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Please note that this reflects the plants we have now or hope to have in 2024. Many available in small quantities, and most are supplied in 9 cm pots, some in 7 cm pots especially early in the year. Most priced at around £6.50

CONSERVATORY & TENDER PLANTS

Abutilon 'Leila Jackson'

A beautiful cultivar with generous quantities of large yellow flowers over a very long period from summer to autumn. For warm sunny borders, in pots, or greenhouse in cold gardens.

Abutilon 'Nabob'

An evergreen shrub with beautiful deep red flowers ver a long period. A sheltered spot outdoors, or a frost free structure were it will flower pretty much all year round. The true form.

90 cms (3 feet)

Hardy (sheltered)

Abutilon 'Pink Charm'

A medium sized megapotanicum hybrid with beautiful pink flowers produced all summer. May need tying into a support, so the branches are raised up so the flowers can be enjoyed. OK in a sheltered sunny position, otherwise grow in a pot.

2 metres (6 feet)

1 - 5 °C

Abutilon 'Victorian Lady'

A fairly hardy cultivar with beautiful double pink flouncy flowers over a long period. The only double flowered Abutilon. Vigourous upright growth at first, with pruning it will bush out. Cool conservatory or sheltered spot outdoors.

2 metres (6 feet)

Hardy (sheltered)

Abutilon hybridum maximum

Seed raised variety with learge, mostly red, flowers

2 metres (6 feet)

Hardy (sheltered)

Acmena smithii

Lilly Pilly

Evergreen shrub with glossy green foliage which is purple when young. White flowers in spring-early summer. Purple berries appear on established plants. Trim back to keep in shape.

4 metres (12 feet) plus.

1 - 5 °C

Acmena smithii - variegated

Name uncertain. A low spreading evergreen shrub with gently variegated leaves, green & yellow, with red tinges on new growth. For a sheltered frost-free garden, or a cool conservatory. Mature plants should produce white flowers followed by pink berries.

1 - 5 °C

Adiantum caudatum

Tailed Maidenhair

An unusual Maidenhair Fern, with long trailing leaves which root and produce more plants where they touch the ground. Ideal for a hanging basket in a shady spot indoors.

20 cms (7").

Adiantum hispidulum 'Bronze Venus'

Rosy Maidenhair Fern

A pretty fern for a cool shady spot in humus-rich soil. The pedate fronds (arranged like bird's feet) are held on rough upright stipes, or stems. Evergreen in warm gardens.

50 cms (1½ feet).

Adiantum raddianum 'Fragrans'

A very dainty fern for a cool shady spot indoors, and a humid atmosphere. Avoid over watering - adding a bit of fine bark to the compost will help to prevent water logging. Trim off old fronds in spring, before new ones appear.

30 cms (1 foot) 1 - 5 °C

Alyogyne huegelii 'Santa Cruz'

A good cultivar with larger pale lilac, Hibiscus-like flowers. A long-flowering shrub from Western Australia, frost tender, but may survive outdoors in mild gardens. Prune back in spring. Makes a large spreading shrub in full sun.

2.2 metres (8 feet)

Anredera cordifolia

Madeira Vine

A twining climber growing from underground tubers, producing masses of fresh green foliage and clusters of small white scented flowers in summer. Minimum 0° C, so may survive outdoors if mulched well in winter.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Antigonon leptopus

A vigorous frost tender tendril climber from Mexico with racemes of coral pink flowers from midsummer. Best confined to a pot. Well drained soil in sun to part shade. Dies down to tubers in winter.

4 metres (12 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Argyranthem 'Cornish Gold'

Marguerite

Tender perennial with masses of single yellow daisies over compact, bushy foliage throughout summer. Ideal for a container. Good for Bees and Butterflies. Deadhead and feed regularly to prolong flowering. Can be overwintered in a frost free greenhouse.

60 cms (2 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Argyranthemum 'Jamaica Primrose'

Marguerite

A tender perennial forming mounds of grey-green leaves topped with bright yellow daisies from spring to autumn. Good in pots or bedded out for the summer in a sunny spot. Take cuttings as insurance against winter losses.

1 metre (3 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Arundo donax 'Golden Chain'

Canne de Provence Panachee

Tall-growing reed with strikingly green and yellow leaves. Needs moist soil. Can be bedded out in summer, but needs frost protection in winter. Or use as a tall foliage feature in a conservatory.

2.5 metres (8 feet).

Asclepias 'Silky Red'

Mexican Butterfly Weed

Probably a variety of *A. curassavica*. Olive green leaves contrast nicely with deep red flowers which are attractive to butterflies. Can be bedded out for the summer in a warm spot. Keep frost free over winter. Trim back in spring. Sap may be irritant.

60 cms (2 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Asclepias curassavica

Blood Flower

Tender, evergreen sub shrub with bright red & orange flowers, summer-autumn. Attracts bees & butterflies. Grow in a loam based compost & feed in summer. Sap may be an irritant.

1 metre (3 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Asclepias curassavica 'Silky Gold'

Milkweed

Upright tender perennial with masses of bright yellow flowers over a long period in summer. Attracts bees and butterflies. Caution sap may be irritant.

90 cms (3 feet) 5 - 10 °C

Asparagus asparagoides

Smilax

Tender climber with large leaves (actually modified bits of stem called cladophylls). White flowers in summer. Good foliage background. Dies down at low temperatures. Protect from hot sun.

3 metres (10 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Asparagus densiflorus 'Myersii'

Foxtail Fern

Ornamental asparagus noted for its neat bushy upright growth habit, hence its common name of Foxtail Fern. Makes a great houseplant. Grow in a loam based compost with added grit for drainage. Feed with a balanced fertiliser monthly in summer.

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Asparagus densiflorus Sprengeri Group

Emerald Fern

A dainty trailing foliage plant with fine foliage giving a nice softening effect. Needs a position with indirect sunlight, keep away from hot sun. Don't overwater, keep the compost just damp.

45 cms (1½ feet). 1 - 5 °C

Asparagus falcatus

Sickle Thorn

Very vigorous climber with very spiny stems clothed with large flat leaves. Small white flowers in summer. Grow in a loam based compost combined with some horticultural grit or sand for drainage. Needs plenty of sun.

3 metres (10 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Asparagus myriocladus

Ming Fern

(Ming Fern.) South African scrambling climber with thorny stems & whorls of very fine needle-like leaves. Small white flowers may appear, but this is mainly a foliage plant much sought after by florists. Well-lit frost free spot, John Innes compost.

90 cms (3 feet).

Asparagus setaceus

Lace Fern, Climbing Asparagus, Ferny Asparagus

Semi-climbing plant with delicate, fern-like foliage, ideal for flower arranging. Small white flowers in summer followed by purple-black berries. Well drained soil/loam based compost with added grit. Good for coastal/southern gardens protected from frost.

3 metres (10 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Asparagus virgatus

Katbosdorong, Tree Fern

Tender foliage plant, ideal for using in flower arranging, with an open, airy habit. Grow in a loam based compost with extra grit or sand in good light. Trim back after flowering or in spring to rejuvenate.

90 cms (3 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Aspidistra elatior

Cast Iron Plant

Foliage house-plant with handsome deep green leaves. Avoid direct sun and low humidity. Can be stood in a cool spot away from hot sun outside in summer. Will benefit from some rain water. Hardy in mild gardens.

90 cms (3 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Aspidistra elatior 'Hoshizora'

Cast Iron Plant

'Starry Sky'. A vigorous variety growing to 4 feet, with deep green leaves randomly dotted with small spots.

60 cms (2 feet) Hardy (sheltered)

Asplenium bulbiferum

Hen and Chicken Fern, Mother Spleenwort

A lovely tender fern which produces baby ferns atop mature fronds, which can be detached from the parent plant and laid on a tray of compost to allow the babies to root.

30 cms (1 foot). 5 - 10 °C

Barleria obtusa

Bush Violet

A spreading plant for a conservatory, frost free coastal garden or a tropical bedding scheme with blue flowers throughout the year but mainly in the autumn. From South Africa where it grows along forest margins.

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Bartlettina sordida

Dirty Thoroughwort

Large purple leaves covered with red hairs & Ageratum-like clusters of slightly scented purple flowers late summer. Loam based compost in good light. Prune (hard if needed) in spring. Minimum minus 5°C.

2.2 metres (8 feet) 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Begonia cane variety

Cane Begonia

A pretty variety of cane begonia, name unknown, with small spotted leaves and clusters of small salmon pink flowers. Protect from hot sun. Min. temp. plus 5 ° C.

90 cms (3 feet).

Begonia 'Erythrophylla'

Beefsteak Begonia

Large fleshy leaves with a red underside earn this plant its common name. Small, light pink flowers appear in late winter-spring. Protect from strong sunlight.

20 cms (7"). 5 - 10 °C

Begonia 'Richmondensis'

Bushy plant with glossy leaves and pink flowers all summer. Tidy habit. Grow in loam based compost and protect from hot sun. Should keep more leaves at higher temperatures

50 cms (1½ feet).

Begonia 'Snow Cap'

Cane Begonia with glossy green leaves generously sprinkled with white spots. A very attractive cultivar. Grow in loam based compost and protect from hot sun.

60 cms (2 feet).

Begonia 'Thurstonii'

Evergreen, shrubby Begonia with striking shiny leaves, red underneath. Good shade tolerant house plant. Strong sunlight will cause the foliage to fade in colour. Pink flowers in summer.

2 metres (6 feet).

Begonia 'Tiger Paws'

Tiger Paw Begonia

This attractive little plant has bright light green leaves decorated with bronze-red areas around the veins which remain green. The spotty leaf stalks arise from a spreading rhizome. Makes a neat houseplant for a shady spot.

20 cms (7"). 5 - 10 °C

Begonia aconitifolia

Cane begonia with dark green leaves splashed with silver. Pale pink flowers appear in autumn. Feed & water well in summer & keep out of direct sun. Reduce watering in winter. Min. 10°C.

1 metre (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Begonia albopicta 'Rosea'

A pretty cane begonia, growing to about a metre, with medium-sized, long spotty leaves, and bunches of pink flowers. Shade from hot sun.

5 - 10 °C

Begonia argenteoguttata

Vigorous plant with spotty leaves & cream or pale pink flowers from spring-autumn. Protect from frost & dry sunny conditions. Ideal houseplant or for a cool conservatory. Min. 10.°C.

75 cms (2½ feet). 5 - 10 °C

Begonia corallina 'Lucerna'

Vigorous cane begonia with large spotted leaves and clusters of pink flowers. Likes cool shady conservatory, or north facing room indoors. Min. 10° C.

2.5 metres (8 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Begonia maculata 'Wightii'

Bushy, compact plant with masses of rounded glossy green leaves and clusters of red or pink flowers throughout summer. Protect from hot sun. Min 10°C. Ht 30cm

30 cms (1 foot).

Begonia masoniana

Iron Cross Begonia

A spreading rhizomatous species with distinctive black marks on its leaves. Likes humidity provided by surrounding plants but not soggy compost. Part shade.

30 cms (1 foot) 10 - 15 °C

Begonia metallica

Metal Leaf, Metallic Begonia

Shrubby Begonia with dark green leaves with a metallic sheen and dark red veins. Red-pink flowers appear in autumn. Protect from strong sunlight. Min 10°C.

90 cms (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Begonia ricinifolia

Caster Bean Begonia

A vigorous species with huge leaves on hairy fleshy stems arising from a rhizome. Shady spot indoors. John Innes No.3 with added peat-based compost.

1 - 5 °C

Begonia scented - white

A vigorous corm-forming variety making a large trailing plant with masses of scented double white flowers all summer. Dry off in autumn and keep the corm in slightly moist peat in a frost free location over winter.

60 cms (2 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Begonia shepherdii

A unusual cane Begonia with swollen knobby stems, small palmate spotted leaves and small white flowers. Keep above plus 10 deg. C in bright light indoors, avoid over watering in winter.

45 cms (1½ feet) 10 - 15 °C

Begonia sizemoreae (longiciliata)

A species from Vietnam with potentially very large puckered, hairy leaves marked with light and dark green. Like other Begonias this loves humid air, which can be provided by surrounding plants, or a bathroom. Don't allow the compost to become soggy

10 - 15 °C

Begonia sutherlandii

Dainty trailing begonia with arching fleshy stems and small orange flowers in summer. Good hanging basket plant for shade/semi-shade. Grow in loam based compost. Min 10°C. Spreads to 45cm

10 cms (4").

Bignonia capreolata

Cross Vine, Trumpet Vine

An evergreen tendril climber from moist woodlands in N. America, with orange/yellow flowers in early summer. Needs soil rich in humus and shade from hot sun. Hardy in mild gardens.

3 metres (10 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Billbergia nutans

Queen Anne's Tears

Pineapple relative with exotic, red and blue pendant flowers mid-summer. Grow in slightly acidic, sharply drained compost or Bromeliad compost if you can find it. Min 2°C

50 cms (1½ feet). 1 - 5 °C

Billbergia nutans var. shimperiana

Pineapple relative with narrow buff leaves & exotic, red & blue pendant flowers mid-summer. Grow in slightly acidic, sharply drained compost or Bromeliad/Orchid compost if you can find it. Minimum 0°C.

50 cms (1½ feet). 1 - 5 °C

Billbergia nutans 'Variegata'

Queen's Tears

Pineapple relative with pink & green leaves & exotic red/blue pendant flowers mid-summer. Grow in slightly acidic, sharply drained compost or Bromeliad compost if you can find it. Min 2°C.

50 cms (1½ feet). 1 - 5 °C

Billbergia windii

A hybrid between nutans and decora, with the hardiness of the former and the larger and longer flowers of the latter. Because the flowers hang down it makes a good plant for a shallow hanging pot or basket.

45 cms (1½ feet) 1 - 5 °C

Brachychiton (species unknown)

Kurrajong, Bottle Tree

These make attractive specimen plants, especially if displayed against a plain background. Their swollen trunks store water so they will tolerate infrequent watering.

Brachychiton acerifolius

Kurrajong, Bottle Tree

A flowering tree in its native South Africa; here it makes an attractive pot plant with a gnarled stem and glossy palmate (hand-shaped) leaves. Possibly orange flowers on large plants.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 5 - 10 °C

Brachychiton discolor

Lace Bark, Kurrajong, Bottle Tree

A tall tree in its native Queensland. Good specimen plant with palmate leaves for a conservatory. Will possibly produce red trumpet shaped flowers summer-autumn on large plants. Minimum 0°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 5 - 10 °C

Brachychiton rupestris

A tree in its native habitat, but in a pot makes an attractive specimen with a swollen trunk and slender palmate leaves. Can be cut back if needed. Loam based compost. Best kept above 4°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus.

Brillantaisia kirungae

Giant Salvia

Tender perennial, related to the Acanthus with large salvia-like purple flowers in summer. Grow in loam based compost in good light. We are not yet sure how hardy this is so best kept a few degrees above freezing to be safe.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 5 - 10 °C

Brugmansia 'Equador Pink'

Angel's Trumpet

A cultivar with night-scented single pink flowers.

5 - 10 °C

Brugmansia 'Variegated Pink'

A cultivar with attractively variegated leaves & scented single pink flowers. Loam based compost with grit in a large container. Feed & water well in summer, but keep on the dry side during winter. Hard prune in spring if needed.

2.5 metres (8 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Campanula isophylla 'Alba'

Italian Bellflower

A tender perennial with pure white flowers in summer. Grow in a greenhouse or similar all year, or pop into a hanging basket for the summer.

15 cms (6") 1 - 5 °C

Campanula isophylla 'Variegata'

Italian Bellflower

A tender perennial with variegated leaves & pale blue flowers in summer. Grow in a greenhouse or similar all year, or pop into a hanging basket for the summer. May be less floriferous than the plain green leaved plant, but the foliage makes up for this.

15 cms (6")

Canna altensteinii

Indian Shot

A very tall species with huge leaves, giving height and a tropical feel in the summer garden. Spikes of burnt orange flowers add to the display.

2.2 metres (8 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Canna brasiliensis

A lovely species providing small vivid red and orange flowers over a long period. A fairly hardy species, reported as surviving hard frosts so long as these don't penetrate the ground - a thick mulch should prevent this.

90 cms (3 feet).

Canna indica

Indian Shot

Species from which many large flowered varieties have arisen. Small but eye-catching red and yellow flowers appear over a long period. Bed out for the summer or grow in pots and move in when leaves get frosted in autumn. Keep frost free over winter.

2 metres (6 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Canna jaegeriana

2 metres (6 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Canna musifolia 'Grande'

Indian Shot

A large Canna grown mainly for its huge 3 foot long banana-like leaves. Small red flowers may be produced. Bed out for the summer or grow in pots and lift/ move in when leaves get frosted in autumn. Keep frost free over winter.

3 metres (10 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Canna patens

Indian Shot

(Canna indica var. patens.) DNA suggests this is a separate species. A beautiful species of modest size, Fresh green leaves and small red & yellow flowers from summer to autumn. Best lifted and kept frost free in winter, or mulch well.

1.5 metres (5 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Canna warszewiczii

A species Canna with dark green-purple leaves and densely packed spikes of vivid scarlet flowers on dark stems over a long period in summer. Lift and over winter frost free. May need a bit of bottom heat to get going in spring.

2 metres (6 feet).

Cantua buxifolia 'Alba'

Sacred Flower of the Incas

Tender shrub from South America with beautiful pendent, white and yellow flowers in summer. Prune lightly after flowering and feed during growing season. Needs a large pot to flower well.

1 metre (3 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Carissa macrocarpa

Natal Plum, Amatungulu

A spiny, evergreen shrub from South Africa with sweetly-scented white flowers in summer followed by plum-like fruits in autumn. Needs a sunny sheltered spot and some winter protection. SAP AND UNRIPENED FRUITS ARE TOXIC

2 metres (6 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Cestrum cultum 'Cretan Purple'

Evergreen shrub with nice tubular, evening-scented purple flowers in summer. Grow in a loam based compost with added grit indoors, or in a sheltered, well drained spot outdoors. Protect from very hot sun in summer.

2 metres (6 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Cestrum nocturnum

Night Jessamine

Tender evergreen shrub with trusses of pale yellow night-scented flowers in late summer/autumn. Needs warm conditions to flower well. Will need protection from sun in a hot Conservatory.

1 metre (3 feet). 10 - 15 °C

Cestrum nocturnum x diurnum

Golden Night Jessamine

A tender shrub with clusters of evening-scented, tubular yellow flowers opening from lilac buds. Summer flowering. It is very similar to the hardy *C. parquii* but need frost protection in winter.

2 metres (6 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Chlidanthus fragrans

Perfumed Fairy Lily

Tender bulbous plant with very scented, yellow trumpet flowers from June-July. Good pot plant. Keep on the dry side until it breaks into growth the following year. Min 5°C.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Chlorophytum 'Bonnie'

Spider Plant

A distinctive Spider Plant with a mass of curly variegated leaves, and long trails of baby plants. Ideal for a shelf or hanging container indoors in a well-lit spot. Water freely in summer, less in winter. Minimum plus 5 deg. C.

30 cms (1 foot) 1 - 5 °C

Chlorophytum comosum

Spider Plant

This vigorous plain green species of Spider Plant, makes a lovely basket plant in a shady spot. Produces masses of baby plantlets on the end of long trailing stems creating a cascading effect. Minimum 0 - 3° C.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Chlorophytum -comosum 'Variegatum'

Spider Plant

The classic spider plant with long green leaves with white margins. A vigorous grower, producing arching green stems with clusters of baby plants at their ends. Keep away from strong direct sunlight. Water and feed moderately.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Chlorophytum comosum variety

Spider Plant

This Spider plant has curiously twisted plain green leaves with a paler green central stripe.

5 - 10 °C

Chlorophytum comosum 'Vittatum'

Spider Plant

Spider Plant with green leaves with a white-cream central stripe, giving it an overall lighter appearance than 'Variegatum'. A good house plant tolerating dry or humid atmospheres. Produces runners which can be left to give the plant a trailing effect.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Cissus antarctica

Kangaroo Vine

Tender climber with cymes of small green flowers from spring-summer followed by black berries. Grow in loam based compost in good light, protected from hot sun. Trim to shape in spring. Keep frost free.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Cissus nodosa

A vigorous tropical climber from Singapore, noted for its curtains of pink tendrils which hang down from the branches. Very tender, needing a glasshouse or conservatory with year round warmth and humidity.

Cissus rhombifolia

Grape Ivy

(Syn. Rhoicissus rhomboidea) An evergreen vine climbing by tendrils to make a large plant with a lush habit of growth. Preferring sun to part shade, it will tolerate low light levels to. It can also be allowed to trail over e.g. a balcony to great effect.

3 metres (10 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Cissus rhombifolia 'Ellen Danica'

Grape Ivy

An evergreen vine from Central & Southern America, climbing by tendrils to make a large plant with a lush habit of growth. The leaves are finely cut, giving a daintier effect than the species. Prefers sun to part shade but will tolerate low light levels.

3 metres (10 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Cissus rotundifolia

Rarely offered evergreen climber, which doubles as a trailing plant. Large glossy round leaves on fleshy stems provide year round interest. This likes a stable warm temperature in a well lit but not too sunny spot indoors, ideally a kitchen or bathroom.

2.2 metres (8 feet). 10 - 15 °C

Cissus striata

Ivy of Uruguay

Tender climber with palmate leaves & red stems. Small green flowers in summer, followed by black berries. Grow in loam based compost in good light, protected from hot sun. Trim in spring. Min 0°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Cleome boliviensis

Trying these from seed this year,

Clerodendrum myricoides 'Ugandense'

Blue Glory Bower, Butterfly Bush

Tender evergreen climber for a conservatory with lovely pale & dark blue flowers, summer-autumn. Grow in loam based compost. If too hot in summer, stand outside. Trim after flowering.

4 metres (12 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Clivia robusta

Swamp Clivia

A vigorous species from South Africa where it grows in damp woodland. Heads of pendulous tubular flowers, each orange with green tips appear probably in autumn/winter. Grow in a pot, keep frost free and in part shade.

Clytostoma callistegioides

Argentinian Trumpet Vine

Tender evergreen climber with lovely purple flowers with lilac veins in summer. Feed monthly in summer & grow in loam based compost in a large tub. Prune side shoots to 2-3 buds in spring. Min. 2°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Cobaea scandens

Cup and Saucer Plant

A good quick growing climber with large purple-blue cup-shaped flowers from mid to late summer. Looks stunning grown up an obelisk or trellis. Water frequently in summer. Usually grown as an annual but is in fact a tender perennial.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 5 - 10 °C

Cobaea scandens 'Alba'

Cup and Saucer Vine

A good quick growing climber with large white cup-shaped flowers from mid to late summer. Looks stunning grown up an obelisk or trellis. Water frequently in summer. Usually grown as an annual but is in fact a tender perennial.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 5 - 10 °C

Coprosma repens 'Marble Queen'

Evergreen slow-growing shrub with lovely cream marbling on the leaves and orange berries on mature plants from late summer-autumn. Grow in moist, well drained neutral to acidic soil in sun part shade. Ideal for a pot. Protect from frost. Minimum 0 - 3° C.

1 metre (3 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Cuphea caeciliae

Cigar Plant

A bushy tender shrubby perennial ideal for bedding out with other tropical plants. Covered from summer to autumn with masses of orange tubular flowers.

60 cms (2 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Cuphea cyanea 'Harlequin'

Pink Mouse

A small half-hardy shrub, hardy in mild gardens, for a sunny spot, with sticky leaves and clusters of tubular flowers. These are pink, with yellow tips. Mexico and Guatemala.

50 cms (1½ feet) Hardy (sheltered)

Cuphea hyssopifolia

Hawaiian Heather

Small, tender, evergreen shrub with masses of small mauve flowers over small green leaves in summer. Ideal for patio containers in summer. Grow in sun /part shade in a loam based compost with added grit.

5 - 10 °C

Cuphea ignea

Cigar Plant

Small tender shrub with vivid red tubular flowers over a long period in summer. Ideal for bedding out with other exotic plants, or in containers. Over winter frost free.

1 - 5 °C

Curcuma longa

Turmeric

Only known as a cultivated plant, makes an interesting foliage plant for a warm greenhouse.

90 cms (3 feet) Above 15 °C

Cyanotis somaliensis

Furry Kittens, Pussy Ears

A neat, creeping little plant, with small slightly hairy leaves, and small blue flowers in winter - spring. Needs shade and humidity. An ideal plant for a shady windowsill, or as ground cover in a greenhouse.

15 cms (6"). 5 - 10 °C

Cycas revoluta

An ancient plant, around in the dinosaur era. Makes an eye-catching specimen plant for a tub indoors. Slow growing to 10 feet, but less in a container. Well-drained compost and don't over water in winter.

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Cyperus 'Zumula'

Dwarf Pot Sedge, Cat Grass

A miniature sedge, with bright green leaves topped by the typical umbrella arrangement of flowers. A nice little plant for a cool windowsill, and also appreciated by your moggy in its quest to remove furballs. Keep moist.

30 cms (1 foot). 5 - 10 °C

Cyperus albostriatus

Dwarf Umbrella Plant

A low-growing relative of the Papyrus, this makes good groundcover for the edges of a pond in mild gardens, if allowed the space to spread. Otherwise makes a nice container plant for a shady spot indoors or out, best grown in an inch or so of water.

45 cms (1½ feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Cyperus papyrus

Papyrus

True Papyrus native to Egypt. Tall specimen plant for warm conservatory. Stand in shallow water in summer. Remove drooping stems. Heads can be cut off in spring & put in water to propagate. Min 10°C.

2 metres (6 feet). 10 - 15 °C

Dahlia campanulata - seed raised

Weeping Tree Dahlia

Weeping Tree Dahlia. A giant Dahlia, growing to 6 to 8 feet tall, producing huge nodding white flushed pink flowers late in the year. Needs a very warm sheltered spot, or to be grown in a frost free polytunnel. Seed raised so may be variable.

2.2 metres (8 feet)

Dahlia imperialis seed ex white

Tree Dahlia

Plants raised (will vary, expect any colour/size/height!) from seed of the white form, which has single white flowers in summer.) In cold areas lift tubers in autumn & store frost free over winter or mulch thickly for protection. Up to 12 feet.

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Dais cotinifolia

Basboom

Lovely shrub with umbels of scented pink flowers in summer. Hardy in very mild, sheltered gardens down to minus 5°C. Grow in well drained soil & full sun. Prune in spring, hard back if needed.

4 metres (12 feet) plus.

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Dichondra micrantha

Kidney Grass

Tender member of the bindweed family with small kidney shaped leaves. Forms dense mats of foliage, looks good growing in a butler sink or something similar. Possibly invasive in warm gardens. Small white flowers in summer. Min 2°C.

10 cms (4").

5 - 10 °C

Dichondra micrantha 'Silver Falls'

A trailing plant producing long stems of small silver heart-shaped leaves. Good for a hanging basket in summer. Grow with other vigorous plants to stop it from taking over. Can be cut back and over wintered frost free or grown in a conservatory.

3 metres (10 feet).

5 - 10 °C

Dicliptera sericea

Hummingbird Bush

Tender, low spreading shrub with grey leaves and spikes of upward facing, bright red, tubular flowers in summer which attract hummingbirds in it's native Uruguay. Loam based compost with added grit. Trim after flowering. Protect from hot sun. Min 0°C.

60 cms (2 feet).

1 - 5 °C

Digitalis (Isoplexis) canariensis

Canary Island foxglove

A shrubby foxglove from the Canary islands with spikes of unusual burnt orange flowers in summer. An interesting specimen for the summer patio. Frost tender so move to a conservatory for winter. Prune back to a neat framework in spring to keep bushy.

1 metre (3 feet).

1 - 5 °C

Dombeya burgessiae

Pink Wild Pear, Wedding Flower

calantha

3 metres (10 feet).

1 - 5 °C

Dombeya rotundifolia

South African Wild Pear

A tree from South Africa with showy, fragrant white or pink flowers in Spring. Flowers resemble that of the pear tree but it is not related to the true pear. Tolerates light frost so best suited to a sheltered garden.

4 metres (12 feet).

Drimiopsis maculata

Little White Soldiers, African False Hosta

A curious little bulbous plant with fleshy, spotted, hosta-like leaves and spikles of small white flowers in April-May. Grow in humus-rich soil in a cool shady spot. Should be able to tolerate light frosts for short periods. Winter dormant.

30 cms (1 foot).

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Duranta 'Geisha Girl'

Golden Dew Drop, Sky Flower

Rarely offered cultivar with sprays of deep blue flowers, each petal edged with white, over a long period. Sprays of small orange berries are an added attraction. CAUTION UNRIPE FRUITS ARE TOXIC

2 metres (6 feet).

5 - 10 °C

Duranta erecta 'Alba'/'Lorentzii'

Golden Dew Drop

Bushy shrub with arching sprays of pretty fragrant white flowers in summer, followed by yellow-orange fruit. Feed every 2 weeks in summer. Prune to shape in spring. Loam based compost. CAUTION UNRIPE FRUITS ARE TOXIC

2 metres (6 feet).

5 - 10 °C

Echium candicans

Pride of Madeira

A large half-hardy shrub with 30cm long spikes of electric blue flowers in early summer. Should survive outside in mild areas in well drained soil. Cover with fleece if frost is forecast. Prune to shape after flowering.

2.5 metres (8 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Elettaria cardamomum

Cardamom

This is the plant which the true Cardamom pods come from. The leaves are very aromatic too and exude the fragrance of cardamom when bruised. It makes an attractive houseplant in its own right. Grow in high humidity

50 cms (1½ feet). 10 - 15 °C

Entelea arborescens

Whau

This makes a worthwhile foliage subject for a large conservatory, potentially reaching 6 metres. Can be cut back in spring to promote bigger leaves. Worth trying outdoors in a mild garden. Min. minus 3° C.

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Erythrina crista-galli

A small tree in its native South America, here it makes a shrub to around ten feet with prickly stems from which hang racemes of red flowers in summer. Needs a sheltered spot away from hard frosts.

3 metres (10 feet)

Euryops chrysanthemoides

Tender shrubby perennial with shiny green leaves and clusters of large, long-stalked bright yellow daisies summer-autumn. Flowers into winter under glass. Can be cut back hard in spring to keep bushy.

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Euryops pectinatus

half-hardy shrubby perennial with grey/green leaves and clusters of large, bright yellow daisies summer-autumn (into winter under glass) Can be cut back hard in spring to keep bushy.

1 metre (3 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Ficus pumila

Creeping Fig

A slightly tender self-clinging climbing evergreen. Can be encouraged to spread and trail if preferred, or trained over a wire support. For a warm shady spot in good soil, or grow indoors.

2 metres (6 feet).

Ficus pumila 'Variegata'

Variegated Creeping Fig

A creeping foliage plant with green and white leaves, which will climb if given support, making useful ground cover in a location not subject to severe frost. Shoots root readily.

15 cms (6"). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Gelsemium sempervirens

Carolina Jasmine

Borderline hardy, twining climber with scented, yellow flowers, Spring-Summer. Worth trying in a warm, sheltered position, otherwise grow in a conservatory.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Geranium maderense

Stunning Geranium from Madeira with a huge dome of mid pink flowers and dark pink eye, early-mid summer. Can be short lived so save some seed each year just in case. Needs to be kept in a conservatory over winter.

1.2 metres (4 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Geranium maderense 'Guernsey White'

Giant Herb Robert

The white form of this Geranium from Madeira with a huge dome of white flowers early-mid summer. A specimen for an exotic garden. Needs winter protection

1 metre (3 feet) Hardy (sheltered)

Gloxinia nematanthodes 'Evita'

A member of the Gesneriad family, forming spreading mounds of fresh green leaves which set off the beautiful vivid orange-red tubular flowers. May be hardy in a sheltered garden in very well drained soil and a thick. Can be grown as a houseplant

30 cms (1 foot) 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Grevillea robusta

Silk Oak

In it's native Australia, this makes a large tree - here it is used more as a fast-growing foliage plant. With deeply cut ferny leaves, it makes an ideal accent plant in bedding schemes.

90 cms (3 feet). Hardy (sheltered)

Habranthus robustus

Rain Lily

Robust bulbous plant with beautiful funnel-shaped pink flowers in summer. Borderline hardy, so may survive outdoors, but is better plunged in a border for flowering, then lifted & brought indoors for winter. John Innes with added peat & grit.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Haemanthus albiflos

Royal Paint Brush, April Fool

An evergreen bulb from South Africa. Flowers in late autumn consist of numerous small flowers with long white filaments topped with orange anthers. Happy in part-shade in a frost-free spot. Plant so the top half of the bulb is exposed.

30 cms (1 foot). 5 - 10 °C

Hardenbergia violacea

Native Sarsaparilla, Coral Pea

Climber with dainty purple pea-like flowers from late winter-early summer. Hardy in frost free areas otherwise grow in a heated conservatory. Grow in loam based compost with added sand for drainage. Trim lightly after flowering.

2 metres (6 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Hedychium spicatum

Spiked Ginger Lily

A robust species, emerging late spring then growing vigourously, producing white scented spidery flowers in late summer and autumn. Good soil, sun to part-shade. Mulch in winter.

1.2 metres (4 feet) Hardy (sheltered)

Hibiscus acetosella

Tender perennial, best treated as an annual, with striking, deep red, palmate leaves & yellow or red funnel-shaped flowers late summer autumn. Likes full sun & loam compost. Min 10°C.

1.5 metres (5 feet).

Homalocladium platycladum

Tapeworm Plant

A strange shrub from tropical regions with curious flattened and jointed stems which give rise to the common names Tapeworm or Centipede plant or ribbon bush. Grow as a house or conservatory plant in bright light but shade from hot sun.

1.5 metres (5 feet) 5 - 10 °C

Hoya carnosa

Succulent climber with clusters of night-scented, waxy, pink flowers with a red eye from late spring-autumn. Grow in a free draining compost with added leaf mould or bark and sharp sand. Trim to shape after flowering. Minimum plus 10 deg. C.

3 metres (10 feet).

Hoya carnosa 'Krimson Queen'

A nicely variegated form of this popular climber, with pendant umbels of night-scented flowers. Grow in a free draining compost with added leaf mould or bark and sharp sand. Trim to shape after flowering.

Hoya carnosa 'Variegata'

Wax Plant

Variegated form of this succulent climber with clusters of night-scented, waxy, pink flowers with a red eye from late spring-autumn. Grow in a free draining compost with added leaf mould or bark and sharp sand. Trim to shape after flowering.

4 metres (12 feet) plus.

Hoya lanceolata ssp. bella

Compact, semi trailing plant with clusters of sweetly-scented pink/white flowers in summer. Grow in small pots in a free-draining compost with added leaf mould/fine bark/sand. Likes humidity. Min. 10°C.

45 cms (1½ feet). 10 - 15 °C

Hypoestes aristata

Ribbon Bush

Tender, evergreen, woody perennial with spikes of purple flowers, summer-winter. Grow in a loam based compost in good light, away from hot sun. Feed bi-weekly in summer. Min. 5°C.

1.2 metres (4 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Impatiens auricoma x bicaudata

A rarely offered ender hybrid with bright orange flowers dangling on long stalks under the leaves.

50 cms (1½ feet) Above 15 °C

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60 cms (2 feet). 10 - 15 °C

Impatiens niamniamensis

Parrot Plant

Flamboyant red and yellow claw-like flowers in summer. Prune back in spring and feed well during summer. Does well in a planter on its own. Prefers part shade. Min. 10°C.

90 cms (3 feet). 10 - 15 °C

Impatiens niamniamensis 'Golden Cockatoo'

Parrot Plant

Variegated cultivar with flamboyant red and yellow claw-like flowers in summer. Prune in spring & feed during summer. Good specimen for the patio/conservatory. Part shade. Min 10°C.

90 cms (3 feet). 10 - 15 °C

Impatiens sodenii

Shrub Balsam

Tender perennial with large pink 'Bizzy Lizzy' flowers mostly in summer but almost all year round if above 5 °C. Shade from hot sun. Prune in spring. Min. 3°C.

1.5 metres (5 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Impatiens sodenii ssp. sodenii v. ugandense

Shrub Balsam

Strong-growing plant with succulent red stems, fresh green leaves and white 'Busy Lizzie' flowers mostly in summer but almost all year round if above 5 °C. Shade from hot sun, prune in spring. Minimum 7- 10° C.

1 metre (3 feet). 10 - 15 °C

Impatiens walleriana

Busy Lizzie

The original old fashioned houseplant, a tender perennial with fleshy stems, making an upright or sprawling plant. Large bright pink flowers over a long period. Can be bedded out in the summer, indoors it makes a nice house plant.

45 cms (1½ feet) 10 - 15 °C

Ipomoea batatas 'Andean Snow'

Mini Angel's Trumpet

A tall shrub related to the Brugmansias, with masses of small white bell-shaped flowers on arching stems from summer to autumn. Can be cut back hard in spring. Hardy in sheltered gardens.

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Ipomoea cyanea

A tall arching shrub with masses of deep purple tubular flowers on and off through the summer. Needs support so can be trained up a wall or pillar. Hardy in sheltered warm gardens.

2 metres (6 feet).

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Ipomoea fuchsoides

Red Ipomoea

A tender shrub flowering through out the summer with clusters of red tubular flowers. In its native Peru it is pollinated by hummingbirds. Keep frost free over winter and pop outdoors for the summer.

2.2 metres (8 feet)

Ipomoea alba

Moonflower

(Syn. Calonyction aculeatum.) A climbing plant with beautiful large white flowers which are very sweetly scented at night. Related to the bindweed, equally vigorous, but not at all hardy so unlikely to become a problem.

4 metres (12 feet) plus.

10 - 15 °C

Ipomoea batatas 'Sweet Caroline Purple'

Trailing foliage plants for containers or hanging baskets with striking black leaves. Keep in good light for best colour. Trim back anytime if it gets leggy. Put outside only when weather and soil has warmed up.

20 cms (7").

10 - 15 °C

Ipomoea indica

Perennial Morning Glory

Vigorous clone of this climber with stunning blue Convolvulus-like flowers 8cm across & lovely, soft heart shaped leaves all summer. Could be bedded out in early summer but flowers best under glass. Min 10°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus.

5 - 10 °C

Ipomoea indica 'Betty Mars'

Morning Glory

At first glance this could be mistaken for a Clematis with its pointed petals streaked with mauve pink & green towards the tips. Warm spot outdoors for the summer, or heated structure for best flowering. Possibly a hybrid between I. indica & I. nil.

3 metres (10 feet)

10 - 15 °C

Ipomoea indica 'Tokiko Kato'

Morning Glory

A form with large pale blue flowers with a white throat,

3 metres (10 feet)

10 - 15 °C

Ipomoea lindheimeri

Morning Glory

A species with large pale blue flowers. Reputedly hardy in sheltered gardens,

3 metres (10 feet)

5 - 10 °C

Iresine herbstii

Beefsteak Plant

Jolly little foliage plant with beetroot coloured leaves, with broad shocking pink veins. Great for outdoor bedding, or as a pot plant indoors. Pinch back to keep bushy. Tender, keep above 7° C in winter.

60 cms (2 feet).

10 - 15 °C

Iresine herbstii 'Aureoreticulata'

Beefsteak Plant

Jolly little foliage plant with green leaves with broad yellow veins. Great for outdoor bedding, or as a pot plant indoors. Pinch back to keep bushy. Tender, keep above 7° C in winter.

60 cms (2 feet).

10 - 15 °C

Jasminum angulare

Jasmine

Tender evergreen climber with very sweetly scented white flowers from summer- autumn. Grow in a loam based compost in good light but protected from hot sun. Can be trimmed back in spring. Min. 0°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Jasminum azoricum

Jasmine

Tender, evergreen Jasmine with sweetly scented white flowers March-Dec. Needs support. Grow in a loam based compost in good light but protected from hot sun.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Jasminum grandiflorum 'De Grasse'

Jasmine

Large white sweetly-scented flowers from summer- autumn or even into early winter if mild enough. Needs tying to a support and protection from hot sun. Grow in a loam based compost. Min temp 0°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Jasminum mesnyi

A tall, lax evergreen shrub for a frost free location, in full sun or part shade. Best trained against a wall or trellis. Double bright yellow flowers appear in early summer, In cold areas grow in a frost free conservatory or greenhouse.

3 metres (10 feet).

Jasminum multipartitum

Jasmine

Shrubby Jasmine rather than a climber. Scented white flowers from spring-summer. Grow in a loam based compost with protection from hot sun. Min. temp. 0°C.

3 metres (10 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Jasminum odoratissimum

Fragrant Jasmine, Yellow Jasmine

Tender evergreen scrambling climber with small, sweetly scented yellow flowers during summer. Grow in a loam based compost with protection from hot sun. Min temp 0°C.

3 metres (10 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Jasminum polyanthum

Winter Jasmine

Climber with heavily scented white flowers in late winter-early spring. Can be trimmed back after flowering. Min temp 3° C.

3 metres (10 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Jasminum sambac 'Maid of Orleans'

Arabian Jasmine

Tender Jasmine which makes a superb climber for the conservatory with large rounded leaves on stiff, arching stems and sweetly scented single white flowers all summer. Place in bright light but shade from hot sun. Minimum 3 - 7° C.

2 metres (6 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Justicia carnea - purple leaved

Brazilian Plume Flower

Tender shrub of open habit with dark green leaves with a purple reverse and spectacular, large plumes of bright pink tubular flowers from mid summer-autumn. Cut back in spring to promote bushy growth. Grow in loam based compost with added grit. Min. 2° C.

2 metres (6 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Justicia 'Penrhosiensis'

Tender evergreen shrub with vivid orange-red tubular flowers for a long period in winter. Grow in loam based compost with added grit and protect from hot sun in summer. Minimum temperature 5° C. for winter flowering.

90 cms (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Justicia aurea

Brazilian Plume, Yellow Jacobinia

Upright tender perennial with large heads of drooping, tubular yellow flowers. Similar to J. carnea. Grow in loam based compost with added grit in good light. Cut back in spring to promote bushy growth. Min 2 °C.

1.2 metres (4 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Justicia brandegeana

Shrimp Plant

Tender evergreen shrub with small tubular white flowers surrounded by salmon coloured bracts which last long after flowers have faded. Likes a well-lit position but away from scorching sun. Pinch out regularly to keep bushy. Min 5°C.

1 metre (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Justicia brandegeana 'Variegata'

A pretty variegated form of the Shrimp Plant, with green and white mottled leaves, and small white flowers with distinctive salmon bracts. Minimum 5 deg. C.

45 cms (1½ feet). 5 - 10 °C

Justicia brandegeana 'Yellow Queen'

Yellow Shrimp Plant

Like the normal species, but more stiffly upright, and with yellowish green flowers (actually bracts - the true flowers are white) over a long period. Makes a good windowsill houseplant when shaded from hot sun. Pinch out regularly to keep bushy. Min 5°C

30 cms (1 foot). 5 - 10 °C

Justicia carnea

Brazilian Plume Flower

Tender shrub of open habit with green leaves and spectacular, large plumes of bright pink tubular flowers from mid summer-autumn. Possibly more compact than the purple-leaved form. Cut back in spring to promote bushy growth.

1 metre (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Justicia spicigera

Mexican Honeysuckle, Orange Plume Flower

Tender shrub with masses of small tubular orange-red flowers for most of the year but produces the most as day length increases. Grow in loam based compost with added grit. Protect from very hot sun Pinch out regularly to keep bushy. Min. temp. 5° C.

1 metre (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Lagerstroemia indica

Crape Myrtle

Tender shrub with masses of pink or purple flowers summer-autumn. Deciduous at low temps. Restrictive pruning can be done in spring or after flowering if under glass.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Lantana camara

Bonbongnin

Tender evergreen shrub with clusters of yellow, turning orange to red flowers from late spring to winter. Attracts butterflies & Hummingbird Hawk Moths. Ideal for a Butterfly house. Trim in spring to keep bushy. TOXIC IF INGESTED.

45 cms (1½ feet).

Lantana camara - cream-pink flowered

Bonbongnin

Tender shrub with clusters of cream flowers turning pink with age with a spicy scent from late spring-winter. Attracts butterflies & Hummingbird Hawk Moths. Good as a summer container specimen. Trim in spring to keep bushy. Min. 6°C. TOXIC IF INGESTED

60 cms (2 feet).

Lantana camara - white flowered

Bonbongnin

Tender Shrub with clusters of white flowers with a spicy scent from late spring-winter. Attracts butterflies & Hummingbird Hawk Moths. Good as a summer container specimen. Trim in spring to keep bushy. Min. 6°C. TOXIC IF INGESTED

45 cms (1½ feet).

Lantana camara - yellow flowered

Bonbongnin

Tender evergreen shrub with clusters of yellow flowers, fading through cream to white from late spring to winter. Attracts butterflies & Hummingbird Hawk Moths. Ideal for a Butterfly house. Trim in spring to keep bushy. TOXIC IF INGESTED

45 cms (1½ feet). 1 - 5 °C

Lantana camara MIXED

Spanish Flag

Tender evergreen shrub with clusters of multi-coloured yellow, orange, red, pink or white flowers in summer. Attracts Bees & Hummingbird Hawk Moths. Ideal for a Butterfly House. Grow in a John Innes No. 3 compost with added grit. POISONOUS IF INGESTED.

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Lantana montevidensis

Weeping Verbena, Dwarf Carnival Verbena

Vigorous spreading, tender shrub with clusters of lilac-pink, violet, sometimes white flowers in summer. Min. 4°C. Good in baskets or for flopping over the edges of other containers. TOXIC IF INGESTED

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Ledebouria socialis

Silver Squill

Small bulbous plant with mottled leaves, purple on the reverse, & tiny green & white, bell shaped flowers in summer. Grow in full sun in loam based compost with plenty of added grit. Good pot plant.

10 cms (4"). 1 - 5 °C

Lemon Verbena (Aloysia triphylla)

Lemon Verbena

Half-hardy shrub with leaves which are sweetly lemon-scented when crushed & can be used for making tea, and cooking. Keep trimmed to encourage more foliage. May be late to break into growth in spring. Only hardy outside in mild parts of the UK.

2.2 metres (8 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Leonotis leonurus

Wild Dagga

Perennial from S. Africa with vivid orange hairy flowers in whorls in late summer. Possibly OK outside in mild areas with well-drained soil in a warm spot with a thick mulch in winter.

2 metres (6 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Leonotis leonurus v albiflora

Wild dagga

Perennial from S. Africa with white hairy flowers in whorls in late summer. Possibly OK outside in mild areas with well-drained soil in a warm spot with a thick mulch in winter.

2 metres (6 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Lobelia tupa

Large perennial with greyish felty leaves and spikes of tubular brick red flowers on red stems from mid-late summer. Hardy in a sheltered site, in moisture retentive soil and a winter mulch.

2.2 metres (8 feet) Hardy (sheltered)

Lophospermum 'Wine Red'

Creeping Gloxinia

Tender climber often grown as an annual with lovely deep, wine-red trumpet-shaped flowers in summer. Can be grown in hanging basket or trained up a short Obelisk. Grow in sun/ part shade in a loam-based compost with added grit for drainage.

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Lophospermum 'White'

A frost-tender climber sometimes grown as an annual with lovely, white, trumpet shaped flowers in summer. It can be grown in hanging basket, or it looks equally good trained up a short obelisk. Grow in sun to part shade.

Lotus berthelotii

Parrot's Beak Coral Gem

Tender perennial with long trails of fine leaves and striking claw-like, fiery red flowers from May-Sept. Ideal for hanging baskets. Young plants may not flower until 2nd year but still make interesting foliage in baskets in the 1st year. Keep frost free.

20 cms (7"). 5 - 10 °C

Lycianthes (Solanum) rantonnetii

Blue Potato Bush

Vigorous, semi-evergreen shrub with masses of mauve-purple flowers to 2.5cm (1in) across in summer. Best trained against a wall/trellis. May survive outside in very mild areas, otherwise keep frost free. Loam compost/ well drained soil & full sun.

2.5 metres (8 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Lycianthes (Solanum) rantonnetii 'Album'

The rare white form of *S. rantonnetii*. Makes an arching shrub, needing support against a wall, for a cool conservatory or sheltered city garden. Long flowering. Can be pruned hard in spring.

3 metres (10 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Lycianthes (Solanum) rantonnetii 'Variegatum'

Blue Potato Bush

Vigorous, variegated, semi-evergreen shrub with masses of mauve-purple flowers to 1in across in summer. Best trained against a wall/trellis. May survive outside in very mild areas, otherwise keep frost free. Loam compost/ well drained soil & full sun.

3 metres (10 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Macfadyena unguis-cati

Cat's Claw Vine

Cat's Claw Vine. A vigorous conservatory climber with beautiful yellow trumpet-shaped flowers in spring and summer. Grow in loam based compost in full light & trim to shape after flowering. Good for a large wall or trellis.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Mackaya bella

Forest Bell Bush

A semi-evergreen shrub with masses of large very pale mauve flared bell-shaped flowers with darker mauve veining from spring-autumn. Grow in a large pot in loam based compost in full light and prune lightly after flowering. Min. 2°C.

1.2 metres (4 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Maurandya barclayana

A dainty tender climber with a twining habit and a plentiful supply of purple snapdragon like flowers all summer. Will also trail, so ideal for baskets in sun to part shade. Hardy in a sheltered spot.

2 metres (6 feet) 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Maurandya erubescens 'Magic Dragon'

A hybrid with masses of vivid red flowers for a long time over summer and autumn. Climbs or trails. Dies down to large tubers in the autumn, these can be kept frost free in pots, or they may survive outdoors with a mulch in a sheltered spot.

3 metres (10 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Metrosideros robusta aureovariegata

Northern Rata

Tender evergreen shrub/tree from New Zealand with yellow/green variegated leaves bright red long-stamened flowers in summer, similar to the bottlebrush. Use John Innes No. 2 compost. Min. temp. 0°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Microsorium musifolium 'Crocodyllus'

An unusual epiphytic (lives on trees) fern from the tropics, needing warm humid conditions e.g. a bathroom/kitchen. Well-drained peat/peat-free compost in a shallow, not too large, pot. Minimum temperature plus 5 degrees C.

5 - 10 °C

Mimulus aurantiacus

Bush Monkey Flower

Half-hardy shrub sporting masses of beautiful large orange flowers all summer. For sun & well drained soil & is ideal in a container. May need some support - looks great trained up a short trellis. The leaves & stems are sticky.

1 metre (3 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Mimulus aurantiacus 'Eleanor'

Half-hardy shrub sporting masses of beautiful creamy-yellow flowers all summer. For sun & well drained soil & is ideal in a container. May need some support - looks great trained up a short trellis. The leaves & stems are sticky.

Mirabilis dichotoma

Sweet 4 O'clock

Tender tuberous perennial with yellow flowers which are scented at night in summer. Grow well drained soil in full sun. Lift tubers and store frost free in winter. Can be treated much like a Dahlia.

60 cms (2 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Mirabilis longiflora

Longtube Four O'Clock

Probably hardy tuberous perennial from southern United States, with white night-scented flowers in summer - these have very long (6") tubes, in their native habitat pollinated by moths. May seed around in warm gardens. Well-drained soil & sun.

1.5 metres (5 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Montanoa hibiscifolia

Anzac Flower, Tree Daisy

A tender perennial in the daisy family, with large lobed leaves and cluster of small white flowers. Mexico and Central America.

3 metres (10 feet) 5 - 10 °C

Muehlenbeckia astonii

Wiggy-Wig Bush, Zig-Zag Bush

A shrub from New Zealand with distinctive wiry zig-zag stems and small semi-evergreen leaves. Hardy to minus 5 in wel-drained soil. Can be trimmed into curious shapes if desired

Nelumbo nucifera

Lotus

The fabulous Lotus flower makes a striking plant if given space and warmth. Growing in shallow water, the huge round leaves & hopefully flowers rise up out of the water. Native to Asia and Australia. Best indoors in large tub above 10°C for flowers to form

1.2 metres (4 feet) 10 - 15 °C

Nerium oleander

Oleander

Variable species producing scented flowers usually in shades of pink but sometimes red or white. Grow in a large pot in a conservatory/very sheltered spot outdoors. Prune in spring. CAUTION- POISONOUS SAP

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Nerium oleander - Pink

Evergreen shrub with large scented pink flowers throughout summer. Grow in a large pot in a conservatory, or very sheltered spot outdoors. Prune in spring. Ht 2.5m CAUTION- POISONOUS SAP.

4 metres (12 feet) plus.

Nerium oleander - White

Oleander

Evergreen shrub with large scented white flowers throughout summer. Grow in a large pot in a conservatory, or very sheltered spot outdoors. Prune in spring. CAUTION- POISONOUS SAP

4 metres (12 feet) plus.

Nerium oleander 'Angiolo Pucci'

Oleander

Lightly scented single pale creamy yellow flowers in summer on a compact plant, suitable for smaller gardens. Grow in a large pot in a conservatory, or sheltered spot outdoors. Prune in spring. CAUTION - POISONOUS SAP. DON'T BURN PRUNINGS

2 metres (6 feet)

Nerium oleander 'Madame Allen'

Oleander

Vigorous and hardy cultivar with scented, double pink flowers in summer. Grow in a large pot in a conservatory, or very sheltered spot outdoors. Prune in spring. CAUTION - POISONOUS SAP. WASH HANDS. DON'T BURN PRUNINGS.

1.5 metres (5 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Nerium oleander 'Professeur Granel'

Oleander

A variety with large carmine-rose double or semi-double flowers. Large pot in John Innes compost, or sheltered post outdoors in well-drained soil Full sun. Prune in spring - don't burn prunings as they give off toxic smoke.

2.5 metres (8 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Nerium oleander 'Rosario'

Double salmon flowers. Grow in a large pot in a conservatory, or very sheltered spot outdoors. Prune in spring. CAUTION- POISONOUS SAP. WASH HANDS. DON'T BURN PRUNINGS.

1.5 metres (5 feet).

Nerium oleander 'Single Pink'

single pink from Rosemary, similar to pink as Mme Allen

Nerium oleander 'Splendens Giganteum'

Oleander

A vigorous cultivar with scented double pink flowers. Grow in a large pot in a conservatory, or very sheltered spot outdoors. Prune in spring. CAUTION - POISONOUS SAP. WASH HANDS. DON'T BURN PRUNINGS.

1.5 metres (5 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Nerium oleander 'Variegatum'

Oleander

Green leaves with a yellow margin and scented double pink flowers in summer. Grow in a large pot in a conservatory, or very sheltered spot outdoors. Prune in spring. CAUTION- POISONOUS SAP.

4 metres (12 feet) plus.

Nicotiana glauca

Tree Tobacco

Tender semi-evergreen shrub with smooth blue-grey stems and leaves. Tubular yellow flowers appear in summer. Cut back in spring to promote bushy growth. Min 0°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Osteospermum 'Tresco Purple'

Syn. 'Nairobi Purple'. A hardy cultivar, with deep purple flowers all summer. Ideal for flopping over a wall or raised bed, in sun and well-drained soil. Take cuttings as an insurance against loss in cold wet winters.

30 cms (1 foot).

Oxalis corymbosa aureo-reticulata

A low spreading plant growing from bulbils, with attractive yellow veined leaves and pink flowers. May die back in a hot summer, don't throw the pot out! Best in a pot, somewhere frost free.

15 cms (6") 1 - 5 °C

Pandorea jasminoides

Bower Vine

Evergreen climber with beautiful clusters of pale pink flowers with a dark pink throat in summer. Needs a cool conservatory in summer or can be stood out side. Feed monthly in summer. Min 2°C.

3 metres (10 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Pandorea jasminoides 'Alba'

Bower Vine

Evergreen climber with beautiful clusters of white flowers in summer. Appreciates shelter from hot sun, so would suit a north facing conservatory. Will flower in a pot, so can be put out for the summer. Minimum 0 - 3° C.

3 metres (10 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Pandorea jasminoides 'Charisma'

Variiegated climber with beautiful clusters of pale pink flowers with a dark pink throat in summer. Needs a cool conservatory in summer or can be stood out side. Feed monthly in summer. Min 2°C.

3 metres (10 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Pandorea pandorana

Wonga Wonga Vine

An evergreen climber from Eastern Australia with masses of tubular white to pink lightly scented flowers in spring. For a very warm sheltered wall outdoors in mild areas, or a cool conservatory or sun room. Well drained soil in sun or part shade.

4 metres (12 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Paraserianthes lophantha

Silk Tree, Plume Albizia

A lovely small tree with large, very finely cut fern-like leaves. Fluffy bottlebrush-like yellow flowers may appear in spring. Needs a sheltered garden - coastal or city, with little frost. Useful for summer bedding schemes.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Parthenocissus ? 'Verona Vein'

May be a variety of *P. inserta*. A vigorous climbing plant with palmate leaves, clinging to rough surfaces rather than twining and may need tying to a support. An unusual trailing plant. Seems hardy, and evergreen down to minus 5, probably lower.

2 metres (6 feet) Hardy (sheltered)

Parthenocissus henryana? 'Malene'

Name uncertain, may be a variety of *P. inserta*. A vigorous climbing plant - clings to rough surfaces rather than twining. Can be tied a support, but also shows promise as a trailing plant. Semi-evergreen? Best regarded as slightly tender, min. 0 deg. C.

Parthenocissus or Cissus species

May be a variety of *P. inserta*. A vigorous climbing plant with palmate leaves, clinging to rough surfaces rather than twining and may need tying to a support. Seems hardy, and evergreen down to minus 4, probably lower.

3 metres (10 feet) Hardy (sheltered)

Parthenocissus quinquefolia - variety

Name not certain. A vigorous semi-evergreen tendril climber. Clings by suckers. Fresh green five-lobed leaves on long growths - would probably trail nicely. Hardiness unknown, so keep frost - free.

3 metres (10 feet).

Passiflora exoniensis

Exeter passion flower

Pendant, bright pink flowers like a Ballerina's Tutu in summer followed by yellow fruit. Grow in loam based compost in sun/ part shade. In a hot conservatory, shade from sun. Prune (hard back if needed) in spring. Min 5°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 5 - 10 °C

Passiflora manicata

Red Passion Flower

Scarlet red flowers with very short purple filaments from April-Sept. Needs a cool conservatory in summer and good ventilation. Possibly OK outside in a very sheltered, well drained spot. Min. minus 5°C.

3 metres (10 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Passiflora mollissima

Banana Fruited Passion Flower

Large blush-pink flowers followed by edible fruit, which is yellow when ripe, from July-Sept. Doesn't like very hot conservatories in summer. Loam based compost. Prune back in spring. Min. 0°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Pelagonium 'Shrubland Rose'

This has strongly rose scented leaves, one of the best. Makes a large bushy plant ideal for its own pot, placed where you can enjoy the scent.

60 cms (2 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Pelargonium 'Apple Blossom Rosebud'

Tall Pelargonium with lovely double pink, rosebud flowers in summer. Needs support, and best grown under glass to protect flowers from rain damage. Grow in good light in John Innes No.3 compost with added grit. Trim back in spring. Min 2°C.

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Pelargonium 'Attar of Roses'

Perhaps the nicest of the scented geraniums, with deliciously rose-scented leaves and small pink flowers. Lovely in a tub, in sun, where you will brush past it. Sun to part-shade in containers, or bed out in the summer border.

45 cms (1½ feet). 1 - 5 °C

Pelargonium 'Beromunster'

An eye-catching old decorative variety with large pink and white flowers. An upright habit, and is ideal for large tubs.

75 cms (2½ feet) 1 - 5 °C

Pelargonium 'Captain Starlight'

An deservedly popular and easy to grow Angel variety with a bushy habit. Small leaves and plenty of bi-coloured flowers all summer - lower petals are pale pink, the upper petals are deep pink.

30 cms (1 foot)

Pelargonium 'Charity'

A sport from a rose scented variety, with attractively variegated green and gold leaves, and small pale pink flowers. A quick grower, despite its variegation, lovely in a container by itself.

45 cms (1½ feet)

Pelargonium 'Chocolate Peppermint'

Possibly *P. tomentosum* x *P. quercifolium* hybrid. Deep green peppermint scented leaves with a central dark blotch make this a very pretty spreading foliage plant. Small pink flowers compliment the display. Sun to part-shade.

30 cms (1 foot)

Pelargonium 'Clorinda'

A vigorous, scented leaved, scrambling variety with bright pink, flowers from spring-autumn. Needs to be tied to a support. Grow in good light in John Innes No.3 compost with added grit. Feed with tomato feed in summer. Trim back in spring. Min 2°C.

2 metres (6 feet).

Pelargonium 'Cophorne'

A beautiful cultivar boasting spicily scented leaves plus masses of pinky-mauve flowers all summer. Well grown in a large pot or urn this will make a striking plant.

90 cms (3 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Pelargonium 'Creamy Nutmeg'

Variegated, scented leaved Pelargonium with masses of small leaves and tiny white/pink flowers in summer. Foliage is pine scented when crushed. Pelargoniums like free draining compost with added grit. Keep indoors/ frost free greenhouse over winter.

20 cms (7").

Pelargonium 'Crocodile'

Ivy-leaved cultivar with distinctive variegated leaves fashioned in the style of crocodile skin. Bears double, bright pink flowers in summer. Min 2°C.

30 cms (1 foot).

Pelargonium 'Frank Headley'

Variegated variety with salmon-pink flowers in summer. Grow in good light in John Innes No.3 compost with added grit. Feed fortnightly with tomato feed in summer. Keep fairly dry over winter.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Pelargonium 'Rober's Lemon Rose'

A scented Pelargonium with delicious rose scented leaves, small pink flowers from spring to autumn. Lovely in tubs where the scent can be enjoyed. Well drained, moisture retentive soil in sun to part-shade

30 cms (1 foot)

Pelargonium 'Rollers Pioneer'

Ivy leaved trailing variety with fleshy yellow veined leaves and deep burgundy red semi-double flowers all summer. Great in tubs and baskets

Pelargonium 'Scarlet Rambler'

Zonal, double flowered Pelargonium with vivid, red, rose-bud flowers in summer. Has an upright bushy habit. Trim back in spring and feed during summer. Best protected from rain. Min. 2°C.

90 cms (3 feet).

Pelargonium 'The Boar'

Upright cultivar (frutetorum type) with a chocolate blotch on the leaves and masses of salmon flowers in summer. Suitable for an 8-10 inch pot. Trim back in spring and feed regularly during summer. Min. 2°C.

30 cms (1 foot).

Pelargonium 'White Boar'

Like Pelargonium 'The Boar' but with white flowers in summer. Trim back in spring and feed during summer. Min. 2°C.

30 cms (1 foot).

Pelargonium 'Wilhelm Langath'

Tall variety with silver-edged leaves and long stems with clusters of bright red double flowers in summer. Grow in good light in John Innes No.3 compost with added grit. Feed fortnightly with tomato feed in summer. Keep fairly dry over winter.

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Pelargonium blandfordianum 'Roseum'

A bushy lax growing cultivar with attractively cut pungently scented foliage and bright pink flowers from spring to autumn.

30 cms (1 foot)

Pelargonium cordifolium var. rubrocinctum

Long flowering variety with large, soft green leaves and upright pink flowers with reddish-purple markings. Needs a fairly big pot. Can flower from late spring right through to autumn.

Pelargonium denticulatum 'Filicifolium'

Pine Geranium, Fern-Leaf Geranium

Scented-leaved Pelargonium with very finely divided aromatic foliage which is sticky to the touch. Sprays of small pink flowers are produced in summer.

1.2 metres (4 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Pelargonium grandiflorum

A species Pelargonium with attractively cut slightly glaucous foliage and pale pink flowers over a long period. Lovely in pots on a sunny patio.

30 cms (1 foot)

Pelargonium ionidiflorum

Species pelargonium with small green leaves and tiny bright pink flowers in summer. Trim back in spring and feed during summer. Min 2°C.

20 cms (7").

Pelargonium 'Mrs Mappin'

A softly variegated zonal pelargonium, a tasteful combination of pale green and cream leaves topped with shell pink single flowers.

50 cms (1½ feet)

1 - 5 °C

Pelargonium papilionaceum

Butterfly Pelargonium

A large leaved species from the Cape of South Africa, capable of making an impressive plant to around 6 feet, or less in a pot. The leaves have a pungent smell, liked by some people, but not everyone.

2 metres (6 feet).

Pelargonium quercifolium

Oak Leaf Pelargonium

This species has attractive finely cut stiff leaves with a balmy spicy scent, accompanied by good sized pink flowers. Potentially quite tall in its native South Africa, but smaller here, probably to about 3 feet.

1 metre (3 feet)

Pelargonium quinquelobatum

A small flowered spreading species with flowers of an intriguing colour, depending on the light they can take on a grey, green or pink hue. Seed raised so may be variable. Save seed as this can be tricky to keep over the winter.

50 cms (1½ feet)

Pelargonium 'Royal Oak'

Scented Leaved Pelargonium

A lovely cultivar making a bushy plant, the cut leaves have dark central markings and the flowers are pink with purple markings.

50 cms (1½ feet)

1 - 5 °C

Pelargonium suburbanum

Mat forming habit and pink-purple flowers from early summer-autumn possibly into winter. Grow in loam based compost with plenty of added sand.

Pelargonium tetragonum

Unusual Pelargonium with succulent stems & butterfly-shaped, pale pink flowers with red veining in summer. Well drained compost, take care not to over water. Ht to 70cm. Min. 2°C.

75 cms (2½ feet).

Pelargonium tomentosum

Peppermint Geranium

Strongly peppermint-scented, velvety-soft leaves and small white flowers from spring-summer. Protect from hot sun. Trim back in spring and feed in summer. Min 2°C.

90 cms (3 feet).

Pelargonium tricuspidatum

A hybrid between P. scabrum and P. lanceolatum, with distinctive fleshy grey-green three pointed leaves and pure white flowers with red markings.

30 cms (1 foot)

1 - 5 °C

Pennisetum clandestinum

Kikuyu Grass

Used as a lawn grass in hot dry countries, and can become invasive in frost free areas if not controlled. Small flowers are hidden among the leaves (hence clandestinum). It can become invasive in frost free areas if not controlled.

30 cms (1 foot)

1 - 5 °C

Pentas lanceolata

Egyptian Star Cluster

Tender evergreen perennial with clusters of pink, red or white star-shaped flowers from spring-autumn. Ideal for Butterfly houses and makes a good house plant. Loam based compost with added sand in full light. Trim back in spring.

90 cms (3 feet).

10 - 15 °C

Phlebodium aureum areolatum

Blue Bear's Paw

Previously listed as *P. aureum*. A striking fern with large, coarsely cut glaucous (bluish grey) fronds. Likes to grow in a shallow pot, where its hairy rhizomes will eventually creep over the edge.

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Phlebodium aureum 'Davana'

A variety of the Blue Bear's Paw Fern with markedly wavy grey fronds. For a brightly lit humid spot indoors, or a sheltered place outdoors in the summer. Keep compost moist but not waterlogged. Will spread nicely in a shallow container.

30 cms (1 foot)

Pilea cadierei

An attractive houseplant from the tropical Far East, making a bushy plant. Needing warmth, humidity and shade from hot sun, this is a good plant for a kitchen or bathroom. Minimum plus 10 deg. C.

30 cms (1 foot).

Plectranthus argentatus 'Hill House'

Tender shrub with grey leaves with a cream margin and spikes of mauve flowers in summer. Grow in a loam based compost with added grit for drainage. Prune back after flowering or in spring to promote bushy growth. Keep on the dry side in winter.

90 cms (3 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Plectranthus argentatus 'Silver Shield'

Silver Spur Flower, Silver Plectranthus

Strong-growing plant with striking silvery grey leaves and spikes of mauve flowers in summer. Prune back after flowering or in spring to promote bushy growth.

90 cms (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Plectranthus ciliatus

Spreading tender perennial with green leaves with deep red coloration on the underside. Makes a nice windowsill plant. Protect from hot sun. Trim to shape in spring if needed.

30 cms (1 foot).

Plectranthus ciliatus 'Troy's Gold'

Spreading tender perennial with yellow leaves. Slow growing and likes protection from hot sun. Water only when compost dries out. Trim to shape in spring if needed.

20 cms (7"). 10 - 15 °C

Plectranthus coleoides

The plain green form with vigorous arching stems. A nice contrast for variegated plants.

45 cms (1½ feet) 5 - 10 °C

Plectranthus coleoides 'Variegata'

A tender perennial which makes mounds of variegated aromatically scented foliage. Ideal in pots or containers where it can spread and trail, or as ground cover in a conservatory bed. syn *Plectranthus madagascariensis* Variegated Mintleaf

1 - 5 °C

Plectranthus hadiensis var. tomentosus 'Penge'

Hairy Spurflower

A spreading tender perennial with soft green leaves with yellow margins. Spikes of small pale mauve flowers in winter. Can be bedded out for the summer or grown in pots, in part shade.

Podranea ricasoliana

Port St John's Creeper

Vigorous climber with clusters of lightly scented pink flowers on established plants. Flowers in summer and sometimes into winter if kept above 10°C. Possibly hardy down to -5°C. for short periods.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Pteris cretica var. albolineata

Cretan Brake, Table Fern

A pretty fern with marked green and white variegated leaves, tolerant of a wide range of conditions, apart from hot sun and frost. Semi-evergreen, but remove old fronds as new ones appear in spring.

45 cms (1½ feet). 5 - 10 °C

Pteris tremula

Trembling Fern, Trembling Brake

A fast-growing fern with finely-cut fronds - would look good in a container in a shady conservatory, and can be placed outdoors for the summer months. Sporelings (baby ferns) may appear. 1.2 metres (4 feet).

1.2 metres (4 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Pteris umbrosa

Australian Jungle Brake

A half-hardy fern from Australia, with elegant semi-evergreen finger-like fronds held on stiff stems (stipes, to be botanically correct). It makes an excellent subject for a pot on a shady patio, or a cool greenhouse.

45 cms (1½ feet)

Radermachera sinica

China Doll

An attractive evergreen house plant, with finely cut leaves. Likes bright light. But no hot sun under glass. Likes even temperature & humidity. If leaves drop, reduce watering until they start to grow again. Avoid overwatering.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 10 - 15 °C

Reinwardtia indica

Yellow Flax

Tender evergreen shrub with yellow flowers from autumn to late spring. Flowers best if kept above 10°C. but hardy down to 2°C. Good light. Trim back after flowering to promote bushy growth.

2 metres (6 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Rhodochiton atrosanguineus

Purple Bell Vine

Deciduous, twining climber with pendant, tubular, deep purple flowers encased in large bell-shaped pink calyces (outer petals). Grows rapidly in one season so can be bedded out for the summer but must be overwintered frost free. Min 1°C.

3 metres (10 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Rhoicissus digitata

Baboon Grape

An unusual vigorous evergreen tendril climber for a conservatory/sunroom or interior display. Can be placed outdoors in summer but needs to be cut back and placed in a frost-free location in winter. Inconspicuous flowers (attractive to bees) may appear.

Ricinus communis 'New Zealand Purple'

Castor Oil Plant

Frost-tender shrub with dark purple jungly foliage, and attractive red flowers, followed by spiny fruit. Dramatic quick-growing bedding plant. VERY POISONOUS.

1.5 metres (5 feet).

Rosa 'Climbing Columbia'

Rose

A lovely rose for a cool conservatory - the pink flowers are strongly scented and appear over a long period from mid-summer to early winter. Best protected from frost, or in a sheltered spot outdoors.

3 metres (10 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Sclerochiton harveyanus

Blue-lips, Mazabuka

An unusual plant from South Africa, with masses of small attractively-marked leaves, and small blue fan-shaped flowers. Needs a partially shaded position.

1.2 metres (4 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Semele androgyna

Climbing Butcher`s Broom

Twining climber with tiny star-shaped cream flowers from late spring-early summer. Grow in loam based compost in full light, protected from hot sun. Feed monthly in summer. Ht 4m+. Min 0°C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus.

Senecio angulatus

Climbing Groundsel, Cape Ivy

A vigorous South African climbing succulent with fleshy leaves and clusters of small bright yellow flowers in summer & autumn, which should be scented. It may survive in a sheltered spot outdoors, otherwise needs frost protection.

Senecio hoffmannii

Tender climber with vivid orange daisy flowers to 3cm across in summer. Grow in a loam based compost and feed monthly during summer. Keep above 10°C. in winter.

2 metres (6 feet). 10 - 15 °C

Senecio mikanioides

Name uncertain, confused with *Delarea odorata*. An attractive climbing or scrambling plant with fleshy pale green leaves with & deeper green along the veins. The reverse of the leaves is deep red. Yellow flowers may appear. Frost free, sun to part-shade.

Senecio tamoides

Canary Creeper

A South African climber with Ivy-like leaves and masses of cinnamon-scented yellow daisy flowers in late autumn. Sheltered sunny spot outdoors, where it will die back in cold winters, or grow in a pot in a cold greenhouse or polytunnel.

2.2 metres (8 feet) Hardy (sheltered)

Senna alexandrina

Senna

Late flowering tender shrub which brightens dull autumn days with masses of bright yellow flowers. May be trained against a wall. in. 0°C.

2 metres (6 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Setaria palmifolia

Palm Grass, Lachang

A tender clump forming grass with amazing finely pleated 2" wide leaves which on well grown plants can be up to 5" wide. Deciduous below 5° C. or so, & is best in a pot and brought in for the winter, or bedded out in a warm moist spot for the summer.

1.2 metres (4 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Sinningia tubiflora

Hardy Gloxinia

A tuberous plant from South America producing sweetly scented flowers in summer. Best grown in a container, leaving the tubers to become congested seems to improve flowering, as does a cool, frost-free winter rest. Can be grown outdoors with a good mulch.

50 cms (1½ feet).

Smilax aspera

Liseron Epineux

Evergreen suckering climber from the Canaries with prickly stems and triangular, spotted leaves. Sometimes produces small white flowers but really grown for foliage. Very good for nesting Wrens. Hardy on a warm wall otherwise greenhouse/ conservatory.

2.5 metres (8 feet). Hardy (sheltered)

Solanum atropurpureum

A half hardy short lived perennial growing to around 2 metres, the deep purple stems are clothed with long spines, Large dissected leaves make it an attractive and interesting plant for planting in a tropical scheme. All parts poisonous.

Solanum laciniatum

Poroporo, Kangaroo Apple

Large, tender evergreen shrub with mauve flowers to 5cm (2in) across throughout summer. Sometimes followed by orange fruit. Prune back in spring & feed during summer. Min 2°C.

2 metres (6 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Solanum muricatum 'Pepino Gold'

Melon Pear

An unusual addition to the edible garden. A frost-tender perennial, in warm seasons fruits turn yellow & can be peeled & eaten raw, tasting like a canteloupe melon. Train up canes or grow in pots to keep fruit off the ground. A productive female variety.

90 cms (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Solanum pyracanthum

vicious looking plant with leaves adorned with large orange spines on both upper and lower surfaces. The fuzzy stems are also spiny, definitely not a plant to fondle! Good for bedding out with other tropical plants. Half hardy perennial

1.2 metres (4 feet)

Sparrmannia africana

African Hemp or Zimmer Linden

Evergreen shrub with white flowers in spring-early summer with orange stamens which move when tickled. Cut hard back in late winter to restrict size. Loam based compost in full light. Minimum 0 - 3° C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Stenotaphrum secundatum

Buffalo Grass, St Augustine Grass

A tender grass used for lawns in warm climates, where it makes a thick springy turf, coarser than lawns in this country. Useful for ground cover in conservatories or interior displays, and makes a nice contrast with the variegated one. Min. 0°C.

10 cms (4"). 1 - 5 °C

Stenotaphrum secundatum variegatum

Buffalo Grass, St Augustine Grass

Tender, evergreen grass with a prostrate habit and green leaves with a yellow margin. Ideal for a hanging basket/ container or ground cover for beds in a conservatory. Grow in John Innes No.2 with added composted bark. Min. 5°C.

10 cms (4"). 5 - 10 °C

Streptocarpus saxorum

Cape Primrose

Prostrate, tender perennial with pale lilac, white throated flowers from winter-early summer. Stand pot in a shallow dish and water from beneath. Shade from hot sun. Min 10°C.

20 cms (7"). 10 - 15 °C

Streptosolen jamesonii

Marmalade Bush

Tender shrub with masses of orange flowers throughout the summer. It has a scrambling habit so needs to be tied to a support. Feed monthly in summer with a balanced liquid fertiliser. Prune side shoots to 4 buds from main framework in spring.

2.5 metres (8 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Strobilanthes anisophylla

Unusual plant with attractive deep greenish purple foliage. Masses of pale lavender flowers in autumn/winter. Min 2 deg. C.

60 cms (2 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Strobilanthes dyeriana

Persian Shield

A striking foliage plant with metallic, mauve leaves. Pinch back occasionally to promote branching & remove the insignificant flowers. Can be bedded out for the summer in a warm spot. Mature plants can take temperature down to just above 0 °C.

90 cms (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Strobilanthes sp. 'Orizaba'

Originally an African species, this plant was found near a Mexican volcano of that name. Makes a large leafy plant to 6 feet, with leaves up to 6" long, bronzy on the top & purple underneath. Great for bedding out with Cannas & Bananas. Protect from frost.

2 metres (6 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Syzygium myrtifolium

An evergreen shrub or tree from tropical Asia, noted for the colourful red tones of its new leaves. In the UK it's best confined to pots, though it may prove hardy in mild gardens. Small pink or white flowers may be followed by black fruit.

1.5 metres (5 feet).

Tecoma capensis 'Aurea'

Cape Honeysuckle

Scrambling climber with orange flowers mid- late summer. Grow in loam based compost in a large pot & feed in summer. Thin out after flowering or in spring. Min 2°C.

2 metres (6 feet).

Tecoma capensis 'Coccinea'

Cape Honeysuckle

Scrambling climber with red flowers mid- late summer. Grow in loam based compost in a large pot & feed in summer. Thin out after flowering or in spring. Min 2°C.

2 metres (6 feet).

Tecoma capensis 'Lutea'

Cape Honeysuckle

Scrambling climber with yellow flowers mid-late summer. Grow in loam based compost in a large pot & feed in summer. Thin out after flowering or in spring. Min 2°C.

2 metres (6 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Tecoma garrocha

Cape Honeysuckle

Scrambling shrub with burnt orange flowers for much of the year. Grow in loam based compost in a large pot. Feed monthly in summer. Thin out in spring. Minimum 2°C.

2 metres (6 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Tecoma stans

Sown from seed under the name 'Mayan Gold ', a tender shrub with masses of yellow trumpet shaped flowers over a long period. Frost tender

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90 cms (3 feet) 5 - 10 °C

Thalia dealbata

Powdery Alligator Flag, Powdery Thalia

From swamps in the US, a distinctive plant with blue-green leaves held at an angle on stiff upright stems. Hardy if the crown is submerged deep enough to escape ice, otherwise grow in a pot. Remove flowers, as these can trap pollinating insects.

2 metres (6 feet) Hardy (sheltered)

Thunbergia gregorii

Orange Clock Vine

A tender perennial climber, similar to T. alata, but with larger, vivid orange flowers, almost 2" wide, with a black centre. Minimum 3 ° C. May die back in winter, in which case keep very dry. Minimum 0 - 3° C.

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 1 - 5 °C

Tradescantia sillamontana 'Variegata'

A rare form with attractively striped grey/green and yellow furry leaves. Avoid over watering, and getting the leaves wet, especially in winter when watering should be reduced. Sun to part shade on e.g. a windowsill.

Tradescantia fluminensis 'Maiden's Blush'

Vigorously spreading cultivar with attractive green, white & pink variegated leaves. Keep out of hot sun. Divide in spring when clumps become congested. Trim back when plant becomes leggy. Min. 2°C.

30 cms (1 foot). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Tradescantia fluminensis 'Quicksilver'

Inch Plant

Trailing foliage plant which makes a good houseplant or subject for a hanging basket in summer. The leaves are striped white and green. Shade from hot sun. Grow in a 50:50 loam based and peat based compost with added grit for drainage.

10 cms (4"). 10 - 15 °C

Tradescantia pallida

The grey/green leaved form of *T. pallida* 'Purpurea', not often offered for sale and a nice contrast. Keep away from very hot sun but in good light to keep leaf colour. Trim back if plants become leggy & divide in spring if needed. Minimum plus 3 deg. C.

Tradescantia pallida 'Pale Puma'

A striking foliage plant with soft purple to green hairy leaves, making a smaller more compact plant than *pallida purpurea*. Lovely in a hanging basket, or as ground cover amongst other plants in a conservatory border.

30 cms (1 foot).

Tradescantia pallida 'Purpurea'

Spreading/ trailing plant with deep purple leaves & pink flowers in summer. Keep away from very hot sun but in good light to keep leaf colour. Trim back if plants become leggy & divide in spring if needed. Good pot plant. Minimum temp. 3°C.

20 cms (7"). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Tradescantia sillamontana

White Velvet

A trailing house plant, ideal for a basket or pot, with grey hairy leaves, and small pink flowers. Avoid over watering, and getting the leaves wet. Sun to part shade.

30 cms (1 foot) 5 - 10 °C

Tradescantia sillamontana

A trailing house plant, ideal for a basket or pot, with grey hairy leaves, and small pink flowers. Avoid over watering, and getting the leaves wet. Sun/part shade.

10 cms (4"). 5 - 10 °C

Tradescantia zebrina

Wandering Jew

Pretty trailing plant for a shady position - an ideal windowsill plant, or unusual ground cover in a conservatory. A nice contrast to the purple leaved variety. Trim back occasionally to keep tidy. Min. 5 °.

10 cms (4"). 1 - 5 °C

Tweedia caerulea

Southern Star, Blue Flowered Milkweed

Semi shrubby climber bearing clusters of beautiful pale turquoise blue star-shaped flowers in summer; best in a sunny conservatory, or outside in the mildest frost free localities. Small enough to be trained up the side of a sunny windowsill in the house.

1 metre (3 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Tweedia caerulea 'Heavenborn'

Southern Star, Blue Flowered Milkweed

A compact form grown for the cut-flower market, should make a neater plant without the need for staking. Clusters of beautiful pale turquoise blue star-shaped flowers in summer, sunny conservatory, or outside in the mild gardens.

1 metre (3 feet)

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Watsonia 'Tresco Hybrids'

Tender perennial with spikes of bright orange trumpet shaped flowers in summer. Grow in loam based compost with added grit in full sun in pots, or in well-drained soil in full sun in sheltered gardens. Keep dryish in winter.

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Zingiber mioga 'Dancing Crane'

Japanese Ginger

A hardy Ginger with strikingly variegated green and white striped leaves. Makes a slowly spreading clump, happy in part-shade in good soil with a winter mulch. Flowers appear at ground level, so this is really a plant for foliage.

90 cms (3 feet)

Hardy (sheltered)

Zingiber officinale

The culinary Ginger! Grown for edible purposes rather than as an ornamental.

5 - 10 °C

SUCCULENTS & CACTI

Adromischus cooperi

Plover's Egg Plant

A popular succulent on account of the attractive markings on its fleshy leaves. A neat little plant for a sunny window sill.

15 cms (6") 1 - 5 °C

Aeonium 'Blushing Beauty'

This beautiful cultivar has a well-branched habit with multiple rosettes which are green in the centre, the outer leaves turn a deep reddish purple. Well-drained compost and sun.

60 cms (2 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Aeonium 'Firecracker'

A cross between A. simsii and A. 'Zwartkop', taking mounding habit from the former and the dark colouration from the latter. A wide shallow pot would show this off very nicely.

30 cms (1 foot) 1 - 5 °C

Aeonium 'Zwartkop'

Succulent with rosettes of very dark purple-black leaves. Pinch out to encourage branching. Needs a well lit position. Pot into Cactus compost and feed no more than 2-3 times in growing season with a diluted feed. Reduce watering in winter.

60 cms (2 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Aeonium 'Plum Thumb'

A compact plant readily branching to form clusters of rosettes which change from green to purple in summer. Lovely in a shallow bowl in an arrangement, or by itself.

20 cms (7") 1 - 5 °C

Aeonium arboreum

Shrubby succulent with glossy green leaves. Needs good light all year & to be kept on the dry side in winter. Grow in loam-based compost and a heavy pot for stability. Min temp 2°C.

1 metre (3 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Aeonium arboreum 'Atropurpureum'

Shrubby, well branched succulent with very dark purple leaves in summer which turn green in winter. Needs good light all year, and to be kept on the dry side in winter.

1 metre (3 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Aeonium castello-paivae

Succulent with grey leaves & white flowers in mid summer. Sends down aerial roots. Grow in loam based compost with plenty of added grit. Keep on dry side in winter. Min 2°C.

1 metre (3 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Aeonium decorum 'Variegatum'

A densely branched succulent with attractively variegated rosettes

60 cms (2 feet)

Aeonium haworthii 'Variegatum'

Pinwheel

Well-branched spreading succulent with attractive rosettes, the new leaves being yellow with a pink margin, turning green with age still retaining the pink margin. Panicles of pale yellow flowers appear in spring. Min. temp. 2°C.

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Aeonium leucoblepharum (leuconeura)

A variable East African species, our form appears to be low growing and branches freely to make a very attractive plant, the leaves having central purple stripes.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Aeonium percarneum

Shrubby succulent with attractive branched habit and green leaves. Pot into John Innes compost with added grit & feed 2-3 times in summer. Keep on dry side in winter.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Aeonium simsii - variegated

Low growing branching succulent with soft pale green leaves edged with white. Grow in loam based compost with added grit & keep on dry side in winter. Min. 2 deg. C.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Agave xylonacantha

A species with rather sparsely arranged leaves, each with vicious spines. Its previous name *A. carchariodonta* referred to the Great White Shark! Gritty compost, will eventually need a good sized heavy pot. Hardy in mild gardens.

90 cms (3 feet)

Agave americana

Century Plant, Maguey

Succulent with blue-green leaves & VERY SHARP SPINES! Good specimen for a conservatory or frost free gardens if kept dry. Needs sharp drainage. If grown in a pot use cactus compost with added grit. Suckers freely. VERY PRICKLY.

2 metres (6 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Agave americana 'Variegata'

Century Plant, Maguey

Variegated cultivar with yellow margined leaves for frost free sites. Will grow outside in well-drained soil in mild gardens protected from winter wet & excessive cold. Minimum 0 - minus 5° C. if kept dry. Suckers freely. VERY PRICKLY.

1.5 metres (5 feet). 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Agave celsii

A beautiful plant with gracefully upturned leaves to 2 ft long, and softer spines than other species. May be OK outdoors if protected from wet. Tolerates some shade.

60 cms (2 feet).

Agave geminiflora

Twin-flowered Agave

Symmetrical rosettes to 1m across of narrow leaves with only a small spine on the leaf tips. Large plants may produce tall spikes of flowers in pairs. Can be grow in full sun or shade. Needs well drained soil and can survive with little water. Min. 0°C.

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Agave horrida var. perotensis

A very spiky succulent with solitary rosettes up to 18" across. Horrida = 'horrible, wild, prickly'. Need we say more? Grow in compost with lots of grit mixed in for drainage. Move into a greenhouse or conservatory for the winter

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Agave parryi

Parry Agave

Attractive species with grey spiny leaves. Probably fairly slow growing, so ideal for a pot. Needs John Innes compost with added grit. Min. 0°C. VERY PRICKLY.

75 cms (2½ feet).

Agave stricta

Needle Agave, Hedgehog Agave

A small species forming tight clumps of narrow spiny-tipped leaves. The rosettes form offshoots, eventually making colonies. If kept dry can take a few degrees of frost. Monocarpic - a rosette will die after flowering.

60 cms (2 feet).

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Aloe 'White Beauty'

A small, suckering Aloe making a neat little plant on a sunny windowsill. The gently toothed leaves are pale green with white irregular broken stripes. Likes gritty free-draining compost in a shallow pot where the plant will spread to form colonies.

Aloe (Kumara) plicatilis

Fan Aloe

A magnificent branching succulent has fleshy leaves arranged in flat fans, eventually making a well-branched tree. Spikes of exotic yellow & red flowers appear in summer on large specimens. Needs water in winter/spring, less in summer.

2 metres (6 feet).

1 - 5 °C

Aloe arborescens

Torch Plant, Tree Aloe

Large shrubby succulent with Red Hot Poker-like racemes of red tubular flowers on mature plants. Grow in loam based compost with added grit & feed 2-3 times in summer. Keep on dry side in winter.

3 metres (10 feet).

1 - 5 °C

Aloe aristata

A fairly hardy quick growing succulent with neat rosettes of green leaves with soft white spines. Spikes of pink flowers in spring, make this an attractive plant for a shallow bowl, where the rosettes will multiply freely.

Aloe bakeri

Baker Aloe, Dwarf Aloe

A suckering species from Madagascar, with narrow green leaves with white mottling. Grown in a shallow pot of gritty compost it will spread to make a nice mat of shoots. Stems topped with racemes of red or orange flowers appear in summer.

Aloe brevifolia

Short Leaved Aloe

Attractive succulent forming geometric mounds of tight rosettes of short softly spined leaves. Grow in loam based compost with added grit & keep on dry side in winter.

30 cms (1 foot).

1 - 5 °C

Aloe ciliaris

Climbing Aloe

Tall semi-climbing succulent with racemes of red flowers on mature plants in autumn. Needs support. Possible hardy down to -5°C. Otherwise keep in a conservatory. Grow in loam based compost with added grit.

4 metres (12 feet) plus.

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Aloe cooperii

Grass Aloe, isiPutumane / isiPhukutwane

This species one of the 'grass' Aloes, has narrow spotted leaves held in fan shaped clumps which divide at the base. Red flowers should appear on 2 ft. stems. From the summer rainfall area of South Africa, so keep dry in winter.

15 cms (6").

Aloe dawei

Dawe's Aloe

A smaller clump-forming Aloe from Uganda, with long bright green leaves edged with small teeth. Plant in full sun to semi-shade. May produce beautiful red flowers in winter.

90 cms (3 feet).

1 - 5 °C

Aloe microstigma

Cape Speckled Aloe

A striking plant with white-spotted fleshy leaves arrange around a stem which reaches 2 - 3 ft. Spikes of orange flowers may appear on large plants. Grow in free-draining gritty compost. May survive in sheltered well-drained spot outdoors.

60 cms (2 feet).

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Aloe striatula

Large succulent with orange flowers in early summer. Grow in a large tub in a loam based compost with added grit and feed only 2 or 3 times in summer. May need support. Minimum minus 5°C.

1 metre (3 feet).

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Aloe tenuior (?)

A neat branching Aloe with spike of yellow flowers in mid-summer. Nice in a large pot on a sunny patio. Survives happily under cover down to just above freezing, so may be OK outdoors in mild gardens. Height unknown, possible several feet.

Aloe vera

Burn Plant, Medicine Plant

This popular succulent is very useful to have around the home. The fleshy interior of the leaves can soothe and help heal minor skin ailments and burns. Works superbly to alleviate pain from stinging nettles. Spikes of yellow flowers appear in summer

60 cms (2 feet).

Bulbine frutescens

Stalked Bulbine

The yellow flowered species. Spreading clumps of narrow fleshy leaves topped with spikes of small yellow flowers in spring to autumn. Hardy in mild gardens.

60 cms (2 feet)

Bulbine frutescens 'Hallmark'

Rankkopieva, Stalked Bulbine, Orange Bulbine

Name not certain. A clump-forming succulent with masses of long thin succulent leaves, topped by long-stalked spikes of small scented orange-yellow flowers in autumn. Possibly hardy in well-drained dry sunny spot outdoors in mild gardens.

60 cms (2 feet).

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Bulbine latifolia

Rooiwortel

Succulent, bulbous, perennial with long racemes of bright yellow flowers in spring-summer. Grow in loam based compost with added grit. Tolerant of drought and hot sun. Minimum 2°C.

45 cms (1½ feet).

Ceropegia linearis

A trailing succulent with narrow, needle-shaped leaves on long trailing stems. A great houseplant. Grow in bright light but protected from hot sun

Ceropegia linearis ssp. Woodii

String of Hearts

A pretty trailing succulent plant with heart-shaped leaves, dark green marbled with silver. Strange upturned flask-shaped 1" flowers. A great houseplant. Grow in a loam based compost with added grit. Do not put into too large a pot. Shade from hot sun.

5 - 10 °C

Cotyledon tomentosa ssp. ladisminthensis 'Variegat

Variegated form of this low-growing plant with thick fleshy green & white leaves, each with a slightly serrated tip. Brownish-red flowers may appear in the in autumn. Best in a shallow bowl of well-drained compost, on a sunny or well-lit windowsill.

Cotyledon ladisminthensis

A low-growing, spreading, plant with thick fleshy green leaves. Brownish-red flowers in autumn.

15 cms (6").

5 - 10 °C

Cotyledon orbiculata

Silver Crown

A branching shrubby succulent shrub from South Africa, with large paddle-shaped grey leaves with red margins and a powdery bloom. Clusters of orange, bell-shaped, drooping flowers may appear on large plants.

1.2 metres (4 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Cotyledon orbiculata 'Staghorn'

A striking succulent with characteristic large staghorn-shaped leaves. Ideal for a large shallow bowl or trough where it can make an impressive plant. Outdoors in summer, in for the winter. Umbels of large drooping orange flowers early summer.

30 cms (1 foot)

Cotyledon orbiculata var. oblonga

Silver Crown, Silver Ruffles

(Syn. *Cotyledon undulata*.) A distinctive form, with fleshy grey leaves, the margins of which are crimped and crinkled. A little slower and more difficult to grow than the straight species, needing care with drainage and watering.

50 cms (1½ feet). 5 - 10 °C

Cotyledon orbiculata var. oblonga 'Macrantha'

A large branching shrubby succulent. Differs from *C. orbiculata* in having rounder fleshy green leaves tinged red at the edges. Clusters of red tubular flowers may appear on large plants. Reputedly poisonous to sheep and goats.

60 cms (2 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Cotyledon orbiculata var. oblonga 'Macrantha'

(*C. macrantha*.) A large branching shrubby succulent. Differs from *C. orbiculata* in having rounder fleshy green leaves tinged red at the edges. Clusters of red tubular flowers may appear on large plants. Reputedly poisonous to sheep and goats.

90 cms (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Cotyledon pendens

Cliff Cotyledon

A trailing succulent from South Africa with fleshy oval blue-green leaves. Flowers may appear in summer these are small bell-shaped and orange red in colour. An attractive and easy to grow house plant. Likes good natural light and not a lot of water

20 cms (7") 1 - 5 °C

Crassula 'Estagnol'

A neat, compact succulent with bright green leaves arranged in a spiral pattern going up the stem. Mature plants may produce white flowers in Spring. Ideal for a windowsill. Grow in a well lit position protected from very hot sun. Water only when dry

Crassula atropurpurea var. arborescens

Silver Jade Plant

Shrubby succulent with glossy grey leaves and small pink-white flowers from autumn-winter on large plants. Grow in cactus compost in full light. Minimum 2°C.

1.2 metres (4 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Crassula capitella 'Campfire'

A vigorous plant forming mounds of neatly arranged leaves which take on a vivid red colouration in summer. Lovely in a shallow pot or planted under Aeoniums. South Africa.

15 cms (6") 1 - 5 °C

Crassula cordata

A shrubby succulent with red edged leaves which have pronounced stomata on their surfaces. Sprays of tiny flowers appear in late summer.

30 cms (1 foot) 5 - 10 °C

Crassula 'Garnet Lotus'

A distinctive hybrid with thick fleshy dusky purple grey pointed leaves. A neat little plant, slowly forming clumps. Vivid red flowers may appear on upright stems.

15 cms (6") 1 - 5 °C

Crassula lycopodioides ssp. pseudolycopodioides

Spreading succulent with triangular leaves and tiny tubular yellow flowers in spring. Grow in cactus compost in full light. Native to South Africa.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Crassula multicava

Fairy Crassula, Pitted Crassula

A plant from shady cliff faces in subtropical South Africa, forming a sprawling mats of fleshy green leaves with red undersurfaces. Makes an unusual plant for a shady windowsill indoors. .

30 cms (1 foot) 1 - 5 °C

Crassula ovata

Jade Tree, Money Plant

Popular succulent with rounded green leaves with a red edge. Grow in good light in free-draining loam-based compost, & let the compost dry out between waterings. After a cool rest in winter, plants may produce masses of small white flowers.

1.2 metres (4 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Crassula ovata 'Gollum'

A distinctive dwarf succulent with curious elongated leaves terminating in a shallow depression. The leaves take on a reddish tinge in cold weather. Slowly makes a very attractive dense branching plant. Keep dry and frost free

Crassula ovata 'Gollum Variegated'

A distinctive dwarf hybrid with curious elongated leaves terminating in a shallow depression. The leaves are variegated green and yellow and take on a reddish tinge in cold weather. Slowly makes a very attractive dense branching plant

1 - 5 °C

Crassula ovata 'Hummel's Sunset'

A stunning succulent & a good alternative to the usual Jade Tree, with fat leaves tinged with red & yellow and white flowers in winter. Grow in Cactus compost (1 part John Innes No.1 to 2 parts grit) and keep on the dry side in winter.

90 cms (3 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Crassula ovata 'Minima'

A dwarf version of this popular succulent with smaller rounded green leaves and only growing to around 45cm tall. Grow in good light in free-draining loam-based compost, and let the compost dry out between waterings.

45 cms (1½ feet). 1 - 5 °C

Crassula ovata 'Undulata'

Money Plant

A compact form of the Money Plant with curly blue-green fleshy leaves

45 cms (1½ feet) 1 - 5 °C

Crassula ovata 'Variegata'

Jade Tree, Money Plant

Attractively variegated cultivar of the common Jade plant with white flowers in winter. Makes a nice specimen plant. Grow in Cactus compost (1 part John Innes No.1 to 2 parts grit) and keep on the dry side in winter.

90 cms (3 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Crassula pellucida subsp. marginalis f. rubra

Calico Kitten

A delightful trailing plant, with masses of small multicoloured fleshy leaves. This is best displayed in a hanging basket, or a container on a windowsill in a well-lit spot. Well drained compost e.g. cactus compost.

15 cms (6"). 5 - 10 °C

Crassula perfoliata v. heterotracha

Name uncertain but bought as this. A vigorous growing succulent with densely packed leaves on long stems. These tend to flop, making it ideal for a wide shallow bowl, or for bedding out in the summer.

Crassula perfoliata var. falcata

Propeller Plant

Large succulent with fleshy grey leaves arranged propeller fashion. Bright red flowers may appear in summer on larger plants. Ideal for a sunny windowsill. Grow in 50:50 Loam based compost and grit in a heavy wide based pot for stability.

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Crassula portulacea (ovata)

Jade Plant, Jade Tree

syn ovata A popular houseplant which eventually make a large shrub or can be restricted by pot size. Masses of small white flowers may appear in autumn/spring.

1.2 metres (4 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Crassula sarmentosa 'Variegata'

Variegated succulent with a semi trailing habit & white flowers in late summer. Pinch back initially to encourage bushy growth, then allow to trail. Grow in cactus compost in full sun. Min 2°C.

15 cms (6"). 1 - 5 °C

Crassula swaziensis variegata

Money Maker

A neat little compact spreading succulent with fleshy variegated leaves. Ideal in a shallow pot by itself, or as an underplanting to e.g. Aeoniums.

15 cms (6") 1 - 5 °C

Crassula tetragona

Miniature Pine Tree

A well branched succulent with lots of small narrow leaves giving the plant the appearance of a Pine tree in miniature. Grow in a well lit position protected from very hot sun. Water only when dry

90 cms (3 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Curio (Senecio) amaniensis

A vigorous species from Tanzania, making a clump of large fleshy leaves. Bright orange flowers may appear on tall stems on mature plants

90 cms (3 feet) 5 - 10 °C

Disocactus ackermannii

Red Orchid Cactus

A tree-dwelling (epiphytic) cactus that grows on trees in Mexico, here it makes an impressive plant for a hanging basket in a shady greenhouse. Huge red flowers in spring on long arching stems stay open for several days. Needs free-draining compost.

Drosanthemum floribundum

Pale Dew Plant

A low-growing spreading/ trailing succulent with small grey leaves, smothered in vivid pink flowers in late spring to early summer. For a mild, sunny garden, ideally on a rockery or bank in full sun & very well drained soil. Otherwise a sunny greenhouse.

Dyckia floribunda (chaguar)

Bought as chaguar but probably floribunda. A fine, very prickly suckering plant, with grey, arching toothed leaves in a neat rosette, from which appear spikes of orange flowers. Well-drained soil. Min. -5 deg C. or possibly lower.

30 cms (1 foot) 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Echeveria 'Black Prince'

A hybrid with very dark leaves, offsets freely to make spreading clumps.

15 cms (6") 1 - 5 °C

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Echeveria 'Perle von Nürnberg'

A hybrid between E. gibbiflora 'Metallica' x E. elegans with geometrical rosettes, grey with a pink tinge, Forms slowly increasing colonies. Well-drained compost & full sun indoors. Can be bedded out in summer, but may suffer some slug damage.

Echeveria 'Serrana'

Possibly Echeveria carnicolor x Echeveria affinis. Rosettes of large pointed pink to reddish-brown leaves

15 cms (6") 1 - 5 °C

Echeveria 'Violet Queen'

Tidy rosettes of blue leaves with a pinky violet tinge. Makes effective ground cover either in a summer bedding scheme, or in a conservatory. Pink buds open into orange flowers arranged in a downward curved head.

10 cms (4"). 1 - 5 °C

Echeveria 'Antaris'

A large Echeveria with rosettes of fleshy red tinged leaves. Usually solitary but pups may form on established plants. Avoid getting water on the leaves.

20 cms (7") 1 - 5 °C

Echeveria elegans

A freely offsetting species, its blue grey leaves have red tips, forming small rosettes. Lovely in a shallow bowl, or under other succulents. Grow in a well lit position protected from very hot sun. Will take a light frost if protected from excess rain.

Echeveria gibbiflora 'Metallica'

A beautiful cultivar with large pink/purple wavy leaves. Produces offsets

15 cms (6") 1 - 5 °C

Echeveria hookeri

Slowly spreading rosettes of thick blue-grey leaves with delicate white markings, making an attractive plant in a shallow bowl. Can be placed outdoors for the summer

10 cms (4") 1 - 5 °C

Echeveria lilacina

Ghost Echeveria

A beautiful species, slowly forming a rosette up to 10" across The leaves are a pale silvery grey and arranged in neatly symmetrical rosettes. Well-drained gritty compost and full sun. Protect from frost.

1 - 5 °C

Echeveria pulidonis?

Name not totally certain. A beautiful plant rapidly building rosettes of grey leaves with red edges. For a sunny windowsill, frost-free greenhouse. Can be bedded out for the summer.

10 cms (4"). 1 - 5 °C

Echeveria secunda v glauca

Succulent with blue-green rosettes which can reach 30cm across. Grow in cactus compost in good light. Can be stood outside/bedded out in summer. Keep frost free in winter. Red & orange flws summer.

20 cms (7"). 1 - 5 °C

Echeveria setosa 'Oliver'

(Echeveria 'Set-Oliver'). A hybrid of E. harmsii and E. setosa, taking the large orange flowers from the former and the bristly leaves from the latter.

15 cms (6")

1 - 5 °C

Epiphyllum 'Beavertail'/crenatum

Orchid Cactus

A variety with very wide fleshy wavy leaves which arch upwards before trailing downwards. This seems to be new in cultivation under this name, and we're not sure if it flowers well. It makes an impressive foliage plant, so flowers would be a bonus.

Epiphyllum 'David's Golden Splendor'

Huge yellow flowers

1 - 5 °C

Epiphyllum 'German Empress'

Syn 'Deutsche Kaiserin'. Reported to be a more robust form of Disocactus (Nopalxochia) phyllanthoides. On mature plants masses of pink flowers, up to 10 cm long, appear on long trailing stems in spring and summer.

30 cms (1 foot)

5 - 10 °C

Epiphyllum 'King Midas'

Orchid cactus

Huge salmon-orange flowers

30 cms (1 foot)

1 - 5 °C

Epiphyllum - mauve flowers ex Isle of Wight

An epiphytic cactus, living on trees in tropical rainforests. Large mauve flowers appear on mature plants, each lasting only 24 hours.

Reputedly comes from the Isle of Wight.

Epiphyllum pink

ex plant lovers

Epiphyllum 'Red'

Orchid Cactus

Epiphytic Cactus with large red flowers. Grow in open compost (peat based with added bark) and shade from hot sun.

30 cms (1 foot)

Epiphyllum 'Red Tip'

Orchid Cactus

Epiphytic (tree-dwelling) cactus with trailing stems with reddish tips, needing stable temperature, bright but not strong sunlight, frequent watering in summer and very well-drained compost. Spectacular pink or red flowers in spring or summer

Epiphyllum anguliger

Fishbone Cactus, Ric-Rac Cactus, Wijayakusuma

Epiphytic cactus with zigzag shaped stems. Climbs given suitable support e.g. moss pole, otherwise it will trail. Scented flowers in spring & autumn. Needs an open compost (peat based with added bark) and shade from hot sun.

2 metres (6 feet).

5 - 10 °C

Epiphyllum cooperi

An epiphytic cactus, living on trees in tropical rainforests. Large powerfully night-scented flowers appear on mature plants, each lasting only 24 hours. Shallow pot in well-drained compost, shade from hot sun and support with canes or allow to trail.

60 cms (2 feet).

10 - 15 °C

Epiphyllum oxypetalum

Night Blooming Cereus

Cactus with large fleshy leaves and scented white flowers in summer. They need an open compost (peat based with added bark) and shade from hot sun. Min. 4°C.

2 metres (6 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Epiphyllum pumilum

Species from Mexico and Guatemala. A trailing plant with wide flattened stems from which appear numerous sweetly night-scented flowers, 10 - 15 cm long, summer and autumn.

20 cms (7") 10 - 15 °C

Euphorbia mauritanica

Pencil milk bush

South African succulent forming clumps of upright mostly leafless stems, topped in spring with small yellow flowers. Stems exude milky sap when cut. Similar habit to but hardier than *E. tirucalli*. A nice architectural succulent. Minimum 3 deg. C.

1.5 metres (5 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Euphorbia tirucalli

Finger tree, Spurge

Tender succulent from South Africa with an upright habit & branching fleshy leafless stems. Grow in full sun in loam based compost with plenty of added grit. CAUTION, SAP IS TOXIC AND CAN IRRITANT THE SKIN. Min temp.

2 metres (6 feet). 10 - 15 °C

Furcraea longaeva

Related to the Agave, and with a similar habit (though less spiny!), this much sought after plant grows for several (many) years before producing a giant flower spike up to 40 foot tall. Hardy in mild gardens, or grow in a (large) pot.

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Gasteria 'Smokey'

A beautiful hybrid producing clumps of rosettes with chunky smokey grey-green leaves. Gritty compost and full sun, water freely in summer, less in winter.

10 cms (4").

Gasteria bicolor 'Variegata'

Name uncertain. An attractive species with fans of variegated leaves, spreads to make a nice clump in a shallow pot

10 cms (4")

Gasteria bicolor?

This may be a variety of bicolor. This makes pleasing clumps of fleshy green leaves, spotted and striped with paler green, ideal for a shallow pot or bowl.

Gasteria verrucosa

Ox Tongue

A neat little succulent with dark green leaves and white spots. Has racemes of reddish orange flowers April to June. Great for a sunny windowsill Grown in cactus compost & keep fairly dry in winter.

15 cms (6"). 5 - 10 °C

Hatiora salicorniodes

Drunkard's Dream

Epiphytic cactus with curiously jointed knobbly trailing stems to 40cm long. Small yellow flowers in spring are followed by white berries. Grow in cactus compost in full light. Min 5°C.

45 cms (1½ feet). 5 - 10 °C

Haworthia 'Black Prince'

A cultivar with rosettes of deep green slightly warty leaves. Forms clumps. Ideal for a sunny windowsill.

10 cms (4"). 5 - 10 °C

Haworthia glabrata

Neat little succulent from South Africa, ideal for a sunny windowsill, it makes slowly spreading and splitting rosettes of pointed fleshy leaves covered with small warts. Well drained compost, water little in winter.

20 cms (7"). 1 - 5 °C

Haworthia glabrata v. concolor

A pretty little rosette-forming succulent with fleshy pointed leaves - these are green with numerous small white warty spots. Gritty compost. Minimum 2 deg. C.

10 cms (4"). 1 - 5 °C

Haworthia limifolia

Fairies Washboard

A robust easy to grow succulent, producing rosettes of deep green fleshy leaves with distinct ridges, hence its common name. In its native South Africa it grows in shaded pockets between rocks, so is a good candidate for a shady windowsill.

10 cms (4"). 1 - 5 °C

Hesperaloe parviflora

A tough evergreen architectural plant for a sunny spot with long arching leaves which are stiff but not spiny. Long flower spikes carry coral red flowers over a long period in summer. Eventually makes a large impressive plant. Well-drained soil.

1.5 metres (5 feet)

Kalanchoe 'Dorothy Brown'

An unusual variety similar to, or related to, K. tomentosa. Has fleshy furry leaves, brownish green with rusty brown edges. Grow in gritty compost in a shallow pot, and full sun. Water sparingly in winter and avoid wetting the leaves. Protect from frost.

Kalanchoe 'Oakeaf'

Dwarf Velvet Plant

Succulent with furry grey leaves with wavy margins. Ideal for a windowsill. Try not to get water on the leaves and keep frost free. Smaller and more compact than the normal K. beharensis. Thought to be a hybrid between beharensis and millotii.

1 metre (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Kalanchoe rauhii

Lucky Bells

A cross between Kalanchoe rosei subsp. variifolia and K. delagoensis (tubiflora) delagoensis. Upright stems are clothed with serrated fleshy leaves, each producing plantlets along the edges. Umbels of nodding salmon flowers, probably in spring.

30 cms (1 foot)

Kalanchoe rotundifolia

A species with a congested growth habit with tightly packed rounded leaves which take on a pink tinge in sun.

1.2 metres (4 feet) 5 - 10 °C

Kalanchoe 'Spider'

May be 'Kewensis'. An unusual succulent with dissected fleshy leaves, mature plants may produce clusters of pink flowers as an added attraction. For a sunny windowsill, in free draining gritty compost. Height 12 - 18" ?

Kalanchoe (Caputia) tomentosa

Pussy Ears

Now Caputia tomentosa. Succulent with partly toothed, ovate grey leaves and bell-shaped green-yellow flowers in early spring. Use a loam based compost with added grit and keep on the dry side in winter. Min 2°C.

1 metre (3 feet).

Kalanchoe beauverdii

Beauverd's Widow's-Thrill

An unusual climbing succulent from Madagascar with long purple-tinted leaves. Needs tying into a support of some sort and would be an interesting plant to train against a conservatory wall. Can easily be trimmed back to keep within bounds

4 metres (12 feet) plus. 5 - 10 °C

Kalanchoe beharensis 'Fang'

Tall succulent large, triangular, fleshy furry/felty leaves, with soft furry teeth underneath. Mature specimens may produce urn-shaped green-yellow flowers in late winter. Avoid water getting on leaves especially in winter. Keep dryish in winter.

Kalanchoe beharensis hybrid?

Tall succulent large, triangular, fleshy furry/felty leaves, slightly toothed brown margins. Mature specimens may produce urn-shaped green-yellow flowers in late winter. Avoid water getting on leaves especially in winter. Keep dryish in winter.

Kalanchoe beharensis 'Rusty'

Velvet Leaf

Succulent with weird fleshy & furry leaves. Avoid directly wetting the leaves especially in winter when the plant should be kept on the dry side. Large plants may have green-yellow flowers in winter. Min. 4°C.

1.5 metres (5 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Kalanchoe beharensis 'Silver Shadow'

Another form of beharensis, similar to 'Oakleaf'. The grey leaves have attractively cut edges. Makes a nice plant. . Grow in a well lit position protected from very hot sun. Water only when dry

30 cms (1 foot) 5 - 10 °C

Kalanchoe brachyloba

Name not certain. Previously listed as K. pinnata. An upright branching plant with large fleshy red-tinged leaves with wavy margins. Well drained gritty compost and full sun.

45 cms (1½ feet). 1 - 5 °C

Kalanchoe daigremontiana

Mexican Hat

Succulent houseplant with upright growth supporting narrow leaves, on the edges of which many baby plants, complete with roots, are produced.

60 cms (2 feet).

Kalanchoe delagoensis

Upright succulent for sunny spot indoors with many long thin leaves, the ends of which support baby plants.

60 cms (2 feet). 1 - 5 °C

Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi 'Marginata'

Lavender Scallops

A small low-growing succulent with fleshy blue-grey leaves edged with pink and white. The stems tend to flop and root as they go, so this makes a good plant for a shallow bowl.

45 cms (1½ feet). 1 - 5 °C

Kalanchoe hildebrandtii

Silver Teaspoons

A shrubby upright succulent from Madagascar, its main attraction are its spoon-shaped leaves which are covered with white felt, hence the common name, 'Silver Teaspoons'. Sun, well-drained compost and keep frost free.

90 cms (3 feet). 10 - 15 °C

Kalanchoe humilis

Pen Wiper Kalanchoe

A lovely bushy succulent with large green-grey leaves with distinct purple markings. A great house plant. Grow compost with added grit mixed in and avoid over watering in winter.

30 cms (1 foot). 10 - 15 °C

Kalanchoe marmorata

Penwiper Plant

A beautiful species with large scalloped leaves liberally spotted and splashed with purple. Clusters of white tubular flowers may appear in late winter.

1.2 metres (4 feet) 5 - 10 °C

Kalanchoe orgyalis

A shrubby succulent with attractive felty leaves. Needs well-drained gritty compost, sun, and dry conditions in winter. Minimum 4° C. if kept very dry.

60 cms (2 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Kalanchoe pinnata

Miracle Leaf

A vigorous succulent from Madagascar with upright stems clothed with fleshy green leaves and topped in the summer with clusters of large pink pendant flowers. Needs very well-drained compost and full sun. Minimum 10 - 15 °C.

60 cms (2 feet). 10 - 15 °C

Kalanchoe pinnata

Cathedral Bells, Life Plant, Miracle Leaf

Capable of making a tall plant, this has five leaflets (hence pinnata = pinnate), serrated with the ability to produce baby plants along the edges. clusters of large pink pendant flowers Keep frost free and out of direct sun under glass.

1.2 metres (4 feet)

Kalanchoe prolifera

Blooming Boxes

A large impressive plant with a thick upright stem, from which arise deeply-cut pale green fleshy leaves, each with a brownish margin. The yellow flowers emerge from papery box-shaped bracts, which give it its common name - Blooming Boxes.

60 cms (2 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Kalanchoe pumila

Flower Dust Plant

Spreading succulent with frosted grey-green leaves and urn-shaped pink flowers 1cm long in spring. Pot into John Innes No 2. Split when desired. Min temp 2°C.

20 cms (7"). 1 - 5 °C

Kalanchoe rauhii

A cross between *Kalanchoe rosei* subsp. *variifolia* and *K. delagoensis* (*tubiflora*) *delagoensis*. Upright stems are clothed with serrated fleshy leaves, each producing plantlets along the edges. Tiered umbels of nodding salmon flowers appear in spring.

30 cms (1 foot) 1 - 5 °C

Kalanchoe rotundifolia

Round Leaf Kalanchoe

Spreading clumps of densely packed rounded grey leaves. Stiffly upright stems topped with bright red flowers may appear in the autumn.

15 cms (6")

Kalanchoe serrata

Magic Tower

A neat little succulent whose main attraction is masses of baby plantlets which occur on the leaf edges - these fall, or can be pulled, off & readily grow into new plants. Full sun indoors. May produce clusters of red flowers in summer. Minimum 10 - 15 °C.

30 cms (1 foot). 10 - 15 °C

Kalanchoe sexangularis

Red Leaved Kalanchoe

A branching succulent with upright stems clothed with green to strongly red-flushed leaves with scalloped margins

90 cms (3 feet) 1 - 5 °C

Kalanchoe thyrsiflora

Paddle Plant

An interesting succulent with large red-edged eaves covered with a white powder. A 2 foot spike of yellowish flowers may appear on older plants, after which the rosette dies. Leaves removed with a bit of stem attached root easily in gritty soil.

60 cms (2 feet).

Kleinia stapelliiformis

Upright succulent with leafless stems which become thorny with age. Has vivid orange flowers in summer. Keep dry in winter. Grow in loam based compost with added sand & grit. Min 2°C

30 cms (1 foot). 5 - 10 °C

Lampranthus 'Mauve'

Spreading succulent with grey-green leaves and bright mauve daisies from late spring-summer. Grow in loam based compost with added grit in full sun. Should take a touch of frost but won't like winter wet. Suitable for a unheated greenhouse/ conservatory.

Lampranthus Orange

Succulent with bright orange daisies from late spring-summer. Grow in loam based compost with added grit in full sun. Should take some frost but won't like winter wet. Unheated greenhouse/conservatory.

20 cms (7"). 1 - 5 °C

Lampranthus 'Pink'

Ice Plant

Succulent with bright pink daisies from late spring-summer. Grow in loam based compost with added grit in full sun. Should take some frost but won't like winter wet. Unheated greenhouse/conservatory.

20 cms (7"). 1 - 5 °C

Lampranthus - shocking pink

Succulent with bright shocking pink daisy-like flowers from late spring-summer. Grow in loam based compost with added grit in full sun. Should take some frost but won't like winter wet. Hardy in coastal and city gardens.

20 cms (7") Hardy (sheltered)

Lampranthus 'White'

Spreading succulent with grey-green leaves and white daisy-like flowers from late spring-summer. Grow in loam based compost with added grit in full sun. Should take a touch of frost but won't like winter wet.

30 cms (1 foot) 0 °C to minus 5 °C

Lampranthus 'Yellow'

Spreading succulent with grey-green leaves and bright yellow daisy-like flowers from late spring-summer. Grow in loam based compost with added grit in full sun. Should take a touch of frost but won't like winter wet.

0 °C to minus 5 °C

Lepismium marnierianum

Now listed as *Rhipsalis dissimilis* f. *dissimilis*. A trailing epiphytic cactus, with small white to cream flowers. Spine free apart from the occasional bristle.

20 cms (7") 5 - 10 °C

Opuntia microdasys albata

Bunny ears cactus

A neat little cactus for a sunny windowsill, The little tufts consist of glochids, rather than spines, which can irritate the skin, so use gloves when handling. These resent over watering, and should not be watered at all over the winter.

30 cms (1 foot).

Oscularia deltoides

A low growing or trailing succulent from the Cape, South Africa,, naturalised in Scilly Isles & Guernsey. Smothers itself in the spring with pinkish mauve daisy-like flowers. Very attractive in full bloom. Frost tender, minimum 1 to 5 deg. C.

15 cms (6"). 1 - 5 °C

Othonna capensis

Little Pickles, Ruby Necklace

(Senecio 'Purple Flush?') A quick growing succulent with long fleshy leaves on trailing stems . These take on a red or purple hue in sun and when underwatered. Hardy in mild gardens, in very well drained soil. Makes a nice house plant too.

Oxalis succulenta

Sulphur Oxalis

Syn: *O. ptychoclada*. An unusual succulent from Chile and Peru with fleshy, green 3-petalled leaves on branching stems and 5-petalled yellow flowers in summer. Grow in cactus compost and water moderately especially in winter. Over-winter indoors.

30 cms (1 foot).

1 - 5 °C

Peperomia ferreyrae

Happy Bean

An easy to grow species with thick stems and whorls of succulent green leaves. From tropical forests in Peru, so will like some shade. Ideal for e.g. a north facing windowsill

10 - 15 °C

Peperomia verticillata

Vein Leaf Peperomia

A spreading, trailing houseplant with soft, hairy leaves which are green above and purple below. Likes a position where it will get bright but indirect sunlight. Found growing in the rain forests of central America, likes humidity. Suitable for a terrarium

30 cms (1 foot)

5 - 10 °C

Pereskia aculeata

Barbados Gooseberry

An unusual climbing/scrambling cactus with spiny stems large lance shaped fleshy green leaves. In autumn produces large white flowers with orange stamens.

60 cms (2 feet)

5 - 10 °C

Pfeiffera (Rhipsalis) monacantha

(syn *Rhipsalis m.*, *Lepismium m.*) An epiphytic cactus from South America, with flattened stems on which appear small waxy orange flowers in spring, followed by pink seed pods.

30 cms (1 foot)

5 - 10 °C

Portulacaria afra

Elephant Plants, Small Leaved Jade Plant

A shrubby, much-branched succulent with small leaves. Can be pinched back to make a neat specimen. In its native South Africa it makes a large shrub.

1.5 metres (5 feet).

5 - 10 °C

Portulacaria afra 'Variegata'

Elephant Bush

A shrubby succulent with small leaves, capable of growing to several feet. Similar to the familiar Money Plant. Likes sun & freedom from frost. A good bonsai plant.

30 cms (1 foot).

5 - 10 °C

Rhipsalis agudoensis

An upright then trailing tree-dwelling cactus from Brazil, with fleshy stems, red tinged at the tips. Small cream flowers appear on mature plants. Shade from hot sun, needs well drained compost and a shallow root run.

20 cms (7")

5 - 10 °C

Rhipsalis baccifera subsp. horrida

Name not totally certain. A trailing epiphytic (tree dwelling) cactus, eventually making a long cascade of fleshy, slightly prickly stems. Small white flowers followed by white berries. For a hanging basket, well-lit spot shaded from hot sun. Frost tender.

Rhipsalis capilliformis

Link Cactus

Dainty epiphytic cactus which trails in a hair-like (hence capilliformis) fashion so good for hanging baskets. Has tiny white flowers in late spring. Grow in cactus compost in good light. Likes humidity. Keep on the dry side in winter.

60 cms (2 feet).

5 - 10 °C

Rhipsalis cruciforme

Grow in a well lit position protected from very hot sun. Water only when dry

Senecio 'Mount Everest'

A fairly new cultivar making a striking succulent for a sunny windowsill etc. Upright stems carry vertical leaves with a grey bloom.. Well drained gritty compost.

Senecio (Curio) 'Himalaya Blue'

A striking shrubby succulent with upright stems clothed with long thin fleshy very pale grey leaves, narrower than ficoides. Ideal for a succulent summer scheme outdoors

Senecio (Curio) articulatus

Candle Plant

Now Curio articulatus. Species of unusual appearance with swollen jointed stems and small yellow daisy flowers in summer. Good for a sunny windowsill. Grow in John Innes No.1 compost with added grit. Min 2°C. Keeps more leaves at higher temps.

60 cms (2 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Senecio (Curio) ficoides

Now Curio ficoides. May be S. archeri or S. mandraliscae. A striking shrubby succulent with upright stems clothed with long thin fleshy very pale grey leaves, Differs to the similar S. serpens in having pointed leaf tips, and a more upright growth habit.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Senecio (Curio) rowleyanus

String of Beads

Now Curio rowleyanus. Unusual trailing succulent with spherical leaves, ideal for hanging baskets & containers indoors. Small white scented flowers in summer. Grow in a loam based compost with added grit. Min.

10 cms (4"). 10 - 15 °C

Senecio (Curio) serpens (repens)

Now Curio repens. Shrubby succulent with fleshy, frosted blue stems and blue-grey leaves. Has small, pale yellow daisies in summer. Grow in loam based compost with added grit. Min 5°C.

30 cms (1 foot). 1 - 5 °C

Senecio ? Crassissimus - larger leaves

Unusual succulent with an upright to spreading habit. The fleshy grey leaves are held vertically, giving it a unique appearance. The stems and leaf edges are purple-tinged. Needs gritty loam-based compost, dry and frost free in winter.

Senecio angulatus

Cape Ivy, Climbing Groundsel, Canary Creeper

A succulent scrambling climber making a tangled mass of growth, with clusters of yellow daisy flowers in the summer. May take some frost, but cuttings can be taken and overwintered indoors.

2 metres (6 feet)

Senecio crassissimus

This unusual succulent has an upright branching habit. The fleshy grey leaves are held vertically, rather than horizontally, giving it a unique appearance. The stems and leaf edges are purple-tinged. Min. 4 ° C.

60 cms (2 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Senecio jacobsenii

'Trailing Jade', 'Weeping Jade'

Grow in a well lit position protected from very hot sun. Water only when dry

Senecio jacobsenii

Trailing Jade

South African succulent with spreading then trailing stems covered with rounded grey-green leaves. Ideal for a hanging container.

20 cms (7") 1 - 5 °C

Senecio kleiniiformis

Spearhead Senecio

Succulent with glaucous spear shaped leaves & yellow daisy flowers on long stems in summer. Keep on the dry side in winter. Use John Innes No 1 with added grit. Min temp 2°C.

15 cms (6"). 5 - 10 °C

Senecio macroglossus

Cape Ivy

Succulent climber/trailer with fleshy, deep-green, Ivy-like leaves. Grown mainly as a foliage plant, but does occasionally produce large pale yellow daisies. Grow in loam based compost with added grit. Protect from midday sun. Min.

3 metres (10 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Senecio macroglossus 'Variegatus'

Cape Ivy

Succulent climber/trailer with variegated, Ivy-like leaves. Sometimes produces large pale yellow daisies in summer. Grow in loam based compost with added grit. Shade from hot sun.

2.5 metres (8 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Senecio mikanioides 'Delairea odorata'

German Ivy, Cape Ivy, Climbing Groundsel

Delairea odorata

Senecio stapeliaeformis

Pickle Cactus

Not a Cactus, but in the daisy family, this distinctive plant forms clusters of upright fleshy stems, pale green with deeper green markings. Shaggy orange flowers in summer. Keep dry in winter.

20 cms (7") 5 - 10 °C

Senecio talinoides ssp. cylindricus 'Himalaya'

Upright shrubby succulent with bright fresh green leaves sprouting from a woody stem. May need some support as it gets taller, possibly reaching 2-3ft in height. Grow in John Innes compost with lots of grit mixed in.

90 cms (3 feet). 5 - 10 °C

Synadenium grantii 'Rubrum'

African Milk Bush

African succulent with fleshy attractively red and green streaked leaves. Capable of growing to tree-like proportions, but can be restrained by growing in a smallish pot, Well-drained gritty compost and full sun. CAUTION - TOXIC SAP!

2 metres (6 feet). 10 - 15 °C

x Alworthia 'Black Gem'

A very attractive small succulent forming clumps of tapered olive green leaves which turn a chocolate brown colour with age. Loose spikes of tubular orange-red flowers develop in spring. Grow in loam based compost with added grit.

15 cms (6").