



BIOCENTRIC
PLANTS

SPECIALIST PLANT NURSERY

Plant List April 2022

Perennials

<i>Variety</i>	<i>Description</i>
Artemisia lactiflora	Tall chinese version of our native mugwort. Colour of the foliage and flower being more attractive with dark green leaves and creamy white flower sprays. Part shade and moist soil ideally to 1.5m.
Aster diveriticus	Unusual woodland Aster with shiny black stems and white flowers. Sprawls around in shade weaving through other plants very attractively.
Aster 'Mönch'	Tall clumping Aster with large lavender daisy flowers with yellow centres in late summer. Does not run!
Aster turbinellus	Prairie Aster. Much more open and airy than most Asters with thin wiry stems that don't flop, dotted with small lavender blue daisy flowers. Loves sun and poor soil.
Betonica officianalis	Betony. Native wildflower forming a low growing clump of mid green leaves with short pink flower spikes loved by bees. To 40cm. Sun or part shade.
Bidens 'Cream form'	Loose sprays of creamy white daisy flowers to 1.5m in sun or part shade. Can be aggressive, verging on invasive but it is so beautiful you have to give it a chance.
Bidens 'Supernova'	Loose sprays of shiny yellow flowers to 1.5m. As above - can be aggressive but is so beautiful.
Calamintha nepeta	Sprays of tiny pale blue flowers on a compact mid green foliage. Gorgeous minty fragrance on touching any part of plant. Self seeds. Sun or shade.
Catananche Caerulea	Cupid's dart. Large sprays of pale blue flowers on thin stems with strappy green foliage. Very tough plant for full sun and dry conditions.
Centaurea atropurpurea	Deep red perennial cornflower with attractive grey green foliage. Good for full sun and poor soil. If soil is too rich, it will give more foliage and less flower.

Cephalaria alpina	Tall airy scabious white flowers on long stems like Cephalaria gigantea but not as huge. To 2m. Self seeds.
Ceratostigma willmottianum	Underused shrubby perennial with wiry stems topped with bright blue flowers in summer. If grown in full sun, the leaves have spectacular autumn colour.
Cirsium tuberosum	Tall purple thistle flowers on long stems but without spikes! Native plant loved by insects. Not aggressive. For sun or part shade with not too dry soil.
Coriopsis 'zagreb'	Delicate looking but tough, low spreading perennial to 30cm with yellow daisy flowers in early summer.
Cosmos atrosanguineus	Sunloving low growing perennial often used in pots. The darkest red flowers keep coming all summer. Drought tolerant and perennial if kept dry.
Dierama pulcherimum	South African corm with thick evergreen grassy leaves, long thin whip-like hands are hung with dark pink belled flowers in summer. Full sun and good drainage.
Digitalis lutea	Smallish perennial foxglove, to 50cm, cream flowers. Great for shade. Short lived but self seeds.
Eccremocarpus scaber	Orange flowered form of this delicate climber from Chile. Good for sun and best scrambling through a shrub or another climber.
Eryngium eburneum	Evergreen strappy serrated leaves form a mound from which slender green stems emerge topped with silver grey button flowers. For full sun. Grows in wet ground in its native Argentina but happy in well drained soil here.
Eupatorium 'Riesenschirm'	The best of the structural perennials? Tall dark stems topped with dense cones of pale pink flowers. Always covered in insects. Fades magnificently in Autumn to a dark winter skeleton.
Euphorbia characias wulfenii	Shrubby evergreen spurge with glaucous foliage and upright lime-green yellow flowers in late winter. Great structural plant from the mediterranean for full sun and drainage.
Filipendula rubra venusta	Tall vigorous cousin of the native meadowsweet, fluffy pink umbells in summer on tall stems. Prefers damper soils but fine in normal garden conditions.
Geranium pyrenaicum 'Bill Wallis'	Dainty purple flowered ground scrambler for sun or part shade, works well with grasses and self seeds, which you will want it to.
Geum 'Lemon drops'	Lovely soft yellow nodding form of the native water avens. Spring flowering, prefers moist soil. In part shade or full sun.
Gomphostigma virgatum	Wiry grey drought-tolerant shrub for full sun. Light sprays of pure white flowers in summer. A willowy feeling shrub for dry sunny spots.
Hesperantha coccinea major	Bulbous perennial with open scarlet flowers in autumn. Bulks up quickly. Prefers damp soil, with sun or part shade.

Iris unguicularis	The algerian winter flowering Iris. Evergreen strappy leaves form a clump with pale blue iris flowers emerging in midwinter. Likes a sunny sheltered spot.
Knautia arvensis	Field scabious. Lanky sprawling pollinator magnet, weaves through dense planting or in grass. Pale lavender pincushion with wiry stems.
Knautia macedonica	Macedonian scabious, dark red pincushions loved by pollinators, good supporting player sprawling through other plants.
Kniphofia caulescens	Dense grey green foliage, forming a small trunk over time with dense brick red flower spikes fading to yellow. For full sun and good drainage.
Lamium orvala	Balm leaved deadnettle. Deep green leaves on short stems with pale purple flowers branching from the sides. Great tough plant for shade.
Libertia grandiflora	Very tough long lived grassy leaved evergreen. Great structural plant with sprays of three lobed white flowers in early summer. Very tolerant of sun or shade but prefers dry feet.
Libertia peregrinans	Wandering strappy leaves, greener in summer. Bright orange in winter with short spikes of white flowers best in full sun and well drained soil.
Malva moschata	The musk mallow. Gorgeous native flower for dry soil in sun. Pale pink delicate flowers on wiry stems to 1m.
Muehlenbeckia Complexa	Wiry New Zealand shrub with a climbing habit. Tiny green leaves are so delicate on thin black stems. Great architectural plant.
Nepeta curviflora	Syrian Catmint. A more elegant alternative to the usual nepetas. More upright wiry habit with curved lavender flowers loved by insects. For sun and well-drained soil.
Nepeta govaniiana	Taller than average himalayan catmint. Pale yellow sage-like flowers on wiry stems. Likes good soil in part shade. Very attractive.
Papaver atlanticum	Perennial poppy from the mediterranean. Bright orange flowers in spring to 30cm. Likes sun and well drained soil.
Persicaria amplexicaulis	Tall thin spikes topped with pink or red bottlebrush flowers always covered in insects. Robust and loves to cover a corner where nothing else works. Not too dry.
Phuopsis stylosa	A curious plant, like a cross between lady's bedstraw and red valerian. Delicate pale shoots spread along the ground, topped by bright pink star shaped flower clusters. Loved by moths. Drought tolerant, for sun or shade.
Plantago major 'rubra'	Purple plantain, a good alternative to hostas if you have slug problems. Large deep red leaves, prefers part shade and not too dry. Self seeds.

Ranunculus acris 'Citrina'	Beautiful pale yellow version of the native meadow buttercup, flowering in early spring and summer dormant so good mixed with late summer plants.
Salvia forskaolii	Large leaved clumpy sage for good soil in part shade or sun. Blue and white flower spikes in early summer. Loved by bees.
Salvia guaranitica 'Black Calyx'	Enormous bright blue flowered salvia. Can reach 3m and has been flowering at Christmas before for me. Hardy if kept sheltered and dry but often comes back from roots even if cut back by frosts.
Salvia involucrata 'Bethelii'	Exotic looking herbaceous sage. Gets big, shooting off great arms clustered with furry hot pink flowers. Hardy, likes sun.
Salvia 'Nachtvlinder'	Delicate shrubby salvia with dark purple flowers all summer long. Totally hardy and tough.
Salvia patens 'Guanajuato'	Striking electric blue hooked flowers on thick stems to 1m full sun and poor soil hardy with protection as for dahlias.
Salvia 'Phyllis' Fancy'	Large shrubby sage to 2m. Elegant flowers starting as lavender grey at the calyx to white at the tip. Very striking.
Salvia uliginosa 'Blue Balloon'	Unusual salvia with thin wiry stems topped by clusters of small blue flowers. Runs loosely to form a patch. Happy in wetter soil than most salvias.
Salvia verticillata	Herbaceous salvia with large hairy leaves and pale purple flower spikes to 50cm, great for pollinators. In sun or shade, tolerant of various soils.
Sanguisorba "Tana"	Compact selection of the native Burnett. Fine feathery foliage with small red bobble flowers to 40cm. Good for edges.
Sanguisorba menziesii	Alaskan version of our native Burnett. Stubby dark red flowers hang on wiry stems to 90cm. In early summer, nice feathery foliage as per most Burnetts.
Sanguisorba officinalis	The native Greater Burnett. Dark red bobbles on wiry stems with grey green feathery foliage. To 1m, prefers moist or normal garden soil. In sun or part shade.
Saxifragia Stolonifera	Creeping ground cover plant with round green leaves and short spikes of white flowers to 20cm. Great for shade.
Scabiosa ochroleuca	Wiry scabious covered with creamy white pincushion flowers. Drought tolerant, full sun. Up to 50cm.
Sedum 'Cerro Potosi'	Shrubby tough salvia with hot pink flowers, 1m x 1m for sun or shade but not wet.
Sedum telephium	Tough little plant for full sun and dry conditions. There are many cultivars of this that collapse or get woody centres, but this one is incredibly long-lived and robust. Great for insects and winter structure.

Stachys 'Hummelo'	An Oudolf selection of the native Betony. Clump-forming with grey green leaves and large purple/pink flowers to 40cm.
Succia pratensis	Devils bit scabious, more compact native with lavender pincushion flowers on wiry stems. Compact native, good in grass. To 80cm.
Succisella inflexa 'Frosted Pearls'	Vigorous hardy perennial. Like a bulkier version of our devils-bit scabious. Pale blue pincushions to 60cm in sun or shade.
Teucrium hircanicum	Caucasian wood sage. Mounds of textural leaves with dark pink flower spikes to 40cm. Sun or shade.
Valeriana pyrenaica	A more refined version of the common valerian, with heart-shaped leaves and pale pink heads of flowers on long stems prefers moist soil and self seeds gently.
Verbascum roripifolium	Attractive leaf rosette sprouting tall wiry flower spikes covered with lemon yellow flowers. For sun with good drainage.
Veronica spicata	Spiked speedwell pale blue slender spikes of flowers. Native and works well with grasses. To 1m for sun or part shade in average soil.
viscaria vulgaris	The 'clammy champion'! Low growing clumping perennial to 40cm with pink champion flowers, but without the thuggishness. Likes sun and fairly drought tolerant.

Grasses

Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'	The popular upright selection, to 2m, early green new foliage turns tan in late summer and stands ghostly pale all winter. Full sun in most soils.
Calamagrostis Brachytricia	Fuzzy feathers top a mid height grass to 1mish. Good in groups with a nice pale colour in winter.
Carex flacca	Native sedge, low growing and spreading to form an evergreen groundcover in shade.
Carex grayi	Mid size evergreen sedge with curious spiked seed heads that persist, Likes normal to moist soil in part shade.
Chasmanthium latifolium	Medium height clumping grass with unusual flattened bronze seed heads in autumn. Great with sun backlighting.
Luzula luzuloides	Native woodrush. Larger and denser than L. nivea with taller bronze flowers in spring. Good ground cover for moist shade.
Luzula nivea	The snowy woodrush. A clumping native grass for shady corners. Evergreen foliage with a spray of white flowers in early summer.
Pennisetum macrourum	Stunning long tail-like flowerheads spray out from a deep green clump that spreads slowly. Ages to tan in winter. Perfectly hardy if it has dry feet. Good for pots.
Sporobolus heterolepis	Clump forming American dry prairie grass. Fine airy seed heads form a floating gauze in summer. Full sun and good drainage.

Stipa gigantea Dense evergreen mound of foliage with long wands of golden flowers then seed heads that move in the breeze. Good for full sun and decent drainage.

Trees and Shrubs

Buddleja lindleyana Deciduous shrub to 3m with long deep purple racemes of flowers. More elegant than *B .davidii*. For part shade or sun.

Hebe stenophylla Large evergreen shrub without being dense and heavy. Gorgeous white flowers in summer. 3m x 4m. Can be pruned to any size.

Kolkwitzia amabilis Medium sized shrub to 3m arching stems have soft pink foxglove-like flowers in early summer. Attractive slim foliage and peeling bark when mature.

Lavandula 'Grosso' Classic large mediterranean lavender. In tests preferred by bees over most other lavenders!

Philadelphus microphylla One of the best flower scents around. Small white single flowers on a small deciduous shrub. Full sun ideally.

Rubus phoenicolasius Japanese wineberry. A gorgeous edible shrub for clothing walls, sheds or wires. Tasty berries and striking spiky red stems all winter.