



BIOCENTRIC PLANTS

Specialist plant nursery offering rare
and unusual plants selected for beauty,
reliability and biodiversity

Variety

Ageratina ligustrina

Description

Large semi-evergreen shrub to 3m covered in sprays of tiny white flowers in late summer. Likes full sun and a sheltered spot with good drainage.

Allium tuberosum

Garlic chives. A common perennial edible plant, but also a useful flowering plant with a robust clumping habit and star shaped white flowers in late summer.

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.

Artemisia 'Powys Castle'

Useful silver grey plant which is drought tolerant and great for covering areas in shining feathery foliage. Sub shrub which can be cut back to a low framework in spring.

Aster macrophylla

Low growing Aster with upturned violet daisy flowers in autumn. Forms slowly spreading clumps with large (for an aster) leaves. Good structural seedheads persist. Tough perennial, happy in a variety of situations but prefers good soil in part shade.

Aster divarticus

White wood aster. Unusual woodland aster with shiny black stems and white flowers. Sprawls around in shade weaving through other plants very attractively.

Aster Mönch

Mönch Michelmas Daisy. 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.

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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 shiny yellow. Can be aggressive - but it is so beautiful you have to give it a chance!
Brunnera macrophylla	Siberian bugloss. Tough but delicate perennial for shade or part shade. Large heart shaped deep green leaves with sprays of forget-me-not flowers in the spring. Good drought tolerance and seeds around.
Brunnera macrophylla 'Jardin d'adou'	As for the species above, but with white flowers
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 too rich, it will give more foliage and less flower.
Cephalaria alpina	Tall airy white scabious flowers on long stems like <i>Cephalaria gigantea</i> but not as huge. To 2m. Self seeds.
Ceratostigma willmottianum	Chinese plumbago. 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	Tuberous thistle. 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.
Cosmos atrosanguineus	Chocolate cosmos. Sunloving low growing perennial often used in pots. The darkest red flowers keep coming all summer. Drought tolerant and perennial if kept dry.
Datisca cannabina	Cretan hemp. Tall stiff stems to 2.5m rise from a basal clump. Fine pinate foliage topped by long strings of small green flowers in summer. An elegant and unusual plant for normal to dry soil in full sun.

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Dianthus carthusianorum	Tall wiry stems to 80cm topped with luminous pink flowers in early summer. Drought tolerant and great for gravel gardens or amongst grasses. Seeds around if happy.
Dierama pulcherimum	Angels fishing rods. 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 ferruginea gigantea	Tall foxglove for sun or part-shade. Small rusty orange flowers on tall spikes from a basal rosette. Perennial and seeds about. Good in average or poor soil with drainage.
Digitalis lutea	Straw flowered foxglove. Smallish perennial foxglove, to 50cm, cream flowers. Great for shade. Short lived but self seeds.
Eccremocarpus scaber	Chilean glory vine. Orange flowered form of this delicate climber from Chile. Good for sun and best scrambling through a shrub or another climber.
Erodium pelargonifolium	Looks tender but isn't. Hardy geranium relative with white pelargonium like flowers. Good for poor soil in sun or part shade. Self seeds wildly but easy to control.
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.
Eryngium pandafolium	The Queen of sea hollies from the swamps of South America. Giant structural perennial with spiky strap leaves and large multibranched flowerheads of garnet button flowers, the seed heads persist into winter. Good in normal to dry soil in full sun.
Eupatorium 'Riesenshirm'	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 cerratocarpa	Striking sicilian spurge growing to 1.5m with sprays of yellow/green flowers over most of the summer. In a sheltered spot, forming a large sub-shrub eventually but never anything less than classy. Poor soil in full sun.
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.

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Euphorbia mellifera	Honey spurge. Large evergreen euphorbia for sun or part shade. Has highly scented flowers in spring that smell exactly like honey. Best in a sheltered position in well drained soil.
Fabiana imbricata forma violacea	Unusual Chilean shrub that looks like a tree heather but is in the potato family! Tiny evergreen leaves give way to a coating of small lavender flowers in summer. Good for a sheltered position in full sun and good drainage.
Filipendula rubra venusta	Queen of the prairie. 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'	Hedge Cranesbill. Dainty purple flowered ground scrambler for sun or part shade. Works well with grasses and self seeds, which you will want it to.
Geranium Sanguineum Striatum	Selected form of the native Bloody Cranesbill. Much better behaved but still bombproof plant forming low clumps with soft pink flowers through spring and summer. Great for edging borders or difficult spots in sun or shade.
Geum 'Hilltop Beacon'	Vigorous floriferous geum, similar to the popular 'Totally Tangerine' but better and with a nicer coloured flower. Good early border perennial in sun or part shade. Prefers it not too dry.
Gomphostigma virgatum	Otter bush. Wiry drought tolerant shrub for full sun. Light sprays of pure white flowers in summer. A willowy feeling shrub for dry sunny spots.
Iris confusa 'Martyn Rix'	Unusual iris forming slowly spreading clumps with evergreen foliage at the end of long stems. Delicate blue flowers in April. Surprisingly hardy in a sheltered spot. Part shade with moisture in summer.
Iris lazica	Late winter flowering Iris from the Black Sea area. Glossy evergreen leaves form a clump from which beautiful deep purple/blue flowers rise. Best in dry soil in shade.
Iris sibirica 'Caesars Brother'	Tall siberian iris with the most striking rich purple flowers with upright inner petals in early summer. Easily grown in damp to normal soil in full sun.
Iris unguicularis	Algerian iris. The algerian winter flowering iris. Evergreen strappy leaves form a clump with pale blue iris flowers emerging in midwinter. Likes a sunny sheltered spot.

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Jovellana violacea	Highly unusual small shrub with upright stems clothed with small furry leaves. Flowers are small tubular and reminiscent of a foxglove. Full sun to part shade and best in good soil in a sheltered position.
Klasea bulgarica	Classy thistle relative forming large clumps in normal to dry soil. Tall stems (to 1.8m) rise in summer, topped with pure white thistle-like flowers much loved by bees. A great perennial for full sun or part shade.
Knautia macedonica	Macedonian scabious. Dark red pincushions loved by pollinators, good supporting player sprawling through other plants.
Kniphofia thomsonii 'Stern's Trip'	Red hot poker. Unusual graceful poker with tall delicate flower spikes with tubular orange/red flowers. Runs gently forming colonies. Best in a sheltered bed amongst grasses or low growing companions. Full sun and dry soil.
Lamium orvala	Balm leaved dead nettle. Deep green leaves on short stems with pale purple flowers branching from the sides. Great tough plant for shade.
Lactuca perenis	The mountain lettuce. Incredible blue chicory like flowers on scrambling wiry stems from a basal rosette that you might think was a dandelion. Best in full sun and poor soil that stays dry in winter.
Leonurus cardiaca ex Cally Gardens	Selected form of the near native 'Motherwort'. Whorls of soft pink tubular flowers cover 1m stems in late summer. Good autumn colour and structural seedheads and great for insects. Best in part shade in normal to moist soil.
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.
Luzula nivea	The Snowy Woodrush. Native clump forming grass with low moments of evergreen foliage and bee friendly white flowers on 30cm stems. Small white heavily scented flowers in mid winter, from Christmas to end of February. Good dry soil in shade.
Malva moschata	Musk mallow. Gorgeous native flower for dry soil in sun. Pale pink delicate flowers on wiry stems to 1m.

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Molinia 'Transparent'	Tall airy selection of the native moor grass. Grows pretty much anywhere including much drier soil than you might think, but best to give it a bit of space for full visual effect. Fades to butter yellow in autumn.
Muehlenbeckia complexa	Maidenhair vine. 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	Himalayan catmint. Taller than average catmint. Pale yellow sage-like flowers on wiry stems. Likes good soil in part shade. Very attractive.
Papaver atlanticum	Atlantic poppy. Perennial poppy from the mediterranean. Bright orange flowers in spring to 30cm. Likes sun and well drained soil.
Penstemon digitalis 'Huskers Red'	Dark red leaves and slender stems to 80cm with small tubular white flowers. Seed heads stand well in autumn. Good drought tolerance in sun or part shade. Prefers to be at the front of a border or in an open situation.
Persicaria amplexicaulis	Bistort. 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.
Phlomis russeliana	Turkish sage. Slowly spreading clumps of large felted leaves makes this a great groundcover for sun or part shade. Throws up 1m spikes with whorls of yellow tubular flowers in summer, the seed heads of which are highly ornamental and persist through the winter.
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.

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Prunella grandiflora	Greater selfheal. Like the common native Selfheal, but chunkier in all respects. Larger leaf and flowers which are popular with insects and form a nice skeleton over the winter. Great low maintenance ground cover for shade or part shade.
Ranunculus acris 'Citrina'	Pale meadow buttercup. Beautiful pale yellow version of the native meadow buttercup, flowering in early spring and summer dormant so good mixed with late summer plants.
Rubus phoenicon	Japanese wineberry. A gorgeous edible shrub for clothing walls, sheds or wires. Tasty berries and striking spiky red stems all winter.
Rudbeckia Fulgida var. deamii	Deam's coneflower. Classic bombproof yellow daisy that works pretty much anywhere. Slowly spreading clumps work well in a mixed garden or among grasses. Seedheads fade to almost black in winter and last for ages.
Rudbeckia maxima	Tall prairie perennial with large glaucous leaves at the base. 1.8m stems topped with the classic yellow daisies of the genus.
Salvia forskaolii	Balkan wood sage. 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 involacrata '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 uglinosia	Unusual salvia with thin wiry stems tipped by clusters of small blue flowers. Runs loosely to form a patch. Happy in wetter soil than most salvias.

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Sanguisorba officinalis 'Red Thunder'	A selection of 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.
Sanguisorba 'Tana'	Compact selection of the native burnett. Fine feathery foliage with small red bobble flowers to 40cm. Good for edges.
Saxifraga stolonifera	Mother of thousands. Small rosettes of attractive fleshy mottled leaves topped by cornflower spikes with curious white flowers. Spreads by stolons like strawberries, especially if happy in a moist, shady position.
Scabiosa ochroleuca	Wiry scabious covered with creamy white pincushion flowers. Drought tolerant, full sun, to 50cm.
Sedum 'Cerro Potosi'	Shrubby tough salvia with hot pink flowers, 1m x 1m for sun or shade but not wet.
Sedum telephium	Ice plant. 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.
Solidago 'Fireworks'	Selected form of golder rod with explosive sprays of yellow flower on wiry stems in late summer. Loved by insects. Tough plant forming clumps in various soils in sun or part shade.
Stachys 'Hummelo'	Betony 'Hummelo'. An Oudolf selection of native Betony. Clump-forming with grey green leaves and large purple/pink flowers to 40cm.
Stipa ichu	More elegant, more robust cousin to the common Mexican Feather Grass. Tall, light-catching plumes from an evergreen basal clump. Best in full sun in well drained soil.
Strobilanthes nutans	Unusual spreading perennial for a sheltered shady spot. Scrambles through other plants and roots at the nodes in contact with the soil. Has pairs of tubular white flowers that hang downwards.
Succia pratensis	Devils bit scabious. More compact native with lavender pincushion flowers on wiry stems. Compact native, good in grass. To 80cm

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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.
Symphytum 'Moorland Heather'	Tame clump-forming version of the native comfrey with gorgeous deep purple flowers in spring and broad spear shaped foliage. Much visited by bees and as tough as a perennial can be. Any soil in part shade.
Symphytum tuberosum	Valuable ground covering dwarf native comfrey. Soft pale yellow flowers in spring much loved by bees. Forms spreading colonies in shade or part shade. Can go dormant in the summer if in dry soil.
Thalictrum flavum subsp. glaucum	Yellow meadow rue. Unusual form of meadow rue. Best in poor, dry soil in full sun but fine anywhere. Pretty glaucous foliage with tall 1.5m stems topped by soft yellow fluffy flowers. Self-seeds copiously.
Valeriana pyrenaica	Valerian. 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 phoeniceum 'Album'	Large leaved clump-forming perennial with spires of white flowers in summer. Good for dry soil in full sun. Can be relatively short lived but seeds itself around.
Veronica spicata	Spiked speedwell. Native perennial forming clumps in normal to dry soil in full sun. 80cm stems with pure blue flower spikes in late summer. Much loved by insects.
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.