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## *A catalogue of seeds of the different sorts of esculent plants that are raised for use in the kitchen*

Together with a select list of Culinary & Physical Herbs and Wild  
& Cottage Garden Flowers

***Mr Etty begs (most respectfully), to bring to the notice of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, & Others, this his specialist seed catalogue. In doing so, he trusts that his determination to select from none but the best stocks, will ensure for him, the patronage, which it is his anxious study to merit.***

**Seed Counts.** Are approximate, however, our packets usually exceed the number quoted.

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version of this catalogue which may be plucked, from the very ether, by patrons in possession of a variant of Mr Babbage's difference machine. Whilst by no means a Luddite, Mr Etty, courteously, recommends the cautionary wearing of gloves, when using such machinery, especially when the operator is of the gentler sex.

Variety names succeeded by ~~P~~ are Perennial and ~~B~~ are Biennial, in normal UK growing conditions

Varieties new or reintroduced to this catalogue are prefixed with 

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## GLOBE ARTICHOKE

**Green Globe.** 🌱. By 1790. The best for southern counties. *"The best is Green Globe, which has in-curved scales. It is generally grown for the London Markets. Very prolific & of an excellent quality."*

**Purple Globe.** 🌱. (Syn. Romanesco). British Cyclopaedia of Natural History. 1835-7. Best for Northern regions. *"Has a very rich purple colour with large round heads, without thorns & excellent taste."*

**All varieties. 30 seeds £1.95p**

**Large Green Paris.** 🌱. (Syn. Vert de Laon, Tête de Chat). By 1756. (as L'artichaut de Laon). Not an early variety but the best for yielding heads every year of its cultivation. Considered to be the best flavoured. **12 seeds £2.50p**

## Jerusalem Artichoke

👉 Subscribers to Mr Eddy's periodic newsletter will be advised of availability and price in due course.

## ASPARAGUS

**Argenteuil Early.** 🌱. Produces large, sweet tasting, spears. Thick stalks with purple tips. A reference to *"Asperges de M. l'Hérault d'Argenteuil"* in the Société d'horticulture du département de Seine-et-Oise of 1853, points to the early genesis of this variety.

**Conover's Colossal.** 🌱. *"From S. B. Conover, Esq., of New York a box containing 200 plants of his colossal asparagus. This is a new variety of asparagus, remarkable for the size of its shoots. 1866."*

**Both varieties 40 seeds £1.95p. 25 seeds £1.25p**

## ASPARAGUS PEA

(*Lotus tetragonolobus*). Noted in 1596 (John Gerard). *"The pods, while young, form an agreeable dish. It's attractive brick-red flowers, often cultivated as an ornamental plant."* **40 seeds £1.95p**

## AUBERGINE

**Imperial Black Beauty.** Introduced in 1902. *"Fruits broad & thick, of a most attractive form & finest flavour. Its rich, lustrous, purple black colour is very uniform."* **40 seeds**

**Early Long Purple.** Traité des végétaux. Tollard. 1805. *"The fruit is oblong, somewhat club shaped, from 5-8 ins. long. Deep purple, but sometimes pale purple, slightly striped, & often much variegated with longitudinal stripes, more deeply coloured on the exposed side."* 7th. Nov. 1826. **40 seeds**

**Listada di Gandia.** By 1967. The fruits are purple, but heavily suffused with white stripes & streaks. Fine fleshed & virtually seedless. **20 seeds**

**Monstrueuse de New York.** (Syn. New York Round Purple). 1869. Seed of an "improved" strain was already being offered by Suttons in 1879. Much appreciated by growers of "giant" vegetables as individual fruits may attain 10 to 12 pounds. **20 Seeds**

**Tsakoniki.** The elongated slightly curved fruits, run to about 7" long. They are very beautiful, being purple with lovely white striping. The 2-3ft. plants are vigorous, & stems & flowers are purple. An heirloom from Greece. **20 seeds**

**Turkish Orange.** (*Solanum aethiopicum*.) A wonderful heirloom that is, stunning in colour & overwhelming in its crop. Producing many, orange, golf to tennis ball sized fruits. There can be so many fruit on one plant that it is best to stake it (like tomatoes). Sweet & rich in flavour, best used when just turning colour. **20 seeds**

**All varieties £2.00p per packet**

## BEETROOT

**Albina Vereduna.** By 1972. White flesh & sweet, delicate flavour. The leaves are a delicacy being rich in vitamins. **100 seeds**

**Bulls Blood.** Pre-1900. Perhaps Blood Red Hamburg? *"This variety is distinguished by the dark red colour of its leaves which are broadly crimped & have an almost glazy lustre."* **150 seeds**

**Cheltenham Green-top't.** By 1883. Bred by A. H. Cook of Cheltenham & first sent out by Harrison & Sons Leicester. *"I wish to call attention to a variety of vegetable which is, I believe, but little known, although those who were fortunate enough to see the collection of beets sent to the Royal Horticultural conference at Chiswick will have had an opportunity of noting several good varieties there. Messr's J. Veitch & Messr's Harrison, showed on that occasion the kind called Cheltenham Green Top. 1889"* **100 seeds**

👉 **Covent Garden.** By 1905. *"Having a compact-top, fair-sized long oval-shaped roots with dark crimson flesh, of fine flavour; foliage dark maroon; strongly recommended."* **200 seeds**

**Detroit Globe.** 1892. *"Roots globular, smooth & uniform, with a small tap root. flesh dark red & of fine quality, sweet & tender."* **400 or 200 seeds**

**Egyptian Turnip-rooted.** The Country Gentleman's Magazine. 1874 *"Fine deep red flesh, strongly recommended for shallow soils & cold frames. Comes to maturity early."* **400 or 200 seeds**

**Burpee's Golden.** By 1857. Golden-yellow throughout. Turnip-rooted, the advantage of this variety is that it does not bleed, whilst retaining all of the flavour of the red varieties. **200 seeds**

**Rouge Crapaudine** (Syn. Toad). By 1850. One of the oldest varieties, distinguished by the appearance of the skin, which is black & broken by small cracks & crevices. **150 seeds**

**Tonda di Chioggia.** By 1841. *"Skin reddish, flesh white, with concentric rose-coloured rings. Called "de Chioggia" in Venice, from the name of the place whence it comes from. It forms its roots chiefly on the surface, so may be grown on thinner land."* Gardeners' Assistant 1859 **400 or 200 seeds**

**Mixed Heirloom Selection.** A mixture of different coloured beetroot varieties. **200 seeds**

**All varieties £1.95p per Packet.**

**Small packs (where offered) £1.25p**

## LEAF BEET

**Sea Beet.** 🌱 Native, (*Beta vulgaris subsp. marina*) The ancestor of both the leaf & root beets. Generally, does not form an edible root, but the dark green leaves, (somewhat fleshier than commercial types), are as useful. Short-term perennial but a copious self-seeder. Early & very hardy. **Currently unavailable**

**Five-coloured.** (Syn. Bright Lights, Rainbow) By 1972. Modern. Use both the leaves & stems of this variety for a colourful addition to your vegetable choices. Includes white, yellow, orange, pink & red stalked varieties. **200 or 100 seeds**

**Perpetual Spinach.** (Syn. Erbette). By 1790. Excellent & long-standing alternative to true Spinach. As with all Leaf Beets, it can be sown from Spring though to late Autumn. **300 or 150 seeds**

**Rhubarb or Ruby Chard.** By 1856. Grown for its bright colour, as well as for its culinary uses. **300 or 150 seeds**

**Fordhook Giant or Swiss Chard.** The Practical Kitchen Gardiner. 1727. *"is becoming very generally distributed as a vegetable. Its leaves only are used. It is a variety of the Beet, having bright green foliage, with the leaf-stalk and mid-rib of a pure white, and is*

sometimes known under the name of *Seakale Beet*, from the fact that the footstalk and nerves of the leaves can be used like that vegetable. The leaf is cooked like *Spinach*, and very favourably received at the table.” **300 or 150 seeds**

Above varieties £1.95p per packet, unless otherwise shown  
Small packs £1.25p

## BILBERRY

(*Vaccinium myrtillus*). 🌿. Native. The fruit is smaller than that of the cultivated blueberry, but with a fuller taste. Bilberries are darker in colour, & usually appear near black with a slight shade of purple. The pulp of the fruit is red or purple. **40 seeds £2.25p**

**CRANBERRY.** 🌿. (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*) **40 seeds £2.25p**

**LINGONBERRY.** 🌿. (*Vaccinium vitis-idea*) **40 seeds £2.25p**

## BORECOLE or KALE

👉 **Cottage's Kale** “Is described as being extremely hardy, of excellent flavour, and a very early cropper; sow in March, and plant out early one yard apart in rich, well trenched ground; the crop will be prodigious: it is admirably adapted for exposed situations.” Carter's Seed Catalogue – 1859 **50 seeds £2.75p**

**Dwarf Green Curled.** (Syn. Half-tall) The leaves are sweeter & more tender after being “frosted.” “...a fine winter food for cattle, no frosts can destroy it, therefore it will supply when Cabbages & Savoy's are gone.” 1779. **500 or 250 seeds**

**Flanders Purple.** 🌿 (Chou caulet de Flandre) Catalogue des végétaux de tous etc. 1817. “The Purple form of the Jersey Tree, Not so tall, but hardier. Leaves undulated & puckered,” **100 seeds**

**Hungry Gap.** “Coming in July, Hungry Gap is true to its name. Vegetables are at their lowest ebb in that month. An exceptionally heavy bearer.” 1831. **500 or 250 seeds**

**Jersey Tree.** 🌿 (Chou Cavalier). By 1771 Catalogue Raisonné de Graines &c. “I enclose seed of a cabbage which promises to be an important acquisition. I have seen it growing in the garden of my friend, Admiral Brooking, to a height of 8ft. **250 seeds**

**Nero di Toscano.** (Syn. Cavolo Nero) Praelectiones in Ordines Naturales Plantarum. 1792. “Up to 6ft. tall, terminating in a cluster of leaves, which are nearly entire on the borders, blistered on the surface & sometimes measuring 3ft in length.” **500 or 250 seeds**

**Pentland Brig.** By 1972. Bred by the Scottish Plant Breeding Station at Petersfield, near Edinburgh Tall & productive with a very leafy habit. The young shoots may also be cut and cooked as for sprouting broccoli. **200 seeds**

**Red Russian.** (Rouge de Russie). 1818. “Before the plant begins to shoot in the spring, it appears purple, the back & edges of the leaves being tinged that colour. **500 or 250 seeds**

**Thousand-headed.** The Cottage Gardener. 1801. “Extolled as an article in Agriculture. May be also considered as belonging in the garden. I know from experience that it will withstand the severest frost & will survive to be useful.” 1817. **500 or 250 seeds**

All varieties £1.95p Per Packet.

Small packs (where offered) £1.25p

## BROAD BEAN

**Aquadulce Claudia.** By 1937. “...perfectly hardy & stands the most severe winter conditions. What the plants do resent are cold east winds, so for preference they should be afforded some form of shelter.”

**Mr Bunyard's Exhibition.** (Syn. Johnson's Wonderful). The Agriculturist's Manual. 1835. Bred by Mr George Bunyard, of Royal Nursery, Allington, Kent. “Newly introduced, & apparently a superior variety; its pods are long, & contain 6 to 8 beans, resembling in size & shape those of the Windsor Bean.” 1836

**Sutton Dwarf.** Bred & introduced, in 1923, by Sutton & Sons. Probably derived from a variety called Dwarf Fan. “Attaining a height of 9-12 ins. The plants are more or less spreading, & so freely branching that large number of pods are produced each containing 4-5 beans of superior table quality.”

**Green Windsor.** The Retir'd Gardener. 1704. “In the Middle of January, if the Weather is open & good, you may plant your first crop of Windsor Beans & every 3 weeks make a fresh plantation until the middle of May. There are some people who plant even in June, but unless the Soil is very strong & moist, or the season proves wet or cold, they seldom succeed.”

**Masterpiece Green Long-pod.** (Syn. Acme, Land's Supreme) By 1891. “Combining the earliness of the Seville; the length of pod of the Aqua-dulce; & the fine quality & flavour of the green over the white Bean. It is most prolific, a great number of the pods hanging in pairs.” Carter's 1897

Above varieties 30 seeds £1.80p: 50 seeds £2.80p:  
100 seeds £5.00p

👉 **De Seville a Long Cosse.** (Syn. Long Seville) By 1860. “It is often thought that this is a comparatively new variety of the Broad Bean, whereas it has been grown in this country for nearly or quite forty years. I think the credit of introducing it belongs to Messrs Drummond & Sons, of Stirling.” 1894.

**Crimson Flour'd.** By 1771. “Height about 4ft; flower bright red approaching scarlet. Pods medium size, with, 4-5 beans, similar in shape, but longer than the long-podded sort. An excellent bearer.” Mawe & Abercrombie. 1787.

👉 **Purple (Seeded).** “M. Vilmorin listed a Purple seeded Broad Bean, in 1885. The variety we stock is of Italian origin “Fava extra precoce a grano violette”. Some have pointed out that the purple colouration did not become apparent until the seed was quite mature, but, at the same time commented very favourably about the flavour, & size of crop.”

Above varieties 30 seeds £2.00p: 50 seeds £3.75p:  
100 seeds £6.50p

## BROCCOLI

**Green Sprouting.** 1784. “A distinct variety forming good-sized green heads. After these are cut a number of sprouts developing at the axis form smaller heads.” **500 or 250 seeds**

**Purple Sprouting.** The Day Book of Cockmanning's Nursery. 1777. Heavy & long-bearing of excellent flavour. **500 or 250 seeds**

Above varieties - £1.95p per packet.  
Small packets £1.25p

👉 **Mr Curtis's Nine Star Perennial** “The plants produce as many as 12 heads, the size of a good Cauliflower, & the quality is excellent. After cutting out the heads, if the plants are left & the ground well manured they will produce annually a further supply of good heads. This wonderful vegetable is now within the reach of every grower.” **35 seeds £3.00**

## BRUSSELS SPROUT

**Fill-basket.** By 1922. (Syns. Bedford, Darkmar 21, Blue Vein). Distributed by Sutton & Sons. "Produces the largest & most solid sprouts in cultivation. Although the buttons grow to a large size they are of extremely good quality." **300 or 150 seeds**

**Evesham Special.** By 1920. Distributed by H J Speed & Son. "A good all-rounder, producing large quantities of good quality medium-size solid sprouts from September to December." **300 or 150 seeds**

**Both varieties £1.95p per packet. Small packets £1.25p**

## CABBAGE (RED)

**Red Drumhead.** The Modern Gardener. 1771. "The most familiar, as well as the most popular of the red varieties. The head is large, round, hard, & solid; the leaves composing the head are of an intense purplish-red." **300 seeds £1.95p. 100 seeds £1.25p**

## CABBAGE

### Varieties for Autumn Sowing

**April.** "It forms hearts earlier than any other sort, & its medium size & dwarf compact habit, combined with its freedom from any tendency to bolt, must insure, for this cabbage, a hearty reception." Sutton & Sons. 1897. **500 or 200 seeds**

**Durham Early.** By 1934. Raised & distributed by J. L. Clucas Ltd. Moor Street, Ormskirk. "... a really versatile vegetable. It can be cut for spring greens or left to form dark green heads, which have good flavour. Unlike some cabbages it can be eaten raw, & even used shredded in stir fries." **500 or 200 seeds**

 **Flower of Spring.** (Syn Offenham 2, First & Best). Bred by Sutton & Sons and introduced in 1885.) "Successive annual trials in our Experimental Gardens have proved this to be the best cabbage for August sowing. It not only comes very early in spring & produces finer heads than any other late-sown cabbages but shows no disposition to run to seed." **500 or 200 seeds**

**Jersey Wakefield.** Forming a compact, somewhat conical head with glaucous-green leaves. This wonderful early heading variety occupies little garden space. American seed merchant Peter Henderson reported that this was first grown, in the USA, by Mr F Brill of Jersey City, in the 1840's, although it probably originated in Yorkshire. **200 seeds**

**Mr Wheeler's Imperial.** Before 1844. Raised by Mr G Wheeler of Warminster. Selected from "Nonpariel" cabbage, listed by W Rendle of Plymouth. "Dark green leafy heads, compact plants for harvesting from mid-April." **500 or 200 seeds**

**Offenham 3.** (Syn. Wintergreen, Fowler's Early Spring, Kempsey). No great age (circa 1967), but a true Colewort nonetheless. Providing Spring Greens from December through April. **250 seeds**

### Varieties for Spring Sowing

 **Golden Acre.** By 1889 (Syn. Earliest of All Primo 2, June Giant, Ditmarscher Forcing.) Ball-head type, of light green colour. Produces tightly-wrapped cabbage heads right up until December. Used for the production of Sauerkraut. **500 or 200 seeds**

**Holland Late Winter.** By 1866. "Large. Rather late, good for autumn use, & one of the best for winter or late keeping. It remains sound, whilst retains freshness & flavour till late in spring. Heads open white & crisp." **300 or 100 seeds**

**£1.95p Per packet. Small packets (where offered) £1.20p**

Mr Etty would, respectfully, point out that where only one seed packet quantity is listed, the price is that of the main packet and not of the small packet.

## Cabbage of Savoy

**D'Aubervilliers.** 1783. "Early variety, productive with blue green leaves. Interior leaves white-yellowish. Short stem & a flattened, very tender head." **250 or 100 seeds**

**January King.** (Syn. De Pontoise 3, Hardy Late Stock 3). By 1867. Sown in May, it cuts in February. "Extremely cold hardy but grows well in the summer months. Dense, green, round, to slightly flattened heads, attractive, purple-tinged outer leaves." **300 or 100 seeds**

**Large Drumhead.** (Syn. Gros Des Vertus). By 1771. "Leaves spreading, large & rounded, of a light green colour, coarsely curled. Heads flattened, from 10 - 11 ins. in diameter." 1877. **300 or 100 seeds**

**Ormskirk.** 1899. Raised by J. L. Clucas Ltd of Ormskirk. "An extra late green Savoy with crinkled leaves & firm rounded heads. Very hardy & reliable variety that you can be harvesting for Christmas dinner." **300 or 100 seeds**

**£1.95p per packet. - Small packs £1.25p**

## CAPER

**Cultivated.**  By 1596. Grow in a sheltered position or give glasshouse protection. The unopened flower buds are the part pickled. Slow to germinate, vernalisation recommended. "They stir up an appetite to meat. They are eaten boiled (the salt first washed off) with oile & vinegar." **20 seeds £2.35p**

## CARDOON

**Common.**  By 1750. (Syn. Plein blanc amélioré Puvis). "Has spineless leaves, leaf-stalks, solid but not so thick or tender when cooked as other varieties." **30 seeds £2.00p**

 **Rouge d'Alger.**  By 1905. "Has edible ornamental stalks that are blushed red, most striking against the blue-green leaves. The flowers can be cooked before the buds open, like a small artichoke." **15 seeds £2.00p**

## CARROT

**Amsterdam Forcing 3.** By 1911. (Syn. First Pull). "The finest & sweetest for forcing. Can be grown equally well in the open. Roots are about 5ins. long, stump-ended with very small tap root." 1937 **2000 or 1000 seeds**

**Autumn King.** By 1900. (Syn. Norfolk Giant, Flakee 2) (of Carter's). Long, cylindrical, heavy stump-ended, with a rich deep-orange flesh. Suited to shallow soils. **2000 or 1000 seeds**

**Blanche de Vosges.** (Blanche demi-longue des Vosges) Before 1842 Journal des connaissances utiles: Courrier des familles &tc. Root broad at the neck, entirely sunk in the ground, narrowing abruptly to the point nearly twice as long as broad the entire length being about 8 inches with a diameter of 4-5ins. **300 seeds**

**Chantenay Red Cored.** By 1829. (Syn. Cannors Favourite. Early Market Horn 2, Spalding). (of Vilmorin). "The roots are refined in appearance with small collars, evenly stumped with very small tails. The root surface is smooth & free from large eyes & side rootlets." **2000 or 1000 seeds**

**Early Nantes.** 1867. "Root cylindrical, with a blunt point, even & clean; red, sweet & tender, coreless. One of the earliest & best." Gardeners' Assistant 1927 **2000 or 1000 seeds**

**Mr James' Scarlet Intermediate.** In 1824, John Loudon wrote that this variety "...had originated with a market gardener named James, of Lambeth Marsh. The root is scarlet, about 6ins long, & from 2-3 ins. thick, conical & sharp pointed. The flesh is scarlet & of good quality." **2000 or 1000 seeds**

**Jaune Obtuse du Doubs.** Encouragement de l'agriculture par la Confédération. 1851. "A variety well suited for livestock, but also an excellent kitchen vegetable. It combines a sweet flavour with good winter storage." **500 seeds**

**Long Red Surrey.** By 1801. (Syn. St Valery, New Red Intermediate). "There are some good gardens near Chertsey, & here the Chertsey or great Surrey carrot, is better grown than anywhere else. It produces orange roots with a distinctive yellow core & has a quite exceptional flavour." 1822. **2000 or 1000 seeds**

**Ochsenhetz. (Oxheart).** Le Bon jardinier. 1882. "Remarkable for its great size & quickness of growth. Often its length does not much exceed its thickness which measures sometimes 3¼in. in diameter. The flesh is very tender & delicate, & a beautiful orange red paler at the centre." **300 seeds**

**Paris Market.** By 1875. (Syn. Rondo). "The smallest & earliest carrot. Chiefly used for forcing. A favourite among market gardeners on account of its extreme earliness. From 1ins. to 2 ins. & nearly round." **2000 or 1000 seeds**

**Rouge Sang.** (Syn. Violette). Journal d'agriculture pratique. 1897. Dark green foliage, roots squat & conical with an interesting & unusual red & violet skin. A real rustic carrot. **300 seeds**

**Spanish Black.** (Syn. Morada). Tratado de la Huerta ó método de cultivar toda clase de hortalizas. 1813. Roots thin & purplish black on the surface. Interior white or yellow flamed purple. "It is known that the Morada Carrot has been cultivated for over 300 years although it did not arrive in Europe until later" **300 seeds**

**White Belgium.** Before 1818. "Not hardy for it becomes "disorganised" by frost. Used mainly for stock feeding, but having a mild taste, is also deserving of a place at table!" Despite its name, actually an old Dutch type from the 1600's. **300 seeds**

**All varieties £1.95p per packet.**

**Small packets (where offered) £1.25p**

## CAULIFLOWER

**All the Year Round.** By 1933. "Can be sown any time of the year. Succeeds equally well in frames or in the open. Large milky-white heads well protected with very dark green slightly curled leaves. Strongly recommended."

**Autumn Giant.** By 1838. "The heads are very large, beautifully white, firm & compact, & being well protected by foliage, remain a long time fit for use."

**Di Sicilia Violetto.** Journal of Natural Philosophy. 1812 "Packets of seed, first sent here from Italy, which appear to me to have produced the same variety, have been sold for two seasons by Mr Grange, in Covent Garden & Piccadilly."

**Dwarf Erfurt.** By 1830. (Syn. Dean's Early Snowball). "...promises to be one of the best for cultivation. The surface is very close, & the heads possess the white, curdy character so rarely attained."

**Romanesco.** By 1951. "...differs from traditional forms in that it is pale lime in colour rather than creamy white. It has a milder, sweeter flavour than the white variety and is best eaten when the heads are small."

**Above varieties - 250 seeds £2.00p. 125 seeds £1.25p**

**Veitch's Self-folding.** 1874. (Syn. Gigante di Napoli). "A valuable early variety. Produces firm close compact white heads, of delicious flavour. The protective covering of leaves is very pronounced." Gardeners' Assistant. 1927 **150 seeds £2.00p**

## CELERIAC

**Giant Prague.** By 1871. "Gardeners are becoming acquainted with this vegetable, which is much easier to grow than Celery. The edible portion is the thick root, which is highly valued boiled, or is used in soup; stews, & other dishes."

**1000 seeds £1.95p: 500 seeds £1.25p**

## CELERY

**Giant Red.** By 1835. (Syn. Brydon's Prize Red). "Plant of strong & vigorous growth, leaflets broad green; heads compact. Outer leaf-stalks moderately broad, slightly shaded with red; hearts very solid; stalks broad, thick & fleshy blanching."

**Cutting or Soup.** By 1793. "Little improved by cultivation, probably a reversion to the wild state. Grown for its leaves which are cut like parsley & used for soups & seasoning."

**Golden Self-Blanching.** 1889. (Syn. Plein blanc doré chemin). "This grand variety has justly become very popular. Produces large dwarf bunches, blanching to a deep golden yellow."

**All varieties (1000 seeds) £1.95p per packet.**

**Small packets (500 seeds) £1.25p.**

## CIME DI RAPE or TURNIP GREENS

**Quarantina.** By 1885. "Grown for its edible greens, the principle ingredient of an Italian sauce. The unopened flower-heads look like broccoli but are actually a form of turnip. Quick maturing."

**500 seeds £2.00p 200 seeds £1.25p**

## CHICORY

**Witloof.** 1872. "In autumn the roots are taken up, the leaves trimmed off about 1½ins. from the neck, & the end of the roots shortened to a length of 8-9ins. The roots are then planted in earth in a dark, cool place like in the cellar." **500 seeds £1.95p**

 **Barbe du Capuchin.** Semi-wild ancestor of all Chicories; rarely available much esteemed by the French as a winter salad.

**500 seeds £1.95p**

## RADICCHIO

**Rossa di Treviso.** By 1899. "...an elegant plant with red leaves contrasting with wide white ribs. The leaves are delicious in salads, ribs used for risotto & soup." **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Rossa di Verona.** "A refined type with loose succulent heads. The firm texture & deep colouring of the leaves make them ideal for braising & cooking." **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Variegata di Castelfranco.** L'Italia agricola. 1912. "Leaves green heavily blotched with red. Forced in the same manner as Witloof." **1000 or 500 seeds**

**All varieties £1.95p per packet. Small packets £1.25p**

## COURGETTES (see also Marrows below)

**Black Beauty.** By 1927. (Syn. Black Milan, Nero di Milano). "Dark green fruits of the finest quality...has an open habit making picking the fruits so much easier." **20 seeds £2.00p**

**Cocozelle von Tripolis.** (Syn. Verte non coureuse d'Italie). A. Poiteau. In 1826, notes that examples were "... sent from Italy to the Duke of Orleans, in 1820." "...a dwarf bush form so may be grown closer than the true Marrow." **15 seeds £2.00p**

**De Nice à fruit rond.** By 1903. (Syn. Tondo Chiaro di Nizza). "Trailing vigorous plant with a spherical fruit of light green, pick before the skin begins to darken in colour." **15 seeds £2.00p**

**Goldena.** Beautiful yellow fruiting, variety. An excellent contrast to the darker green varieties. **20 seeds £2.00p**

**Trombetta d'albenga.** Said to have been introduced to the region in "ancient times" by sailors returning from their travels with exotic & curious fruits. Long & thin curving at the end into a bell shape, reminiscent of a Trombone. **10 seeds £2.00p**

**Verte Petite d'Algers.** (Syn Grey Zucchini) An early variety, much appreciated by connoisseurs. Very productive with slightly bulbous light green fruit striped pale grey. **10 seeds £2.25p**

## COUVE TRONCHUDA

Noted in Vocabulario Portuguez & Latino. in 1721 "*Though tender, this delicious vegetable may be secured for use in summer & autumn & far on into the winter by sowing the seed in February, March & April (the first sowing assisted with heat.)*." **100 seeds £2.25p**

## CUCUMBERS & GHERKINS

**Lemon.** By 1894. "*Messrs Hobbies of Dereham, brought Lemon Cucumbers, the fruit being small & roundish-oval, with a pale lemon-coloured skin, but exactly similar in flavour to the ordinary Cucumber.*" RHS Journal 1903/04 **30 seeds £1.95p**

**Long Green Ridge.** (Syn. Long Prickly, Bedfordshire Prize Ridge). Every Man his own Gardener. 1767. "*From 7-10ins. long, of a green colour, with few prickles. A good bearer; & upon the whole, this is accounted the best cucumber for the general summer crop, the pulp being very crisp & pleasant.*" **20 seeds £1.95p**

**Rollisson's Telegraph Improved.** Bred & introduced by Wm. Rollison & Sons, of Upper Tooting before 1864. "*Those expected to produce cucumbers in the winter should get this kind; & when they have once grown will not grow any other sort. Greenhouse variety.* Gardeners' Chronicle 1868 **10 seeds £2.25p**

**Parisian Pickling.** (Syn. National, Vert Petit de Paris) 1876. Société d'horticulture et de viticulture d'Epernay. A French Gherkin variety. Thick-set & productive. **30 seeds £1.95p**

## ENDIVE

**Broad Leaved Winter of Bordeaux.** By 1856. (Syn. En Cornet de Bordeaux). Very hardy. "*Leaves long & broad, the edges somewhat ragged. Requires to be tied up to blanch.*" Gardeners' Assistant 1927

**Fine de Louviers.** By 1857. "*Leaves short, deeply cut & lacinated, a dull glaucous green colour. Forms close full hearts of excellent quality which blanch naturally. This variety will not tie-up & requires covering to blanch thoroughly; very hardy.*" 1878

**Frisée De Meaux.** By 1771. "*Not so early as Moss Curled but is more hardy & well suited for the autumn crop.*"

**Moss-curled.** 1771. (Syn. Green Curled Upright). Gordon & Dormers Seed List. Both the Green & White varieties of this curled endive were grown by the Rev. White at Selbourne.

**All varieties - 400 seeds £1.95p**

## FLORENCE FENNEL

**Sweet Florence or Romanesco.** By 1677. "*The large, finely cut, light green leaves are borne on very broad stems, which overlap, to form a sort of head or irregular ball.*" **300 seeds £1.95p**

*We shall be pleased to quote for larger quantities of seeds of any of the varieties herewith listed should that be your requirement*

## FRENCH or KIDNEY BEANS

### Climbing types

**Blue Lake White Seeded.** Before 1885 (Syn. Bobis a grano bianco). Said to have originated with the Native American Indians. Stringless **80 seeds £2.00p**

**Borlotto lingua di fuoco.** By 1805. "*Tall, Late, but very productive in fine autumns. Pods tender; seeds round, purplish red with variegations. Thick-skinned, mealy & of good flavour.*"

Gardeners' Assistant 1859 **60 seeds £2.00p**

**Merveille de Venise.** (Syn O'r duRhin, Rheingold). Raised near Lyon in France. Very early, the thick fleshy pods are pale sulphur yellow, stringless & very tender. "*Pods pale yellowish colour & entirely lacking any tough lining. They are tender & soft like butter when cooked.*"

**40 seeds £2.25p**

**Kentucky Wonder Wax.** Before 1931. A very old heirloom, known by many other synonyms over the decades. According to the, "*Beans of New York,*" its other common names included, American Sickle Pole, Eastern Wonder, Egg Harbor, Georgia Monstrous Pole, Improved Southern Prolific, Missouri Prolific, Old Homestead Pole & Texas Pole. **50 seeds £2.25p**

**Lazy Housewife.** (Syn. Coco blanc a rames) By 1828. "*Lazy housewife originated in Pennsylvania but was probably brought there by German Settlers. It was known as early as 1810 as White Cherry Pole.*" The Beans of New York. 1931. U.P. Hedrick. **40 seeds £2.60p**

**Purple-podded.** By 1856. (Syn. A Cosse Violet san fils). "*...stems purple-brown mottled green, Foliage ample, & the pink-purple flowers are relatively small, the pods are a uniform dark purple or mottled purple & green.*" **70 seeds £2.25p**

**Soissons Gros Blanc.** 1749. L'école du Jardin Potager. "*Has been referred to as Case knife, which it resembles, but from which it is separated by a larger broader seed & narrow, more constricted pod.* The Beans of New York. 1931. U.P. Hedrick. **40 seeds £2.60p**

👉 **Tarbais.** (Alaric) Picked & used fresh from August until early September 7 then as semi-dry beans from the end of September, or as soon as they start to rattle in the pods. can be served as a vegetable or used in traditional cassoulet, where these beans absorb & enhance its delicious flavour. **40 seeds £2.75p**

### Dwarf types

👉 **Cannellino.** (Syn. Lingot) A white kidney bean, popular in central & southern Italy, They Larger than navy beans, closely related to the red kidney bean the traditional bean for minestrone soups. Used fresh or dry. **50 seeds £2.25p**

**Flageolet Chevrier.** "*A selection from the Green Flageolet originating about 1872 near Paris with Gabriel Chevrier a market gardener whose name it bears.*" **70 seeds £2.00p**

**Lazy Housewife.** L'école du jardin potager. 1749. "*Pods, borne in large clusters are 5-7 ins long, fleshy, long & entirely stringless.*" **40 seeds £2.60p**

**Masterpiece.** (of Sutton's) 1907 "*First placed for size, form & flavour. A strong grower. The plants are short-jointed & bear a heavy, long continued crop, of fleshy, juicy beans, 8ins. long, stringless until too old for use.*" Stringless **100 seeds £1.95p**

**Canadian Wonder** (Syn. Rognon de Coq). Dictionnaire universel des plantes, etc. 1771. "*The credit for introducing this bean is due to Mr Cutbush, of Highgate, who catalogued it for many years, as Giant French Bean. In all probability, a selection of the Red flageolet.*" Gardeners' Chronicle 1886. **100 seeds £1.95p**

**Spread-Eagle.** By 1856. (Syn. Nun's Bellybutton, Saint-Esprit à oeil rouge). Named for the purple marking on the seed which, resembles an Eagle in flight, & too some scallywags, a certain part of a Nun's anatomy! **40 seeds £2.60p**

**Tendergreen.** By 1922. Probably developed by Calvin Keeney of Le Roy, New York. "Meaty, smooth, dark green, round, tender pods 6-7 ins. long, straight, too slightly curved, & of the most delicious flavour. Absolutely stringless. Pods mature early & are borne profusely. Ideal for canning." **100 seeds £1.95p**

**The Prince.** By 1927. (Syn, Long Tom) A cross of Superlative & Perfection. "An immense cropper fit for picking amongst the very earliest. The pods are large, fleshy, thick & stringless." **100 seeds £1.95p**

## GOOD KING HENRY

⌘. Native. "The present plant, whose excellence as a pot-herb seems not to be so generally known; but at Boston (Linns) they are sensible of its value, yet strange to tell, this useful herb is unknown in Covent Garden." 1777. **60 seeds £1.95p**

## HOP

⌘. Native "Independent of its use in making beer, the young shoots, when boiled, are equal in flavour to asparagus, & are eagerly sought after for that purpose." 1816. **40 seeds £1.95p**

## ICE PLANT

(*Mesembryanthemum crystallinum*) "The thickness and slightly acid flavour of the fleshy part of the leaves have caused it to be used as a fresh table vegetable for summer use in warm, dry countries. The leaves best eaten fresh or lightly steamed." **150 seeds £2.35p**

## KOHL RABI

**Purple Vienna.** By 1849. Journal d'horticulture pratique de la Belgique. "The swollen stems & leaves of this strain are a purplish colour & the flesh an attractive light green. Matures a few days later than the white. Roots of even size & form."

**Green Vienna.** By 1849 (as above). "These varieties (purple & white) are by far the best for table use, & when taken young & properly dressed, they form an excellent substitute for Turnips. Especially noted for their delicate flavour."

**Both varieties 500 seeds £1.95p. 200 seeds £1.25p**

## LEEK

**Bleu de Solaise.** By 1942. Editions de la Maison rustique. Blue-green leaves turn violet in cold weather. Requires a long growing season. **200 seeds**

**D'hiver de Saint-Victor.** Very cold resistant. Similar to Bleu de Solaise, but with a more intense colouration. **200 seeds**

**Jaune gros du Poitou.** By 1853. "A large sort, some of its leaves being more than 6ins. broad & 5ft. long; yellowish green. Stem blanches yellowish-white." **200 seeds**

**Géant d'hiver.** (Syn. Long Winter, Yates Empire). Société d'horticulture et de viticulture d'Epernay. 1874. "This variety withstands the winter well ...particularly suited to planting in Autumn." **300 seeds**

**Long de Mézières.** Jardins de France 1901. "Very beautiful variety which is very tolerant of the winter and one of the more appreciated varieties around the suburbs of Paris, large size, long, very white, and of excellent quality." 1912 **200 seeds**

**Lyon.** Introduced by Stuart & Mein, before 1883. An advert, by that company, in that year states. "Unquestionably the finest in existence, being of enormous size, splendid mild flavour, & perfectly hardy.

*The blanched part firm, crisp & white as snow, 14-20 ins. in length, and 3-4 ins. in diameter."* **300 or 100 seeds**

**Monstrueux de Carentan.** Journal de l'Agriculture. 1874. Probably a selection from Large Rouen Leek. "Largest & hardiest variety. Leaves the same length as Musselburgh but thicker & of a darker green. Excellent for soups & stews." **300 or 100 seeds**

**Musselburgh.** An Account of British Horticulture. 1817. Raised by Mr. James Hardcastle, of Musselburgh. "An old favourite that tastes excellent, produces solid white stems & is the main-stay of leek production through the lean winter period." **300 or 100 seeds**

**All Varieties - £1.95p per Packet.**

**Small packets (where offered) £1.25p**

## LETTUCE

**All-The-Year-Round.** Manuel Complet du Jardinier &c. 1829. "Heads large, handsome & very solid, with broad, pale green leaves. Inner leaves beautifully blanched & of delicious quality, crisp & of the buttery character so much liked." **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Blonde de Paris.** (Syn Favourite) Dictionnaire universel d'agriculture... 1751 (as Batavia Blonde). "Leaves undulate on the margin, slightly tinged with reddish brown on the outside. Heads large, moderately firm & of very good quality." **500 seeds**

**Brune d'Hiver.** (Brown Winter). Description Manuel Pratique de Jardinage. 1849. "A very hardy variety, excellent in quality & taking up but little space when growing." **300 seeds**

**Grosse Blonde Paresseuse.** (Syn. Fat Lazy Blonde). Maison Rustique. 1844. "Fine, large-sized & productive. It grows well & keeps the head perfectly in hot weather." **500 seeds**

**Little Gem.** 1880. of J. S. Veitch's (Syn. Sucrine) "Very early, coming into use at the same time as the cabbage varieties. A beautiful colour, dwarf & compact, self-folding." **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Lobjoit's Green Cos.** By 1856. (Syn. Vaux's Self-folding, Grise maraîchère). In the 1820s, Lobjoit was head gardener to the Rothschild's & in 1828 founded the firm of W.J.Lobjoit & Son Ltd, of Hammersmith. "Heads in the form of an inverted cone; green, with a greyish tone about the top; compact, & forming well. Exterior leaves deep-green, erect, firm & prominently blistered." **500 seeds**

**Marvel of the Four Seasons.** By 1880. (Syn. Red Besson). "Outer leaves bright burgundy red. Justifiably popular & dependable holding its flavour even in hot weather." **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Red Winter.** (Rouge d'Hiver) Traité des végétaux 1805. Tender, sweet & crisp with a fine flavour. Outer leaves tinted with Brown. Hardy. **300 seeds**

**Spotted or Bloody Cos.** (Syn Trout, Forellenschluss) The Practical Kitchen Gardiner. Stephen Switzer. 1727. A truly historical variety. "Of medium size, leaves spotted & streaked with red. The heart blanches tender." Gardeners' Assistant 1859. **300 seeds**

**Ubriconna Frastagliata.** (Syn. Rossa di Trento, Drunken Woman). "A somewhat unusual synonym! Perhaps the reddish streaks suggest the visage of an inebriated woman! Large, bi-colour Red & Green leaves. Excellent quality & flavour." **500 seeds**

**Verte Maraîchère.** Syn. Green Paris Cos. 1729 Prices of vegetable seeds at York 1729-30. "Very large & self-closing. The heart becomes white, crisp, & excellent. Some prefer this to the White Paris, & it has the advantage of being hardier." 1859. **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Webbs Wonderful.** By 1856. Raised & distributed by Webb's of Wordsley. "Immense head, closely folded. Interior beautifully blanched, creamy white, crisp, tender & delicious. A very large robust variety, slow to seed & a sure head." **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Wheeler's Tom Thumb.** By 1784. Bred & introduced by Wheeler's of Warminster. (Syn. Commodore Nutt, Stone Tennis Ball). "The English Garden Displayed." G Robinson, 1784. "We have been for some time, using this excellent lettuce, the flavour of which is all that could be wished." R Gilbert. 1876. The Garden. **1000 or 500 seeds**

**White Paris Cos.** By 1729. Prices of vegetable seeds at York 1729-30. "Self-blanching, tender, & mild flavour; useful exhibition variety. Generally esteemed as the best summer Cos, extensively cultivated around Paris." **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Winter Density.** (Syn. Craquerelle du Midi) Toogood of Southampton in 1909. "Glossy dark green leaves, hardy, very delicious. Lovely firm, semi-cos hearts. Slow to bolt." **1000 or 500 seeds**

**All varieties - £1.95p Per Packet.  
Small packets (where offered) £1.25p**

## LOVAGE

🌿 (Levisticum officinale.) (Celeri batard) "Commonly used in love potions, it also acts as a valuable sentry of the home & should be freely planted around to keep off all evil forces." **20 seeds £1.95p**

## MANGOLD WURZEL

**Yellow Eckendorf.** By 1893. A variety much prized by wine makers, & those who keep Horses, Ponies, & Goats .

**Mammoth Red.** By 1869. "A mammoth growing variety, which gives great bulk."

**Both varieties 200 seeds £1.95p**

## MARROW

**Long Green Bush.** (of Hurst's) Journal of RHS. 1904. "Compact habit; fruit rather large, smooth, long, dark green marked with a much paler green. Good crop." **20 seeds £1.95p**

🌿 **Long White Bush.** (Syn. Blanche non coureuse) (of Vilmorin) 1883. "A marrow cultivar that produces long, rather large fruit filled with pale, delicious flesh." **10 seeds £1.95p**

**Early White Flat Custard.** 1591? The most popular early White-skinned Squash. In addition to regular Squash uses, try them boiled and served like Asparagus. **20 seeds £1.95p**

**Early Yellow Bush Scallop.** A very productive variety producing an abundance of bright yellow, scalloped edged, tender patty pan squash. **20 seeds £1.95p**

🌿 **Table Dainty.** By 1911. Medium-sized fruits striped pale and dark green. Early maturing, and excellent for exhibition. Trailing variety. **10 seeds £2.00p**

## MELON

**Ananas.** 1794, but Introduced commercially in 1824. Netted skins & light green firm, sweet & very perfumed flesh. May be trellis grown. **8 seeds £2.25p**

**Blenheim Orange.** Raised in 1880 by Mr Thomas Crump, Head Gardener to the Duke of Marlborough. "This Melon was sent out for the first time by us last year when we purchased the entire stock from the raiser." Carter's Seed Catalogue 1898 **8 seeds £2.25p**

**Black Rock.** (Syn. Noir des Carmes). 1787. "Large-fruited, late variety; generally round & flattened at the ends; size large, weighing 8-10lbs. Skin varies in colour from greyish-green to deep-green; flesh reddish-orange, melting, & sugary." **8 seeds £2.25p**

**Charentais.** The fruits have smooth skin with light green stripes, maturing to creamy yellow. The delightfully scented, creamy orange flesh is filled with unsurpassed flavour. **8 seeds £2.25p**

**Jenny Lind.** 1854. "The earliest green fleshed melon & considered the sweetest variety in cultivation. Very sweet. **8 Seeds £2.25p**

🌿 **Piel de Sapo.** (Syn. Christmas or Toad skin) In Spain they grow to about 1ft in length & are oval in shape. They have a thick, green-striped outer rind & pale green to white inner flesh with a mild sweetness close to the honeydew melon. **8 Seeds £2.25p**

**Petit Gris de Rennes.** "Over 400 years old, this melon has a dense 2lb. fruit with a grey-green rind & superbly sweet orange flesh that is flavourful & perfumed." **10 seeds £2.25p**

**Prescott Fond Blanc.** Complet d'agriculture théorique et pratique. 1809. "Fruits 4-9 lbs. deeply ribbed & warted grey green skin turning straw-coloured when ripening. Flesh salmon-orange, incredibly sweet & very fragrant." **8 seeds £2.25p**

**Sucrin de Tours.** A rare heirloom from the Loire Valley. The skin is slightly ribbed with a netted finish. The flesh is orange in colour, thick, flavourful & heavily perfumed. **8 seeds £2.25p**

## NASTURTIUM

**Blue Pepe.** A unique variety bred for culinary use, the edible small round leaves are steel blue atop with purplish undersides with a peppery flavour. **30 seeds £1.95p**

## NEW ZEALAND SPINACH

Discovered by a botanist accompanying Captain Cook on his voyages & Introduced in 1772. "When prepared for the table, it resembles Spinach in appearance & flavour, so that most people will not be aware of the difference. Strong plants resisting heat & drought." **50 seeds £1.95p: 20 seeds £1.25p**

## ONION

**NOTE: We purchase & supply fresh Onion seed each season.**

## 🌿 Shallot & Onion sets

Subscribers to Mr Etty's periodic newsletter will be advised on availability and price in due course.

**Ailsa Craig.** (Syn. Crosslings seedling) Raised by the Head Gardener to the Marquis of Ailsa, Culzean Castle, in 1887. "Skin pale straw colour. Flesh white. Bulbs are irregular, some being globe shaped, others inclined to a flat oval. Mild. **500 or 250 seeds**

**Bedfordshire Champion.** 1869. (Syn. Sutton Globe). Sutton & Sons. "One of the best & most popular of the globe onions. In shape, it resembles James's Keeping but is paler in colour & milder in flavour. Reliable, & a good keeper." 1927. **500 or 250 seeds**

**Très hâtif de la Reine.** 1873. "A distinct white-skinned variety, remarkable for quick growth & excellent keeping qualities. Sown in February it will produce Onions from 1- 2ins. diameter early in the summer." **200 seeds**

**Jaune Paille des Vertus.** (Syn. Brown Spanish). By 1793. "Much of the winter supply of onion depended on this variety." **300 seeds**

**Roscoff.** 1828? The onion made famous by the Onion Johnnies Breton farmers on bicycles who used to sell these distinctive pink onions door to door in Great Britain. "These pink onions are beautiful, fragrant & very good raw. Use them in salads or sandwiches, to enjoy their sweet flavour." **100 seeds. £2.65p**

🌿 Roscoff onion sets available later in the year. Subscribe to newsletter via [sales@thomasetty.co.uk](mailto:sales@thomasetty.co.uk)

**Mr Etty would, respectfully, point out that where only one seed quantity is listed, the price is that of the main packet and not of the small packet.**

**Paris Silver Skin.** By 1771. "Flesh pure white covered with a thin silvery skin. Perfectly globular with a thin neck". **500 seeds**

**Reliance.** (Syn. Oakey). 1880. "Selected by Mr Allen, Gardener to Lord Suffield from seed of onions bought at the Nottingham Goose Fair, & now brought up to the very highest type of White Spanish." **150 seeds £2.00p**

**Sweet Spanish - White.** Large, easy to grow & reliable a Spanish type onion with glistening white skin & mild sweet flavour. An excellent storage onion. **200 seeds**

**Sweet Spanish - Yellow.** Before 1866. Large round dark yellow bulbs often weighing 1lb or more. Sweet & mild flavoured. Very successful if sown early in the season. **200 seeds**

**White Lisbon.** By 1787. "Large & globular, skin smooth, thin, clear & white. Late & hardy. If sown in August affords a good supply of young onions for spring salads." **600 or 250 seeds**

### Red Types

**Dark Red Brunswick.** (Syn. Rouge Fonce). Traité des végétaux. 1805. "Of all others this is the sort with the strongest flavour. It keeps remarkably well." Gardeners' Assistant 1859 **500 or 250 seeds**

**Rossa di Firenze.** (Syn. Long Red Florence). 19<sup>th</sup>c. "Traditional torpedo shaped red onion. Very reliable." **300 seeds**

### Other Types

**Cuisse de Poulet du Poitou.** "Has a large long bulb with a coppered skin with firm flesh of pink colour, the flavour is delicate, fine & very mild." **150 or 75 seeds**

**Perennial Welsh.** 🌱. (Syn. Hollow Leek) By 1620. "When the leaves wither, the roots, very much resemble shallots. Generally planted very thick in beds; one bulb, in a season, will increase & form a cluster from 6-10 or more," Mr T. Milne. 1819 **200 seeds**

**Ramson** (Wild Garlic). Native 🌱. "The leaves may be stamped & eaten of divers, with fish for a sauce, even as we do eat green-sauce made with sorrell. The same leaves may be eaten with butter, of such, as are of a strong constitution." **100 seed**

**Welsh.** 🌱. From the German meaning "Foreign" & not Welsh. By 1777, (Probably much earlier). Grown chiefly as a spring salad onion. It has scarcely any bulb, but large succulent, leaves. Strong in flavour. **200 seeds**

**Red Form.** 🌱 **100 seeds**

All varieties £1.95p per packet. Unless otherwise shown

Small packets (only where offered) £1.25p

**Fragrant Flowered Garlic.** 🌱. (*Allium ramosum*) by 1771.

**30 seeds £2.25p**

**Broad-leaved Chives.** 🌱. (*Allium senescens*) By 1785

**70 seeds £2.25p**

**Nodding Onion.** 🌱. (*Allium cernuum*). By 1799 **50 seeds £2.25p**

**Ramp or Wild Leek.** 🌱. (*Allium tricoccum*). By 1807 **20 seeds £2.25p**

**Victory Onion.** 🌱. (*Allium victorialis*). By 1773 **30 seeds £2.25p**

## OKRA

**Burgundy.** By 1942. An unusual, attractive & prolific strain, producing 6-7-inch, burgundy red pods on 4ft plants with dark green & red tinged leaves with burgundy stems. Best when 2½ - 3 in. long, turning green when cooked.

**Blondy.** Compact spineless variety producing large harvests of 3ins., ribbed pods of an attractive creamy-lime in colour. More cold-tolerant than other varieties the maturing much faster.

**Clemson Spineless.** "... developed from a single stalk found by Thomas Davis, of Lancaster, S. C., in his garden prior to 1880. The Pods are rich green, straight, and ridged. Quality good."

All varieties - 25 seed £2.20p

## PARSLEY

**Moss Curled 2.** By 1838. (Syn, Early triple-curved) "Leaves finely curled, grows to a large size, & is very ornamental; The best sort to grow where parsley is required in quantity." **750 or 375 seeds**

**Gigante d'Italia.** By 1800. Dark green flat leaved type. Strong sweet parsley flavour. **750 or 375 seeds**

**Hamburg Turnip-rooted.** "Now sold in London, the roots being 6 times as large as the common. I brought the seeds of it in 1727; but they refused to accept it, so that I cultivated it several years before it was known in the markets." 1759 **600 or 300 seeds**

All varieties £1.95p per Packet

Small packs (where offered) £1.25p

## PARSNIP

NOTE: We purchase & supply fresh Parsnip seed each season.

**Half Long Guernsey.** A French variety (despite its name). Already "improved" by 1852. "The roots of this parsnip are medium long, with a broad shoulder, gradually tapering downward. The white skin is smooth & attractive." **600 seeds or 250 seeds**

**Hollow Crown.** In commerce since 1803. "It grows to a large size, & merits cultivation. it is tender in its flesh, and of an agreeable flavour." A. Matthews 1825 **600 seeds or 250 seeds**

👉 **The Student.** Introduced into commerce in 1861 having been selected from wild stock and named by Professor Buckman of the Royal Agricultural College, This extract from their Annual Report for 1860 explains

"Our ennobled examples of these were considered so perfect that it was thought advisable to consign the whole of the seed of 1859 to Messrs. Sutton of Reading, as new varieties of any cultivated crop plant are always desirable, and more especially when, as in the present case, the new form has been directly derived, not from a variety, but from original wild stock" **300 seeds**

**Tender & True.** 1897. (Of Sutton's). In all probability, a selection from Hollow Crown. "The quality is the very best, the skin is beautifully clear & smooth." **600 seeds or 250 seeds**

All varieties £1.95p per packet. Small packets £1.25p

## PEAS

### FIRST EARLY

Sown outdoors during March and April, Peas are ready for gathering in about 11 to 12 weeks after sowing.

**Douce Provence.** By 1942. Very early & reliable cropper with an excellent sweet taste. It can be sown from mid-October to the end of November. This sowing will produce one of the earliest pea crops. **300 seeds £1.95p. 2 packs £3.50p**

**Kelvedon Wonder.** By 1938. Raised by Hurst's & Sons. "An early wrinkle seeded pea that has become extremely popular. Superb flavour, prolific & ideal for succession sowing. To 18 ins." **300 seeds £1.95p. 2 packs £3.50p**

**Prince Albert.** Introduced before 1837, the following advert appeared in 1842. "Cormack & Oliver have the honour to offer, the above NEW PEA, as one of the earliest & best sorts extant; in proof thereof, a quantity put into open earth on the 14th of March was ready for use the 25th April." **200 seeds £2.50p**

**Sharpe's Meteor.** By 1914 (Syn. Petit Provençal). Bred & introduced by Charles Sharpe & Co. "Dwarf but very hardy. Can be sown at any time from September in one year to June the next. Sow in late October in the North, & in November in the South." To 15ins.

**300 seeds £1.95p. 2 packs £3.50p**

### SECOND EARLY

Sown outdoors during March and April, Peas are ready for gathering in about 12 to 13 weeks after sowing.

**Progress No.9.** By 1939. Bred by Laxton Brothers, Bedford. "An early wrinkle seeded pea that has become extremely popular. Superb flavour, prolific & early. Ideal for succession sowing. To 18 inches."

**300 seeds £1.95p**

**Tall Telephone.** 3-4 ft, Before 1878 with Messr's Carter's. "Pods very large & broad, straight & slightly curved towards the end like the blade of a pruning knife, rather swollen each containing 8-10 very large green peas, squarish in shape, &, when ripe, either white or more or less tinged with green."

**200 seeds £2.25p**

### MAIN CROP

Sown outdoors during March and April Pea are ready for gathering in about 13 to 14 weeks after sowing

**Alderman.** (Syn. Admiral Dewey). Laxton's of Bedford 1891. "Large podded, garden variety. 5ft tall. Producing dark green, long, well-formed pods. Peas large, sweet, & of an exceptional quality."

**300 seeds £1.95p. 2 packs £3.50p**

**Lincoln.** 1884. "Grows only 2 ft. high but crops very heavily. Probably the finest of all Peas for the small garden." Especially good for northern areas.

**300 seeds £1.95p. 2 packs £3.50p**

**Unwin's Onward.** 1908. One of the best & finest flavoured of all Peas. A tremendous cropper with large dark green blunt-ended pods to 30ins.

**300 seeds £1.95p. 2 packs £3.50p**

**Webb's Senator.** 1894. "A very remarkable cropper, the pods being produced mostly in pairs, they are of good size, & contain about 9 large peas which are sweet in flavour: 2½ - 3ft high."

Gardeners' Chronicle.

**200 seeds £2.25p**

### MANGETOUT & SUGAR PEAS

**Carouby du Maussane.** Noted in the 2nd edition (1891) of Villmorin's "Les plantes potageres." Tall with Purple flowers. Excellent taste. Large pods to 4ins. long.

**200 seeds £1.95p. 2 packs £3.50p**

### OTHER TYPES

**Carlin.** (Syn. Black Badger). A dried pea, with a soft nutty brown colour, 'Carlin' is taken from the German 'Karr' meaning atonement, & it is the custom according to 'Folk Lore of East Yorkshire' 1911 to eat them on the 5th Sunday of Lent. The flower is a striking purple colour, reminiscent of a sweet pea.

**300 seeds £1.95p. 2 packs £3.50p**

**Purple-podded.** By 1856. (Syn. Ezetha's Krombek Blauschok). Hardy, centuries old heirloom pea first grown by the Franciscan Capuchin monks in Holland and Germany during the early 1600s. It's particularly beautiful, bi-coloured flowers are lilac-pink and wine-red, fading to blue as they wilt; the pods are deep maroon to inky purple, fading to blue and leathery brown when mature. It is best used as a soup pea by picking when the pods are full;

**200 seeds £3.00p. 100 seeds £1.75p**

**Daisy or Dwarf Telephone.** 1892. Vines 1820ins. bearing pods, broad, straight and about 4ins. long; pale green colour, & well filled with large Peas of excellent flavour. Ready for picking from 62 to 65 days from planting. Said to be a cross between Stratagem and Telephone.

**200 seeds £2.45p**

## PEPPER or CAPSICUM

**20 seeds per packet unless otherwise shown.**

### Chilli Pepper

**(£2.00 per packet, unless otherwise shown)**

**7 Pot Douglah Red.** Named after its ability to "spice 7 pots of stew." The name Douglah comes from the Trinidad meaning of the word: people of "mixed race" are called Douglah. To 1,350,000 on the Scoville scale.

**5 seeds**

**Beaver Dam.** An Hungarian heirloom this pepper was brought to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin around 1912 by the Hussli family. The fruits are large & the plants productive with a complex, sugary flavour with the eating qualities of a sweet pepper, paired with the spice of a medium pepper.

**15 seeds**

**Bhut Jolokia.** The smallest amount of this Chilli can flavour a sauce so intensely as to be barely edible. A small bite will disorganise the eyes & nose. Until recently, the world's hottest chilli. SHU 1,041,127!

**8 Seeds £2.25p**

**Chocolate-coloured Form.**

**5 seeds £3.00p**

**Bird Eye.** New Edinburgh Dispensary 1819. A hot, compact variety producing a prolific yield. The upward pointing fruits which start green & turn bright red are produced throughout the season. Compact. To 150,000 SHU.

**10 seeds £2.25p**

**Bulgarian Carrot.** An unusual European Heirloom producing baby carrot-like medium-hot fruits up to 4ins. in length. The bright glossy orange fruits are produced heavily in clusters. Compact. To 30,000 SHU.

**10 Seeds**

**Carolina Reaper.** A cross from Bhut Jolokia & Red Habanero. the Reaper has been rated the world's hottest Chilli by Guinness World Records since 2013. It averages 1,569,300 on the Scoville Scale with peak levels of over 2,200,000 SHU.

**5 seeds £3.00p**

**Cayenne, Golden.** Fruits long & narrow, ripening from light green to a radiant yellow, with a smooth skin, To 70,000 SHU.

**15 Seeds**

**Cayenne, Long Red.** By 1789. The standard red pepper for pickles. Slender, Pods about 4ins. long, deep green when young & bright red when ripe. To 50,000 SHU.

**Cayenne, Purple.** A stunning vibrant purple variety producing prolific yields of 6ins. long narrow hot peppers. Peppers turn from green to deep purple. To 50,000 SHU.

**15 Seeds**

**Cherry Bomb.** Delicious sweet and mild chilli, often seen stuffed with cream cheese and soaked in a sweet oil. Great eaten raw, in salads and stuffed. giving 2,500 to 5,000 SHU's.

**15 seeds**

**Filius Blue.** A particularly attractive variety, with Small, ovoid chillies which start out purple-blue colour, which colour they retain for a long time, before ripening to red. They are unusual in that they lose their heat as they ripen. To 30,000 SHU.

**12 Seeds**

**Fish Pepper.** (*C. frutescens*). Pre-1870's American heirloom used to season fish & shellfish in communities around Baltimore & Philadelphia. The colour of the fruit ranges from green, orange, brown, white & red, and they are spicy & hot. The 2ft tall plants have stunning white & green mottled leaves. To 30,000 SHU.

**10 seeds**

**Habanero, Red.** Very hot. An ancient variety, originally from Cuba (hence the name) & later introduced to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. To 325,000 SHU.

**15 seeds**

**Habanero, Chocolate.** (Syn. Black Habanero or Congo Black). One of the hottest of the Habanero varieties. Pods 1½ins. long & 1in. wide. Maturing from green to chocolate brown. Best suited to greenhouse culture. To 425,000 SHU.

**10 seeds £2.25p**

**Habanero, Paper Lantern.** Produces an elongated wrinkly shaped pod with a pointed end. The chillies mature from lime green to orange through to bright red. 2–3ins. long. To 450,000 SHU. **10 seeds £2.25p**

**Habanero, White.** A compact bushy plant that produces lots of peppers measuring 1in. long by ½ in. wide. The fruits mature from a greenish white to an ivory white & have a fruity smoky flavour. To 300,000 SHU. **10 seeds £2.25p**

**Hot Portugal.** An early fruiting chilli varieties with 6ins. by 1in. wrinkled fruits ripening to a brilliant glossy red on vigorous, upright plants with dark green leaves. To 30,000 SHU. **15 Seeds**

**Hungarian Hot Wax.** Introduced in the 1930's. Vigorous habit, with long pointed bright yellow (medium-hot) waxy fruits (red when fully ripe). To 8,000 SHU.

**Jalapeno, Early.** One of the best-known chilli's Usually about 2ins. long, having a conical shape, & range from a medium to dark green in colour, turning red when fully ripe. To 8000 SHU.

**Jalapeno, Orange.** Vigorous plants producing a prolific & continuous crop of bright orange chillies, maturing eventually to red, 3ins. thick-walled peppers. To 5,000 SHU.

**Jalapeno, Purple.** Plants are very productive, especially if benefiting from direct sunlight. Pods ripen from dark purple to deep green with a veined effect. To 7,000 SHU.

**Joe E Parker.** Excellent for roasting, stuffing or chopping. Commonly used in New Mexico to make the dried pepper wreaths. To 3,500 SHU.

**Lemon Drop or Aji Limon.** (*C. baccatum*). Thought to be native to western South America. The spicy peppers have been cultivated for over 7,000 years & were introduced to the world by conquistadors & travelers to the 'new world. "Intense citrus flavours. The bright yellow, crinkled, cone-shaped pods are 2½ins. long & ½in. wide & mature from green to yellow, typically reaching about 3 ft. To 50,000 SHU. **10 seeds £2.25p**

**Maule's Red Hot.** An heirloom chilli, introduced by William Maule Seed Company. Reputedly dating from 1912. Glossy red chillies excellent for sauces or for drying. High yielding plants producing 10-12ins. fruits. To 30,000 SHU.

**Mulato Isleno.** An heirloom Poblano type pepper, sweeter in flavour & much meatier with a softer texture than the Poblano. Heart-shaped peppers maturing from green to dark chocolate. 6in. long & 3ins. wide. Used to produce the Mole sauce. To 1,000 SHU.

**NuMex Big Jim.** Pods can grow over 1ft long. Bred from the New Mexico Chilli & named for a local farmer who had worked closely with the breeder. A long, smooth-podded, type, high yielding, bright red colour: a favourite for huge fruits & great flavour. Heat levels vary depending on cultivation. To 1,000 SHU.

**NuMex Twilight.** Compact. Originally from Chihuahua & Jalisco, Mexico. The cultivar is derived from selection within the original populations. The variety was standardised at New Mexico State University. With peppers that start out purple, then move through yellow & orange, becoming red when fully ripe, producing a rainbow effect. To 90,000 SHU. **12 Seeds**

**Paprika.** Strong growing, the fruit matures to a deep red. Excellent sweet flavour. The fruits are about 6ins. long. Harvest when the fruit is fully coloured. Hang the peppers in a warm & dry place for about 4-5 weeks. When completely dry, use a mortar & pestle to make your very own Paprika. To 300 SHU.

**Pasilla Bajio.** The pods are 2 - 3ins. long by 1in. wide. The fruits are a glossy, deep forest-green colour maturing to dark

chocolate brown. Forms the basis for the complex flavour of Mole sauces. To 1,500 SHU. **15 Seeds**

**Patio Fire.** Compact. Produces an elongated wrinkly shaped pod with a pointed end. The chillies mature from lime green to orange through to bright red and they reach about 5-7cm long. Up to 80,000 on the Scoville scale. **10 seeds £2.25p**

**Peperoncini.** Small & typically picked & pickled when they are 2-3 ins. long, but can, of course, be eaten fresh. **15 seeds**

**Peter Pepper.** Interesting, but perhaps not the best choice for a Mother's Day gift. Whilst the "Peter" pepper is an obvious choice as a novelty item, it is, nonetheless a good all-rounder, & a worthy addition to any collection. The fruits which ripen to red. Up to 23,000 SHU. **5 seeds £2.25p**

**Pimento di Padron.** Brought from the New World to Spain in the 18th Century, when Franciscans first attempted cultivating them at their monastery in Herbon, near Padron. A staple of tapas bars. Eating them is a form of culinary Russian roulette. As some chillies are sweet, although others however are hot enough to keep you humble. To 12,000 SHU.

**Poblano.** (*C. annum*). The name is a reflection of a citizen of Puebla. It is one of the most common Mexican chillies in both Mexico & American states bordering Mexico. A mild chilli pepper. Dried, it is called chilli ancho, literally "wide chilli". The ripe red chilli is significantly hotter & more flavourful than the less ripe, green pods. To 5,000 SHU

**Satan's Kiss.** By 1828. (*Syn. Ciliogia Piccante*). Small, cherry-type chillies. Pods are pretty hot when raw but lose around 60% of their heat when cooked. Early. To 50,000 SHU.

**Scotch Bonnet, Red.** Treasury of Botany 1870. Similar to the Habanero. One of the hottest peppers in the world. Found mainly in the Caribbean islands and the Maldives Islands. To 325,000 SHU.

**Scotch Bonnet, Yellow.** (*C. chinense*). Yellow form of the above variety. To 325,000 SHU.

**Tabasco.** Introduced into Louisiana in 1848 and became the main ingredient in Tabasco Pepper Sauce. **12 seeds**

**Thai Culinary.** An excellent chilli pepper to cook with. The peppers are very tasty & are about 3 ins, long. The peppers grow upright in clusters. A compact plant, suitable for pots & container cultivation. To 100,000 SHU. **10 seeds**

**Tobago Seasoning.** Originally found in a Tobago street market. The 2 in. long fruits mature from light green to orange & finally red & have the strong, smoky, tropical fruit-like flavour typical of all Habanero's. Discard the seeds in preparation & add them with impunity to your favourite recipes **15 seeds £2.25p**

**Trinidad Scorpion.** Named for the pointed pendant at the pod base resembling a Scorpion tail. The skin is heavily wrinkled. With an average of 1,460,000 SHU. **5 seeds £2.25p**

**Trinidad Moruga Scorpion.** In 2012 the Trinidad Moruga scorpion was registered as the hottest Chilli in the world. An average of more than 1.2 million SHU with some plants registering over 2 Million SHU. **5 seeds £3.00p**

**Yellow Form** **5 seeds £3.00p**

### Sweet Peppers (£2.00p per packet)

**Californian Wonder.** (*C. annum*). 1928. Large sized stuffing pepper with extremely thick, mild, sweet flesh. Fruit indistinctly 4 lobed, upright, shapely, glossy dark green, measuring 4½ins. long by 4ins. in diameter.

**Marconi, Long Red.** (*C. annuum*). By 1880. Long thin red pods with a sweet flavour. Mild & very productive.

**Marconi, Golden.** (*C. annuum*). "These Golden-yellow Italian sweet peppers are 3-lobed and up to 1 ft. long. Traditionally used for frying, but also sweet & delicious when eaten fresh."

**Spanish Mammoth.** (Syn. *Doux d'Espagne*.) (*C. annuum*). By 1817. "One of the largest & earliest varieties. Flesh sweet, mild and pleasant. The shape is that of a cone, or rather a prism with rounded angles, truncated at the end. Ripens to red."

**Jimmy Nardello.** (*C. annuum*). Before 1887. A classic frying pepper which is also good eaten raw. Long & slim fruits that are thin-walled & crunchy. Very prolific.

**Sweet Banana.** (*C. annuum*). Also known as the Yellow Wax pepper or Banana chilli. It has a mild, sweet taste. Whilst typically bright yellow, they ripen to red or orange. They are often pickled, stuffed or used in salads.

**All pepper varieties (Chilli or Sweet) have 20 seeds unless otherwise shown.**

**£2.00p per packet (unless otherwise shown)**

## PIGNUT

𐌲. (*Conopodium majus*) Native. "The tuber can be eaten raw & is very tasty. In flavour & consistency they are something like celery heart crossed with raw hazelnut or sweet chestnut & oftentimes have a spicy aftertaste similar to radishes." **30 seeds £2.35p**

## PUMPKIN & SQUASH

**Buttercup.** Introduced in 1919 by Oscar H Wills & Co. of Bismark, North Dakota. "Produces small, medium early fruits. Has thick, fine grained flesh, which is dry, mealy, & excellent in flavour when baked." **12 seeds**

**Connecticut Field.** (Syn. Large Yellow). By 1700. Often producing fruits weighting 25lbs. or more. Grown extensively & may be used for pies, canning or stock feeding. **12 seeds**

**Delicata.** (Syn. Sweet Potato). By 1880. Stores for up to a year. Small, medium late, fruits. Smooth, sweet, moist, & less stringy flesh when baked. Orange yellow striped with dark green. **12 seeds**

**Galeuse d'Eysine.** By 1876 (*of Benary*). "Of a pink colour, more or less covered with cork-like scales. Tender skin, succulent flesh. Fruit can attain 10 Kg." **5 seeds**

**Golden Hubbard.** 1896. Introduced by D. M. Ferry in 1898 but attributed to J.J. Harrison of Storrs & Harrison Co. of Painesville, Ohio. "A new & valuable sport of Hubbard. It has the shape & virtues of its parent but is earlier & more productive. The colour of the skin is deep yellow or orange red." **12 seeds**

**Hundred-weight.** (Syn. Mammoth Gold) "The pulp of this pumpkin is never eaten raw; but boiled in milk, not only a good wholesome meat, but is also a physical medicine for such as have an hot stomach, & inward parts inflamed." 1831 **10 seeds**

**Marina di Chioggia.** A very old Italian variety originating near Venice Considered the King of Italian Squashes. Large unique turban shaped deep blue-green 6-10lb fruit are produced on vigorous vines with a rich, sweet, deep yellow-orange flesh. **10 seeds**

**Rouge vif d'Etampes.** Grown in France since the 1830's & as good a Cinderella's Coach pumpkin as may be found. "Very distinct & remarkable for the colour & the size of the fruit." **10 seeds**

**Small Sugar.** By 1860. "Weight to 8lbs. Flesh yellow-orange & string-less. Fruits small, ribbed, about 10ins. in diameter & 8-10lbs. Deep orange yellow, flesh thick & very sweet." **10 seeds**

**Turk's Cap.** (Syn. Turk's Turban). By 1817. "Very much resembling its name. Most are orange or multi-coloured with a very large knob on the flower end. The flesh is moister than most squashes and is good in soups." **10 seeds**

**Uchiki Kuri.** (Syn. Orange Hokkaido). Each plant forms 3-5 small orange-red fruits with golden flesh, averaging 3lbs in weight. Early to mature & an excellent storer. **10 seeds**

**Waltham Butternut.** Raised by Dr C E Young at the Waltham Experimental station in Massachusetts & introduced in 1944. "Known for its uniform shape and rich dry yellow-orange flesh. This one has a nutty flavour and is a high-yielding vine. Fruits are 3-6 pounds and are very good keepers." **10 seeds**

**All varieties - £2.25p Per Packet**

## RADISH

**French Breakfast.** Before 1865. "Considered the best for early forcing. Oval form, colour scarlet, tipped with white; Good flavour & appearance." J Carter 1865. **600 or 250 seeds**

**Long Scarlet.** (Syn. Rose Longue), perhaps also Woods Early Frame. Vilmorin offered Radis Long Rose as a synonym for Wood's Early Frame, & in 1859 Thompson says that "Wood's Early Frame is a sub-variety of Long Scarlet." **400 seeds £1.95p**

**Long White Icicle.** "The Long White, appears to be the oldest inhabitant of our gardens, for it is the only Radish listed by Gerard." **600 or 250 seeds**

**Scarlet Globe.** By 1881. "A very early forcing Radish & one which does equally well outside. Handsome in both form & colour. Flesh always crisp, tender & mild." **600 or 250 seeds**

**Black Spanish Round.** By 1548. "It's bulb is a regular pear-shaped. Grows 3 to 4" in diameter with a firm, white flesh and nearly black, thin skin." **500 or 200 seeds**

**Black Spanish Long.** Noted in 1707. "A large cylindrical root with a black skin & a crisp white flesh with a hot flavour. It is very winter hardy & can be harvested as required." **500 or 200 seeds**

**Chinese Rose.** 1843. "One of the most popular winter sorts. Roots about 6 ins long. Skin smooth & bright rose." **500 or 200 seeds**

**All varieties £1.95p per packet.**

**Small packets (where offered) £1.25p**

## RHUBARB

**Mr Hawke's Champagne.** 𐌲. A superior early variety, producing good-sized straight stalks of a bright crimson-colour. First offered by Duncan Hairs of London in 1854. Having been bred by Mr Hawke at his nursery in Loampit Vale Lewisham.

**Mr Glaskin's Perpetual.** 𐌲. By 1919. Garden Life. Named for Mr. John Glaskin, of Eastern Rd, Brighton. Born in 1875, He was a keen Marksman, Cyclist & Gardener, who develop the variety at his orchard in Kemp Town. Sown early, a crop may often be taken in the first year of sowing

**Victoria.** 𐌲. By 1839. "J & W. MYATT having a good stock of strong roots raised by offsets from the original seedlings can supply them, at 10/- per 100." 1841

**All varieties 40 seeds £2.00p: 20 seeds £1.25p**

## ROCKET

**Salad.** "The *Eruca*, was held in so great esteem heretofore, as to its efficacy in conjugal performances, that many of the ancient authors, both in poetry & prose, make mention of it purely for that purpose." Practical Kitchen Gardiner. 1727. **1250 seeds £1.95p**

**Turkish.** 🌿. By 1731. "The young leaves & shoots are eaten boiled or as a salad. It commences into growth very early in spring, when other fresh green vegetables are exceedingly scarce, & it resists cold weather & drought well." **20 Seeds £2.35p**

**Wild Rocket.** "Plentiful about London & in general growth in most of the old walls & Castles throughout England. It particularly grows on the walls around the Tower, at the back of Bedlam & near Hyde Park." **1000 seeds £1.95p**

## ROCK SAMPHIRE

(*Crithmum maritimum*) "The whole plant is "of a spicie taste with a certaine saltness" on which account it has been long held in great repute as an ingredient in salads. It was declared by Gerarde to be "the pleasantest sauce." Cultivated for its seed pods, which make a warm, aromatic pickle, and for its leaves, which are used in salad." **30 Seeds £2.50p**

## RUNNER BEAN

**Painted Lady.** (Syn, York & Lancs) Introduced to the UK in 1633, making it one of the oldest named vegetable varieties still available. Shorter beans than most varieties very prolific.

**Sutton's Prizewinner.** Bred & Introduced by Sutton's 1892. "A long, straight, handsome Bean of table quality, the seed is quite distinct from all others."

**Scarlet Emperor.** Originally Mammoth Exhibition, renamed in 1906. Synonymous with Scarlet Runner, a variety introduced at the same time as the Painted Lady (1633).

**Streamline.** Before 1934. "A new and magnificent prolific Runner Bean. The most outstanding introduction to the Bean world for over 50 years." My Garden. Vol 4. 1935

**Above varieties 20 Seeds £1.50p, 40 seeds £2.50p  
100 seeds £4.50p**

## SALAD MIXTURES

**Mesclun.** A mixture of colourful lettuces Plant thinly in the row & treat as a cut & come again salad. **1000 seeds £1.95p**

**Oriental Salad Mix.** A salad/braising mixture sow and harvest in exactly the same way as detailed for the salad mixture. **1000 seeds £1.95p**

## SMALL SALAD LEAVES

**Corn Salad.** Large-seeded (1867) **£1.95p** (300)

Verte de Cambrai (1882) **£1.95p** (300)

**Purslane.** Golden (by 1600) **£1.95p** (200)

Green (by 1600) **£1.95p** (200)

Winter (Native) **£1.95p** (200)

**Sorrel.** Common (Native) 🌿. **£1.95p** (200)

 **Buckler-leaved** (by 1867) 🌿. **£1.95p** (50)

**Watercress.** (Native) 🌿. **£1.95p** (500)

## SALSIFY

**Sandwich Island.** By 1860. Slender creamy-white roots. Flavour improves after frost. **80 seeds £1.95p**

## SCORZONERA

**Duplex.** (Black Giant of Russia) Similar to Salsify but with a black skin. Perennial so may be left in the soil over winter, indeed you will get larger roots if you do. **80 seeds £1.95p**

## SEAKALE

🌿. **Lily-white.** (*Crambe maritima*) Noted by the RHS in 1892. "Lily White is the best variety for blanching, the tips being naturally creamy-white." **10 seed £2.50p**

## SKIRRET

🌿. "The Skirret sifarum (says Mr Evelyn) is hot & moist, corroborating & good for the stomach, exceeding nourishing, wholesome & delicate, & of all the root kinds, not subject to be windy, & so valued by the Emperor Tiberius, that he accepted them in tribute." 1727 **40 seeds £2.75p**

Thought to have originated from China. It is probable that it was introduced by the Romans, and then lost to cultivation, only to be re-introduced to Tudor & Stuart kitchen gardens where it was very popular.

## SPINACH & SIMILAR

**America.** 1856. De Boeren-goudmijn. "Dark green & pleasant tasting, this spinach is especially recommended because of the luxuriance of growth." **500 seeds. £1.95p**

**Giant Winter.** By 1940. A prickly-seeded variety, large-leaved and very long standing. May be sown in spring as well as in the autumn. **500 seeds £1.95p**

**Viroflay Giant.** By 1866. "This variety resembles the Flanders Spinach in the shape of its leaves & the habit of its growth but is much greater in size, it is not uncommon to see tufts of it measuring 2 - 2 ½ ft in diameter with leaves 10ins. long & 8ins. wide at the base." **500 seeds £1.95p**

## STRAWBERRY

🌿. **Wild.** "...doth grow upon hills & vallies, & other such places that be somewhat shadowie; they prosper well in gardens. The ripe strawberries quench thirst, & take away, the rednesse & heate of the face." **75 seeds £2.25p**

🌿. **Yellow Wonder.** The cream or yellow fruits are not so much visited by, or eaten by birds **75 seeds £2.25p**

🌿. **Musk Strawberry.** (Syn. Haute Bois) - *Fragaria moschata*. By 1766 Histoire naturelle des fraisières. They are native to parts of Europe where they are more common and were formerly the Strawberry of choice. **50 seeds £2.50p**

🌿 **Ananas.** An 18th century variety that produces strawberries of whitish-pink strawberries with a pineapple-like flavour from May to June. **30 seeds £2.50p**

## SWEDE

**Champion.** (Syn, Purple-top't Yellow). By 1852 "In Great Britain, where Swedish Turnips are grown on a very large scale, the purple-top swede is most in favour. Of these forms the most noteworthy are the Skirvings, the Fettercairn and Sutton's Champion." **500 Seeds £1.95p**

**Green-top'd Yellow.** By 1840 "Longer standing than the Purple & where care is taken in selecting the roots grown for seed, it may be considered as being equal." **500 Seeds £1.95p**

## SWEETCORN

**Bloody Butcher.** A striking Heirloom corn grown since the 1800's, Bloody Butcher is probably the deepest red corn available anywhere. Ears grow to 12", with a deep and bright red colour. Perfect for use as corn-on-the-cobs **30 seeds £2.50p**

**Golden Bantam.** Rediscovered in 1898 by Mr E L Coy. Originally raised by Mr J. G. Pickett of Greenfield, Massachusetts, who is believed

to have selected the variety from an older 19<sup>th</sup> c. variety called Golden Sweet. In his Sweetcorn's of New York, Hedrick suggests that Pickett may have selected Golden Bantam from a 19<sup>th</sup> century variety called Golden Sweet. **40 seeds £2.00p**

 **Stowell's Evergreen.** 1848. Nathaniel Stowell worked for decades to develop the variety. He sold 2 ears to a friend for \$4 and the friend agreed that it was just for private use. This "friend" sold the seed for \$20,000 and it thus it was introduced to the seed trade. "The standard main crop variety. Hardy & productive, very tender & sugary, the ears about 7-8" long, 14-20 rowed, with very white grain." **30 seeds £2.50p**

## TIGER NUTS

 (Cyperus esculentus). (Syn. Chufa). By 1724. Plantarum varii indices. "The tubers are used raw, cooked or dried & ground into a powder. They have a delicious nut-like flavour. They taste best when dried. They can be cooked in barley water to give them a sweet flavour & then be used as a dessert nut." **40 tubers £2.00p**

## TOMATO

**20 Seeds per packet (unless otherwise shown) £2.00p**

### HEIRLOOM VARIETIES

**Ailsa Craig.** By 1907. Indeterminate. Bred by Alan Balsch of Forres in Ayrshire before 1907 and first introduced by Alexander & Brown, in 1912. Fruit of medium size, bright red, tough skinned, rarely cracks, a great cropper under forcing treatment. 1927.

Indeterminate varieties of tomatoes, also called "cordon", are varieties that need the side shoots nipped out. They generally will require support

**Anna Russe.** Indeterminate. Oxheart type. Of Russian origin, which has been maintained in Oregon for several generations with a rich, complex flavour that produces fruit early in the season & keeps on going. Aficionados applaud its taste. **15 seeds**

**Big Rainbow.** Indeterminate. Producing sprawling, tomato plants that yield moderate to large crops of 1-2 lb. rib-shouldered bi-coloured beefsteak fruit with gold flesh & beautiful red streaks running throughout. As fruits ripen they have a rainbow appearance: greens on the shoulder, yellow, orange, gold in the middle, and red on the blossom end.

**Black from Tula.** (Syn. Czerno Tulski). Indeterminate. Said to be a Ukrainian family heirloom. Consistently rated as one of the best tasting varieties, delivering a rich, sweet old-fashioned taste on vigorous vines. Fruits medium to large ripening to black-red with a deep coloured pulp. **15 seeds**

**Brandywine.** Indeterminate. Beefsteak. Glasshouse. Large pinkish-red. Potato-leaved. An Amish variety from the America's known since before 1886.

**Brandywine Yellow.** Indeterminate Beefsteak. Glasshouse. Large golden yellow fruits. Potato-leaved. An Amish variety from the America's known since before 1886.

**Carter's Golden Sunrise.** Indeterminate. Bred? &/or distributed by Carter & Sons of High Holborn. "...has all the good qualities of the best red varieties & is of a beautiful golden-yellow colour making it invaluable for slicing & mixing with the red."

**Costoluto Genovese.** Before 1957. Indeterminate. Slightly ribbed, 3 ins long & weighs about 5 oz. A northern Italian heirloom variety.

**De Colgar.** (literally "Hanging") A tomato for preserving. Compact plants with medium-sized, perfectly shaped & blemish-free pink fruits, 6-8oz. The colour is unusual, as it is pale pink on the outside & darker pink inside. Hang ripening trusses in a cool (frost free) place or pick at the end of them summer & store in a cool larder, check regularly & with a care they should keep until January. Good flavour

**Garden Peach.** (Syn. Pêche Jaune) Originating in Peru, (where they are known as Coconas). Before 1920. The fruits are coloured exactly like a peach & have a sweet mild flavour. Fruits are 2-4 oz. and perfect for salads. They have soft skins and mature in 65 days on average. Well suited to container growing. **12 seed**

**Gardeners' Delight.** Also known as Sugar Lump, and of German origin. Introduced by Ernst Benary Seed Growers Ltd in 1950-51. Produces rich sweet deep red 1in. cherry Tomatoes. The large plants need staking and will bear until the first frost.

**Golden Queen.** Indeterminate. Discovered by Seedsman Alexander Livingston during a fair, he improved it & introduced the variety commercially in 1882. "Best Yellow tomato. Handsome fruit of good size & very smooth, solid & meaty, mild in flavour. Colour is a bright yellow, making a decidedly attractive dish when served together with red-fruited tomatoes."

**Golden Sunrise.** By 1894 Determinate. Bred & distributed by James Carter & Sons of High Holborn in London. "...has all the good qualities of the best red varieties and is of a beautiful golden-yellow colour making it invaluable for slicing and mixing with red."

**Harbinger.** Indeterminate. By 1891, Bred? &/or distributed by Daniel Brothers of Nottingham. "Very early & a prolific bearer will be found extremely valuable for growing in the open air. The fruits are round, smooth, solid & of a bright red. Although small they begin to ripen early."

**Harrison's First in the Field.** By 1938. Determinate. Bred? &/or distributed by Harrison & Sons of St James' St. Leicester. "Allegedly tolerant of light frosts & can be sown & grown cold instead of being raised in heat as is necessary for other Tomatoes."

**Marglobe.** Determinate. Developed in 1917 by Dr F J Pritchard of the Bureau of Plant Industry. A cross between "Globe" & "Marvel." This old variety was released by USDA in 1925. "It was one of the first disease-resistant tomatoes & has good resistance to Verticillium & Fusarium wilts. fruits ripen all at once, making it a good choice for canning."

**Marmande.** By 1939. Semi-determinate. Developed by the Vilmorin Seed Company. The scarlet, lightly ribbed fruit, have a full rich flavour. Large size fruit are produced even in cool weather. Productive market variety.

**Moneymaker.** Indeterminate. (Syn, Dutch Victory) Bred & distributed by F. Stonor & Son of Southampton, around 1906. A cross between Exhibition & Gradewell. "Can be relied upon to give a good account of itself under all circumstances."

**Outdoor Girl.** Determinate. 1959. "Bred by Mr. L. J. Beaven to beat the English summer. In trials last year, it produced ripe fruit when some other varieties were still at the green chutney stage" Beaven was in charge of vegetable breeding for Hurst, Gunson, Cooper, Taber Ltd.

Determinate varieties of tomatoes, also called "bush" tomatoes, are varieties that are bred to grow to a compact height. They do not generally require support, nor are the side shoots removed.

**Oxheart Giant.** Indeterminate By 1925 "A newer variety which is the largest Tomato ever introduced. The skin in purplish scarlet. It is smooth & evenly coloured. The individual Tomatoes weigh as much as 1½ lb." 1933

**Oxheart Orange.** Indeterminate. An heirloom tomato variety prized for its large size & bright orange-yellow, aromatic fruit. The cultivar originated in the Virginias, where it is a favorite for sauces & canning. It has extensive vines & attractive, heart-shaped tomatoes that make for excellent eating. **15 seeds**

**Pantano.** Indeterminate. Rare Roman heirloom tomato said to have been grown in former marshes in Rome. A great sauce tomato & a sensible choice

for market due to visual appeal & reputation for intense flavour. Produces regular-leaf, highly productive vines yield large crops of 12 oz., brilliant-red, slightly-ribbed tomatoes with meaty interiors bursting with wonderful, rich, complex, flavours. **15 seeds**

**Pineapple.** (Syn. Ananas). Indeterminate. Bulletins d'arboriculture. 1894. A French variety with Red & Yellow striped large fruits. The flavour is, rich, fruity & sweet. Abundant. Fruits may weigh up to 2lbs 8oz.

**Ponderosa Pink.** Released by the Peter Henderson Seed Company in 1891. Their 1896 seed catalogue says...*"The fruits are almost perfect in form, & when we come to size, weight & solidity, no other tomato begins to approach it. The colour, a rich crimson permeates the fruit from circumference to centre, so that when sliced for the table its rare beauty never fails to elicit general admiration. It is almost seedless. Early for a large tomato. The flavour is delicious raw or cooked."* **15 seeds**

**Principe Borghese.** By 1910. Indeterminate. For drying. Very productive, good keeping variety; fruits the size of a big plum, in large clusters.

**Purple Calabash.** Indeterminate. A pre-Colombian variety that was used by the Aztecs to make a traditional salsa. By the time Thomas Jefferson grew the variety at Monticello it had become one of the most popular tomatoes in Virginia. The deep purple to mahogany colour is beautiful, the interior is brick red & remarkably juicy & the complex rich flavour shines through whether used fresh or in sauces. **15 seeds**

**Red Currant.** (Syn. Red Cherry). Indeterminate. Introduced before 1795. A wild species of tomato native to Ecuador & Peru but naturalized elsewhere, such as the Galápagos Islands. *"Little round fruits borne in large clusters most abundantly, & are good both for preserving & pickling, bright red."*

**Red Pear.** By 1861. Indeterminate *"A leading favourite for preserves & also to make tomato figs. The fruit is bright red of true pear-shape, & of rich distinct flavour."*

**Roma.** Determinate. This is a cross between a San Marzano & two other varieties & was introduced by the USA Agricultural Research Service in 1955. The Gleckers Seed Co. catalogue of 1958 says *"A very important new tomato development at the Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Maryland. Vine & fruit characteristics resemble Red Top, but much more productive & slightly larger San Marzano. There has been great need in the past for a wilt resistant paste tomato in areas where infestations of fusarium wilt has been a problem. Roma fruit ripens evenly to a deep red colour & the mild flavour, few seeds and solid paste-type flesh make Roma fine for home use in fresh eating and salads."*

**San Marzano.** Indeterminate. By 1927. Its commercial introduction in 1926 provided canneries with a sturdy, flawless subject, & breeders with genes they'd be raiding for decades. The first seed of the San Marzano tomato came to Campania in 1770, as a gift from the Viceroyalty of Peru to the Kingdom of Naples, & that it was planted in the area that corresponds to the present commune of San Marzano sul Sarno. *"The best & most wanted Tomato for the manufacture of conserves in tins! Owing to their solid flesh & tenacious skin, the fruits are very apt to drying & the preservation of the entire fruit."*

**Saint Peter.** (Syn. St Pierre). By 1880 Mid-season. Indeterminate. Slicing variety. Very productive, good keeping variety. Fruits the size of a big plum, in large clusters.

**The Amateur.** Determinate. Tested at the RHS Tomato Trials in 1951 & introduced By Unwins in 1952. *"A reliable variety we can confidently recommend for an early crop of good flavoured & high-quality fruit. Does not require staking or the pinching outside growths; their bush habit making this unnecessary."*

**Tigerella.** Indeterminate. Created by the UK Glasshouse Research Institute before 1967. Produces 2 – 3oz. fruit that are on the tart side but let them ripen further & they develop an addictive sweetness. Large crops of medium-sized red fruits with clearly defined yellow & orange stripes, on tall-growing plants.

**Yellow Currant.** (Syn. Yellow Cherry). By 1795. Indeterminate. The small yellow fruit are borne in clusters, each averaging ½ in. diameter. *"A productive variety of strong growth."*

**Yellow Pear.** Indeterminate. 1600's? Tall & vigorous. This very thin-skinned variety will tolerate heavier soil than some varieties. *"An attractive small-fruited tomato. Enormously productive, & the fruits make excellent salad, or may be used for Marmalade. They are sweet & delicious."* Young Gardeners' Assistant in 1847

**Yellow Perfection.** Indeterminate. Bred & introduced by W J Unwin's of Histon in Cambridgeshire by 1890. *"Early & heavy cropping, this variety performs well outdoors or under glass. Bright yellow fruits of outstanding quality."*

#### OTHER TOMATOES WORTHY OF NOTE

**Banana Legs.** Determinate. Reportedly stabilized from a single plant in a batch of unnamed crosses called 'Mixed Long Toms' from the Tater Mater seed company in 1984. *"An extremely prolific heirloom variety producing 10cm long yellow fruits with a thick meaty flesh, few seeds & fruiting late in the season. The fruits have a slightly pointed end, ideal for salads or as a paste tomato."*

**Berkeley Tie-dye.** Indeterminate. Yield a plentiful crop of 3-4 in., mahogany coloured fruit with dark, olive green-stripping Delicious, with a complex, rich, sweet, earthy flavour. **15 Seeds**

**Black Cherry.** Indeterminate. A black cherry tomato produced on large sprawling, Regular-leaf, vigorous tomato plants that yield huge crops in huge clusters of 1", round, deep purple, mahogany-brown cherry tomatoes.

**Black Plum.** (Syn. Prune Noire). Determinate. Productive and rustic tomato the 'Black Plum' is a small oval tomato-red very dark brown, hence the name. It produces clusters of fruit .

**Black Zebra Cherry.** Semi-determinate. 'Black Zebra' is a natural & stabilized heirloom cross between a black tomato & Green Zebra, & its size & shape is akin to Green Zebra. This purple/mahogany tomato has vertical deep green streaks, on the outside & solid mahogany-coloured flesh inside. Firm flesh & good flavour. **15 Seeds**

**Cream Sausage.** Determinate. A uniquely coloured variety bred by Thomas Wagner and originally named Banana Cream. Prolific yields of creamy white to light yellow, 3" long, sausage-shaped meaty, the sweet fruits are produced on bushy plants. Excellent for salsas & sauces. **12 seed**

**Green Zebra.** Indeterminate. Another variety bred by Thomas Wagner & released in 1983 (Tater Mater Seed catalogue). Four varieties went into the makeup of Green Zebra. An unusual tomato, it matures into a light green/yellow with deep green stripes & light green interior flesh, this tomato has a bright & unique flavour. Excellent to brighten up salads or sauces

An update timeline of the heritage vegetable varieties listed herein may be found by following this link

[http://www.thomasetty.co.uk/seeds/vegetables/veg\\_seed\\_timeline.pdf](http://www.thomasetty.co.uk/seeds/vegetables/veg_seed_timeline.pdf)

Similarly, a timeline of heritage flowering plants may be found here.

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**Ildi.** *Indeterminate.* A golden pear/plum shaped tomato that grow like bunches of grapes with up to 80-100 fruits per truss. Mild sweet flavour. **15 seeds**

**Lemon Tree.** *Indeterminate.* Huge crops of 2in. bright yellow fruits shaped like a lemon on vigorous plants. The flavour is light & crisp with a solid flesh like a paste tomato. **15 seeds**

**Noire Crimee.** (Syn. Black Crimson, Black Krim). *Indeterminate.* Originally from the Isle of Krim on the Black Sea. Rare, & outstanding producing 3"-4" slightly flattened mahogany-coloured, beefsteak fruit with deep green shoulders, with an intense, slightly salty taste.

**Noire Russe.** (Syn. Black Russian). *Indeterminate.* Medium slicer with dark-maroon to (almost) black flesh with distinctive green shoulders.

**Red Zebra.** *Indeterminate.* The best looking & tasting of all striped varieties. Fruits are dark red inside, & brighter fire engine-red outside, with skins streaked by dramatic, golden stripes. Juicy & flavourful, with large crops of 3" fruits. **12 seed**

**Sub-arctic Plenty.** *Determinate.* Developed at the Canadian Agriculture Research Station in Alberta. & introduced to gardeners through Dominion Seed House of Ontario, & Lowden's Seeds in Ancaster in 1972. Numerous clusters of deep red 2-4oz well flavoured firm fruits Compact plants with a harvest of 9lb per plant achievable. **15 seeds**

**Vintage Wine.** *Indeterminate.* Vintage Wine bears beefsteak-style fruits weighing up to 1½lbs. Fruits brilliantly coloured, with a bright red base & orange & yellow stripes. Pulp is thick, with a full flavour. Potato leaved variety. **15 seeds**

**White Cherry.** Early & productive pale yellow to ivory 1 oz. fruits; The colour is paler with less sun exposure. Sweet fruity flavour. **15 Seeds**

**All Tomato varieties £2.00p per packet**

## TOMATILLO

**Green.** (*Physalis ixocarpa*) (Syn Husk Tomato). One of the most popular & reliable varieties delivering heavy crops of rounded berries 1-2 ins. in diameter enclosed in a thin husk. The fruit ripens to a yellow colour, & has a delicious, sweet-tart flavour.

**Pineapple.** (*Physalis ixocarpa*) An unusual yellow ground cherry with an excellent sweet, fruity flavour that reminds one of the Pineapple. The short spreading vines deliver large crops, which tend to fall from the plant when fully ripe.

**Purple.** (*Physalis ixocarpa*) The purple fruit completely fill the lantern husk with a solid flesh. Raw tomatillos have a zesty tart flavour that develop a herbal lemon flavour when cooked & are most commonly used in Mexican style recipes.

**All varieties 30 seeds - £1.95p**

## TURNIP

**Demi-long de Croissy.** By 1867 "Skin white, smooth; flesh very white, tender sugary, & very agreeably flavoured. A very good variety & a great favourite with Parisian market gardeners. Good for forcing." **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Early White Milan.** By 1858. The roots are flat, of medium size and quite smooth. The flesh is white and the flavour is much appreciated. **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Golden Ball.** (Syn. Orange Jelly). By 1838. "Raised by Mr. Chivas, of Chester, & of most excellent quality, the pulp solid, sweet, & good. As to its growth, it was stated that Mr. Chapman sowed some seed on the 27th of May & had Turnips in high order for table by the 7th of July." 1853 **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Green Top Norfolk.** Before 1836 (Imperial Green Globe) Similar to the Red Top't Norfolk (*for which see below*), but with a green top. **500 seeds**

**Long White Vertus.** (Syn. Jersey Navet). By 1856. *This new English variety has given me great satisfaction when tested side by side with 26 different stocks, most of them different varieties. It makes a small neck, is pure white in colour, & oblong in shape."* **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Manchester Market** (Syn. Green Top't Stone.) By 1821. One of the most useful varieties for late sowing, being very hardy will stand well into the Winter. **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Red Top't Norfolk.** By 1802 (Purple top white globe) "The white & red-topped Norfolk are nearly equal as to their tops & size, covering the ground completely: but the red-topped was of a more open texture. **500 seeds**

**Snowball.** (Syn. Early White Stone, Model White). "A gentleman in the neighbourhood of Knaresborough reaped a good crop of oats in the early part of August; he then sowed the field with the this Turnip, which is now a fine crop, weighing on average 10 tons per acre. He strongly recommends them as a profitable turnip, they may be sown in July." 1826 **1000 or 500 seeds**

**Veitch's Red Globe.** By 1838 "This excellent variety should be grown in every garden. It is far superior to Red American Stone, both in flavour and shape, and has the additional very real advantage of remaining a long time fit for use. **1000 or 500 seeds**

**All varieties £1.95p Per Packet.**

**Small packets (where offered) £1.25p**

## OF CULINARY HERBS

**ANGELICA.** See *Physical & Economic Herbs*

### BASILS

**Bush.** By 1653. The Complete Herbal. "Compact & sturdy, it has an almost bonsai-like appearance & it's aroma has hints of cinnamon, clove & anise **300 seeds £1.95p**

**Lettuce-leaved.** "...broad, crimped, undulating leaves, from 2-4 ins long, & of a low thick-set habit. The leaves are much larger than those of any other kind." **300 Seeds £1.95p**

**Red.** "The red, or perhaps, more accurately, purple, form of this popular pot herb, is at once both decorative & exceeding good for culinary use, especially in salads! **250 seeds £1.95p**

**Mrs Burn's Lemon.** "Named for a gardener of, New Mexico who introduced it in 1939; she obtained the seeds from a neighbour who had grown it since the 1920s. **250 seeds £1.95p**

**Traditional Italian.** "Its agreeable perfume & flavour being much admired in Kitchen Gardens." **300 Seeds £1.95p**

**CARAWAY.** by 1596. "Caraway seed hath a moderate sharp quality, whereby it breaketh wind a provoketh urine, which also the herb doth. It is pleasant and comfortable to the stomach & helpeth digestion." **200 seeds £1.95p**

**CHERVIL.** "...is pleasant to the stomacke & taste... It is used very much among the Dutch people in a kinde of hotch-pot which they do eate, called Warmus. The leaves of sweet Chervill are exceeding good, wholesome, & pleasant, among other sallad herbs." **Plain or curled leaved forms both 300 seeds £1.95p**

**CHIVES.** ꝛ. "In its wild state its foliage is scanty, but under cultivation becomes very abundant. In which state, it is a favourite cottage pot-herb." **200 Seeds £1.95p**

**CORIANDER.** By 1551. *The seed prepared & covered with sugar, as comfits, taken after meat closes up the neck of the stomach, staieth vomiting, & helps digestion.* “ **750 Seeds £1.95p**

**DILL.** See *Physical & Economic Herbs*

**FENNEL.** ꝑ. “Boil Fennel with Fish, for it consumes that Flegmatick humor which Fish plentifully afford & annoy the body by, it is most fit for that purpose.” **300 Seeds £1.95p**

**Bronze Form.** ꝑ. **200 Seeds £1.95p**

**LEMON BALM.** See *Physical & Economic Herbs*

### MARJORAM

**Pot Marjoram.** ꝑ. “It strengthens the stomach & head much. The whole plant is an aromatic & an infusion of the dried leaves is extremely grateful.” Culpeper 1653 **500 seeds. £1.95p**

**Greek Oregano.** ꝑ. “Hath many threddy roots; from which rise up branches trailing upon the ground, set with fair greene leaves; at the top of those branches stand scalie or chaffie eares of a purple colour.” Gerard 1597 **500 seeds. £1.95p**

**Sweet Marjoram.** ꝑ. “... is warming & comfortable in cold Diseases of the Head, Stomach, Sinews, & other Parts, taken inwardly or outwardly applied.” 1652 **500 Seeds £1.95p**

**MINTS.** See *Physical & Economic Herbs*

**ROSEMARY.** ꝑ. “The distilled water of the floures being drunke at morning & evening first taketh away the stench of the mouth & breath & maketh it very sweet. 1597. **100 seeds. £1.95p**

**SAGE.** ꝑ. “...has long, rough, wrinkled leaves sometimes of a hoary green & sometimes of a reddish- purple colour of pretty strong smell; the floures grow on a long stalke, of a blueish purple colour.” Culpeper **200 Seeds £1.95p**

### SAVOURY

**Summer.** ꝑ. “ ..not full so hot as winter Sauorie, and therefore saith Dioscorides, more fit to be used in medicine: it maketh thin, and doth maruellously preuaile against winde: therefore it is with good successe boiled and eaten with beans, peas, & other windy pulse.” **200 Seeds £1.95p**

**Winter.** ꝑ. *Botanicum officinale* 1722. “This is more woody & shrubby than the former, having the leaves more like Hyssop, stiffer & harder, & seemingly pierc'd full of Holes, & ending in Spinulæ **200 Seeds £1.95p**

**SWEET CICELY.** ꝑ “Also called myrrha, taken from his pleasant savor of Myrrh. In English, it is sometimes called sweete Chervill.” Leaves used in omelettes & added to soups & stews, roots used raw in salads or cooked as a root vegetable. Culinary uses **20 Seeds £1.95p**

### THYME

**Wild or Creeping.** ꝑ “A small native plant with a slender creeping stem, bearing small oval-rounded leaves & erect terminal clusters of pink or violet flowers.” **750 Seeds £1.95p**

**Common or English Thyme.** ꝑ. **750 seeds £1.95p**

**Provence Thyme.** ꝑ. **500 seeds £1.95p**

## OF PHYSICAL & ECONOMIC HERBS

**ANGELICA.** ꝑ “In all epidemical diseases this is as good a preservative as grows: It resists poison, by defending & comforting the heart, blood, & spirits; it doth the like against the plague and all epidemical diseases.” **40 Seeds £2.00p**

**Angelica atropurpurea.** ꝑ by 1659 **30 Seeds £2.50p**

Although not an exhaustive list. We consider it our proper duty to advise that seeds (& the plants grown from them) marked thus ☠ may be injurious or hazardous to health. & we advise proper caution when handling them.

FURTHERMORE. Mr Etty can take no responsibility for any adverse effects arising from the use of plants listed in our catalogue. Always seek advice from a medical professional before using any part of a plant for medicinal purposes.

**ANISE.** “...a seed which has an aromatic smell & a pleasant warm, sweetish taste; it has been used as a carminative, a cordial & stomachic, the essential oil is amongst the mildest of the kind we have.” **200 Seeds £2.10p**

☞ **ARNICA.** (*Arnica montana*) ꝑ. “..has been used medicinally for centuries.” **100 Seeds £2.50p**

☞ **Arnica chamissonis.** **100 seeds £3.00p**

**BERGAMOT. Wild** ꝑ. (*Monarda fistulosa*) “The leaves are popularly dried to prepare bergamot tea. Native American bergamot tea drinkers shared this delectable tea with the colonial settlers, who then used it as a substitute when tea became scarce after the Boston tea party.” Culinary use **100 Seeds £1.95**

This variety has been very lately introduced from Holland, by Messrs. GRIMWOOD and Co. Kensington; it flowers from June to September, & is propagated by parting its roots in spring or autumn. *Botanical Magazine. Vol 5.*

**Lemon Bergamot.** ꝑ. Edible flowers **100 Seeds £1.95p**

**Monarda didyma.** ꝑ. Edible flowers **70 seeds £2.35p**

**BLESSED THISTLE.** ꝑ. Widely cultivated in the middle ages, & seen as a cure-all for all manner of disease. Now mainly employed as an ingredient in herbal tonics.” **30 seeds £2.50p**

**BORAGE.** “The leaves & roots are to very good purpose used in fevers, to defend the heart, & help to resist & expel the poison, or the venom of other creatures: the seed is of the like effect.

Edible flowers. **60 Seeds £2.20p**

**White Form:** Edible flowers **60 Seeds £2.20p**

**CATNEP.** ꝑ. “The whole plante has a stronge aromatic odoure & is particularly grateful to Cats.” **150 Seeds £1.95p**

### CHAMOMILES

**Lawn.** ꝑ “Camomile flower are highly esteemed for their agreeable tonic properties. They are mainly relaxant, & only moderately stimulant; and expend their influence somewhat promptly. Culinary use **750 seeds £1.95p**

**Dyer's Chamomile.** ꝑ. by 1561 “..is used for the sake of a brilliant yellow tint, which is obtained from it.” **200 seeds £2.15p**

**German Chamomile.** ꝑ (*Matricaria chamomile*) **200 seeds £2.15p**

**CLARY Sage.** “...is used to be put into the eyes to clear them from Moats, or other things gotten within the lids, as also to clear them from white or red spots **100 seeds £2.50p**

**CLARY Meadow.** “Brilliant deep violet-blue flowers adorn these bushy compact plants all through summer. Easy to grow, and with aromatic leaves as a bonus, this salvia is worthy of a place in any garden.” **100 seeds £2.50p**

☞ **COMFREY.** ꝑ. “Its impressive wound-healing properties are due to the presence of allantoin which stimulates cell proliferation & accelerates wound-healing both internally & externally. In superficial wounds, this can prevent scar formation, but one must take care when dealing with infected wounds to ensure that the infection is addressed first.” **40 Seeds £2.30p**

☞ **CUMIN.** By 1602. "...is one of the four great hot Seeds, & consists of very warming dissolving parts, being very good to expel wind out of the Stomach & Bowels, & is frequently put into Glysters for that purpose, as well as given in Powder, or infused in Wine: Outwardly applied, it is of great service in pains of the Breast or Side." **200 Seeds £1.95p**

☞ **DILL.** "The Seed is more used than the Leavs & more effectual to digest raw & viscous humors, & used in Medicines to expel wind & the pains proceeding therefrom." **300 Seeds £1.95p**

**DYER'S WELD.** ☞. "Some do commend it against the bitings of venomous creatures, to be taken inwardly & applied outwardly to the hurt place; also, for Plague or Pestilence." Yields an especially pure & fast yellow. **450 seeds £2.50p**

**DYER'S WOAD.** ☞. "... the British stained themselves blue with woad. & British women & girls colouring themselves with it went naked to some of their sacrifices." **30 seeds £2.50p**

**ECHINACEA.** ☞ (*E. pallida*) By 1799. Historically well considered by the Native Americans for its efficacious effect upon wounds of the flesh & especially against the bite of the serpent. Still considered an highly effective herbal remedy for many complaints and conditions." **40 seeds £2.50p**

*E. purpurea.* ☞. **100 seeds £2.50p**

*E. purpurea.* **White Form.** ☞. **50 seeds £2.50p**

**ELECAMPANE.** ☞. "...the fresh roots preserved with Sugar, or made into a syrup, are very effectual to warm a cold & windy stomach, or the pricking therein, & stiches in the sides caused by the spleen; & to help the cough, shortness of breath, & wheezing." Historically, the roots have been used as a vegetable. **30 seeds £2.50p**

**FETHERFEWE.** ☞. "Dried & made into powder, & 2 drams of it taken with honey or sweet wine, purgeth melancholy & flegme; wherefore it is very good for them that are giddie of the head, or which have vertigo. Culinary uses **500 seeds £2.20p**

**HOREHOUND (White).** ☞. "Perfectly hardy & requires no attention while growing. The leaves are used for seasoning and for a popular cough remedy." **200 seeds £2.20p**

**HYSSOP.** ☞. "Being bruised & Salt, Honey & Cumin put to it, helpeth those that are stung by Serpents. The Oyl killeth lice, & takes away Itching of the Head. It helps those that have falling-sickness." Culinary uses **450 seeds £2.20p**

**INDIGO.** (*Indigofera tinctoria*). ☞. "The original sources of indigo dye. Natural dye from *I. tinctoria* is still available, marketed as natural colouring. The plant is also widely grown as a soil-improving groundcover." **50 seeds £3.50p**

**LADIES BEDSTRAW.** ☞. "A yellow dye is obtained from the stems, leaves & flowering tips. A red dye is also produced from the roots." **300 seeds £2.50p**

**LADY'S MANTLE.** ☞. By 1548. "A good wound-herb for bathing & fomenting, for it dries up the humidity of sores, & heals inflammation. It draws the corruption from & heals green wounds; it cures all old sores." **100 seeds £2.70p**

**LAVENDER.** **English.** ☞. (*L. vera*.) "The floures picked from the knaps, mixed with Cinnamon, Nutmeg & Cloves, made into a powder, & given to drinke in the distilled water therof doth helpe the panting & passion of the heart, Prevaieth against giddinesse, turning or swimming of the braine, members subject to the palsie." Edible flowers **200 seeds. £2.30p**

**French.** ☞. Edible flowers **100 seeds. £2.30p**

**Munstead Blue.** ☞. Edible flowers **200 seeds. £2.30p**

**Hidcote.** ☞. Edible flowers **200 seeds. £2.30p**

**LEMON BALM.** ☞. "Causes the mind & heart to become merry. Relieves faintings & swoonings, & drives away all troublesome cares & thoughts, arising from melancholy Very good to help digestion." Has culinary uses. **700 seeds £1.95p**

**LIQUORICE.** ☞. "Its predominant constituents being saccharine & mucilaginous matter, its only action is that of a mild demulcent, & as such it is frequently used in catarrh, & in stomach complaints." **50 seeds £2.25p**

**MADDER.** ☞. (*Rubia tinctorum*). "A very good quality red dye is obtained from the roots. Some reports say that 2 year-old roots are used, whilst others say that 3 year old roots are used. The roots can be dried for later use. The dye can also be extracted from the leaves." **10 seeds £4.00p**

**MARSH-MALLOW.** ☞. "The dry roots boyled in water, give out half their weight of a gummy matter like starch & on evaporating the fluid, form a flavourless yellowish mucilage. The leaves afford scarcely one-fourth of their weight, & the flowers and seeds still less. **40 seeds: £2.50p**

**MASTERWORT.** ☞. Used as a potherb or as a flavouring. The aromatic roots can be used as a flavouring. They are said to taste hotter than pepper. A popular drink is made from the fermented roots. **30 seeds £2.70p**

**MEADOWSWEET.** ☞. "...the floures boiled in wine & drunke, do make the heart merrie. The leaves & floures far excell all other strowing herbes, for the smell thereof makes the heart merrie. **100 seeds £2.50p**

**MEADOW CRANESBILL.** ☞. "This familiar & handsome plant is the parent to many varieties of hardy geranium. A medium to tall grassland perennial with deeply cut leaves and long, hairy and frequently reddish stems." **30 seeds £3.00p**

**MILK THISTLE.** ☞. "Effectual for agues, & to prevent & cure the plague: as also to open the obstructions of the liver & spleen, & thereby is good against the jaundice. The young leaves may be used as spring greens **30 seeds £2.25p**

## MINTS

**Applemint.** ☞. An aromatic herb with a fruity, spearmint flavour. Also known by the common name round-leaved mint, Apple mint is cultivated as a culinary herb & is used in the production of mint sauce & jelly. **300 seeds £1.95p**

**Greenmint.** ☞ (*Mentha viridis*) **300 seeds £1.95p**

**Pennyroyal.** ☞. "Groweth naturally wild in moist & overflown places, from whence poore women bring plenty to sell in London markets." **500 seeds £1.95p**

**Black Peppermint.** ☞. "A safe medicine for the biting of a Mad Dog, being bruised with salt & laid thereon. The Pouder of it being dried & taken after Meat helpeth digestion, & those that are Splenetick." **500 seeds £1.95p**

☞ **Corsican Mint.** ☞. Before 1870. For a damp, somewhat shady path the tiny Corsican Mint (*Mentha requienii*) would do very well. It clings closer than moss and its infinitesimal leaves give forth a strong mintlike fragrance when bruised. **50 seed £2.75p**

☞ **Spearmint** (*M.spicata*) Highly aromatic, with dark-green, sweetly aromatic leaves, extensively used for garnishing & flavouring. **500 seeds £1.95p**

☞ **PYRETHRUM.** ☞. "The dried flower heads are used as an insecticide, they are a source of the insecticide 'pyrethrum', which is non-toxic to mammals. Only the yellow disk rays contain pyrethrins. Once dried, they retain the insecticidal properties almost indefinitely." Mixed colours **40 seeds £2.80p**

**SEA HOLLY.** ☞. "The Distilled Water of the Herb when young, helpeth the melancholly of the Heart, as also for them that have their Necks drawn awry, & cannot turn them, without turning their whol Body." **30 seeds £2.80p**

**SOAPWORT.** ☞. Native. "The name of sopewort has been given to this plant, from its anfwering, the purposes of foap, forming like it, a lather with water, and taking out fpts of grease &tc from cloth in the fame manner." **200 seeds £2.40p**

**ST. JOHN his worte.** ☞. "...is as singular a wound herb as any other, either for inward wounds, hurts, or bruises, to be boyled in wine & drunk, or prepared into oyl or oyntment, bath or lotion outwardly. It opens obstructions, dissolve swellings, & closes up the lips of wound." **500 seeds £2.30p**

### TAGETES

**Mexican Marigold.** (*Tagetes minuta*) Secretions from the roots of have an insecticidal effect on the soil, effective against nematodes & to some extent against keeled slugs, they also have an effect against some persistent weeds. These secretions are produced about 3-4 months after sowing. **100 seeds £2.50p**

**African Marigold.** (*Tagetes erecta*) A mix of Yellow & Orange types. **300 seeds £2.30p**

**French Marigold.** (*Tagetes patula*). "Small, bright orange flowers over neat hummocks of finely cut foliage, an excellent edging plant for the flower border or vegetable bed." **300 seeds £2.30p**

**Mexican Tarragon.** (*Tagetes lucida*). A perennial plant (grown here as an annual) native to Mexico and Central America. It is used as a medicinal plant and as a culinary herb. The leaves have a tarragon-like flavour, with hints of anise. **100 seeds £2.70p**

**Signet or Golden Marigold** (*Tagetes tenuifolia*) **200 seeds £2.30p**

**TANSAY.** ☞. "Surely we are beholden to none so much as we are to Monks. For want of eating this Herb in Spring, makes people sickly in Summer, & that makes work for the Physitian. If it be against anyones conscience to eat a Tansie in the Spring, they may boyl it in Wine & drink the Decoction." **500 seeds £2.20p**

**FULLER'S TEASEL.** ☞. "This is the teasing plant of the clothier. In the Fuller's teasel the bracts turn back and are used to raise the nap of newly woven cloth." **100 seeds £2.50p**

**VALERIAN.** ☞. Well-known & frequently used herb. Noted especially for its effect as a tranquilliser & nervine. Valerian has been shown to encourage & improve sleep quality & reduce blood pressure. **100 seeds £2.20p**

## OF FLOWERING PLANTS

**Wildflowers (not otherwise listed) may herewith be found**

<http://www.thomasetty.co.uk/seeds/wild-flowers-2019.pdf>

**ALYSSUM.** By 1710. As an edging to beds & borders no other annual is grown more freely than Alyssum. Our selection of mix't seeds has all colours well matched for height & flowering time & bearing a nice scent. **200 seeds £2.40p**

**AMMI MAJUS.** by 1665. (Syn Bishop's Weed). A mass of green ferny foliage covered with large flat umbels of lacy white flowers. Strong stems make this an excellent variety for cutting as well as for beds and borders. **200 seed £2.40p**

**AMMI VISNAGA.** By 1800. Sun loving drought tolerant plant; Attracts wildlife to feed or nest; All round tough plant suitable for problem areas. Architectural **200 seed £2.40p**

**ANTIRRHINUM.** 1597. (Snapdragon). "The floures grow at the top of the stakles of a purple or yet a white colour, fashioned like a frogs mouth, or rather a dragons mouth, from whence we have taken the name Snapdragon." **200 seeds £2.40p**

☞ **ENGLISH BLUEBELL.** ☞. (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) "It hath long narrow leaves among which spring up bare stalkes loden with many hollow blew floures of a strong sweet smell. It is said that the roots, being beaten and applied with white wine, hinder or keepe backe the growth of haire!" **80 seeds £2.40p**

**SCOTTISH BLUEBELL.** ☞. (Harebell) (*Campanula rotundifolia*) (Syn Harebell.) "The Scottish bluebell was in parts of Buchan called 'the aul' man's [Devil's] bell', regarded with a sort of dread, and commonly left unpulled. **500 seeds £2.40p**

### CANDYTUFT.

**Annual mix't.** Originally from Crete Known to both Parkinson and Gerard (Hence 1596). "One of the most popular annuals for furnishing beds and borders with masses of colours during the summer months." **300 seeds £2.40p (Mix't)**

**Iberis gibralterica.** ☞. By 1776. The flowers of this plant, bear fome refemalance to the Common Candy-tuft, but when they blow, in perfection, they are usually twice as large; hence they are highly ornamental in the green-houfe. **300 seeds £2.40p**

**CANTERBURY BELL.** ☞. (*Campanula x medium*) "There is a kinde of floure growing about Canterbury, which is called Canterbury Bells. These pleasant floures we have in our gardens especially for the beauty of their floure." **500 seeds £2.40p**

**CERINTHE.** (*Cerintho major Purpurescens*). (Honeyworte) "An annual remarkable for the fingular colour of its foliage. It's flowers though not very brilliant poffefs a confiderable fhare of beauty. Both combined render it a plant worthy a place in our gardens." Curtis's Botanical Magazine Vol. 10 **20 seeds £2.80p**

### COBAEA SCANDENS

**Blue Form.** (Cup and Saucer Vine) "Will appeal to anyone who longs for something with panache & visual impact. It is extremely attractive when scrambling upward through trellis work, archways, or old trees. & will fill the air with a very pleasant honey scent throughout the growing season." **5 seeds £2.80p**

**White Form.** **15 seeds £2.80p**

### ☞ COLUMBINES

☞ **Wild.** ☞. (*Aquilegia vulgaris*) (Granny's Bonnet.) "The stalke is a cubit & a halfe high, slender, reddish & sleightly haired. the sprigs whereof bring forth; one floure with five little hollow hornes, as it were hanging forth, with small leaves standing upright, of the shape of little birds." **100 seeds £2.70p**

☞ **McKana Hybrids.** ☞. Before 1945. Offering a wide range of pastel colours: rose, blue, yellow, white, pink and crimson. Flowers form a delicate star of outer petals surrounding an inner ring with yellow centres. Long spurred. **50 seeds £2.40p**

☞ **Nora Barlow.** ☞. Named after the grand-daughter of Charles Darwin but is in fact a 16th c. variety called Rose Columbine which was renamed in the Victorian era. Spur-less & double flowered with pink & green petals. **50 seeds £2.70p**

☞ **Barlow Mixture** ☞. **50 seeds £2.70p**

☞ **William Guinness.** ☞. "An eye-catching plant, a short-spurred columbine most noted for its graceful slender stems of nodding flowers each with deep black-purple petals surrounded by white central petals. **40 seed £2.70p**

#### Others

☞ **Aquilegia caerulea.** ☞. "Large upright variety standing above deeply cut light green foliage with white petals & showy spurs in a stunning powder blue." **100 seeds £2.70p**

☞ **Aquilegia canadensis.** ☞. Parkinson was not acquainted with this plant when he wrote his *Parad. terr.*, but in his larger and more general work, the *Theat. Pl.*, published in 1640 he describes and figures it." Curtis Botanical Mag. Vol.7 **100 seeds £2.70p**

☞ **Aquilegia oxysepala.** ☞. "Produces an abundance of maroon-purple flowers with contrasting creamy yellow bell hearts on 2ft cm stems. A most rewarding Perennial, producing long spurred blooms from late spring to early summer. **100 seeds £2.40p**

☞ **Munstead White.** (*Aquilegia vulgaris* "alba"). ☞. By 1914. Beautiful pure white flowers held high above the foliage. Cut flowers are a wonderful addition to bouquets. **70 seeds £2.70p**

☞ **CORNCOCKLE.** "...hath a longe small lefe, & wyl beare fyve or vi floures of purple colour, as brode as a grote." **70 seeds £2.40p**

#### CORNFLOWER

**Wild.** "The floures grow at the top of the stalkes, are of a blew colour, consisting of many small floures set in a scaly head; the seed is smooth, bright shining, & wrapped in a flocky matter." **300 seeds £2.40p**

**Mix't Colours.** **300 seeds £2.40p**

☞ **Black form** **300 seeds £2.40p**

☞ **White form** **300 seeds £2.40p**

**COSMOS. Sensations Mix't** "A very popular flower for summer bedding. It forms neat feathery bushes a couple of feet tall, with large daisy flowers in shades from white through pink to maroon, with yellow centres." **200 seeds £2.40p**

☞ **White form (Purity)** **200 seeds £2.40p**

#### FORGET-ME-NOT.

**Wild.** (*Myosotis arvensis*) "They groe for the most part on one side of the stalke, blew of colour, with a little spot of yellow. **500 seeds £2.40p**

**Victoria Alba.** (*Myosotis sylvatica*). By 1893 **300 seeds £2.40p**

**Victoria Blue.** (*Myosotis sylvatica*). By 1891 **300 seeds £2.40p**

**Victoria Rosea.** (*Myosotis sylvatica*) by 1891. The flowers of this new variety are of a lovely rose colour, with the characteristic central double bloom. **300 seeds £2.40p**

#### ☞ FOXES-GLOVES.

**Wild.** ☞ "How regularly do the blossoms hang; How delicate are the spots which ornament the inside of the flower! like the wings of small butterflies; how pleasing it is to behold the nestling bee hide itself in its pendulous blossoms! **700 seeds £2.40p**

**White Form.** ☞ **500 seeds £2.40p**

**Apricot Form.** ☞ **500 seeds £2.40p**

**Rusty Foxglove.** ☞ (*Digitalis ferruginea*) By 1816. "Tall slender spikes in close groups bear many distinctive pale orange-brown flowers each with a protruding white lip. Completely hardy and totally perennial." **300 seeds £2.40p**

#### GENTIAN. ☞.

**Willow.** ☞ (*Gentiana asclepiadea*) By 1629. "Its long leaves are arranged in opposite pairs, along arching stems, from midsummer to autumn, with terminal panicles of upright, blue flowers." **100 seeds £2.85p**

**Spring** ☞. (*Gentiana verna*) "This beautiful gem has been found wild, in the county of Durham, particularly in Teesdale Forest, & also in Westmoreland. It should be classed amongst the rarer British plants." **100 seeds £2.85p**

**GYPSOPHILA.** ☞. (*Gypsophila paniculata*). Before 1805. "A strong growing perennial, with narrow leaves, attaining the height of 2 feet, the whole having a glaucous hue, which is indicative of its native place, the dry Steppes of Siberia." **500 seed £2.40p**

**Covent Garden.** (*Gypsophila elegans*) A graceful annual for the border, producing delicate flowers & foliage, splendid for cut flowers and the border alike. Large white flowers surrounded by lacy cloud like green foliage. **500 seed £2.40p**

☞ **HELIOTROPE.** (*Heliotropium arborescens*) This plant recommends itself by its fragrance rather than its beauty, so delicious indeed is the odour it diffuses, that it is considered as essential to every green-house and stove. It grows naturally in Peru, from whence the seeds were sent by the younger Jussieu to the royal garden at Paris, where the plants produced flowers and seeds; and from the curious garden of the Duke d'Ayen, at St. Germain's, I was supplied with some of the seeds, which have succeeded, in the Chelsea garden, where the plants have flowered and perfected their seeds for some years." Miller's Gard. Dict. **30 seed £2.70p**

#### HOLLYHOCKS

"This is a tall plant, 6-8ft high, with thick round stalks & hairy round leaves; the floures grow upon the stalk, coming forth with the leaves, being very large, of one leave cut into five segments."

**Chater's Double (Mixed).** ☞. (By 1840) **50 seeds £2.65p**

**Single (Mixed).** ☞. **50 seeds £2.65p**

**Black.** Illustrated in 1585 in Istanbul. ☞. **50 seeds £2.65p**

**HONESTY.** Before 1548. "The stalkes are loden with many floures of a purple colour; which being fallen, the seed comes forth, contained in a flat thin cod, with a sharp point or pricke at one end in the fashion of the moon." **70 seeds £2.40p (Mix't)**

**JACOBS LADDER.** ☞. Masses of cool lavender-blue flowers, with an open bell-shape with orange stamens. **100 seeds £2.65p**

**White form** **100 seeds £2.65p**

**LADY'S SMOCK.** ☞ (*Cardamine pratensis*). By 1714. In Sacred to the fairies, & so was unlucky if brought indoors. It was not included in May Day garlands for the same reason. Commonly known as cuckoo flower because it coincides with the arrival of the first cuckoo. **60 seeds £2.65p**

☞ **LARKSPUR** 17th Century. "The floures grow along the stalks towards the tops of the branches, of a blew colour, consisting of five little leaves which grow together & make a hollow floure, having a taile or spur at the end.

**Dwarf or Tall Form.** (please specify) **300 seeds £2.40p**

#### ☞ LOBELIA

**White Lady.** By 1912. "A stunning snow white upright annual lobelia delivering masses of flowers against green foliage."

**Crystal Palace.** By 1882. "Vivid blue flowers and striking bronze foliage on ball-shaped, very dwarf, compact plants."

**Mrs Clibran.** By 1902. "A compact variety delivering an abundance of striking deep blue flowers with a contrasting white eye on compact plants."

All varieties - 1000 seeds £2.65p

 **Lobelia cardinalis.** "A hardy herbaceous plant, growing in favourable situations to the height of 3-4 feet; the main spike of flowers which terminates the stalk, is often a foot in length; by the time that most of its flowers are blown, side branches shoot out, and flower; so that the plant continues in bloom six weeks or two months." 50 seeds £2.60

#### LOVE-IN-A-MIST.

**Blue.** By 1659. "Nigella muft be fowne in a ground that is fat or well tilled. The fume of the feed taken doth ftay the rheume, drie the braine & causeth the fmelling that was loft to come againe." 750 seeds £2.40p

**Mix't Colours.** 500 seeds £2.40p

**Miss Jeykll.** By 1913 500 seeds £2.40p

 **White** 500 seeds £2.40p

 **MR RUSSELL'S LUPINS.**  Bred & introduced in 1937 "A unique train of perennial Lupines with exceptionally bold spikes of blooms often 3 ½ feet in length and showing a wide range of colours." 50 seeds £2.65p

#### LYNCHIS.

**Scarlet.** (*Lynchis chalconica*). (*Syn. Maltese Cross*). "...appears to have been a great favourite with Parkinson. in a wooden print of him, prefixed to his *Paradisus Terreftris*, we see him represented with a flower of this fort in his hand of the double kind." Curtis's Botanical Magazine. Vol. 8

**Rose Champion.** (*Lynchis coronaria atrosanguinea*). "...this charming annual, the liveliness of whose colours no paint can express, was cultivated by Miller in 1739; feeling it is a plant of fuch beauty & honoured by fo distinguished an appellation. it is singular that it should not by this time have made its way more generally into our gardens." Curtis's Botanical Magazine Vol. 8.

Both forms 500 seeds £2.40p

#### MARIGOLDS (*Calendula*)

**Pot.** "... are of great use among other pot-herbes & the flowers eyther Greene or dried, are often used in possets, broths, & drinks, as a comforter of the heart & spirits. 100 seeds £2.00p

**Art Shades.** Before 1933. "A mixture of attractive and uncommon shades of Apricot, orange and cream. Particularly useful for cutting." Edible flowers 100 seeds £2.25p

**Orange King.** Before 1901. "A splendid variety with enormous orange flowers, perfectly double & beautifully formed. Now so much grown for the cut-flower market." 75 seeds £2.25p

**Radio.** Before 1930. "Quite distinct & shows a remarkable advance. The petals of this large, perfectly double flower, are beautifully quilled and curled, forming an almost globular flower. It's colour a rich glistening Orange." Edible flowers 75 seeds £2.25p

**MIGNONETTE** (*Reseda odorata*). By 1768. "The luxury of the garden is greatly heightened by the delightful odure which this plant diffuses; & as it is readily cultivated in pots, its fragrance may be conveyed to the reclufe, or the chamber of the valetudinarian; its perfume, though not fo refreshing as the Sweet-Briar, is not so apt to offend on continuance the moft delicate olfactories. 1787 500 seeds £2.70p

#### MORNING GLORY

**Black Knight.** A stunning variety delivering masses of dark purple almost black flowers with a cerise throat & ivory eye. Flowers from Jul to Oct on plants that can reach 10 ft. 20 seeds £2.65p

**Clark's Heavenly Blue.** By 1915. Exceptional 4" trumpet shaped flowers. in glorious sky blue. Habit climbing, Flowers large, can trail as much as 10ft so support required. Suitable for covering walls, fences etc. 50 seeds £2.40p

**Grandpa Otts.** "Producing huge displays of deep purple-blue blooms, each with a red star in its throat." 50 seeds £2.40p

**Scarlet O'Hara.** Attractive and vigorous annual climber with lush foliage and large, 3-4-inch trumpet-shaped flowers in a wine-red colour which blanket the vigorous 6-12-foot climbing vines beginning in midsummer. 20 seeds £2.65p

#### NASTURTIUM

The flowers have the taste of Water-creef with a degree of sweetness which that plant does not poffefs. more particularly refident in the fpur of the calyx, or nectary; hence are sometimes ufed in fallads, and hence the plant acquires its name of Nasturtium. Curtis's Botanical Reg. 1787.

All listed varieties are *N. majus* and all have Edible flowers

**Empress of India.** 1881. Crimson flowers, 30 seeds £2.00p

**Tom Thumb.** By 1838. Mix't. Dwarf 30 seeds £2.00p

**Tall Climbing.** 1686. Mix't 30 seeds £2.00p

 ***N. peregrinum.*** 1730. (Canary Creeper) Annual Climber. A stunning climbing nasturtium variety which can reach up to 15ft. Needs slightly a slightly more sheltered position than its common cousin and is best in full sun. 10 seed £2.50p

#### NICOTIANA

**Nicotiana affinis.** By 1880. "... affords some welcome sweet-scented plants for greenhouse & conservatory, & as the flowers open best in subdued light they are particularly valuable as pot plants for indoor decoration." 500 seeds £2.40p

**Nicotiana glauca.** "... of pyramidal habit, with long tubular pure white flowers, remains fully expanded during the days & in the evening." 500 seeds £2.40p

**PHLOX. Mr Drummond's.** (*Phlox Drummondii*). By 1836. The Horticultural Register. "...remarkable as being the only annual of the species, a native of Mexico, discovered there; the seed collected & sent home last spring by the late Mr T Drummond. The plant flowered in Dr Neill's collection at Edinburgh."

We herewith offer a true Red, the original colour collected (P. Drummondii "Nana compacta") and a Mixture. Either costing 300 seeds £2.40p

#### PINKS & CARNATIONS

**Enfant de Nice.** . 1889. Carnation "Vigorous plants & strong supporting stems display large fully double flowers. They will add an intense spicy scent to your garden." 100 seeds £2.65p

**Giant Chabaud.** . By 1893. Carnation "Extremely fragrant mix of double fringed blooms in shades of red, rose, violet, white, yellow, orange & showy bi-colours." 100 seeds £2.65p

**Clove Pink.** . "This plant is a native of the South of France but is found wild on old walls in Kent and Norfolk. It belongs to the family Caryophyllaceae, and is one of a beautiful genus of plants, all of which are sweet-scented and showy. The flowers of the Clove Pink are used to give colour and fragrance to syrups used in medicine. Edible flowers 100 seeds £2.40p

**Cottage Pinks.** 🌱. (*D. plumarius flore pleno*). Double mix't. Before 1773. *Bears double bearded & jagged petals of white, pink, or rose. The blooms are borne from spring & throughout summer, on 9" stems above, blue-green, grassy foliage.* **100 seeds £2.65p**

**D. plumarius flore pleno "roseus."** 🌱. By 1773. **100 seeds £2.65p**

**D. plumarius flore pleno "alba."** 🌱. By 1773. **100 seeds £2.65p**

**Alpine. Mix't.** (*Dianthus allwoodii alpina*) 🌱. By 1930 *"This excellent dwarf hardy strain is pre-eminent for use in rock gardens or borders."* **100 seeds £2.65p**

**Rainbow Loveliness.** By 1930. 🌱. *"Will flower continuously from spring to late summer, reaching in a broad range of colours from white to crimson including bi-colours."* **100 seeds £2.65p**

**Superb Pink.** (*Dianthus superbus*). *"Many of the plants of genus diffuse an agreeable odour which renders them most desirable objects for the flower garden. This quality the present species possesses in a superior degree to most others. A few of its flowers communicate to a nosegay a delicate and most delicious smell."*

Curtis's Botanical Magazine. Vol. 9. **100 seeds £2.65p**

### SWEET WILLIAM

**Auricula-eyed.** 🌱. *"Dean's Auricula-eyed Sweet William, Most exquisite in form and colour. WILLIAM DEAN, Bradford Nursery, Shipley, York". 1865. Saved exclusively from the finest show varieties with rich colours and distinct white eye and margins.* **300 seeds £2.40p (Mixt)**

**Single Form.** 🌱. *"Walking last Friday morning in my garden, where stands a house that I have grunted hard in: And finding there Sweet William by my bower."* 1640 **300 seeds £2.40p**

**Double-mixed.** 🌱. *"The floures at the top of the stalkes are very like small pinks, many joynd together in one tuft or spiky umbell, of a divers colour."* **200 seeds £2.40p (Mixt)**

**Indian Carpet Mix't.** 🌱. Before 1951. *"Create a colourful carpet of unique white, pink, and red blooms from spring to summer. Fragrant."* **200 seeds £2.40p (Mixt)**

### Named Sweet William Varieties

All 100 seeds - £2.65p

**Oeschberg.** 🌱. *"An attractive Sweet William with bronze leaves and deep purple-violet flowers. Plants flower all summer from May to August."*

**Nigrescens.** 🌱. By 1935 *"The narrow oval leaves are mid-green when young, maturing to mahogany. Clusters of sweetly scented, dark maroon-black flowers appear from spring to late summer. It needs full sun and a well-drained soil."*

**Black Prince.** By 1928. The Small Home. Vol 8. *"Large flowering, sweetly scented double dark red, almost black blossoms are produced in an abundance on dark foliage on 18-inch erect stems. Blooms the year after planting, in mid-spring to mid-summer. A fantastic colour range and strong scent."*

**Holborn Glory.** By 1896. Gardening Illustrated. Vol. 17. *"Individual Flower the size of an (old) penny, with a well dented white smooth edge, and a large white centre, the flower trusses are a lovely combination of purple red and a pristine white ring bloom on straight, stiff stalks easily grown from seeds. One of the taller Dianthus plants."*

**Newport Pink.** By 1911. The Practical Flower Garden. *"Spectacular clusters of clear pink flowers grace this dainty flower. A wonderful old-fashioned accent for the mixed border. Long stems so excellent for cutting"*

**POACHED EGG PLANT.** By 1811. Yellow saucer-like flower edged with white. for edging the border, & for attracting bees and hover-flies. *"A very pretty hardy annual, with fragrant flowers, discovered by the Naturalist whose name it bears in California, whence he sent both specimens & seeds to the RHS."* **50 seeds £2.40p**

### 🌱 POPPIES

**Iceland.** (*P. nudicaule*) 🌱. By 1761. Short-lived perennials, Plants form a low tuft of light green leaves. The bowl-shaped flowers last for a week, in a range of shades including cream, yellow, salmon, orange, pink and red. **300 seeds £2.50p**

**Ladybird.** (*P. commutatum*). Before 1838. A charming & brighter version of the corn field poppy producing shining crimson single blooms with a black blotch on 12-18 ins. plants. **500 seeds £2.40p**

**Wild or Corn Poppy.** (*Papaver Rhoeas*) Native. *"The flowers of Cornerofe, either in decoction, distilled water, fyrupe or powder, the weight of halfe a crowne, is a fingular meanes to provoke pitting in Pleurifies & to cure the fame."* **1000 seeds £2.40p**

**White form.** **700 seeds £2.40p**

**Shirley Poppy.** (Single mix't). Bred from 1880 onwards, by the Rev. William Wilks, vicar of Shirley in Surrey. *"Wilks found in a corner of his garden a variant of the field poppy that had a narrow white border around the petals. By careful selection & hybridization over many years he obtained a strain of poppies ranging in colour from white & pale lilac to pink & red."* **750 seeds £2.40p**

👉 **Double form.** **600 seeds £2.40p**

**Turkish or Tulip Poppy.** (*P. glaucum*). *A stunning variety delivering 2-3 inch flowers of Scarlet Red with clear black blotches on each poppy. Unlike the Wild Poppy which it resembles, the inner petals are not flat but stay upright, an almost doubling effect, hence its common name, the Tulip Poppy.* **1000 seeds £2.40p**

**Opium Poppy Mix't.** (*P. somniferum*) *"This seed is good to season bread with, It is often used in comfits, served at the table with other junketting dishes."* Noted in 1659 **500 seeds £2.60p**

**Black Peony.** (*P. paeoniflorum*). A stunning annual, like a giant version of the field Poppy. Numerous large peony silky double flower heads in the deepest purple **300 seeds £2.65p**

**Californian.** (*Eschscholzia californica*) *"The true gold of California lies in its fields of poppies that appear each spring in the valleys & foothills. Its grey fern-like foliage & the unwinding of its brilliant petals as the sun warms the air, is a delight."* **500 seeds £2.65p**

*Papaver orientale*

**'Beauty of Livermere'** 🌱. By 1906. *Bears crimson-scarlet flowers with prominent black stamens.*

**'Queen Alexandra'** 🌱. By 1906. *clear rose-salmon flowers with a prominent black centre,"*

**'Princess Victoria Louise'** 🌱. Before 1905. *Very handsome large flowers of a soft salmon-rose, shading to blush-rose."*

👉 **Mixed types** 🌱

**Orientele types - 300 seeds £2.65p**

👉 **Himalayan Blue Poppy P** (*Meconopsis betonicifolia*) Before 1912. *"Reminiscent of a traditional poppy in head shape, these striking perennials produce wonderful blooms in white and blue with a contrasting yellow centre and delicately bristled stems. Flowers can reach up to 8cm in diameter and 90-120cm in height."*

**30 seeds £2.65p**

## PRIMROSES

**Auricula.** 1596. 🌿. "This beautifull & brave plant hath thicke greene, & fat leaves, somewhat finely snipt about the edges; among which riseth up a stem a hand high, bearing a tuft of floures at the top of divers colour." **50 seeds £2.65p**

**Wild Primrose.** 🌿. Native. "One of the most welcome of Spring flowers. The colour of the flower so peculiar as to have a name of its own! Edible flowers **40 seeds £2.70p**

**Cowslip.** 🌿. Native. "The flowers have a pleasant sweet smell, & a bitterish, taste. An infusion of them, used as tea, is recommended as a mild corroborant in nervous complaints. A strong infusion of them, with a proper quantity of sugar, forms an agreeable syrup." Edible flowers **60 seeds £2.65p**

**Oxlip.** 🌿. A Rare & beautiful native. Larger than the Cowslip & a more tender colour than the Primrose. **30 seeds £2.65p**

**RED VALERIAN.** 🌿. (*Centranthus ruber*). By 1767. An excellent bee plant. The deep green foliage & red flowers combine to perfection. Plants look best grown en-masse on banks or when allowed to self-seed in walls and paving. **70 seeds £2.65p**

**White form** **70 seeds £2.65p**

**SWEET SCABIOUS.** "The Sweet Scabious has long and defeverly held a place as an ornamental plant in our gardens, the flowers are well adapted for nofgays, have a fweet mufky fmell, and are produced in great profusion from June to October.

Curtis's Botanical Magazine. Vol. 7. **200 seeds £2.65p**

## STOCKS

**Brompton.** Raised by London & Wise & noted in "The Retir'd Gardener" in 1706. "We in this country cling with exceeding love to our famous old Brompton Stock. This kind when seen in perfection is a giant amongst the pigmies of the summer strains, and forms one of the noblest floral ornaments." **200 seeds £2.40p (Mix't)**

**Night-scented.** (*Matthiola bicornis*) By 1837. "Has a more heady, widespreading sweetness than any other. It is an easily grown hardy annual, not flamboyant like the more common half-hardy annuals." **200 seeds £2.40p**

**Ten-Week.** 1773 "Of these there are many highly ornamental varities presenting various shades of purple, blue, lilac, red, brown & white, and flowering according to the time of sowing from May till October, or later." **300 seeds £2.40p (Mix't)**

**SUNFLOWER. Giant Yellow Single.** Introduced from the Americas in the 16th century. If a single-stemmed plant with one large terminal flower is preferred. it can be ensured by the pinching out of the side shoots as they appear. **50 seeds £2.40p**

## SWEET PEAS

🌿 **20 seeds per packets (Unless otherwise shown) £2.65p**

As it is desirable to have this plant in flower for as great a length of time as possible, to have them early, we must sow them in the Autumn, either in pots or in the open border; if sown in pots, they can the more readily be secured from any severe weather, by placing them in a hot-bed frame, a common practice with gardeners who raise them for the London markets, in which they are in great request: others again should be sown early in the spring, and the sowings repeated every month; they grow readily in almost any soil or situation, and by this means may be had to flower most of the year through.

Henry Eckford coined the term "Grandiflora" – large flowered – to describe his varieties, as they were larger than the types in existence at the time, highly scented, and much in demand for cut flower production by professional and amateur alike

**America.** Morse-Vaughan 1896. An eye-catching combination of bright red and white make this heirloom sweet pea a great favourite. It is believed to be a selection from the very similar Queen of the Isles, (see below) which was an early Eckford sweet pea. Strongly scented

👉 **Annie B Gilroy.** Henry Eckford 1907. "We have still a certain leaning towards flowers with a flat, upright standard, and in Annie B. Gilroy we have a variety of this type, recalling, in a measure, Queen Alexandra, but having A bright cerise standard with wings a little paler than the standard, 3 or 4 flowers per stem." **15 seeds**

**Black Knight.** Henry Eckford 1898. Deep Purple/violet bi-colour sweet pea. One of the best of the grandiflora varieties. Strongly scented. One of 115 varieties Mr Henry Eckford exhibited at the Crystal Palace Exhibition in 1900.

**Captain of the Blues.** Henry Eckford 1890. A bright purple blue erect standard with paler wings. As with many grandiflora sweet peas this one is strongly scented.

**Cupani.** "...is the oldest known sweet pea and is thought to have been sent to England in 1699 by Sicilan monk Francisco Cupani. Whilst the strain has certainly been re-selected and improved, Cupani still bears its original characteristics of delicate bicolour maroon upper petals with violet 'wings' blooms and intense perfume."

**Dorothy Eckford.** Henry Eckford. 1901. A fine free flowering pure white grandiflora sweet pea with flowers carried in threes. White seed.

**Flora Norton.** Morse 1905. "This lovely clear light blue sweet pea has wings large in proportion to the standard. Strongly scented."

**Henry Eckford.** "Named for the "Father of the Sweet Pea", this stunningly unusual heirloom grandiflora orange-red is a truly beautiful flower. Fragrant."

👉 **Janet Scott.** Burpee. 1903. Delicate pale pink flowers with a powerful fragrance. **15 seeds**

**King Edward VII.** Henry Eckford 1903. "A rich crimson grandiflora sweet pea, the best of its colour. Taller and stronger growing than most grandiflora sweet peas. Strongly scented."

**Lady Grisel Hamilton.** Henry Eckford 1895. "Pale heliotrope or lavender heirloom sweet pea with a hooded standard, a reliable performer Very strong and pleasant scent. Smaller seeds than usually expected."

**Lord Nelson.** House. 1907. "This is a rich, dark blue self. In America, it was sold by Burpee under the name 'Brilliant Blue'. One of the finest heirloom sweet peas."

**Miss Wilmott.** Henry Eckford 1900. Deep Orange pink. "A showy sweet pea with deep salmon pink flowers."

**Mrs Collier.** Dobbie & Son 1906. "This superb creamy-white sweet pea was given an Award of Merit the same year."

**Mrs Walter Wright.** Henry Eckford 1902. "A rich lavender coloured heirloom grandiflora.

**Painted Lady.** "...the first named sweet pea cultivar and dates back to 1737, the result of a mutation that arose spontaneously from the original purple Sicilian species. It has a beautiful rose standard petal with pastel pink or cream wing petal."

**Prince Edward of York.** Henry Eckford 1897. "A stunning vibrant sweet pea with cerise standard and magenta wings this will brighten up any garden."

👉 **Prince of Orange.** A striking orange with some flowers showing a clashing pink. Introduced by Morse, 1928.

**Prima Donna.** Henry Eckford. 1896. *This pale pink sweet pea with a classic hooded standard is the variety which gave rise to the 'Spencer' mutation* **15 seeds**

👉 **Purple Prince.** Henry Eckford. 1886. *Standard purplish-maroon wings rosy-purple. Long stems and a heady perfume.* **15 seeds**

**Senator.** Henry Eckford 1891. *"A bold, chocolate maroon flake standard and purple flake wings. A vigorous sweet pea with an average 4 flowers on a stem. Richly scented"* **15 seeds**

**Queen Alexandria.** Henry Eckford, 1905. *"A fine scarlet with its bold standard was one of his finest achievements, far excelling other varieties of similar colouring."*

👉 **Unique Pale blue flake on a white ground.** Strongly scented. It blends well with other pastel colours. Introduced by Stark in 1904.

**Mixed Heirloom Selection.** A mixture of varieties, selected from the grandiflora types listed above.

👉 **£2.65p per packet, unless otherwise shown**

**NB.** We have found that some varieties are not always available, so do please suggest acceptable alternatives, when ordering Sweet Peas

**Pea, Everlasting** 🌿. Mimicking the Sweet pea in all but its scent which is absent. This is an excellent plant for cut-flowers for summer bouquets, & for that reason is well worth growing for that purpose alone. **Mix't. 15 seeds £2.65p**

**THRIFTE.** 🌿. Native *"Their use in Physicke as yet is not known. Neither do any seeke into the Nature thereof but esteem them only for their beautie. Used in the garden for the bordering up of beds & bankes, which it serves fitly."* **50 seeds £2.40p**

## VIOLETS

*Viola cornuta* (Short-lived Perennials)  
**100 seed £2.70p (unless otherwise shown)**

**Admiration.** By 1867 *"An old established variety with 2" circular flowers in rich deep velvety purple with a darker bluish surround, darker veins & a yellow eye. It has a pansy leaf & a strong stem.*

**Arkwright Ruby.** By 1923 *"Producing beautiful red blooms, accented with a bright yellow centre & deep purple coloured petal. These pansies grow to around 6 - 8 ins. tall & spread out about 6 ins or so."*

**Blue Perfection.** By 1867. *"Producing clear medium blue petals, accented with deeper rays & a bright yellow centre These pansies grow to around 6 - 8 ins. tall & spread out about 6 ins or so.*

**Bowles Black.** By 1911. *"A quaint little thing with its round and soot-black face."*

**Chantreyland.** By 1934. *"This will add a vibrant splash of colour to your flower garden. These pansies grow to around 6 - 8 ins. tall & spread out about 6 ins or so. The plants don't mind being a bit crowded, making them perfect for window boxes."*

**Lutea splendens.** By 1873. *"Lemon-yellow, blooms from early spring into summer, growing 10-15cm in height. Easily grown in any fertile soil in full sun or partial shade."*

**Viola cornuta. "Minor".** 🌿. By 1776. *"..and being a hardy herbaceous perennial, easily propagated by its creeping roots. It has become very common in our gardens of which it is no defpicable ornament producing a profusion of bloom during the greateft part of summer."* **70 seeds £2.25p**

**Viola cornuta. "Minor Alba".** 🌿. *"A very compact and free flowering white form. Tolerates dense shade."* **Unavailable**

**White Perfection.** By 1867. *"Clear white with a yellow eye and pronounced "rays".*

**Yellow Perfection.** Unknown. *"One of the largest yellow Violas, and a wonderfully profuse bedding sort."*

👉 **Yellow Prince.** Before 1851. *While referring to Violets, I would strongly recommend, as a yellow bedding-plant, seedlings of the Yellow Prince.* The Gardener Magazine 1869. **50 seeds**

👉 **Heirloom Mixture.** A mixture of varieties selected from the types listed above.

## PANSIES

*Viola x wittrockiana* varieties - **100 seed £2.70p**

**Lord Beaconsfield.** By 1883. *"The ground colour is purple-violet, shading off, on the top petals only to a whitish hue."*

**Alpenglow.** By 1931. (Syn. Indian Red, Cardinal Red). *"Vivid deep cherry red, very flat-faced pansy blooms, reaching over 3ins. across Dark chocolate markings with even darker veins."*

**Berna.** By 1933 (Syn Bergwacht). Velvet Blue. *"...this must be one of the loveliest blue pansies in existence!*

**Coronation Gold.** By 1928. *"Said to be the largest yellow variety in commerce. Flowers golden-yellow. Perfectly round flowers."*

**Mont Blanc.** Before 1933 *"The very best clear White!"*

👉 **Red Wing.** By 1957. *"Upper petals red. Lower petals golden yellow with dark blotches."*

**Rheingold.** By 1931. *"Deep golden-yellow, with black markings on lower petals."*

**Silverbride.** By 1949 *"Silvery white with purple-blue patches. The white later turns blue. An attractive, large-flowered pansy."*

**Ullswater.** Before 1933. (Syn Thunersee, Lake Thun) *"The bluest of all blue pansies, being an exquisite tone of rich ultramarine, relieved by a darker blotch on each petal."*

👉 **Mixed Heirloom Selection.** (Roggli's Swiss Giants) A mixture of varieties selected from the types listed above.

## Wild forms

**Common Dog Violet.** (*Viola canina*) 🌿. *"A much-loved wild violet, unscented, but always welcome nonetheless."* **30 seeds £2.65p**

**Freckles.** (*Viola sororia*). 🌿. *"Plants form a mound of large heart-shaped leaves, bearing loads of large pearly-white flowers in spring, each heavily spotted and freckled with deep china blue. Height 6 to 8 ins."* **30 seeds £2.65p**

**Hearts-ease.** 🌿. (*Viola tri-color*) *"The floures are of a most beautiful purple, variegated with yellow; & there is more or less white & blue amongst them. They are found wild in barren places & cultivated often in our gardens. Edible flowers* **100 seeds £2.40p**

**Labrador Violet.** 🌿. (*Viola labradorica*) In gardens before 1824 *"A charming violet for the rock garden or pathway edging in shady places. Low tuft of purple-tinged leaves, with small mauve-purple violets in spring & autumn* **30 seeds £2.65p**

👉 **Field Pansy** (*Viola arvensis*). *Field pansies are smaller than their garden relatives, with the cream petals usually shorter than the sepals & the whole flower no more than ¾" across. Once common in arable land but are now harder to find* **100 seeds £2.40p**

## Sweet Violets.

**Irish Elegance.** 🌿. "Reputed to have been discovered by a postman in 1896, growing on the edge of a wood in the South of France. Exhibited for the first time at the turn of the 20th century, it was instantly a hit with the public. **30 seeds £2.75p**

**Queen Charlotte.** 🌿. By 1900. Sweetly scented deep purple-blue flowers which unusually look skywards. Prolifically flowering from November to April. Edible flowers **30 seeds £2.75p**

**Reine des Neiges.** 🌿. We assume this to be a sport of Queen Charlotte as it takes on the characteristic upward looking flowers in white, it is also one of the longest flowering with scented white flowers. Edible flowers **30 seeds £2.75p**

**The Czar.** 🌿. Before 1863 "... perhaps the Czar is the best. The stalk is long & the flowers large, which makes it very useful for forming into bundles & bouquets." Edible flowers **30 seeds £2.75p**



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## WALLFLOWERS

**Blood Red.** Before 1749. Exceptionally gorgeous colour, enormous spikes, freely borne on plants of distinct sturdy habit.

**Cloth of Gold.** Before 1919. Perfectly fixed, the graceful sprays of large flowers are much prized for cutting.

**Fire King.** Before 1911. Few Wallflowers have more telling colour than Fire King, which is a warm, bright salmon suffused with orange."

**Golden Bedder.** By 1925. Will bloom the first year if sown by March. Similar the currently popular Siberian Wallflower, but deep golden yellow in colour, extremely large, scented flowers.

**Ivory White.** (of Suttons) Before 1907 Of dwarf compact habit, producing long spikes of large ivory-white flowers; much appreciated as a contrast to the dark varieties. Height to 15 ins.

**Ruby Gem.** By 1895 (Syn. Purple Queen) "This grand Novelty is certainly the most brilliant and effective variety of single Wallflower hitherto sent out. The colour is a beautiful clear shade of Ruby- Violet, with a bluish satin-like sheen."

**Vulcan.** By 1900. "A splendid variety, forming compact bushes covered with very large flowers of a rich dark madder-scarlet, an admirable groundwork to Yellow trumpet daffodils. To 9 in."

**White Dame.** (or Faerie Queen). By 1906. Producing freely large single flowers of a creamy white shade.

**Persian Carpet Mix't.** By 1959. The range of colours includes delicate cream, apricot, orange, brown, rose & purple shades.

**All Wallflower varieties - 300 Seeds £2.50p**

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👉 **Endive. Wallonne.** By 1844. Robust curled endive for autumn production outside. Resists the first frosts well, grows vigorously and has a well filled centre. **400 seeds £1.95p**

👉 **French Bean (Dwarf). Annelino di Trento. Italian Heirloom.** A variety well known and sought after by gourmets; it is unmistakable for curved and typically marbled, fleshy, very tasty with stringless pods. Sometimes referred to as "Shrimp Bean", on account of its curved appearance. **70 seeds £2.25p**

👉 **Onion. Barletta.** (Syn. Extra-hâtif de Barletta). By 1904 "Small, flat round, skin silvery-white. Very good for pickling when spring sown and not thinned out." **200 seeds £1.95p**

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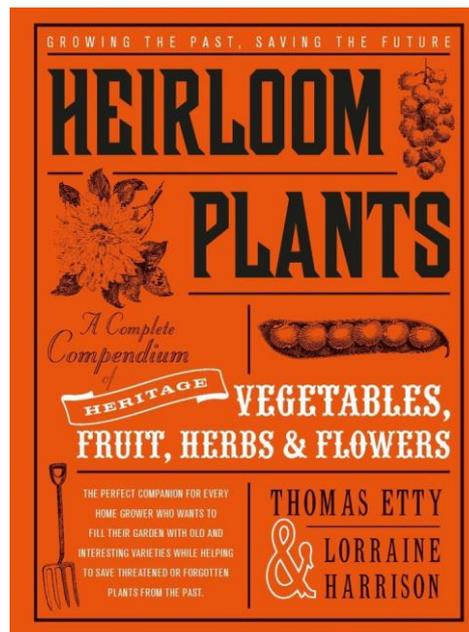
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👉 **Sweet Corn. Glass Gem.** Perhaps more accurately a Flint corn (usually ground for cornmeal and not eaten from the cob). Our most modern listing, but too beautiful to be over-looked. As it produces a treasure trove of translucent multi-coloured kernels that glow with the splendour of stained glass. **20 seeds £2.75**

👉 **Tithonia "The Torch."** A luxurious looking plant with long, toothed leaves that are hairy on the undersides producing rich bright orange 8cm flowers late in the season until the first frost, with petals of plush velvet. Also known as Mexican sunflower. **100 seeds £2.70p**

👉 **Turnip. Purple-top Milan.** (de Milan Rouge). Pre. 1885. "The roots are white, with purple top, round flattened, & very solid with a slender tap-root, there is also a pure white-skinned form of it" **1000 seeds £1.95p**

👉 **Zinnia. Cactus flowered.** 1920. "A new Cactus flowered Zinnia introduced this season, distinct in form from all other kinds, the petals being so curled that they are almost tubular, thus suggesting the name." **200 seeds £2.70p**

