

Special Plants Seeds

New for 2021

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Abbreviations

HA - hardy annual (flowers, sets seed and dies in one year) TA - tender annual (protect from frost)

HP - hardy herbaceous perennial (lives for years) TP - tender perennial (lives for years if no frost)

BHP - borderline hardy perennial (may survive winter outdoors in sheltered position or mild winter)

SLP - short-lived hardy perennial (flowers outdoors for more than one year, usually 2, 3 or 4 years)

HB - hardy biennial (takes 2 years to flower, then sets seed and dies) BH - borderline hardy

M - monocarpic (takes 3 or more years to flower, then sets seed and dies), may be hardy or tender

Shr - shrub Tr - tree Bu - bulb Cl - climber

AGM - Award of Garden Merit, given by the RHS to plants of outstanding merit

- needs cold to germinate, usually best sown fresh in autumn

x - a cross between two species ex - from a named hybrid, won't come true, but may be interesting



Acis autumnalis
Little white dangling bells from very thin brown stems in autumn. Slender dark leaves. Bulbs. Like sun and drainage 6" H Bu



Aconitum hemsleyanum
Clusters of deep blue-purple flowers in late summer. A twining climber with maple-like leaves. Poisonous 10ft # HCl



Amaranthus hypochondriacus 'Green Thumb'
Upright spikes of apple green flowers. Good cut flower. Worth growing for its name! 16" HA



Amelanchier canadensis
Small tree. Bronze young growth. White flowers May. Edible black berries loved by birds. Autumn colour. Sun/ light shade 20ft H Tr



Anisodontea julii
Big pink hibiscus flowers. Fast-growing, hardier with age. Velvety evergreen leaves. Needs sun & good drainage 4-5ft BH Shr



Bauhinia purpurea
Large, exotic, orchid-like purple flowers. Fast-growing small evergreen tree. Prune to restrict size. Likes sun 20ft T Tr



Beschorneria yuccoides
Fat pink 4ft stems with dangling pink and green flowers above 3ft of blue-grey yucca-like leaves. Sun & drainage (10 seeds) HP



Centaurea americana 'Aloha Blanca'
Creamy white finely fringed flowers up to 6" across. Attractive buds. Grey-green leaves 4-5ft HA



Centaurea americana 'Aloha Rosa'
Pale lavender-pink fringed flowers up to 6" across. Attractive buds. Grey-green leaves 4-5ft HA



Chorizema diversifolium
Hot pink & orange flowers all winter. Evergreen arching, twining shrub. Likes sun or light shade, keep frost-free 3ft TP



Cimicifuga racemosa 'Dark Leaf'
Purple foliage with white or pale pink wands of fragrant flowers. Good soil, not too dry, sun 5ft HP



Cistus ladanifer ssp. ladanifer
Aromatic sticky evergreen leaves. Big pure white flowers with deep purple blotch. Wild collected 4ft H Shr



Hardenbergia violacea
Wisteria-like racemes of small blue-purple pea flowers in late winter and spring. Evergreen climber. Likes sun 6ft T Cl



Hedysarum boreale
Clusters of pink or purple flowers, attractive leaves. Drooping chains of seedpods. Sun & drainage 6" - 18" HP



Helenium 'Helena Gold'
Golden yellow flowers on strong branching plants. Very floriferous, likes sun 40" HP



Ipomopsis rubra
Brilliant red flowers on sturdy branching plants in needle-fine foliage. Very showy. Loved by hummingbirds HB 3-5ft



Cistus populifolius
Aromatic ripple-edged evergreen leaves. Clusters of pure white flowers from red-flushed buds. Wild collected 3-4ft H Shr



Clitoria ternatea
Vivid deep blue flower with white or pale yellow throat. Tender climber, can be grown as an annual. 8ft T Cl



Consolida ajacis 'Blue Cloud'
Airy spikes of deep blue flowers above feathery foliage 30" HA



Consolida ajacis Mix
Airy spikes of deep blue, pale blue, pink or white flowers above feathery foliage 30" HA



Lagurus ovatus
Soft white fluffy seedheads invite stroking. Good cut flower and dried flower. Good seedheads. Likes sun & drainage 12" HA



Lathyrus odoratus 'Dorothy Eckford'
Very fragrant hardy annual climber with large white flowers 6ft HA Cl



Lathyrus odoratus 'Nimbus'
Fragrant hardy annual climber. Elegant grey flowers slightly suffused with and edged with deep purple 6ft HA Cl



Leonotis leonurus
Bright orange tubular flowers in tight whorls up the stem. Fragrant green leaves. Sun & drainage 3ft - 6ft T SLP



Corydalis sempervirens
Pink and yellow flowers. Sun or shade. Self sows Hardy biennial or short-lived perennial 12" HB



Crateagus laciniata
Small grey green cut leaves. White flowers. Large coral-red haws. Small tree, attractive flaking bark 15ft H Tr



Datura wrightii
Huge fragrant up-facing white trumpets often flushed purple at the edge. Hallucinogenic but poisonous 3-4ft TA



Digitalis lanata
Fat golden brown flowers with large white lip. Stems, leaves, bracts and outside of flower slightly hairy 24" SLP



Lespedeza bicolor
Sprays of rosy pea flowers in Aug & Sept. Deciduous shrub, Sun & drainage. Prune hard in spring 5ft (10ft if not pruned) H Shr



Limonium latifolium
Sea Lavender. Cloud of lavender blue flowers above broad basal leaves. Smells of the sea. Sun & drainage 18" HP



Mimosa pudica 'Pink Sparkles'
Amazing leaves fold up when touched. Fluffy pink seedheads. Prostrate prickly stems 12" T SLP



Morea polystachya
Large blue-purple iris-like flowers. Usually blooms for several weeks late autumn. Best if dry after flowering Sun & drainage 24" BHP



Digitalis obscura
Tall spires of densely packed honey-coloured flowers with brown veins and hairy lower lip. Self sows 20" SLP



Disporum ex 'Night Heron'
Elegant arching stems and leaves purple when young, creamy bells. Black berries. Evergreen, likes shade 36" HP



Eschscholzia californica 'Peach Sorbet'
Pale peach double flowers. Fine grey-green leaves. Self sows. Sun & drainage 10" HA / SLP



Geranium robertianum 'Celtic White'
Dwarf white-flowered Herb Robert. Self sows a little in sun or shade, even dry shade 15" SLP



Nigella bucharica 'Blue Stars'
Blue stars on airy plant. Un-Nigella-like flowers. Spicy seeds can be eaten. Likes sun 18" HA



Opopanax chironium
Big bold umbel. Myriad small yellow flowers on branching stems. Likes sun and drainage 6ft # HP



Parahebe perfoliata
Arching stems of leathery blue-grey evergreen leaves tipped with blue flowers in summer. Sun & good drainage 18" x 30" HP



Penstemon barbatus 'Pina Colada Violet'
Densely branching heads of deep purple flowers all summer. Compact plants. Sun & drainage 12" HP



Phillyrea angustifolia
Evergreen shrub. Fragrant flowers. Blue-black berries. Can clip as topiary / hedge. Sun. Slow-growing, but 10ft if not clipped H Tr



Primula veris 'Sunset Shades'
Coloured cowslips - pale yellow, dark red or orange. Self sows in sun or light shade if not too dry 8" HP



Psylliostachys suworowii
Long thin branching stems completely coated in tiny bright pink flowers. Annual, good for cutting and for drying. Likes sun 18" HA



Ruscus aculeatus
Big bright red shiny berries From January to October! Shiny evergreen leaves. Prickly slow-growing shrub for dry shade 36" H Shr



Salvia africana-lutea
Whorls of large yellow flowers age to rusty-brown and last for months. Narrow grey fragrant leaves. Sun & drainage 30" TP



Spartium junceum
Bright yellow honey-scented flowers on thin upright almost leafless stems. Fast-growing shrub 6-10ft H Shr



Tropaeolum peregrinum
Masses of lemon yellow fringed flowers all summer. Pale blue-green leaves. Easy and vigorous 6ft TP



Ugni molinae
Edible red berries. Small evergreen shrub with shiny fragrant leaves. Can clip. Hardy with some shelter. Sun / part shade 36" H Shr



Verbascum lychnitis
Creamy white flowers on upright spikes. Grey-green leaves & stems. British native. Sun & drainage, self sows 3-4ft HB



Veronica longifolia
Deep purple-blue flowers in narrow spires, like a small Veronicastrum. Likes good soil and sun 30" HP



Yucca rostrata
Big sphere of narrow blue grey evergreen leaves on a stout trunk. Eventually a fountain of white flowers. 3ft leaves, 5-8ft flowers HP



Zantedeschia jucunda
Big bright yellow trumpets above white-spotted green leaves. Hardy if not too wet in winter 18" BHP

Our 50 Most Popular Seeds in 2020:

Dahlia merckii
Tagetes 'Cinnabar' Dexter
Verbena officinalis 'Bampton'
Aquilegia 'Tequila Sunrise'
Cosmos 'Apricot Lemonade'
Lunaria annua 'Corfu Blue'
Cosmos 'Cupcakes Blush'
Geum triflorum
Lunaria 'Alba Variegata'
Muhlenbergia capillaris
Veronicastrum virgin. 'Album'
Papaver 'Laurens Grape'
Ammi majus

Tulipa sprengeri
Echium 'Red Feathers'
Panicum 'Frosted Explosion'
Tithonia 'Red Torch'
Achillea millefolium 'Cassis'
Digitalis ferruginea
Salvia recognita
Cosmos 'Rubenza'
Ophiopogon plan. Nigrescens
Verbascum roripifolium
Dahlia coccinea
Orlaya grandiflora
Echinacea 'Magnus Superior'

Cosmos 'Cupcakes White'
Rudbeckia 'Prairie Glow'
Helenium 'Helena Red'
Sanguisorba officinalis
Nicotiana mutabilis
Zinnia 'Queen Red Lime'
Lathyrus odoratus 'Matucana'
Agastache 'Apricot Sprite'
Digitalis parviflora
Dahlia australis
Cosmos 'Dbl Click Cranberry'
Persicaria orientalis
Erigeron karvinskianus

Thalictrum delavayi 'Album'
Antirrhinum 'Black Prince'
Thalictrum delavayi
Viola corsica
Lunaria 'Variegata' purple
Cephalaria transylvanica
Clematis integ 'Blue Ribbons'
Amsonia hubrichtii
Meconopsis 'Frances Perry'
Dianthus carthusianorum
Matthiola perennis 'Alba'
Trollius 'New Moon'
Stipa ichu