent.

FRITILLARIA

Fritillarias like free draining soil in light shade, though with some sun. Handle the bulbs carefully and to aid drainage, plant on their sides on sand with more sand on top before top-

ping with soil. The red lily beetle doesn't seem to be a problem with these smaller varieties.

F. acmopetala £0.50 each

A 'different' fritillary - olive green with purple-brown spots.

F. meleagris - mixed £1.50 per 10

This dainty 'Snake's Head' fritillary is easily grown and will naturalise well in grass. Very attractive.

F. pontica £0.50 each

This has light green bells with purple-brown edges, to 35cm.

F. uva-vulpis £1.50 per 10

A slightly taller, most unusual fritillaria with its yellow rimmed brown bells, it always brings enquiries when we have visitors.

FRITILLARIA COLLECTION Special Price £5.00

10 each of meleagris and uva-vulpis and 3 each of acmopetala and pontica.

GLADIOLUS

The spectacular hardy *G. byzantinus* and *G. italicus* are in great demand with garden designers and cottage gardeners since being popularised in glossy garden magazines. They naturalise well and stand out in any garden.

G. communis ssp. Byzantinus £4.00 per 10

Striking, violet-red flowers with white markings on the lower lobes of the flowers. Blooming from early June, this is the true byzantinus, 50 - 80 cm.

G. italicus £2.00 per 10

Slightly less red than byzantinus with paler markings and flowers about 2 weeks earlier. Very reliable, up to 1m.

SPECIES GLADIOLUS

Other gladiolus species offered here being natives of South Africa, are for autumn planting in pots on window sill, conservatory or greenhouse. They should be grown in free draining gritty, compost and should flower in February/March. The flowers are much smaller and daintier than blowsy garden glads, just a bit bigger than freesias. Some even have a sweet scent.

G. carmineus M £1.00 each

Pink flowers with white markings on the lower petals, to 50cm.

H. festalis 'Zwanenburg' £2.00 per 3

White, very decorative spider-like petals around a central trumpet. Delicious scent especially in the evening, to 60 cm.

H. 'Sulphur Queen' £1.50 each

Slightly less spider-like, these beautiful, large green-yellow flowers have darker lines along the petals.

PLEIONE

Why not treat yourself and show off by growing your own rockery orchid instead of buying one already in flower. No special compost needed, just enrich the soil with peat, leafmould and sand, plant it in a sheltered semi-shady spot and protect over winter with a cloche or bell jar.

P. formosana £2.00 each

RHODOHYPOXIS

R. mixed colours £3.00 per 5

Very pretty little star-like flowers produced in succession over several weeks, in pinks, reds and white. Good in pots, rockeries or at the front of borders through late May/June, to 10cm.

ROSCOEIA

We first saw this orchid-like flower growing by the thousand in the Dutch bulbfields one summer and more recently at Kew. Despite its exotic appearance, it is not hard to grow and given a winter mulch over easy draining soil, it should do well.

R. alpina £1.50 each

Purple pink hooded flowers in summer.

R. cauleoides £1.50 each

The easiest roscoeia to grow, each of these plants should produce about 5 yellow flowers.

SCHIZOSTYLIS

S. coccinea £1.00 each

This is a lovely red form of the well known autumn flowering Kaffir Lily. Likes well-drained moisture retentive soil in sun or light shade.

'**Claudia**' Red with yellow darts.

'**Halley**' A popular cream, white and red nanus.

'**Nathalie**' Lovely salmon coloured with red flakes.

'**Nymph**' White with red markings.

'**Prince Claus**' The classic ivory white with red lips.

Nanus Collection £18 post free

25 each of 4 varieties (named) - our choice

G. murielae (G. callianthus or Acidanthera)

Scented ivory trumpets with a deep purplish-brown centre, flowering late August/early September. Not winter hardy, plant in pots to move into a dry frost free greenhouse or grow in a cool greenhouse anyway.

G. papilio £2.00 each

A different glad with almost tulip-shaped flowers, attractively marked pale mauve-brown outside with yellow inside the bells.

G. papilio 'Ruby' £2.00 each

A deep red version developed at Hadspen House in Somerset.

GLORIOSA

G. 'Rothschildiana' £2.50 each

A flame-like, exotic looking climber which prefers a hot, humid spot to protect it when growing but can be moved outside to flower in the summer. Water sparingly at first, then more freely as it develops. Give it a frame to climb over and bring in before the first frosts, to store cool and dry over winter. Spectacular!

HYMENOCALLIS

For something slightly different, try these beautifully sweet-smelling, ornate, daffodil-like flowers known as Spider Lilies. Each stem has 4 to 6 successive flowers. Best grown as a pot plant in soil-less compost in a brightly lit spot away from hot summer sun. Minimum temperature 13C - water sparingly till the green shoot appears, then more freely and use some liquid feed. Stop watering when leaves wither and leave dormant over winter. Re-pot in spring every 2 - 3 years.

G. carneus 'Georgina' L £1.50 each, M £1.00 each

Pointed pink petals with red markings on the lower petals.

G. splendens M £1.00 each

Small, unusual, bright red flowers, varies 50 - 100 cm.

G. tristis M £1.00 each

Yellow often with a darker stripe, this is fragrant in the evening. May even be grown outside in the south, to 1m.

G. tristis concolor M £1.00 each

Similar to G.tristis but without the darker stripe.

We have obtained from South Africa a small number each of one, two or three year grown pips of the following rarer species.

G. floribundus ssp fasciatus, **G. leptosiphon,**
G. quadrangularis, **G. undulates** all @ £2.00 each

G. caryophyllaceus, G. fourcadei, G. inflatus, G. involutus,
G. pritzellii, G. trichonemifolius, G. uysiae, G. vandermerwei,
G. venustus, G. virescens all @ £1.50 each

G. hyalinus, G. orchidiflorus @ £1.00 each

HYBRID SPECIES GLADIOLUS

John Pilbeam, Patron of the British Gladiolus Society and the late Professor Barnard have produced many and varied hybrids from species gladiolus. We are very fortunate to be able to offer cormlets of a great number of these. If you are interested, please telephone us for details.

HERMODACTYLUS

The 'Widow Iris' is so named for its green and black petals. It is not fussy, though grows well in chalky soil or a rockery. Give them a mulch in winter just to make sure you don't lose them. It makes a good cut flower, to 30cm.

H. tuberosus £1.80 per 10

IRIS

Though small, the species iris bring welcome colour for early spring in the rockery or pots and are very good value. Try some contrasting colours for your collection.

I. danfordiae £1.00 per 10

A beautiful golden yellow, fragrant miniature.

I. hollandica 'Beauty Super Mix' £1.25 per 10

This is a mixture of the best of the taller, attractive 'Dutch' iris.

I. reticulata 'Katharine Hodgkin' £2.25 per 10

One of the prettiest dwarf iris, pale blue with yellow crests and darker speckled markings, to 10 cm. It bulks up rather than producing bulblets so is best left undisturbed. Always popular.

I. reticulata 'J.S.Dijt' £1.00 per 10

The darkest of our selection, red-purple with orange and white markings.

IRIS COLLECTION Special Price £5.00

15 danfordiae and 10 each of hollandica, Katharine Hodgkin and J.S.Dijt.

LACHENALIA

The Cape Cowslip or Lachenalia from South Africa is an excellent pot plant, though don't bring in from a conservatory or greenhouse until they flower as they dislike central heating. Plant just below the surface, 5 to a 5" pot, in a free-draining compost. Keep fairly dry till flowering, then water and feed regularly till a month after flowering. Keep dry again till re-potting in September, to 30cm.

We have just a few of each of the following varieties. If you are interested, please give us a ring:

L. liliflora, **L. pustulata 'Blue Form'**, **L. quadricolor**, **L. 'Rubida'**, **L. tricolor**.

LEUCOCORYNE

L. hybrids mixture £2.00 per 10

This rarely offered bulb is known as the 'Glory of the Sun' in its native Chile. Our hybrid mixture is best grown in an unheated

COSMOS

Unlike the delicate annual, these are perennial and tuberous. to 60cm. This pink cosmos is excellent for growing in pots.

C. 'Flamingo' £2.25 each

DODECATHEON

The fully hardy 'Shooting Stars' are very well named with their reflexed petals which turn skyward after fertilisation. A delightful pale pink, spring flowering clump-forming plant. To 15cm

D. meadia £1.50 per 3

EUCOMIS

Although the aptly named Pineapple Lily is said to be a half-hardy plant best grown in a cold greenhouse for protection and taken outdoors after the frosts have finished. Ours were left outside by mistake and survived last winter's frost, but don't try that yourself!

E. autumnalis £1.00 each

Flowers of pale yellowish-green under a tufty green 'crown' of leaves. This is slightly smaller than the well known 'Bicolor'.

E. vandermerwei 'Octopussy' £3.00 each

If you like to turn heads, try growing this reddish purple eucomis with its spotted foliage alongside the pale E. autumnalis.

GALTONIA

G. candicans £2.00 per 5

This tall Summer Hyacinth has pendulous white bell flowers, to 60cm. Likes well drained soil in full sun. Cut off dead flower stalks and mulch against frost. It dislikes disturbance.

GLADIOLUS, NANUS etc.

These are smaller, shorter and earlier flowering than the well-known, showy hybrid gladiolus. They can be grown in pots and tubs and make excellent cut flowers from early to mid July.

All priced at £2.00 for 10 or £3.75 for 20

'Alba' A reliable, white flowered variety.

T. 'Quebec' **£2.50 per 10**
Yellow base, scarlet petals with a broad green margin this one is multi-flowered.
TULIP COLLECTION **Special Price £11.00**
10 of each variety listed above.

SECTION 2. SPRING PLANTING

Bulbs in this section will not be available for despatch until mid February. They should add good summer interest to pots and gardens.

BESSERA ELEGANS

These well named 'Coral Drops' have tall slender stalks topped by a loose head of wide bell-shaped bright red flowers in the summer. It is only half-hardy but likes an open position in well-drained soil. To 60cm. **£2.00 per 10**

BLETILLA STRIATA **£1.50 each**

This very attractive little pink/mauve Chinese Ground Orchid could just be grown outside in well-drained, mild areas, mulched in winter but is probably safer started in pots inside. Use orchid compost or a loam/leaf-mould/sand mix. To 30 cm.

CANNA

Once rarely seen outside of formal bedding schemes, cannas are now very popular with ordinary gardeners as focal points in summer beds. Start in peat or similar in March to plant out in early June. over-winter dry and frost-free in sand or peat.

C. 'Picasso' **£2.00 per 3**
An artist's delight of yellow with red spots.

greenhouse in free-draining compost as it is not reliably hardy. The colourful star-like flowers are born on leafless stems and make beautiful, unusual and long-lasting cut flowers in shades of blues and purples, some with dark throats.

LEUCOJUM

L. aestivum 'Gravetye Giant' **£2.00 per 5**
Always in demand, the 'Summer Snowflake' looks like a large, frilly, green-edged snowdrop. Very attractive towards the back of the border or in biggish pots, it likes to be left undisturbed, to 25cm.

MUSCARI

These are not the usual rampant blue varieties of grape hyacinths, the first two look more like fluffy mop heads. Try them for something different next spring.

M. armeniacum 'Fantasy Creation' **£1.50 per 10**

A fluffy greenish-blue version of this widely grown bulb.

M. comosum 'Plumosum' **£2.50 per 10**

Many purple strands make up this exotic looking head of 'hair'. Definitely a different sort of muscari, we were most impressed and will certainly grow it again. It looked good in a vase too.

M. 'Cupido' **£2.00 per 10**

A soft blue muscari which is perfect for cutting.

MUSCARI COLLECTION **Special Price £5.00**

10 of each variety.

NARCISSUS

There are so many different narcissus, it is very hard to give a wide choice with just a few varieties of the smaller types.

N. 'Barrett Browning' **£2.25 per 10**

A slightly taller small-cupped variety. White with an orange cup

N. cyclamineus 'Jetfire' **£1.50 per 10**

Yellow petals offset by a dark orange trumpet, to 25 cm.

N. obvallaris £2.50 per 10
These look to me like 'real' daffodils. They are the "host of golden daffodils" that Wordsworth saw "fluttering and dancing in the breeze".

N. 'Sailboat' £2.50 per 10
White with a creamy cup this variety of narcissus is fragrant.

N. 'Ziva' (Paperwhite) £3.00 per 10
This is a pure white variety of paperwhite for indoor cultivation.

NARCISSUS COLLECTION Special Price £10.00
15 Jetfire, 5 Ziva and 10 each of Barrett Browning, obvallaris and Sailboat.

NECTAROSCORDUM

N. siculum Hybrids £2.50 per 10
This is a very popular flower with its caramel and brown, green-striped flowers followed by the 'pixie hat' shaped seed pods. A tall, colourful relative of the alliums, 90-120 cm.

ORNITHOGALUM

O. dubium Hybrids £1.50 per 5
Not quite as fully hardy as 'Nutans', the orange-yellow flowers make an uncommon and striking cut flower.

O. nutans £1.50 per 10
Unusual, striking, green and white striped flowers, to 20 cm. This is fully hardy.

OXALIS

O. enneaphylla 'Ione Hecker' £3.50 per 10
Unlike the well-known invasive oxalis, this is a well-behaved, restrained variety with a vivid blue rim and purple centre. It would do well in a sunny rockery.

PUSHKINIA

P. scilloides var. libanotica £1.50 per 20
A pale blue little gem with darker blue stripes on the reverse. Perfect for small pots, patio containers or rockeries where they can be seen at their best, to 15 cm.

RANUNCULUS

These are most attractive, colourful and eye-catching. Soak the tubers in cold water for several hours before planting claws-down in pots in autumn or over-winter frost-free in dry peat and plant the same way outdoors in the spring.

R. asiaticus 'Aviv' paeony flowered mixed
Paeony flowered by name and appearance. £1.50 per 10

SCILLA

S. peruviana £2.00 each
Although not cheap, these 30cm 'Cuban Lilies' which flower in May/June with a many-flowered dark blue head are well worth growing. Plant them as soon as they arrive to prevent the bulbs decaying.

SPARAXIS

S. tricolor mixed £1.50 per 20
The Harlequin Flower as it is known can be grown outside if you have a sheltered spot but it is probably safer to mulch or even grow in a cold greenhouse. Lift when they have died back after flowering and store dry till replanting in November.

TULIPA

These attractive species tulips are mainly dwarf and very different from the big, showy hybrids usually seen, suited to pots, the front of sheltered borders or rockeries. They are probably best lifted in the summer and replanted again in the autumn.

T. batalinii 'Bright Gem' £2.00 per 10

A lovely shaped, sulphur yellow flushed orange.

T. batalinii 'Bronze Charm' £2.50 per 10

The petals are yellow with bronze feathered markings.

T. clusiana 'Lady Jane' £2.00 per 10

Delicate and slender, white with red outsides to the petals.

T. humilis 'Persian Pearl' £2.00 per 10

An attractive greenish magenta-rose tulip.

T. 'Little Princess' £1.00 per 10

A delightful little blood-red and spanish-orange variety.