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A catalogue of seeds of the different sorts of esculent plants that are raised for use in the kitchen for 2023/2024

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 of heritage, rare and unusual sorts. 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.

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AGRETTI OR MONKSBEARD

(Salsola soda.) "It lies somewhere between seaweed and samphire in flavour. Succulent & naturally seasoned, it has fine grass-like strands of sweet, salty deliciousness with a hint of bitterness, the way good greens should."

50 seeds £2.35p

(Salsola komarovi.) "Literally Seaweed on Land. Japanese version of the above, with thicker leaf stems. An unusual salad addition with branched spikes of fleshy bright green crunchy leaf stems."

40 seeds £2.35p

GLOBE ARTICHOKE

Please see hardy perennial vegetables (see note below)

ASPARAGUS

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ASPARAGUS PEA

(Lotus tetragonolobus). Noted in 1596 (John Gerard) as "Crimson-blossomed or square-codded pease." "The pods, while young, form an agreeable dish. It is for its attractive brick-red flowers that it is often cultivated as an ornamental edging plant." 40 seeds £2.00p

AUBERGINE

Early Long Purple. Described in (D.I.) 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." 1826. **40 seeds**

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

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

Rotonda Bianca Sfumata di Rosa. Prior to 1979. "A rustic & very productive type. Flesh firm, smooth texture, without bitterness with a sweet & delicate flavour." **20 seeds**

Turkish Orange. (Solanum aethiopicum.) Prior to 1994. Stunning in colour & overwhelming in its crop. Producing many, orange, golf ball sized fruits. There can be so many fruits on one plant that it is best to stake it (like tomatoes). Sweet & rich in flavour, best used when just turning colour.

15 seeds

All varieties £2.00p per packet (Unless otherwise shown)

BEETROOT

Albina Vereduna. Prior to 1950. White flesh with a sweet, delicate flavour. The leaves are a delicacy, rich in vitamins. **100 seeds**

Boltardy. By 1961.(Sluis en Groot) Excellent early variety with as the name suggests good resistance to bolting. The beets are a deep red with smooth skin and an intense sweet flavour. Young leaves can be used as baby leaves in mixed salads. **300 or 100 seeds**

Burpee's Golden. Prior to 1857. Golden-yellow throughout. Turniprooted. The advantage of this variety is that it does not bleed, whilst retaining all the flavour of the red beets. **100 seeds**

Bulls Blood. Prior to 1900. Perhaps Blood Red Hamburgh. "This variety is distinguished by the dark red colour of its leaves which are broadly crimped & have an almost glazy lustre." **200 seeds**

Cheltenham Green-top't. Prior to 1883. Bred by A. H. Cook of Cheltenham & sent out by Harrison & Sons, Seed Merchants, Leicester. "I wish to call

attention to a variety 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

Cylindra. Prior to 1954 (aka Formanova. Originally Bloodred Cylinder) "Of Danish origin & of fine quality, Cylindra is one of the new vegetables deemed to be well worth trying. Roots are cylindrical in shape and slices of even size & good colour." **300 or 100 seeds**

Detroit Globe. 1891. "Globular, smooth & uniform, with a small tap root. flesh dark red & of fine quality.

300 or 100 seeds

Egyptian Turnip-rooted. (D.I.) The Country Gentleman's Magazine. 1874 "Fine deep red flesh, strongly recommended for shallow soils & cold frames. Comes to maturity early."

300 or 100 seeds

Lutz Green Top. Prior to 1921. Aka 'Winter keeper' & grown for its long-standing qualities & large half-long roots that do not go woody late in the season. It has vigorous large leaves on attractive red stems which can be used as greens. **200 seeds**

Tonda di Chioggia. Prior to 1841. "Skin reddish, flesh white, with concentric rose-coloured rings. Called "de Chioggia" in Venice, for the place it comes from. It forms its roots chiefly on the surface."

Gardeners' Assistant 1859 300 or 100 seeds

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

All varieties £2.00p per Packet. Small packs £1.25p

LEAF BEET

Please also see hardy perennial vegetables.

Five-coloured. (Syn. Bright Lights, Rainbow) By 1920 (Luther Burbank). "New Rainbow Chard or Asparagus Beet By crossing the improved Swiss Chard with the sweet table beets, a more vigorous strain has been produced with enormous leaves & stalks of white, pink, green, scarlet, crimson, orange & red. **150 seeds**

Fordhook Giant or Swiss Chard. (D.I.) The Practical Kitchen Gardiner. 1727. "A variety of the Leaf Beet, having bright green foliage, with the leafstalk & mid-rib of a pure white, & is also known under the name of Seakale Beet, from the fact that the stalk of the leaves can be used like that vegetable."

300 or 100 seeds

Perpetual Spinach. (Syn. Erbette). Prior to 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 100 seeds**

Rhubarb. By 1856. Grown for the bright red colour of its stem & purple-red leaves. **300 or 100 seeds**

Above varieties £2.00p per packet, small packs £1.25p

BORECOLE or KALE

Please also see hardy perennial vegetables.

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.

300 or 150 seeds

Hungry Gap. Originally introduced in 1933. "Coming in July, Hungry Gap is true to its name. Vegetables are at their lowest ebb in that month. An exceptionally heavy bearer."

300 or 150 seeds

Please note that we have a separate section listing <u>hardy perennial</u> vegetables, which may be found on pages 17,18 & 19.

Nero di Toscano. (Syn. Cavolo Nero) (D.I.) 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."

300 or 150 seeds

Red Russian. (Syn. Rouge de Russia) 1818. "Before the plant begins to shoot in the spring, it appears purple, the back & edges of the leaves being tinged that colour."

300 or 150 seeds

Thousand-headed. (D.I.) The Cottage Gardener. 1801. "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. 300 or 150 seeds

All varieties £2.00p Per Packet. Small packs £1.25p

BROAD BEAN

Aqua-dulce Claudia. Prior to 1937. "Perfectly hardy & stands the most severe winter conditions. What the plants do resent are cold east winds, so they should be afforded some form of shelter." One of the best varieties for over-wintering

Imperial Green Long-pod. "After 19 years of research, and development limited supplies of Mr D Gillett of Wisbech new Imperial Green long-pod Broad Bean are now available." 1968. A popular variety which has a delicious, meaty texture & delicate flavour. Long, slender pods up to 10 ins. in length.

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

Masterpiece Green Long-pod. (Syn. Acme, Land's Supreme) Prior to 1891. "Combining the earliness & the length of pod of the Aquadulce; & the fine quality & flavour of the green over the white Bean. It is most prolific; the pods hanging in pairs." Carter's 1897

The Sutton Dwarf. Bred & introduced, in 1923, by Sutton & Sons. Probably derived from a variety called Dwarf Fan. "A wonderful dwarf type 9-12 ins. only when grown in the open ground. The plants are more or less spreading, & so freely branching that a large number of pods are produced, each containing 4-5 beans of superior quality."

Above varieties

30 Seeds £2.25p, 50 seeds £4.00p, 100 seeds £6.75

Dobie's Dreadnought. Before 1966, "Still one of the best long-pods for flavour. Pods are produced in abundance containing 7-8 plump white beans per pod ready to harvest in June. One of the best for freezing, as seeds do not discolour."

Crimson Flour'd. By 1771. "Height about 4ft; flower bright red approaching scarlet. Pods medium size, with, 4-5 beans. An excellent bearer." Mawe & Abercrombie. 1787.

Purple (Seeded). (Syn. Grano Violetto) "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 £2.50p: 50 seeds £4.25: 100 seeds £7.25p

BROCCOLI

Please also see hardy perennial vegetables.

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." **300 or 100 seeds**

Purple Sprouting. (D.I.) The Day Book of Cockmanning's Nursery. 1777. "Those who want a tender, wholesome vegetable should not fail to grow a few plants of this. It is surprising the quantity of shoots that can be gathered from a well-grown plant." **300 or 100 seeds**

Spigarello. Prior to 1956. "Produces edible greens with thin fibrous stems. When mature the plants will produce small edible florets. The flavour is mild, slightly grassy & sweet." **200 seeds**

£2.00p per packet. Small packets £1.25p

BRUSSELS SPROUT

Evesham Special. Prior to 1920. Distributed by H J Speed & Son. "A good all-rounder, producing large quantities of good quality medium-size sprouts from September to December." **300 or 100 seeds**

Fill-basket. Prior to 1922. (Syn. Bedford, Darkmar 21). 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 100 seeds**

Rubine. "A newcomer to the coloured greens is a red Brussels sprout, Rubine. This has tight red sprouts of excellent quality with the distinctive flavour of red cabbage." 1955.

100 seeds

£2.00p per packet. Small packets (where shown) £1.25p

CABBAGE (RED)

Red Drumhead. (D.I.) 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 are an intense purplish red."

300 seeds £2.00p. 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, insure, for this cabbage, a hearty reception."

Sutton & Sons. 1897. **300 or 100 seeds**

Durham Early. By 1932. Raised & distributed by J. L. Clucas Ltd. Moor Street, Ormskirk. "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."

300 or 100 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."

300 or 100 seeds

Offenham 3. (Syn. Wintergreen, Fowler's Early Spring, Kempsey). Circa 1917.

A true Colewort, Providing Spring Greens from December through April.

100 seeds

£2.00p Per packet. Small packets (where offered) £1.25p

Mr Etty would, respectfully, advise that where only one seed packet quantity (count) is listed, the price is that of the main packet and not of the small packet.

Varieties for Spring Sowing

Copenhagen Market. 1909 (H. Hartman & Co). "...short stemmed & compact, stocky growth & the saucer-shaped, rather small, tightly folded outer leaves enclose large solid ball-shaped heads of the very finest quality. Smooth with fine veins & small core & averaging about 10lbs. in weight. Very Early."

Earliest of All. A reliable, compact and very early maturing variety producing medium sized dark green solid heads. Ready from Jul onwards from early spring sowings. **300 seeds**

Express or Greyhound. Prior to 1898. Short stemmed, head small, oval, forming quickly. Very few leaves. Extra early sort. Useful for spring sowings. **300 or 100 seeds**

Golden Acre. Prior to 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.

300 or 100 seeds

Holland Late Winter. Prior to 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

£2.00p Per packet. Small packets (where offered) £1.25p

Cabbage of Savoy

Best of All. Before 1927. "A Drumhead savoy. Hearts solid & well formed. The chief merit of this variety is its excellent table quality; in which respect it resembles the better garden cabbages."

Gardener's Assistant. 1927. 200 seeds

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). Prior to 1867. "Extremely cold hardy but grows well in the summer months. Dense, green, round, to slightly flattened heads, attractive, purple-tinged outer leaves."

Large Drumhead/Des Vertus. By 1771. "Leaves spreading, large & rounded, of a light green colour, coarsely curled. Heads flattened, from 10 - 11 ins. in diameter." 1877. **250 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."

200 seeds

Perfection. Prior to 1887. "The heads are of medium size & mature rather early. So deeply are the leaves embossed that the plants are distinctly ornamental." **200 seeds.**

£2.00p per packet. - Small packs £1.25p

CARROT

Amsterdam Forcing 3. Prior to 1911. (Syn. First Pull). "The finest & sweetest for forcing but 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. Prior to 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**

Chantenay Red Cored. Prior to 1829. (Syn. Canners Favourite.) "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**

Early Market Horn. "A shorter stump rooted variety which is ideal for ground that is not deep enough to take the longer rooted varieties of carrots. The colour and flavour is good and it can be sown early and late in the season."

1000 seeds

Early Scarlet Horn. Prior to 1610. "Root 6ins. in length 2½ins in diameter, cylindrical & tapering to a slender taproot. Skin orange-red but green or brown where it comes to the surface of the ground. Flesh deep orange-yellow, fine grained & of superior flavour & delicacy. Much esteemed." 1865 **500 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. (D.I.) 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. Prior to 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**

Lunar White A wonderful white carrot variety that is nearly coreless, with a nicely mild flavour. Up to 12 inches when mature yet also very suitable for baby carrot use. Modern, but the nearest we can find to White Belgian.

500 seeds

Oxhella A modern replacement for the Oxheart/Guerande variety with squat broad, conical roots which grow up to 6ins. in length. It has an excellent aromatic taste and good internal colour. Excellent for shallow soils. **500** 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**

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

Touchon Ideal Red. Prior to 1926. "A very refined home garden & market carrot. Similar to Nantes but a little longer and has more intense colouring." **500 seeds**

All varieties £2.00p per packet, unless otherwise shown.

Small packets (where offered) £1.25p

CAULIFLOWER

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

Autumn Giant 4. Prior to 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 Purple Curd. "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. Prior to 1830. (Syn. Dean's Early Snowball). ".This promises to be one of the best for cultivation. The surface is very close, & the heads possess the white, curdy character rarely attained."

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

Above varieties - 200 seeds £2.00p. 100 seeds £1.25p

CELERIAC

Giant Prague. Prior to 1871. "Much easier to grow than Celery. The edible portion is the thick root, which is highly valued boiled, or is used in soup & stews." **1000 seeds £2.00p. 500 seeds £1.25p**

CELERY

Cutting or Soup. (Syn. Smallage) Prior to 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."

Giant Red. Prior to 1835. (Syn. Brydon's Prize Red). "Selected for its robust habit of growth, solidity of stem, reliable keeping quality & dark red colour. A plant of strong & vigorous growth, heads compact. Outer leaf-stalks broad, slightly shaded with red; hearts very solid; stalks broad, thick & fleshy blanching."

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."

Kintsai/Japanese Celery – see Oriental Vegetable seeds.

All varieties 1000 seeds £2.00p. 500 seeds £1.25p

CIME DI RAPE or TURNIP GREENS

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

300 seeds £2.00p 100 seeds £1.25p

CHICORY

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

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

Grumolo Verde. "An unusual chicory. It produces cut-blade shaped leaves through the summer months and then develops into small rosettes of salad leaves through the winter and early spring. The leaves are an intense green colour and quite firm."

Grumolo Rouge. The red form of the above.

All Chicory varieties 300 seeds - £2.00p

RADICCHIO

Rossa di Treviso. Prior 1899. "An elegant plant with red leaves contrasting with wide white ribs. The leaves are delicious in salads, ribs used for risotto & soup." 600 or 300 seeds

Variegata di Castelfranco. (D.I.) L'Italia agricola. 1912. "Leaves green heavily blotched with red. Forced in the same manner as Witloof."

600 or 300 seeds

Variegata di Chioggia. "Large, tightly held round heads which become red-crimson when ripe, with wide white ribs & spreading veins."

600 or 300 seeds

All varieties £2.00p per packet. Small packets £1.25p

COURGETTES (see also Marrows below)

Bianca di Trieste. Prior to 1978. "From northern Italy. It produces a prolific amount of long, slender, very light green fruits. The flesh has a delicious creamy flavour & texture."

10 seeds £2.25p

Black Beauty. Prior 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 £2.25p

De Nice à fruit rond. Prior to 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

Golden Prior to 1982. "Strong growing non-trailing with long yellow fruits. Fruit flesh has a fine texture & taste."

12 seeds £2.25p

Romanesco. Fruits are mid-sized & distinctive, with raised ridges & robust nutty flavour. Its flowers are especially large & perfect for stuffing & dipping in batter for frying. 15 seeds £2.25p

Striata d'Italia. Prior to 1926. A classic striped Italian courgette producing an abundant crop of green fruit with light green stripes and small ribbing.

15 seeds £2.25p

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 £2.25p

COUVE TRONCHUDA

(D.I.) Vocabulario Portuguez & Latino. in 1721 Introduced by James Warre Esq in 1821. "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. They should be put out as early as possible on rich soil at from 1 to 2 ft each way, & have plenty of water, if the summer is a dry one. The season may be prolonged by taking up what plants are left before severe frost occurs & heeling them into dry earth in a shed or outhouse"

CUCUMBERS & GHERKINS

Crystal Lemon. Prior to 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. **20 seeds £2.00p**

Hokus. Prior to 1963. A smaller gherkin type cucumber that is excellent for outdoor cultivation, as long as the site is sunny and sheltered. Very uniform & abundant fruit sets. **15 seeds £2.00p**

Long Green Ridge. (Syn. Long Prickly, Bedfordshire Prize Ridge). Every Man his own Gardener. 1767. "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 flesh being very crisp & pleasant."

20 seeds £2.00p

Marketmore. Prior to 1962 "A very reliable outdoor variety with fruits up to 8ins. long."

20 seeds £2.00p

Perfection. Prior to 1950. A cross between a greenhouse & ridge cucumber. The plants are vigorous, hardy & very productive, being suited for ridge cultivation outdoors or equally in a glasshouse. The cucumbers are 8-10ins. **20 seeds £2.00p**

Rollisson's Telegraph Improved. Bred & introduced by Wm. Rollison & Sons, of Upper Tooting prior to 1864. "Those expected to produce cucumbers in the winter should get this kind; & when they have once grown will not grow any other sort."

10 seeds £2.50p

Parisian Pickling. (Syn. National, Vert Petit de Paris) 1876. (D.I.) Société d'horticulture et de viticulture d'Epernay. "Dark-green with firm, thick flesh specially selected for pickling." 20 seeds £2.00p

CUCAMELON.

(Melothria scabra) Prior to 1936. "The fruit is about the size of a grape. & they taste of pure cucumber with a tinge of lime. An excellent addition to salsas, salads & cocktails."

20 seeds £2.25p

EDAMAME BEAN.

Green Shell. Modern. Young soya beans which are picked when they are sweeter. Vibrantly green in colour High in protein & dietary fibre, so a really nutritious choice. **40 seeds £2.50p**

ENDIVE

Batavian Broad-leaved. (Syn. Number 5, Batavian Green). Grown by Gilbert White in 1766. Raiser Mr Jacquin of Paris. "Large upright, for autumn use, will not stand the winter, used principally for stews & soups. Requires to be tied up for blanching."

Broad Leaved Winter of Bordeaux. Prior to 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

Green Curled Ruffec. Prior to 1863. "Resembles the Moss-curled variety, but the leaves are more tufty & fuller in the centre. The midrib of the leaves is very white & thick, very tender & fleshy."

Wallonne. Prior to 1844. "Robust curled endive for autumn production outside. Resists the first frosts well, grows vigorously and has a well filled centre."

All varieties - 300 seeds £2.00p

FLORENCE FENNEL

Sweet Florence or Romanesco. Prior to 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." **200 seeds £2.00p**

FRENCH or KIDNEY BEANS Climbing types

Blue Lake White Seeded. Prior to 1885 (Syn. Bobis a grano bianco). "Listed by 1885, but almost certainly much older. Said to have originated with the Native American Indians along the banks of the Missouri. High yield & early maturing."

80 seeds £2.25p

Borlotto lingua di fuoco. Prior to 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 £2.25p

Cosse Violet/Purple-podded. Prior to 1856. "...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."

60 seeds £2.25p

Helda. Before 1976. Large flat pods Medium early maturity but can be picked over a long period. Pod size 8ins long and 1in wide. Shows resistance to Bean Mosaic Virus 1. **40 seeds £2.50p**

Kentucky Wonder Wax. Yellow pods. Said to have originated in the garden of a Miss Callaghan of Los Angeles California in 1898. "A very old heirloom, according to Hedrick in "The Beans of New York," A vigorous climber and heavy yielder of slight flattened curved bright yellow string-less pods of fine flavour." **40 seeds £2.25p**

Lazy Housewife. Prior to 1828. Introduced as the first bean that didn't require destringing, it was quick to be given the name 'Lazy Housewife' "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 40 seeds £2.65p

Meraviglia di Venezia. (Syn Merveille de Venise & Or du Rhin). 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.

40 seeds £2.25p

Dwarf Types

Borlotto. (Syn. Lingua Di Fuoco). Early & extremely productive, the beans are white with red specks and great in soups. Usually used dried, they can be used as fresh green beans. **60 seeds £2.25p**

Beurre de Rocquencourt By 1850. A French heirloom which does well in cool weather. Long slim yellow pods. **50 seeds £2.25p**

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. **70 seeds £2.00p**

Tendergreen. Prior to 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." **70** seeds £2.00p

The Prince. Prior to 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." **70 seeds £2.00p**

KOHL RABI

Purple Vienna. Prior to 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. Roots of even size & form."

Green Vienna. Prior to 1849 (as above). "The best for table use, & when taken young they form an excellent substitute for Turnips."

Both varieties 300 seeds £2.00p. 100 seeds £1.25p

LEEK

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

Bleu de Solaise. Prior to 1942. Editions de la Maison rustique. Blue-green leaves turn violet in cold weather. They require a long growing season.

300 or 100 seeds

Bulgarian Giant. Prior to 1924. "A very popular, fast growing variety with very long, thin stems. It has light green leaves & a very delicious flavour." **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 or 100 seeds

Long de Mézières. Jardins de France 1901. "Very beautiful variety which is very tolerant of the winter of a large size, long, very white, and of excellent quality." 1912 **200 seeds**

The Lyon. (Syn Prizetaker) Introduced by Stuart & Mein, Prior to 1883. An advert, by that company, in that year states. "Unquestionably the finest in existence, with a mild flavour; perfectly hardy. The blanched part firm, crisp & white as snow."

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."

200 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 mainstay of leek production through the lean winter period."

300 or 100 seeds

All Varieties - £2.00p per Packet.

Small packets (where offered) £1.25p

LETTUCE

All-The-Year-Round. Manuel Complet du Jardinière &tc. 1829. "Heads large, handsome & very solid, with broad, pale green leaves. Inner leaves beautifully blanched & of delicious quality, crisp & of the buttery character much liked."

1000 or 500 seeds

Black-seeded Simpson. New in 1878. An old favourite Heirloom variety being one of the earliest & hardiest varieties available withstanding frosts whilst maintaining its excellent flavour. Loose leaf habit, frilled, crisp & tender. **500 seeds**

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

Drunken Woman (Syn. Rossa di Trento, Ubriacona Frastagliata.). "A somewhat unusual synonym! Perhaps the reddish streaks suggest the visage of an inebriated woman! Large, bi-colour Red & Green leaves. Excellent quality & flavour." **300 seeds**

Green Salad Bowl. By 1952. A classic cut-and-come-again lettuce. Pick a few frilly leaves for your *salads* as required, or cut it whole as a mature, un-hearted head. **1000 or 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

Mr Lobjoit's Green Cos. Prior to 1856. (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." 500 seeds

Marvel of the Four Seasons. Prior to 1880. (Syn. Red Besson). "Outer leaves bright burgundy red. Justifiably popular & dependable holding its flavour even in hot weather."

1000 or 500 seeds

May Queen. Prior to 1906. (Syn. Regina di Maggio). "A very early maturing butterhead with pale green leaves that often show pink or rose blushing near their hearts. Leaves are ruffled, soft, with a mild flavour."

500 seeds

Oakleaf. Red. Noted by John Evelyn in 1729 "The leaves are very much twisted together in the head. Broad, deeply lobed, like an Oakleaf, especially the inner and larger leaves, these being sometimes almost divided." 1904 **500 seeds.**

Oakleaf. Green. Green form of the above. 500 seeds

Pariss Island Cos. By 1952. Named after Parris Island, (an island off of South Carolina) and not after Paris France "A fast-growing variety, producing uniform heads in a cool growing season. Popular with gardeners for its disease resistance to tip burn and mosaic virus. Medium to slow bolting plants will produce 10–12" tall heads with wrinkled, crisp, loosely bunched leaves."

Red Salad Bowl. A variety of looseleaf lettuce with oakleaf type leaves. The deep red and purple leaves are especially tender, with sweet and spicy tones. **1000 or 500 seeds**

Red Winter. (Syn. Rouge d'Hiver) Traité des végétaux 1805. *It has large, flat, broad leaves are sweet with a buttery texture. The color varies from green to bronze to deep red*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**

Mr Webb's Wonderful. Prior to 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**

Mr Wheeler's Tom Thumb. Prior to 1784. Bred & introduced by Wheeler's of Warminster. (Syn. Commodore Nutt, Stone Tennis Ball). 1784. "We have been for some time, using this excellent lettuce, the flavour of which is all that could be wished." 1876 1000 or 500 seeds

White Paris Cos. Prior to 1729. (D.I.) Prices of vegetable seeds at York 1729-30. "Self-blanching, tender, & mild flavour; useful exhibition variety. Generally esteemed as the best summer Cos." 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 - £2.00p Per Packet. Small packets (where offered) £1.25p

MANGOLD WURZEL

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

Mammoth Red. Prior to 1869. "A mammoth growing variety, which gives great bulk."

All varieties - 200 seeds £2.00p

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."

12 seeds £2.00p

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. 12 seeds £2.00p

Early Yellow Bush Scallop. Prior to 1883. A very productive variety producing an abundance of bright yellow, scalloped edged, tender patty pan squash.

12 seeds £2.00p

MELON

Ananas or Pineapple. 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/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 £2.50p**

Charentais. The fruits have smooth skin with light green stripes, maturing to creamy yellow. Delightfully scented, creamy orange flesh filled with unsurpassed flavour.

8 seeds £2.25p

Hale's Best. Before 1923. A popular melon that I D Hale found, being grown by a Japanese market grower near Brawley California. Fruits short, oval & uniform. Weighing 2-3lbs. Skin dark green & mottled, yellow on maturity. Flesh thick, solid & salmon-orange. **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."

8 seeds £2.50p

Piel de Sapo. (Syn. Christmas or Toad skin) By 1935 "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**

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 £2.50p**

Queen Anne's Pocket Melon Fruit apple-sized & numerous, small, flattened at the ends. Without ribs but marked with bands either of green or greenish yellow, flesh not very thick pale orange coloured, a highly aromatic & fragrant fruit originally used for carrying in pockets of Victorian women before the days of deodorants. "The scent is very strong and a mixture of a ripe cantaloupe and pineapple with a slight hint of jasmine. Grown more for its scent than for its flavour."

8 Seeds £2.25p

Sucrine de Tours. Prior to 1763. "An heirloom from the Loire Valley. The skin is slightly ribbed with a netted finish. Flesh is orange, thick, flavourful & heavily perfumed."

8 seeds £2.50p

NASTURTIUM

Blue Pepe. Bred for culinary use the edible small round leaves are steel blue atop with purplish undersides with a peppery flavour.

30 seeds £2.00p

ONION

NOTE: We purchase & supply fresh Onion seed each season. Please also see hardy perennial vegetables.

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 can be irregular, in shape. Mild." 300 or 100 seeds

Bedfordshire Champion. 1869. (Syn. Sutton Globe). "One of the most popular globe onions. It resembles James's Keeping but is paler in colour & milder in flavour. Good keeper."

300 or 100 seeds

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

Paris Silver Skin. Prior to 1771. "Flesh pure white covered with a thin silvery skin. Globular with a thin neck." 300 or 100 seeds

Sweet Spanish - White. Large, easy to grow & reliable a Spanish type with glistening white skin & mild sweet flavour. An excellent storage onion. **250 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. **250 seeds**

Très hâtif de la Reine. (Syn. The Queen). 1873. "A white-skinned variety, with quick growth & good keeping qualities. Sown in February it will produce Onions from 1- 2ins. diameter in the summer." **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."

300 or 100 seeds

Red Types

Dark Red Brunswick. (Syn. Rouge Fonce). (D.I.) Traité des végétaux. 1805. "Of all others this is the sort with the strongest flavour. It keeps remarkably well." Gardeners' Assistant 1859 **300 or 100 seeds**

Rossa di Firenze. (Syn. Long Red Florence). 19thC. "Traditional torpedo shaped red onion. Very reliable." 100 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." **250 seeds**

All varieties £2.00p per Packet Small packs (where offered) £1.25p

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.

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 - 30 seed £2.25p

PARSLEY

Moss Curled 2. By 1838. (Syn, Early triple-curled) "Leaves finely curled, grows to a large size, & is very ornamental; The best sort to grow where parsley is required in quantity." 500 or 250 seeds

Gigante d'Italia. By 1800. Dark green flat leaved type. Strong sweet parsley flavour. **500 or 250 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 500 or 250 seeds

All varieties £2.00p 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."

500 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

500 seeds or 250 seeds

The Student. Introduced into commerce in 1861 having been selected from wild stock & named by Professor Buckman of the Royal Agricultural College, this extract from their Annual Report for 1860 explains. "Our ennobled examples were considered so perfect that it was thought advisable to consign the whole of the seed to Messrs. Sutton, as new varieties of any cultivated crop plant are always desirable, & more especially when 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'd. "The quality is the very best, the skin is beautifully clear & smooth."

500 seeds or 250 seeds

All varieties £2.00p 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. Prior to 1942. A cross between Meteor & Kelvedon Wonder. 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 £2.00p. 2 packs £3.50p

Feltham First. (Syn. Merveille d'Italia, Early Wonder) Prior to 1946. Raised & introduced by Watkins & Simpson, Ltd. This first early, round seeded pea gives early crops of large well-filled pods of sweet tasting, fine flavoured peas.

300 seeds £2.00p. 2 packs £3.50p

Kelvedon Wonder. Prior to 1938. Raised by Hurst's & Sons. "An early wrinkle seeded pea .Superb flavour, prolific & ideal for succession sowing. To 18 ins."

300 seeds £2.00p. 2 packs £3.50p

Laxton's Progress No.9. By 1939. Bred by Loxton Brothers of Bedford. "An early wrinkle seeded pea that has become extremely popular. Superb flavour, prolific and early. Ideal for succession sowing. To 18 inches." **250 seeds £2.00p**

Sharpe's Meteor. Prior to 1914 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."

300 seeds £2.00p. 2 packs £3.50p

Over the coming year we will be adding more varieties to our new web-shop, where you can purchase Mr Etty's seed packets online.

thomasetty.square.site

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 £2.00p. 2 packs £3.50p

Lincoln. 1884. (Syn Homesteader) "Grows only 2 ft. high but crops very heavily. Probably the finest for the small garden." Especially good for northern areas.

300 seeds £2.00p. 2 packs £3.50p

Unwin's Onward. Prior to 1908. One of the best & finest flavoured of all Peas. A tremendous cropper with large dark green bluntended pods to 30ins. **300 seeds £2.00p. 2 packs £3.50p**

MANGETOUT & SUGAR PEAS

Carouby du Maussane. Noted in the 2nd edition (1891) of Vilmorin's "*Les plantes potageres.*" Tall with Purple flowers. Excellent taste. Large pods to 4ins. long. **200 seeds £2.00p. 2 packs £3.50p**

Petit Provence. Prior to 1954. A classic 'petit pois' early dwarf type The peas are small, green, sweet & tender & can also be harvested as a snow pea.. 300 seeds £2.00p. 2 packs £3.50p Oregon Sugar Pea. Prior to 1949. Excellent flavour and ideal for

lightly steaming or stir-fries. This pea variety is extremely disease resistant.

300 seeds £2.00p. 2 packs £3.50

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.

200 seeds £2.00p. 2 packs £3.50p

Purple-podded. Prior to 1856. (Syn. Ezetha's Krombek Blauschok). "First grown by the Franciscan Capuchin monks the early1600s. Bicoloured flowers lilac-pink & wine-red, fading to blue as they wilt; the pods are deep maroon to inky purple, fading to blue & leathery brown when mature. It is best used as a soup pea

200 seeds £2.50p. 100 seeds £1.50p

PEPPER or CAPSICUM

20 seeds per packet unless otherwise shown.

Chilli Pepper

(£2.25 per packet, unless otherwise shown)

7 Pot Douglah (Yellow) Named for its ability to "spice 7 pots of stew." A Super-hot Chilli, to 1,350,000 SHU **5 seeds £2.75**

Beaver Dam. An Hungarian heirloom brought to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin by 1912 by the Hussli family. Fruits large & productive with a complex, sugary flavour similar to sweet pepper, paired with the spice of a medium pepper. SHU 1.000, **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 £2.75p

Biquinho, Red (Syn Chupetinho. Or Pimenta di Bico). These are round and little with a distinctive tapered point or tail that resembles a bird's beak. Give a tasteful bite to Pizzas. To 1,000 SHU.

10 seeds £2.50p 10 seeds £2.50p

Biquinho, Yellow. To 1,000 SHU.

Bird Eye. (D.I.) 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 £2.50p

Bishops Crown. Mild. Named from its resemblance to a Bishop's Crown. Ripening from light green to bright red, this beautiful variety crops & ripens later than most. To 30,000 SHU.

Caloro. Similar to Hot Banana, The fruits are a bit smaller at 4" long by 2" wide, slightly milder, have thick walls, & turn from green to bright yellow when mature. Plants bear heavily & continuously. To 5,000 SHU.

15 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 £4.00p

Cayenne, Orange. Pods long & narrow, ripening from light green to a radiant orange, with a smooth skin, To 70,000 SHU. **15 Seeds**

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

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. To 2,500 to 5,000 SHU's.

15 seeds

Cyklon. Plants are around 24in tall & produce lots of 4in. long tapered pods that mature from a emerald green to a deep red. Use in salsa or for adding a crunch to salad. An excellent variety for Paprika production. To 5,000 SHU. **10 seeds**

Fire Tongue. a dwarf variety from Italy, The small, compact plants reach only 8ins in height, & produce a large display of elongated fruits held above the foliage in bunches ripening from green to bright red. They look like small fire tongues, hence the synonym "lingua di fuoco". To 15,000 SHU.

15 seeds

Fresno. Named after the town of Fresno in California, these chillies are medium hot yet sweet and making them perfect for a delicious salsa or chilli jam. A more compact variety of chilli, they will grow up to around 30ins tall and will love a sunny windowsill, producing fruit up to 3ins. Long. To 10,000 SHU. **15 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). Pods 1½ ins. long & 1in. wide. Maturing from green to chocolate brown. Best suited to greenhouse culture. To 425,000 SHU. **10 seeds £2.50p**

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.

8 seeds £2.75p

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 £2.50p

Hot Portugal. An early fruiting variety 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 8,000 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.

Large Red Cherry. By 1860 (possibly 1543). Heavy crops of 1½ in. flattened oval shaped fruits with thick, meaty, sweet, crisp flesh. Can be used green or in the red, ripe stage. Not for drying as the flesh is thick. To 5,000 SHU. **15 seeds**

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. *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 £2.50p*

Machu Pichu. Originating from Peru, these chillis are elongated and have slightly wrinkled skins. Start of dark green and turn a rich brown colour when maturing. They have a rich flavour and a fairly mild to medium pungency. The dried chillies make an excellent chilli powder, but may also be used fresh. Can grow to sizes up to 4ins long & 1in, wide. To 15,000 SHU. 10 seeds £2,75p

NuMex Bailey. Released in 1991 & named for A.L.Bailey, a NuMex vegetable specialist, who helped evaluate the variety. "Unique because the fruit falls from the stem at maturity, making harvesting easier. The fruits are small, less than ½in, wide by 1in., long with a distinctive flavour." To 97,000 SHU.

15 seeds

NuMex Big Jim. Pods can grow over 1ft long. Nfor 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. To 1,000 SHU.

10 seeds

Pimento di Padron. Brought from the Americas in the 18th Century, when Franciscans attempted cultivating them at their monastery near Padron (Spain). A staple of tapas bars. Some chillies are sweet, but others are hot enough to keep you humble. To 12,000 SHU. **15 seeds**

Ring of Fire. The plant grows to about 3ft. & has long red fruits. Pinch out the tops & it will bush up rather than grow tall. A versatile chilli which can be picked & cooked, frozen for later, or dried. To 80,000 SHU. **10 seeds**

Rokita. An early maturing variety producing good crops of 4 - 5in. red fruits of medium heat on sturdy 2ft plants. Harvest green for a milder pepper To 5,000 on the Scoville Scale. **15 seeds**

Roxi. An attractive dwarf variety, Compact plants (less the 1 ft in height), & produce a good crop of short cone shaped fruits about ½ ins long in yellow, purple & red. To 8,000 SHU

15 seeds

Satan's Kiss. By 1828. (Syn. Ciliegia Piccante). Small, cherry-type chillies. Pods are pretty hot when raw but lose around 60% of their heat when cooked. To 50.000 SHU.

15 seeds

Scotch Bonnet, Red. (D.I.) Treasury of Botany 1870. Previously one of the hottest peppers in the world. Found mainly in the Caribbean & the Maldives Islands. To 325,000 SHU **12 seeds**

Scotch Bonnet, Yellow. To 325,000 SHU. 12 seeds

Tabasco. Introduced into Louisiana in 1848 it became the main ingredient in Tabasco Pepper Sauce. To 50,000 SHU

15 seeds

Thai Hot Chilli. The fruits are very tasty & are about 3 ins, long. They 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, but milder. To 100,000 SHU

15 seeds

Trinidad Perfume. Although a Chinense variety of chillies, the difference is, this tastes like a superhot chilli, without the heat. It has practically no spice to it. Similar to Tobago seasoning but with yellow pods.

15 seeds

Trinidad Scorpion. One of the Super hot chillies. Named for the pointed pendant at the pod base resembling a Scorpion tail. The skin is heavily wrinkled. To 1,460,000 SHU. **5 seeds £2.75p**

Trinidad Moruga Scorpion. In 2012 this 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 £3.25p

Turkish Pickling. Compact, but productive. Producing medium hot red chillies when ripe, but traditionally harvested & pickled while still green & less pungent. To 6,000 SHU **8 seeds**

All Chili pepper packs have 20 seeds unless otherwise shown. £2.25p per packet (unless otherwise shown)

Sweet Peppers

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Aji Dulce. Sweet, spicy, & delicious. Highly aromatic fruits; flavour unusual & complex, with overtones of black pepper & coriander. Whilst classed as a Sweet pepper, they can have a very mild level of heat grown in some conditions.

15 seeds

Californian Wonder. (*C. annuum*). 1928. Large sized stuffing pepper with extremely thick, mild, sweet flesh. Fruit indistinctly 4 lobed, upright, shapely, glossy dark green.

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

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

Sweet Banana. (C. annuum). Prior to 1941. 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.

Tolli's Sweet Italian. (C. annuum). Large yields of 5" long red peppers. Eat fresh or use in tomato sauces or as a frying pepper.

£2.25p per packet

PUMPKIN & SQUASH

All varieties - £2.50p Per Packet (Unless otherwise shown)

Blue Kuri. A blue-grey squash with a flattened globe shape. Sweet, with the characteristic dry flesh of a Kabocha If stored for a few months, it will become a little more moist. **10 seeds**

Little Gem. A trailing type, producing many cricket-ball sized, dark green fruits. Dark orange, sweet flesh. Productive. 8 seeds

Buttercup. Introduced in 1919 by Oscar H Wills & Co. of Bismark, North Dakota. "Small, medium early fruits. Has thick, fine grained flesh, which is dry, mealy, & of excellent flavour."

10 seeds

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

10 seeds

Delicata. (Syn. Sweet Potato). Prior to 1880. Stores for up to a year. Small, medium late, fruits. Smooth, sweet, moist, & less stringy flesh when baked. Orange yellow striped dark green. **10 seeds**

Dills Atlantic Giant. By 1960. The best for giant pumpkin contests holding the world record at 1689lb. It requires plenty of space & a warm long summer to reach its full potential. **6 seeds**

Early Yellow Summer Crookneck. Circa 1700. An old form of summer squash. Mild, sweet, and full of flavour the delicious tender fruits are easy to grow & prolific. **10 seeds**

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

10 seeds £2.80p

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 sort. It has the shape & virtues of its parent but is earlier & more productive. The skin is deep yellow or orange red." 10 seeds

Howden's Field. In the early 1970s, John Howden of Massachusetts began developing the Connecticut Field Pumpkin, to improve uniformity & size. The result is Howden's Field Pumpkin, which quickly overtook all other varieties in popularity & now fulfils most of the market for carving or decorating.

10 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

Jack O'Lantern. The traditional choice for Halloween carvings. This heirloom variety has bright orange skin and creamy orange flesh, and is excellent for both carving and eating. **10 seeds**

Jack be Little. A miniature pumpkin that grows to 3 ins in diameter and 2 ins tall. They are a flattened ribbed variety with thin yet strong stems. They are most popularly used for decorating in the autumn and winter

10 seeds

Luffa. Prior to 1838. "If the frut is allowed to fully ripen & then dried on the vine, the flesh disappears leaving only the fibrous skeleton & seeds, which can be easily shaken out."

10 seeds £2.70p

Marina di Chioggia. This dark orange and sweet fleshed fruit was introduced to Venice in the late 1600s and quickly became a beloved addition to the culinary culture. "Unique turban shaped deep blue-green 6-10lb fruit produced on vigorous vines with a rich, sweet, deep yelloworange flesh.

10 seeds

Musquee de Provence. Prior to 1876. Strong growing trailing plant with dark green ribbed fruits. The flesh is orange with a strong aromatic flavour, pumpkin weight 5-10 kg.

10 seeds



Queensland Blue. Prior to 1932. Produces vigorous trailing vines with 8-15lbs deeply ribbed steel blue fruits. *The bright orange flesh is sweet with almost treacle like hint when roasted* & the fruits store extremely well for 4-5 months.". **10 seeds £2.80p**

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. (Syn. New England Pie) Prior to 1860. "Weight to 8lbs. Flesh yellow-orange & string-less. Fruits small, ribbed, about 10ins. in diameter. Deep orange yellow, flesh thick & very sweet. **10 seeds**

Table King. Prior to 1974 "One of the earliest of the acorn varieties. Vigorous, semi-bush vines produce dark green squashes. The fibreless orange flesh is thick & flavourful.

10 seeds

Turk's Cap. (Syn. Turk's Turban). Prior to 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. Red Kuri, Orange Hokkaido). . It is said that Saichiro Matsumoto of Kanazawa brought this squash back from Fukushima in northern Japan, in 1933. Each plant forms 3-5 small orange-red fruits with golden flesh, averaging 3lbs in weight.

10 seeds

Violini di Rugosa. Italian heirloom. Resembling a peanut, the hard, tan skin is covered in semi-rough wrinkles and grooves. The flesh is deep orange, and the seed cavity, is proportionately small, providing a greater amount of flesh.

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 & dry yellow-orange flesh. Has a nutty flavour & is high-yielding vine. Fruits are 3-6 pounds. Good keepers." **10** seeds

All varieties - £2.50p Per Packet (Unless otherwise shown)

RADISH

Spring types

Crimson Giant. Prior to 1898. "Crimson to scarlet skinned, the golfball sized roots are globe to top-shaped & one of the largest you can grow, remaining tender, crisp, & mild" 500 or 200 seeds

Daikon or Mooli. - See oriental selection below

French Breakfast. Prior to 1865. "Considered the best for early forcing. Oval form, colour scarlet, tipped with white; Good flavour & appearance." J Carter 1865.

500 or 200 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."

300 seeds £2.00p

Long White Icicle. 17th century "The Long White, appears to be the oldest inhabitant of our gardens, for it is the only Radish listed by Gerard."

500 or 200 seeds

Scarlet Globe. By 1881. "A very early forcing Radish & one which does equally well outside. Handsome in both form & colour.

500 or 200 seeds

Sparkler. Prior to 1910. Tasty & attractive globe type with crisp roots of excellent flavour. Deep red with a white tip. **300 seeds**

Autumn types

Black Spanish Round. Prior to 1548. "The bulb is a regular pearshaped. 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 £2.00p per packet.
Small packets (where offered) £1.25p

ROCKET

Please also see hardy perennial vegetables.

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. **1000 seeds £2.00p**

Wasabi Rocket. "Very similar to wild Rocket in the growth characteristics & cultivation, however it is distinctive with its unusually sharp flavour of Wasabi." 250 seeds £2.00p

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 £2.00p

RUNNER BEAN

Enorma. (Prior to 1967) "A reselected Prizewinner type, with straight, long pods, up to 1ft long. Red flowers with purple seed. Good flavour. Popular with competition growers.

Hestia. Modern To 18ins. A dwarf variety with large, red & white flowers, followed by stringless beans on compact plants. Can be grown in pots or containers on the patio. **20 seeds £2.25p**

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

Sutton's Prizewinner. Bred & Introduced by Sutton's 1892. "A long, straight, handsome Bean, with pods sometimes measuring 21 inches. Notwithstanding its immense size its beans are in no way coarse and the table quality is superb

Scarlet Emperor. Originally Mammoth Exhibition, renamed in 1906. Synonymous with Scarlet Runner, a variety introduced at the same time as the Painted Lady. It produces heavy crops of long, smooth textured dark-green pods with an excellent flavour.

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

White Emergo . Prior to 1957. "A traditional variety of this popular vegetable. Producing high yields of long, slender, smooth fleshy pods, which have an excellent flavour. The white flowers very ornamental."

20 seeds £2.25p

Above varieties unless otherwise shown 30 Seeds £2.00p, 50 seeds £3.25p 100 seeds £6.00

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SALAD MIXTURES

Mesclun. A mixture of various salad leaves. Plant thinly in the row & treat as a cut & come again salad. **500 seeds £2.00p**

Oriental Salad Mix. A salad/braising mixture sow & harvest as detailed for the salad mixture. **500 seeds £2.00p**

SALSIFY

Sandwich Island. Prior to 1860. Slender creamy-white roots, whose flavour improves after frost, It can be grown for two years without the root becoming tough. The tender young shoots may be eaten in early spring

100 seeds £2.25p

SCORZONERA

Duplex. Prior to 1948, (Scorzonera hispanica) Similar to Salsify but with a black skin. As with Salsify it can be grown for two years without the root becoming tough. The tender young shoots may be eaten in early spring

100 seeds £2.25p

SMALL SALAD LEAVES

Corn Salad	Large-seeded (1867)	£2.00p	(300)
	Verte de Cambrai (1882)	£2.00p	(300)
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Purslane.	Golden (by 1600)	£2.00p	(200)
	Green (by 1600)	£2.00p	(200)
	Winter (Native)	£2.00p	(200)
Sorrel	Common	£2.00p	(100)
Sorrel	French	£2.00p	(100)

SPINACH & SIMILAR

America. 1856. De Boeren-goudmijn. "Dark green & pleasant tasting, this spinach is especially recommended because of the luxuriance of its growth."

300 seeds. £2.00p

Bloomsdale Long-keeping. "Arising from a single plant discovered in the 1920's. Dark glossy green leaves crumpled & blistered. Vigorous, with tender fleshy leaves that have a rich flavour. Slow to bolt. Round-seeded."

300 seeds. £2.00p

Giant Winter. By 1940. Prickly-seeded. large-leaved & long standing. May be sown in spring & autumn. **300 seeds £2.00p**

Large Prickly or Winter (By 1859. Distinguished by its seeds being prickly. The leaves are smaller & thinner than those of the summer kind.

300 seeds £2.00p

Viroflay Giant. Prior to 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 2½ ft in diameter with leaves 10ins. long & 8ins. wide at the base."

200 seeds £2.00p

New Zealand Spinach. Discovered by a botanist accompanying Captain Cook on his voyages & Introduced in 1772. A half-hardy perennial. "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."

40 seeds £2.00p

Tree spinach. (Chenopodium giganteum), (Aka Purple Goosefoot). A large leafy annual. To 6ft tall. The younger leaves & growing tips, (which are splashed with vivid pink), can be eaten raw in salads & the larger leaves can be cooked as spinach. It tastes like spinach, with a somewhat nuttier taste. **200 seeds £2.50p**

SWEDE

Champion. Prior to 1852 "In Great Britain, where Swedes 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 & Sutton's Champion."

300 Seeds £2.00p

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." **300 Seeds £2.00p**

SWEETCORN

Golden Bantam. Rediscovered in 1898 by Mr E L Coy. Originally raised by Mr J. G. Pickett of Massachusetts, who selected the variety from an older. variety "Golden Sweet". **40 seeds £2.25p**

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

Strawberry. By 1957. Grow as traditional sweet corn; harvest & let them dry for a month on the stalk. Once shucked let them dry for a further month before using for popcorn.

40 seeds £2.25p

Glass Gem. (Syn. Patterson's painting Corn) More accurately a Flint corn (usually ground for cornmeal and not eaten from the cob). One of our most modern listings, but too beautiful to be overlooked. As it produces translucent multi-coloured kernels that glow with the splendour of stained glass. **20 seeds £2.85p**

TOMATO

20 Seeds per packet (unless otherwise shown) £2.25p

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

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.

HEIRLOOM VARIETIES

Ace 55. Indeterminate. Bred and introduced by Asgrow Seed Company in 1964. A dual purpose Tomato used fresh & processed. Medium-late, red, firm, oblate-shaped fruit are moderately smooth. Plants relatively compact, medium to large, & tolerant of both Verticillium & Fusarium.

Ailsa Craig. Prior to 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.

Alicante. Indeterminate. Messr's Sutton, By 1963. Said to be resistant to greenback. "A superior variety which is a popular choice amongst gardeners. Early to mature it produces reliable crops of fleshy fruits with a smooth skin & fine flavour."

Beefsteak. A vigorous indeterminate vines that will need to be staked to hold the 10oz to 2lb fruits. Even though the fruits are large, this is still an abundant producer. Flat, solid, meaty, juicy & bright red. 15 seeds



Berner Rose. Indeterminate. From the Bern region of Switzerland, This is an old, meaty variety of tomato that is renowned for its excellent taste. It produces beautiful rose-pink, medium-sized beefsteak tomatoes. Fleshy, thin skinned with an excellent flavour. Well suited to cooler climes.

Bloody Butcher. Indeterminate German Heirloom Highly prolific, very early variety with 1-2in round fruit. "They are mostly blemish free, perfectly round, and a good choice if you want an early tomato or live in a cold climate and don't have a long growing season." **10 seeds**

Brandywine Pink. Indeterminate. Beefsteak. Large pinkish red. Potato-leaved. An Amish variety known since before 1886.

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

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

Burpee's Long-keeper. Indeterminate, Introduced by W. Atlee Burpee in 1891. Their 1892 seed annual commented that it was bred by famed plant breeder ES Carman. The fruit is a golden orange-red when ripe. Store at 18–20c, making sure that none touch each other. **10 seeds**

Chadwick's Cherry. Indeterminate. Named after the acclaimed British Gardener, Alan Chadwick, who originated the bio-intensive method of gardening. Big, leafy vines yield prolific amounts of very flavourful, 1-inch, red cherry tomatoes in vigorous clusters of six. Very popular & thought by many to be the best cherry tomato. **10 seeds**

Cherokee Purple. Indeterminate. Prior to 1890. Craig LeHoullier received from a note with a packet of seeds from John Green of Sevierville, Tennessee, this said that he wanted to share this unnamed tomato, a variety that the Cherokee Indians had giveb to his neighbours 100 years ago "Very popular for the sake of its flavour, Beefsteak in style, with green "shoulders". The dark interior colour is enhanced by the tendency of the seeds to be surrounded by a green gel.

Costoluto Fiorentino. Prior to 1957. Indeterminate. Slightly ribbed, 3 ins. long & weighs about 5 oz. A northern Italian heirloom,

Garden Peach. (Syn. Pêche Jaune) Originating in Peru, (where they are known as Coconas). Indeterminate. Prior to 1920. Fruits coloured exactly like a peach with a sweet mild flavour. 2-4 oz. & perfect for salads. They have soft skins and are well suited to container growing.

Gardeners' Delight. Indeterminate. (Syn. Sugar Lump), German. Introduced by Ernst Benary in 1950-51. Rich sweet deep red 1in. cherry Tomatoes. Large plants which need staking.

Gartenperle. Determinate. An early Heirloom German variety for smaller spaces & container growing. The plants will trail but are best given some support to grow through.

Harbinger. Indeterminate. Prior to 1891, Bred? and/or distributed by Daniel Brothers of Nottingham. "An early & a prolific bearer. Produces clusters of smooth round fruits of excellent flavour."

Harrison's First in the Field. By to 1938. Determinate. Bred & distributed by Harrison & Sons of Leicester. "Allegedly tolerant of light frosts & can be sown & grown cold instead of being raised in heat."

Homestead. Semi-determinate. Developed by the University of Florida and released in the 1950s. Bred to withstand extreme temperatures and continue to set fruit into the summer months. Fruits are large, meaty and average 8oz.

Marglobe. Determinate. Developed in 1917 by Dr F J Pritchard of the Bureau of Plant Industry in 1925. "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. Prior to 1939. Semi-determinate. Developed by the Vilmorin Seed Company. Scarlet, lightly ribbed fruit, with a full rich flavour. Large fruit produced even in cool weather. A productive 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."

Muchamiel: Indeterminate. A meaty tomato originally from Alicante on the Mediterranean coast of Spain, where it is cultivated as a winter crop, giving it some tolerance to cool conditions. The flattened, heavily ribbed 7 -11-oz fruits have a very fine flavour.

Montserrat Indeterminate: Produces oblate, slightly ribbed, normal-sized tomatoes. Bright pink-red fruits with sweet tomato flavour. A perfect stuffing Tomato.

Napoli. Indeterminate. Cylindrical red fruit finishing at a point. From 5 to 6 fruits to each truss. Improved variety of the "Roma" Tomato. Ideal for sauces, ketchups, preserves, etc. Can also, of course, be eaten raw. Good disease resistance.

Old German. Indeterminate, Reportedly obtained from the Virginia Mennonite community, 'Old German' was released commercially by the Southern Exposure Seed Exchange (USA) in 1985. Fruits large (some may weigh as much 2lbs but averaging about 1lb.. Golden-yellow in colour with pink & red marbled throughout the flesh. **15 Seeds**

Omar's Lebanese. Indeterminate. An heirloom from Omar Saab of Lebanon. One of a few varieties that grow as large as 3-4 Lbs, &, unlike some giant tomatoes, the fruits have a superb flavour. Pink beefsteaks in profusion on vigorous plants. 10 seeds

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 head vegetable breeder for Hurst, Gunson, Cooper, Taber Ltd.

Oxheart Giant. (Syn Cour de Bou) Introduced around 1925. An old favourite. Indeterminate plants produce rose pink, furrowed, 5 7 oz., heart shaped fruits borne in clusters. Flesh red, meaty & with few seeds & mild flavour. Good for sauces or slicing.

Pantano. Indeterminate. Said to have originally been grown in former marshes in Rome. Similar to Costoluto. A rare Italian heirloom with "beefsteak" sized slightly ruffled fruits. Fruit are an intense red, often with green shoulders & have a deep rich flavour. **15 seeds**

Principe Borghese. Prior to 1910. Indeterminate. For drying. From the catalogue of Fairview Seed states. "This new unique & peculiar variety it is claimed was produced by an Italian Horticulturist, M. Herb. The shape resembles a lemon. The plants are productive-producing large, firm, scarlet fruits in great 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 was one of the most popular tomatoes. Its purple/mahogany colour is beautiful, the interior is brick-red. Remarkably juicy with a rich flavour.

15 seeds

Red Currant. (Syn. Red Cherry). Indeterminate. Introduced prior to 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. Its history predates 1800 and it appears listed in many of the earliest seed catalogues Indeterminate (Syn Cherry Bell) "A leading favourite for preserves & also to make tomato figs. The fruit is bright red of true pear-shape, & of rich distinct flavour."

Riesentraube Indeterminate. "Long grown in Europe, especially in Germany, seed was available in Philadelphia in the mid-1800s." Extremely productive, vigorous, sprawling & benefit from support. Early, bearing fruit in large clusters throughout the season up until first frost.

10 seeds

Roma. Determinate. This is a cross between a San Marzano & two other varieties. Introduced by the USA Agricultural Research Service in 1955. "An important development. There has been a need in for a wilt resistant paste tomato in areas where infestations of fusarium has been a problem. Roma ripens evenly to a deep red colour & the mild flavour, few seeds & solid paste-type flesh make it fine for fresh eating & salads." 1958

San Marzano. Indeterminate. Provided canneries with a sturdy, flawless subject, & breeders with genes. The first seed of the San Marzano came to Campania in 1770, as a gift from the Vice-royalty of Peru & 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. Prior to 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. Bred by the UK Glasshouse Research Institute prior to 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.

15 seeds

White Beauty. Indeterminate. May derive from a variety called White Apple, which was grown prior to 1860. Large (around 1lb) slightly flattened & ribbed. Creamy white inside & out when ripe.

15 seeds

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. 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."

All Tomato varieties £2.25p per packet

OTHER TOMATOES OF NOTE

Banana Legs. Determinate. Named and introduced in 1984 by John Swenson of Illinois who stabilized it from a single plant selection from a batch of unnamed crosses Tom Wagner who called them, "Mixed Long Toms. "Produces 4ins long yellow fruits with a thick meaty flesh, with few seeds, Late season. Fruits have a slightly pointed end, ideal for salads,"

Black Cherry. Indeterminate. originally developed from a "natural occurrence" and introduced in 2003 by Vincent Sapp, co-founder and original owner of Tomato Grower's Supply Company (US). Fruit produced on large sprawling vigorous plants that yield huge crops in big clusters of 1" round, deep purple tomatoes.

Black Plum. (Syn. Prune Noire). Determinate. Productive & rustic tomato the 'Black Plum' is a small oval tomato-red very dark brown, hence the name. It produces clusters of fruit. **15 Seeds**

Brown Berry. Indeterminate. A cherry variety producing copious amounts of earthy brown, bite-sized fruit that are sweet, juicy, and well balanced.

Cream Sausage. Determinate. A uniquely coloured variety bred by Thomas Wagner. 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

Flame: Indeterminate. Fruits average 1lb each with a meaty texture with few seeds & a strong tomato flavour, ideal for salads & slicing. Suitable for both indoor & outdoor cultivation. **15 Seeds**

Green Zebra. Indeterminate. Bred by Thomas Wagner & released in 1983). Unusual, 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.

Mr Stripey: Circa 1990. Indeterminate. Produces beefsteak-type fruits that are beautifully bi-coloured, large, ranging from fourteen ounces to three pounds each, juicy, yet meaty, and flavourful. The fruits are yellow with marbled-red coloured flesh. **15 Seeds**

Noire Crimee. (Syn. Black Krim). Indeterminate. Originally from the Isle of Krim on the Black Sea. An outstanding variety producing 3"-4" slightly flattened mahogany-coloured, beefsteak fruit with deep green shoulders, and an Intense, slightly salty taste. **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 stripe. The pulp is thick, with a full flavour. Potato-leaved variety.

15 Seeds

All Tomato varieties £2.25p 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.

Cape Gooseberry. (*Physalis Peruviana*) Produces star shaped flowers in July & August followed by green fruits (enclosed in a papery husk) which turn bright orange-red when the fruits are ripe.

Pineapple. (*Physalis ixocarpa.*) An unusual physalis with an excellent sweet, fruity flavour that reminiscent of Pineapple. Short spreading vines delivering large crops, which 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.

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TURNIP

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

Golden Ball. (Syn. Orange Jelly). Prior to 1838. "Raised by Mr. Chivas, of Chester, & of a 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. Prior to 1836 (Syn. Imperial Green Globe) Produces large turnips with a deep cut leaf and green collar/shoulders. The texture is fine with an excellent mellow taste. **1000 or 500 seeds**

Purple-top Milan. (de Milan Rouge). Prior to. 1885. "The roots are white, with purple top, round flattened, & very solid with a slender tap-root."

1000 or 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. Prior to 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 £2.00p Per Packet.
Small packets (where offered) £1.25p

OF ORIENTAL VEGETABLES

Amaranthus caudatus. "The "Herbe Gentle" of ancient times. Long red tassel like flowers are the signature of this plant which has been in gardens since the 16th century." 500 seeds £2.00p

Chinese Cabbage "Michihili." Prior to 1870 This variety accounts for most of the Chinese Cabbage in the market. Tall, cylindrical heads, somewhat similar to a romaine lettuce green outer leaves surrounding a blanched white interior.

300 seeds £2.00p

Chinese Cabbage "Wong Bok" Tender, crisp &sweet, with a pleasant spicy flavour with early maturity. Used in salads, cooked like spinach, shredded for slaw, steamed or stir-fried. Thick green leaves blanch creamy white inside. **200 seeds £2.00p**

Chopsuey Green "Shungiku, Easy & undemanding, both the young shoots & stems can be eaten. The serrated leaves are used as both flavouring & as a vegetable. Aromatic tasting somewhere between celery & carrots. **200 seeds £2.00p**

Choy Sum Green. Ttechnically a Chinese cabbage, that does not form heads, bunches of long, thick stalks. **100 seeds £2.00p**

Choy Sum purple. The purple form 100 seeds £2.00p

Kai-lan. The plant produces fast growing eat all plants. Easy to harvest & use as any broccoli. Thick succulent stems, leaves & flower buds are all edible. **200 seeds £2.00p**

Kintsai/Japanese Celery. Ready in under two months from sowing. Produces heavy crops. The leaves have a vivid green colour and a unique aroma when cooked. **250 seeds £2.00p**

Komatsuna Green. Spinach Mustard A large leafy green, with dark green leaves. Can be harvested at any stage & prepared like spinach in the early stages & like cabbage as they mature. Very hardy.

300 seeds £2.00p

Komatsuna Purple. Japanese spinach. Fast growing & uniform size, mild flavour & red-green colouring. **100 seeds-£2.00p**

Mibuna Green. Tight clusters of long, narrow, rounded dark green leaves, with a light spicy flavour which may be enjoyed in salads or lightly cooked & seasoned. **300 seeds £2.00p**

Mibuna Purple. "Distinctive purple tinged sharply serrated leaves which intensifies in colour as the plant approaches the cutting stage. Delicate and highly palatable." 100 seeds-£2.00p

Mitsuba Japanese Parsley. Has a very special fragrance & flavour of "chervil-meets-celery." 300 seeds £2.00p

Mizuna. An abundance of deeply fringed feathery lime-green leaves with a mildly spicy flavour. Resistant to bolting & easy to grow. Prolific

300 seeds £2.00p

Mustard - Giant Green. "Mild flavoured, dark green, fringed leaves. Ideal for both spring or autumn cropping from young leaves or full plant. Produces very tasty greens with mild mustard flavour for use raw in salad or lightly cooked." 300 seeds £2.00p

Mustard - Giant Red. A brilliant reddish maroon Japanese mustard, it has savoyed thick leaves & a strong mustard flavour. Leaves are slightly textured for a better bite & good holding power. Flavour is zesty & full. **200 seeds £2.00p**

Mustard - Golden Streaks. "Very finely serrated leaves with a good texture. A sweet Mustard taste with a surprising hint of new potatoes, an excellent addition in salads."

300 seeds £2.00p

Mustard - Green in Snow. Perfect to add to mixed salads with tender jagged leaves & a lovely mild flavour which intensifies if left to mature on the plant. It is very hardy & can be grown all year round standing well in winter. **200 seeds £2.00p**

Mustard - Red Frills. Attractive dark red narrow indented leaves & a mild flavour. Very attractive in salads. **200 seeds £2.00p**

Mustard – Ruby Streaks. "Deeply serrated, attractive red mustard colour which is darkest when sown in summer through to autumn." 300 seeds £2.00p

Mustard – Wasabina. Japanese. Known for its hot, spicy wasabi like flavour. Baby leaves will add punch to a salad &can be grown as a cut-&-come-again at almost any time of the year. The large, tender, mature leaves are best cooked."

300 seeds £2.00p

Pak Choi. Easy & fast to grow, this Chinese non-heading cabbage that is 8 to 10 inches long, producing tender, loose, spoon - shaped leaves with thick ribs. Crisp and mild and great for oriental cooking. Is cold-resistant and grows over a long period of time.

Green Stem 200 seeds £2.00p

White Stem 200 seeds £2.00p

Perilla. "Young leaves are used raw or cooked. The flavour may appear strange at first, some people detecting cinnamon, others coriander or citrus. **Green or Red**100 seeds £2.00

Radish - Daikon or Mooli. "Large pure white radish with a very smooth root that is tender & has little pungency reaching. The white roots tend to grow out of the ground 2-3 ins developing green shoulders."

200 seeds £2.00p

Tatsoi. Lustrous dark green leaves & a delicate mustard flavour, crunchy & succulent. **200 seeds £2.00p**

OF HARDY PERENNIAL VEGETABLES

ALEXANDERS

(Smyrnium olusatrum). Offered for sale by Mr William Lucas in 1677 and noted in "The Feate of Gardening" (circa 1440) as "Elysauwder." "A native of Britain, formerly cultivated for its leaf-stalks, which, having a pleasant aromatic flavour, were blanched and used instead of celery & in flavouring soups."

20 seeds £2.65p

GLOBE ARTICHOKE

Green Globe. Prior to 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 & with an excellent taste."

Above varieties. 30 seeds £2.25p

Large Green Paris. (Syn. Vert de Laon,t). Prior to 1756. (as L'artichaut de Laon). Not variety but the best for yielding heads every year of its cultivation. Considered the best flavoured. 20 seeds £2.50p

ASPARAGUS

Argenteuil Early. 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.

Produces large, sweet tasting, spears with purple tips.

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

50 seeds £2.50p

BATH ASPARAGUS

(Ornithogalum pyrenaicum) The Spiked Star of Bethlehem was grown commercially & sold at Bath market for its young, unopened flower shoots which were eaten in the same way as asparagus.

25 seeds £2.50p

SEA BEET

P Native, (Beta vulgaris subsp. marina) The ancestor of both the leaf & root beets. 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. **30** seeds £2.75p

BERRIES

BLUEBERRY (Vaccinium myrtillus).	40 seeds £2.50p
CRANBERRY. Native. (Vaccinium macrocarpon)	40 seeds £2.50p
LINGONBERRY. (Vaccinium vitis-idaea)	40 Seeds £2.50p
SEA BUCKTHORN. Native. (Hippophae rhamnoides)	40 seeds £2.50p

BLADDER CAMPION/CARLETTI

The young leaves are sweet & very agreeable in salads. The cooked young shoots, harvested when about 2ins long, have a flavour similar to green peas but with a slight bitterness. This bitterness can be reduced by blanching the shoots. When pureed it is said to rival the best spinach.

100 seeds £2.50p

IMPORTANT NOTE: Mr Etty does caution against using any of the herbal cures noted herewith without first referencing more recent publications, or discussion with a qualified medial practitioner. We use these charming snippets for descriptive purposes only.

BORECOLE or KALE

Cottager's Kale "One kind, however, called "Cottager's kail" has lately been produced by crossing common kail & Brussels-sprouts, recrossed with purple broccoli, & is said to be true"

Charles Darwin. The Variation of Animals & Plants Under Domestication. 1868

40 seeds £2.85p

Jersey Tree. (Syn. Chou Cavalier). By 1771 Catalogue Raisonne de Graines "An important acquisition. I have seen it growing in the garden of my friend, Admiral Brooting, to a height of 8ft." **100** seeds £2.25p

BROCCOLI

Mr Curtis's Nine Star Perennial "When established the plants produce as many as twelve 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." Curtis was a seedsman & potato merchant in Anchor Street, Chatteris, Cambs

100 seeds £3.00p

CAPER

Cultivated. By 1596. Grow in a sheltered position or give glasshouse protection. The unopened flower buds are the part pickled. Vernalisation recommended.

"They stir up an appetite to meat, eaten boiled (the salt first washed off) with oile & vinegar." 20 seeds £2.50p

CARDOON

Common. Prior to 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

GOOD KING HENRY

Native. (Chenopodium bonus-henricus) "The present plant, whose excellence as a pot-herb seems not to be so generally known; but at Boston they are sensible of its value, yet strange to tell, this useful herb is unknown in Covent Garden." 1777. 50 seeds £2.00p

HOP

Native (Humulus lupulus) "Independent of its use in making beer, the young shoots, boiled, are equal in flavour to asparagus, & are eagerly sought after for that purpose." 1816. 40 seeds £2.50p

LIQUORICE.

(Glycyrrhiza glabra) "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 £2.50p

LOVAGE

(Levisticum officinale.) (syn, Maggi Herb) "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." The fresh flowers and dried and ground seeds are used to flavour sauces and soups.

20 seeds £2.25p

MARSH WOUNDWORT.

(Stachys palustris) "Roots are tuberous, & sometimes attain a considerable size; when boiled, they form a wholesome & nutritious food, rather agreeable in flavour. The young shoots of the plants may likewise be eaten, being cooked like asparagus."

The useful plants of Great Britain. 1862

30 seeds £2.50p

ONION

Perennial Welsch. (Syn. Hollow Leek) Prior to 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," T. Milne. 1819 **100 seeds**

Ramson (Wild Garlic). (Allium ursinum). "The leaves may be stamped & eaten, 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 £2.35p

Welsch. From the German meaning "Foreign" & not Welsh, Prior to 1777, Scarcely any bulb, but large succulent, leaves. Strong in flavour. **Red Form.**Both forms 200 seeds

Above varieties £2.00p per packet (Unless otherwise shown).

Fragrant-flowered. (Allium ramosum) 1771	30 seeds £2.50p
Broad-leaved Chives. (Allium senescens) 1785	50 seeds £2.50p
Nodding Onion. (Allium cernuum). Prior to 179	50 seeds £2.50p
Ramp. (Allium tricoccum). Prior to 1807	20 seeds £2.50p

OYSTER or UNICORN PLANT.

(Mertensia maritima) "Low growing with silvery green branches, bearing mauve-tinged blue bell flowers. The crunchy leaves, which are rich in a flavour, comparable to oysters, anchovies, mushrooms & borage. Richer in iron than spinach, it can be used in salads & as an edible garnish on fish dishes." 5 seeds £3.00p

PIGNUT

(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 & ofttimes have a spicy aftertaste similar to radishes."

30 seeds £2.75p

PLANTAIN

Buck's Horn. (Plantago cornopus) "A hardy perennial (sometimes annual), native of Britain. Formerly cultivated for the leaves, which were gathered when tender and used in salads: the French still continue to grow if for the same purpose." Mr Culpepper also commends its use against venomous bites.

100 seeds £2.40p

Giant Red. (Plantago lanceolata rubrifolia " "The Young leaves can be eaten in salads, soups or stir fries, older leaves can be boiled and eaten. A medicinal & highly nutritious plant." **100 seeds £2.50p**

RHUBARB

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

Mr Glaskin's Perpetual. Prior to 1919. 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 be taken in the first year.

Victoria. Prior to 1839. "J & W. MYATT having a good stock of strong roots raised by offsets from the original seedlings can supply them, at 10/- per hundred. - N.B. as various spurious sorts have been sold and are now selling under the name of "Myatt's Victoria" purchasers would do well to require them warranted." Manor Farm. Deptford October 23rd, 1841

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

ROCKET

Turkish. P. Prior to 1731. (Bunias orientalis) "The young leaves & shoots are eaten boiled or as a salad. It commences into growth very early in spring,

20 Seeds £2.75p

ROCK SAMPHIRE

By 1693 (Crithmum maritimum) "The whole plant is "of a spicie taste with a certaine saltnesse" on which account it has been long held in great repute as an ingredient in salads. It was declared by Gerarde to be "a pleasantest sauce." Also cultivated for its seed pods, which make a warm, aromatic pickle

30 Seeds £2.75p

SEAKALE

Lily-white. (Crambe maritime) Noted in 1892. "..the best variety for blanching, the tips being naturally creamy-white. 10 seed £2.75p

SKIRRET

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

30 seeds £2.75p

SPIGNEL MEUM

(Meum athamanticum) "The whole plant, especially the root (which is eaten by the Highlanders) is highly aromatic with a flavour like Meliot which it communicates to milke and butter from the cowes feeding upon its herbage."

40 seeds £2.75p

STRAWBERRY



Baron Solemacher (Syn.improved Rügen). An old German variety that yields dainty clusters of deep red, sweet & juicy berries. This variety was first offered by F.C. Heinemann, a German seed merchant, in 1935.

30 seeds £2.50p

Musk Strawberry. (Syn. Haute Bois) – (*Fragaria moschata*). Prior to 1766 Histoire naturelle des fraisiers. They are native to parts of Europe where they are more common and were formerly the Strawberry of choice.

30 seeds £2.75p

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."

50 seeds £2.50p

Yellow Wonder. (Syn. White Solemacher) The cream/yellow fruits are not so much visited by or eaten by birds. **50 seeds £2.50p**

TIGER NUTS

(Cyperus esculentus). (Syn. Chufa). Prior to 1724. (D.I.) 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 £2.50p

OF CULINARY HERBS

ANGELICA. See Physical & Economic Herbs

ANISE HYSSOP. (Agastache foeniculum). "Excellent raw, the leaves have a sweet aniseed flavour & are a favourite in salads & can be used to flavour cooked foods, especially acid fruits."

100 seeds £2.50p

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 £2.00p

Holy. Indian. Has highly aromatic narrow oval leaves & pink flowers with perfumed fragrance. It has a reddish-purple tinge intensifying with heat & exposure to full sun." **200 seeds £2.00p**

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 £2.00p

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 £2.00p**

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 £2.25p

Siam. Wonderfully aromatic with beautiful purple-green leaves and a milder flavour than Sweet Basil commonly used in Vietnamese and Thai cooking. **200 seeds £2.00p**

Traditional Italian. "Its agreeable perfume & flavour being much admired in Kitchen Gardens." **300 Seeds £2.00p**

CARAWAY. by 1596. "The seed hath a moderate sharp quality, whereby it breaketh wind a provoketh urine, which also the herb doth. Plleasant & comfortable to the stomachit helpeth digestion."

200 seeds £2.00p

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 £2.00p

CHIVES. P. (Perennial). "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 £2.00p

CORIANDER. By 1551. The seed prepared & covered with sugar, as comfits, taken after meat closes up the neck of the stomack, staieth vomiting, & helps digestion. " 500 Seeds £2.00p

COSTMARY or ALECOST P. (*Tanacetum balsamita*) The leaves can be used raw or used as a flavouring in soups. Widely used in brewing beer, before being superseded by hops.

50 seeds £2.50p

DILL. See Physical & Economic Herbs

FENNEL. P. "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 £2.00p

Bronze Form. P. 200 Seeds £2.00p

LEMON BALM. See Physical & Economic Herbs

MARJORAM & OREGANO

Pot Marjoram. P. "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. £2.00p

Greek Oregano. P. "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. £2.00p**

Sweet Marjoram. P. "... is warming & comfortable in cold Diseases of the Head, Stomach, Sinews, & other Parts, taken inwardly or outwardly applied." 1652 **500 Seeds £2.00p**

MINTS. See Physical & Economic Herbs

ROSEMARY. P. "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. £2.25p

SAGE P. "This is an shrubby plant found in every garden, & is well known as a flavouring herb."

SAVOURY

Summer. P. " ..not so hot as winter Sauorie, and therefore more fit to be used in medicine: it maketh thin, & doth maruellously preuaile against winde: therefore it is with good successe boiled & eaten with beans, peas, & other pulses." **200 Seeds £2.00p**

Winter. P. (D.I.) Botanicum officinale 1722. "More woody & shrubby than the former, having leaves more like Hyssop, stiffer & harder, & seemingly pierc'd full of holes." 200 Seeds £2.00p

SWEET CICELY. P "Also called myrrha, taken from his pleasant savor of Myrhh. In English, it is sometimes called sweete Chervill." The leaves used in omelettes & added to soups & stews, the roots, raw in salads or cooked. !mmature seeds have a sweet aniseed flavour. **20 Seeds £2.25p**

THYME

Wild or Creeping. P "A small native plant with a slender creeping stem, bearing small oval-rounded leaves & erect terminal clusters Common or English Thyme. P. 750 seeds £2.00p

Provence Thyme. P. Reputedly the most flavoursome Thyme you can grow with a stronger & sweeter taste. With narrow and delicate greyish-green leaves & pink flowers, it produces an abundance of foliage over a long season.

300 seeds £2.00p

Mr Etty would, respectfully, advise that where only one seed packet quantity (count) is listed, the price is that of the main packet and not of the small packet.

Although, by no means, an exhaustive list. We consider it our duty to advise that seeds (& the plants from them) marked thus $\frac{1}{8}$ may, (to a greater or lesser degree) be injurious or hazardous to health. We advise proper caution when handling them.

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

OF PHYSICAL, MEDICAL & ECONOMIC **HERBS**

ANGELICA. P "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 & other epidemical diseases." 40 Seeds £2.00p

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 £2.40p

ARNICA P. (Arnica montana) "An emetic, diuretic, diaphoretic, emmenagogue; & from its supposed power of attenuating the blood. It has been esteemed peculiarly efficacious in obviating the consequences of falls & bruises! 100 Seeds £2.65p

BERGAMOT.

Wild P. (Monarda fistulosa). "The leaves are popularly dried to prepare bergamot tea. The native Americans shared this delectable tea with the colonial settlers, who then used it as a substitute when tea became scarce after the Boston tea party."

This variety has been very lately introduced from Holland, by Messrs. GRIMWOOD & Co. Kensington; it flowers from June to September & is propagated from its roots in spring or autumn. 1787. 100 Seeds £2.00p

Lemon Bergamot. P. Edible flowers. A fantastic member of the mint family which has the added benefit of a fantastic display of purple bracts bourne on 2-3ft plants. Often known as Bee Balm & a magnet for bees & butterflies. 100 Seeds £2.00p

Monarda didyma. P. (Syn. Scarlet Bergamot or Oswego Tea.) "Raised by Peter Collison in 1744 from seed sent to him by the American botanist John Bartram". Edible flowers 50 seeds £2.50p

BLESSED THISTLE. P. 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 good purpose used in fevers, to defend the heart, & help to resist & expel poison, or the venom of other creatures: the seed is of the like effect. Edible flowers.

> 60 Seeds £2.40p 60 Seeds £2.40p

White Form: Edible flowers

CATGRASS (Dactylis glomerata) "This rapid growing grass is a tasty treat that will promote good digestion in small doses & can help eliminate hairballs from the stomach." 200 seeds £2.25p

CATMINT. P. (N. mussini.) "A favourite edging plant. The attractive foliage surmounted by pale mauve flowers makes a pretty and lasting effect." 100 Seeds £2.50p

CATNEP. P. (N. cataria) "The whole plant has a strong aromatic odour & is particularly grateful to Cats." 150 Seeds £2.50p

CHAMOMILES

Lawn. P "Camomile flower are highly esteemed for their agreeable tonic properties. They are mainly relaxant, & only moderately stimulant; & expend their influence somewhat promptly. Culinary use 500 seeds £2.00p

German Chamomile. P 200 seeds £2.40p

Dyer's Chamomile - see Dye Plants below

CLARY Sage. B (Bi-annual). "...is used to be put into the eyes to clear them from Moats, or other things gotten within the lids, as 100 seeds £2.50p also to clear them from white or red spots

CLARY Meadow. P. "Brilliant deep violet-blue flowers adorn these bushy compact plants all through summer. Easy to grow, & with aromatic leaves as a bonus, worthy of a place in any 100 seeds £2.50p garden."

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CUMIN. Prior to 1602. "One of the four great hot Seeds, & consists of very warming dissolving parts, being good to expel wind out of the Stomach & Bowels, & is frequently put into Glysters for that purpose, as well as given in Powder. Outwardly applied, it is of great service in pains of the Breast or Side." 200 Seeds £2.00p

DILL. "The Seed is more used than the Leaves & more effectual to digest raw & viscous humours, & used in Medicines to expel wind & the pains proceeding therefrom. 300 Seeds £2.00p

ECHINACEA. P (E. pallida) Pale Cone-flower. 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." 40 seeds £2.65p

E. purpurea. P. Purple Cone-flower 100 seeds £2.50p **ELECAMPANE.** P. ".. the fresh roots preserved with Sugar, or in a syrup, are effectual to warm 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 30 seeds £2.65p also been used as a vegetable.

FERUGULA Giant Fennel. P. "A native of the south of Europe, & occasionally grown hereabouts, where its stalks have grown 15ft high. In the Levant sailors have used the stalks to transport fire from one island to another." Of doubtful edibility! 20 seeds £2.50

FETHERFEWE. P. "Dried & made into pouder, & 2 drams of it taken with honey or sweet wine, purgeth melancholy & flegme; wherefore it is very good for them that are giddle of the head, or which have vertigo. Culinary uses 500 seeds £2.40p

HOREHOUND (White). P. "Perfectly hardy & requires no attention while growing. The leaves are used for seasoning and for a popular cough remedy." 200 seeds £2.40p

HYSSOP. P. "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 fallingsickness." Culinary uses 450 seeds £2.40p

LADY'S MANTLE. P. By 1539. "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 £2.75p

LAVENDER. English. P. (L. angustifolia.) "The floures mixed with Cinnamon, Nutmeg & Cloves, made into a pouder, & given to drinke in distilled water doth helpe the panting & passion of the heart, Prevaileth against giddinesse, or swimming of the braine

& members subject to the palsie." Edible fls 150 seeds. £2.40p French. P. Edible flowers 100 seeds. £2.40p Munstead Blue. P. Edible flowers 150 seeds. £2.40p

Hidcote. P. Edible flowers 150 seeds. £2.40p

LEMON BALM. P. "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. 300 seeds £2.00p

MARSH-MALLOW. P. "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, used as a sweetmeat.

40 seeds: £2.65p

Musk Mallow. P. 40 seeds £2.65p

MASTERWORT. P. (Peucedanum ostruthium) "Used as a potherb or a flavouring. The roots are said to be hotter than pepper. A popular drink is made from the fermented roots."

30 seeds £2.40p

MEADOWSWEET. P. '..the floures boiled in wine & drunke, do make the heart merrie. The leaves & floures far excell all other strowing herbes, for the smell thereof."

100 seeds £2.50p

MEADOW CRANESBILL. P. "This familiar & handsome plant is the parent to many varieties of hardy geranium. A medium to tall wild perennial with deeply cut leaves & long, hairy & frequently reddish stems."

30 seeds £3.00p

MILK THISTLE. P. "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 £2.50p

MINTS

Applemint. P. (M. suaveolens) "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 £2.00p

Pennyroyal. P. (M. pulegium) "Groweth naturally wild in moist & overflown places, from whence poore women bring plenty to sell in London markets." **300 seeds £2.00p**

Black Peppermint. P. (M x piperita) "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." **300 seeds £2.00p**

Spearmint P. (M.spicata) "Highly aromatic, with dark-green, sweetly aromatic leaves, extensively used for garnishing & flavouring."

300 seeds £2.00p

PYRETHRUM. P. "The dried flower heads are source of the insecticide 'pyrethrum', which is non-toxic. Only the yellow disk rays contain the pyrethrins. Dried, they retain the insecticidal properties almost indefinitely." Mixed colours

40 seeds £2.80p

SEA HOLLY. P. (Eryngium maritimum.) "The distilled water of the Herb helpeth the melancholly of the Heart." **30 seeds £2.80p**

SOAPWORT. P. Native. "Named sopewort from its anfwering, the purposes of foap, forming like it, a lather with water, & taking out fpots of grease from cloth in this manner." **200 seeds £2.40p**

ST. JOHN his worte. P. (Hypericum perforatum) "..is as singular a wound herb as any other, either for inward wounds, hurts, or bruises, to be boyled in wine & drunk, outwardly. It opens obstructions & closes wounds." **300 seeds £2.40p**

TAGETES

Mexican Marigold. (*Tagetes minuta*). Secretions from the roots have an insecticidal effect on the soil, effective against nematodes & to some extent against keeled slugs, they also have some effect against some persistent weeds. **100 seeds £2.50p**

French Marigold. (T. patula). 1572. "Small, bright orange flowers over neat hummocks of finely cut foliage, an excellent edging plant for the flower border."

300 seeds £2.40p

Mexican Tarragon. (*T. lucida*). A perennial plant (grown here as an annual) native to Mexico & Central America. It is used as a medicinal plant & as a culinary herb. The leaves have a tarragon-like flavour, with hints of anise. **100 seeds £2.75p**

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. P. Noted especially for its effect as a tranquilliser Valerian has been shown to encourage & improve sleep quality "It is said that a small sprig of valerian thrown into a lion's cage will cause him to roll upon it in a great site of excitement!" Untested recently!

100 seeds £2.40p

VERVAIN/VERBENA. P. Known for its tonic & restorative properties, is sometimes used as a herbal remedy. It is useful when taken internally in the treatment of headaches, fevers, nervous exhaustion, depression, gall bladder problems etc. (Should not be given to pregnant women.) **100 seeds £2.40p**

OF DYE PLANTS

CARTHAMUS TINCTORIA. "Round-leaved Saffron thistle" Used for dried flower arrangements Bright orange flower heads to 5ft. Safflower was used to dye the red cotton tapes of legal documents and it is the source of the expression "Red Tape".

25 seeds £2.65p

DYER'S CHAMOMILE. P. by 1561 "..is used for the sake of a brilliant yellow tint, which is obtained from it." **200** seeds £2.40p

DYER'S CHICKSEED (Coreopsis tinctoria) "A yellow (red with an acid mordant) dye is obtained from the flowers and is used to dye cloth."

100 seeds £2.40p

DYER'S GREENWEED P. (Genista tinctoria) "A very good quality yellow dye is obtained from the whole plant, but especially from the flowers and young shoots. Alum, cream of tartar and sulphate of lime are used to fix the colour **50 seeds £2.65p**

DYER'S WELD. P. "Some do commend it against the bitings of venomous creatures, to be taken inwardly & applyed outwardly to the hurt place; also, for Plague or Pestilence." Yields an especially pure & fast yellow. **300 seeds £2.50p**

DYER'S WOAD. P. "... 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

INDIGO (Indigofera tinctoria). P. "The original sources of indigo dye. Natural dye from I. tinctoria is still available. **20 seeds £3.50p**

LADIES BEDSTRAW. P. "Yellow dye is from the stems, leaves & flowering tips and a red dye from the roots." **300 seeds £2.50p**

MADDER. P. (Rubia tinctorum). "An excellent red dye is obtained from the roots. Some say that 2-year-old roots are best, whilst others say the 3 year old roots are better. The roots can be dried for later use.

10 seeds £4.00p

POT MARIGOLD (Calendula officinalis). A yellow dye is obtained from the boiled flowers and an essential oil is obtained from the plant. "Of great use among other pot-herbs & the flowers either green or dried, are often used in possets, broths, & drinks, as a comforter of the heart & spirits. 100 seeds £2.00p

LANSAY. P. (Tanacetum vulgare) A green dye is obtained from the young shootsThe leaves and flowers can also be used and a yellow can also be obtained.

500 seeds £2.40p

OF FLOWERING PLANTS

ACHILLEA

Cloth of Gold P. (Achillea filipendula). One of the largest varieties, flat, plate-like heads of deep yellow flowers (which are long lasting when cut and can also be dried for 'everlasting' arrangements) held high on tall stems, with ferny foliage beneath. Long-lasting, and drought-tolerant, but needs a lot of space to spread out. Full sun. height & Spread 7ft x 18ins. Good for pollinators.

Ballerina P. (Achillea ptarmica). Named for its small, delicate, double white flowerheads with disk florets that fade to grey. Blooms early to late summer. Hardy Reaches 24 inches tall and about 12 inches wide. Much visited by butterflies.

Cerise Queen P. (Achillea millefolium). Long lasting, deep pink flowers throughout the summer. Cut flowers last well in water & flowerheads can be dried for arranging. Undemanding & versatile, Adapts to a variety of different conditions. 40ins x 20ins

All above varieties (1000 seeds) £2.75p per packet.

ALYSSUM.

Prior to 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." Mixed

200 seeds £2.40p

AMMI

Ammi majus. Prior to 1665. (Syn Bishop's Weed). A mass of green ferny foliage covered with flat umbels of lacy white flowers. Strong stems make this an excellent variety for cutting. **200 seed £2.50p**

Ammi visnaga. Prior to 1800. Sun loving drought tolerant plant; Attracts wildlife to feed or nest; All round tough plant suitable for problem areas. Architectural **200 seed £2.50p**

ANTIRRHINUM.

Prior to 1597. (Snapdragon). "The floures grow at the top of the stakles of a purple or yet a white colour, fashioned like a frog's mouth, or rather a dragon's mouth, from whence we have taken the name Snapdragon." A mixture

200 seeds £2.40p

ASTRANTIA.

Greater Masterwort. P. Prior to 1782. "The curious & unusual hardy herbaceous perennial, is easily grown & suitable for damp, shady places; it is now enjoying a well- deserved wave of popularity among devotees of floral arrangement."

30 seeds £2.80p

BELLS OF IRELAND

(Moluccella Laevis) 'The flowers please anyone who loves flower arranging. Cut fresh, the bells will last for years & they are very useful for winter arrangements but also look good in flower borders & with the recent fashion for green blooms are becoming more sort after."

30 seeds £2.40p

SENGLISH BLUEBELL.

P. (Hyacinthiodes non-scripta) Native. "It hath long narrow leaves among which spring up bare stalkes loden with many hollow blew floures of a strong sweet smell.

80 seeds £2.50p

SCOTTISH BLUEBELL or HAREBELL.

P. (Campanula rotundifolia) "The Scottish bluebell was in parts called 'the aul' man's [Devil's] bell', & regarded with a sort of dread, & commonly left unpulled."

300 seeds £2.40p

BUPLEURUM GRIFFITI

An excellent cut flower with unusual green-yellow flowers in umbels with Eucalyptus like leaves, To 36ins. **100 seeds £2.75p**

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. Prior to 1776. "The flowers of this plant, bear fome refembalance 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.

P. (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." John Gerard

500 seeds £2.40p

CERINTHE.

Honeywort. (Cerinthe major Purpurescens). "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

CINERARIA

Silver dust. "This tender shrub grows beautiful silver leaves that shimmer in the sunlight. The compact Cineraria Plants - Silver dust looks beautiful added to your flower beds & flower borders for stunning contrast in your flower displays." 500 seeds £2.75p

COBAEA SCANDENS

Blue Form. (Cup and Saucer Vine) Prior to 1791"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."

8 seeds £2.95p
White Form.

COLUMBINES

- Wild. P. (Granny's Bonnet.) (Aquilegia vulgaris) "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."
 70 seeds £2.75p
- McKana Hybrids. P. Prior to 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. P. Named after the grand-daughter of Charles Darwin but is in fact a 16th c. variety called Rose Columbine. Spur-less & double flowered with pink & green petals.

 50 seeds £2.75p
- William Guinness. P. "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 £2.75p

Others

- Aquilegia oxysepala. P. Prior to 1854 "Produces an abundance of maroon-purple flowers with contrasting creamy yellow bell hearts on 2ft stems. Produces long spurred blooms from late spring to early summer."
 50 seeds £2.75p
- Munstead White. P. (Aquilegia vulgaris "alba"). Prior to 1891. "Beautiful pure white flowers held high above the foliage. Cut flowers are a wonderful addition to bouquets. 30 seeds £2.75p

RECORNCOCKLE.

Native. "..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, are of a blue 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

DELPHINIUM

Giant Pacific Hybrids. P. Before 1940. This strain bred by Messr's Vetterle & Reinelt Delphinium experts from the West Coast is recognized as the finest strain in existence. Noted for their brilliance of colour & large double flowers. 1940. **50** seeds £2.95p

Astolat. Pink shades with a black bee.
Black Knight. Dark blue with black bee.
Blue Jay. Medium blue with dark bee.
Camelliard. Lavender blue with white bee.
Galahad. Pure white with black bee.
Guinevere. Rosy lavender with white bee.

Round table. A mixture.

ECHINOPS

Hungarian Echinops (Echinops bannaticus) This stunning plant produces a mass of bright blue thistle like globes carried on tall grey stems. Providing an unusual & brilliant addition to a summer floral bouquet." **20 seeds £2.85p**

ERYRNGIUM

Miss Wilmotts Ghost (Eryrngium giganteum) This plant is spectacular, with unusual metallic silvery grey leaves, stems & flowers. In summer it produces large heads of lime-green flowers with blue stamens backed by large & conspicuous bracts, the whole later developing a shining silvery hue. The flowers are excellent for cutting, fresh or dried. Named after English plantswoman Ellen Willmott who used to secretly scatter its seeds since she liked the plant so much. 50 seeds £2.85p

ESCHSCHOLTZIA.

Californian Poppy. 1792 "The 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

Mission Bells. A mixture of a wide range of colours.

500 seeds ££2.65p

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 therein.

500 seeds £2.40p

FOXES-GLOVES.

Wild. P. Native. "How regularly do the blossoms hang; How delicate are the spots which ornament the inside of the flower! like the wings butterflies; how pleasing it is to behold the nestling bee hide itself in its pendulous blossoms

500 seeds £2.40p

White Form. P.

500 seeds £2.40p

Rusty Foxglove. P. (Digitalis ferruginea) By 1816. "Tall slender spikes in close groups bear many distinctive pale orange-brown flowers each with a protruding white lip.

200 seeds £2.75p

GYPSOPHILA.

P. (Gypsophila paniculata). Prior to 1805. "A handsome hardy 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) Prior to 1898. 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

RELIOTROPE.

(Heliotropium arborescens). 1757. "Recommends itself by its fragrance, so delicious is the odour it diffuses, that it is considered an essential in every greenhouse & stove. It grows naturally in Peru, from whence the seeds were sent to the royal garden at Paris, where the plants produced flowers & seeds; & 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, Miller's Gard. Dict.

30 seed £2.75p

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)

40 seeds £2.75p

Single (Mixed).

40 seeds £2.75p

Black. Illustrated in 1585 in Istanbul.

40 seeds £2.75p

HONESTY

Prior to 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.

P. Masses of cool lavender-blue flowers, with an open bell-shape with orange stamens.

100 seeds £2.65p
P. White form
100 seeds £2.65p

LADY'S SMOCK.

(Cardamine pratensis). Native. Sacred to the fairies, The flowers received the name of Ladies smock because at a distance look like large white patches.

50 seeds £2.65p

LARKSPUR

17th Century. "These annual delphiniums are quite hardy and are very suitable for beds, shrubberies and bordersthefine spikes of bloomsare exceedingly graceful and attracticve,"

Dwarf or Tall Forms. (please specify)

300 seeds £2.50p

Above varieties - 1000 seeds £2.65p

LOVE-IN-A-MIST.

Mix't Colours.

300 seeds £2.40p

Miss Jeykll.Light Blue By 1913. "A lovely nigella giving an abundance of long-stemmed flowers which are of a clear cornflower blue, prettily set in slender elegant foliage. One of the most attractive annuals."

300 seeds £2.40p

Miss Jekyll, Dark Blue. "A deep coloured selection of the above,

PIIIK

300 seeds £2.40p

White

300 seeds £2.40p

MR RUSSELL'S LUPINS.

P. Bred & introduced in 1937 "A unique train of perennial Lupins with exceptionally bold spikes of blooms often 3½ feet in length & showing a wide range of colours." 50 seeds £2.75p

LYNCHIS.

Scarlet. P. (Lynchis chalcedonica). (Syn. Maltese Cross). "... a great favourite with Parkinson. in a wooden print of him, prefixed to his Paradifus 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 Campion. P. (Lynchis coronaria atrosanquinea). "The liveliness of whose colours no paint can express, was cultivated by Miller in 1739; feeing it is a plant of fuch beauty & honoured by fo distinguished an appellation." Curtis's Botanical Magazine Vol. 8.

Both forms 500 seeds £2.40p

MARIGOLDS

Art Shades. Before 1933. "A mixture of attractive and uncommon shades of Apricot, orange and cream. Particularly useful for cutting." Edible flowers **70 seeds £2.50p**

Orange King. Before 1901. "A splendid variety with enormous orange flowers, perfectly double & well formed. Now so much grown for the cut-flower market." Edible flowers **70 seeds £2.50p**

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

70 seeds £2.50p

MIGNONETTE

(Reseda odorata). 1725. "The luxury of the garden is greatly heightened by the delightful odure which this plant diffufes; & 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, or so apt to offend on continuance the moft delicate olfactories. 1787

300 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. 4" trumpet shaped flowers. in glorious sky blue. Habit climbing, Flowers large, can climb to 10ft so support required. Suitable for covering walls, fences etc. Admirable for conservatory decoration.

40 seeds £2.40p

Grandpa Otts. "Producing huge displays of deep purple-blue blooms, each with a red star in its throat."

40 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

Mixed colours 40 seeds £2.65p

NASTURTIUM

The flowers have the taste of Water-cref with a degree of fweetness 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. Edible 30 seeds £2.25p
Tom Thumb. By 1838. Mix't. Dwarf. Edible 30 seeds £2.25p
Tall Climbing. 1686. Mix't. Edible 30 seeds £2.25p

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." **300** seeds £2.40p

Nicotiana sylvestris. ".. of pyramidal habit, with long tubular pure white flowers, remains fully expanded during the days & in the evening."

300 seeds £2.40p

OENOTHERA

Evening Primrose (Oenothera biennis) Aside from its usefulness as a medicinal herb, this is an exceptionally attractive plant, and can grow to 4ft tall. With its lance-shaped green leaves and bearing large evening-scented, yellow, trumpet shaped flowers in its second year. Widely cultivated for its oil. **200 seeds £2.65p**

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

ORLAYA GRANDIFLORA

White Finch. 1910. "Pure white flowers bloom in stunning, 3" - 5" circular groups. An improvement over the traditional Bishop's Flower or Queen Anne's Lace but just as easy to grow. The stronger stems, compact bushy habit, & longer bloom period. A great choice for gardens large & small.

25 seeds £2.75p

PINKS & CARNATIONS

Carthusian Pink P. (Dianthus carthusianorum) "This perennial sprouts tufts of grey-green, grass-like leaves, above which, from midsummer to early autumn, it bears clusters of delicate, pink-red, scented flowers, on upright wiry stems."

100 seeds £2.75p

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

100 seeds £2.75p

Giant Chaubaud. P. By 1893. Carnation "Extremely fragrant mix of double fringed blooms in shades of red, rose, violet, white, yellow, orange & showy bi-colours." 100 seeds £2.75p

Clove Pink. P. (Dianthus caryophyllus) "Native to France but found wild on old walls in Kent & Norfolk. One of a genus of plants, all of which are sweet-scented & showy. Edible **100 seeds £2.50p**

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 £2.75p

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 £2.75p

Rainbow Loveliness. P. (Dianthus plumaris). By 1930. "Flowers continuously from spring to late summer,in a broad range of colours from white to crimson & bi-colours." 100 seeds £2.75p Superb Pink. P. (Dianthus superbus). " Diffufes an agreeable odour which renders them most diferable objects for the flower garden. This quality the prefent species poffeffef in a fuperior degree to most offers. A few of its flowers communicate to a nofegay a delicate and most delicious fmell."

SWEET WILLIAM

Auricula-eyed. P. "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 £2.50p (Mixt) Single Form. P. "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 £2.50p (Mix't) Double-mixed. P. Prior to 1665 "The floures at the top of the stalkes are like small pinkes, many joyned together in one tuft or spiky umbell, of a divers colour." 200 seeds £2.50p (Mixt) Indian Carpet Mix't. P. Before 1951. "Create a colourful carpet of unique white, pink, & red blooms from spring to summer. Fragrant."

Named Sweet William Varieties

All 100 seeds - £2.85p

Holborn Glory. P. By 1896. (D.I.) 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 raspberry- red and a pristine white ring borne on straight, stiff stalks easily grown from seeds."

Oeschberg. P. "Attractive, with bronze leaves and deep purpleviolet flowers. Plants flower all summer from May to August."

Nigrescens. P. By 1935 "The narrow oval leaves are mid-green when young, maturing to mahogany. Clusters of sweetly scented, dark maroon-black flowers. Thrives in full sun and."



Newport Pink. P. 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.

(Limnanthes douglasii.) By 1811. Yellow saucer-like flower edged with white. for edging the border, & for attracting bees and hoverflies. "A very pretty annual, with delicately yellow & white delicately fragrant flowers, discovered by the Naturalist whose name it bears in California."

50 seeds £2.40p

POPPIES

Icelandic. P. (*P. nudicaule*) 1730. 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 & 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. **300 seeds £2.40p**

Wild or Corn Poppy. (Papaver Rhoeas) Native. "The flowers of Cornerofe, either in decoction, distilled water, fyrup or powder, the weight of halfe a crowne, is a fingular meanes to provoke fpitting in Pleurifies & to cure the fame." 500 seeds £2.40p

Shirley Double Poppy. 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."

300 seeds £2.40p

Turkish or Tulip Poppy. (P. glacum). A stunning variety delivering 2-3 inch flowers of Scarlet Red with clear black blotches on each poppy. Unlike the Wild Poppy the inner petals are not flat but stay upright, an almost doubling effect. **200 seeds £2.65p**

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 **200 seeds £2.65p**

Papaver somniferum

Opium Poppy Mix't. P. "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

250 seeds £2.65p

Victoria Cross or Danish Flag. P. Prior to 1881. "These remarkably showy hardy subjects give a brave display of colour. Brilliant scarlet, each petal stained white, perhaps the most beautiful of new hardy annuals."

250 seed £2.65p

Hungarian Blue Bread-seed. Prior to 1937. "An heirloom poppy with striking purple-blue flowers. Originally bred to produce high quantities of seed in large closed pods, easy to harvest for bread-seed." Edible seeds

250 seeds £2.40p

Maanzaad Bread-seed. Prior to 1914. "A Dutch heirloom producing beautiful white single flowers with pink markings & a seed head which holds onto the seeds." Edible seeds 250 seeds £2.40p

Laurens Grape. "Absolutely stunning 4-5 inch chalice-shaped flowers with satiny petals that glow in the most delicious shade of deep ruby-purple. They grow 3 to 5 feet tall, depending on how rich your soil is. With their big, lettuce-like, blue-grey leaves and port wine coloured flowers."

250 seeds £2.40p

PASQUE FLOWER.

(Pulsatilla vulgaris) P. "A species belonging to the buttercup family (Ranunculaceae), found locally on calcareous grassland in Europe & widely cultivated in gardens."

30 seeds £3.00p

PRIMROSES

Auricula. P. 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." A mixture **40 seeds £2.75p**

Wild Primrose. P. Native. "One of the most welcome of Spring flowers. The colour of the flower so peculiar as to have a name of its own!

40 seeds £2.75p

Cowslip. Native. P. "The flowers have a pleasant, sweet smell, & a bitterish, taste. An infusion of them, is recommended as a mild corroborant in nervous complaints. A strong infusion of them, with a quantity of sugar, forms an agreeable syrup." Edible flowers

60 seeds £2.75p

RED VALERIAN.

(Centranthus ruber). P. 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.

50 seeds £2.65p

White form. P.

50 seeds £2.65p

RUDBECKIA

Black-eyed Susan P. (*Rudbeckia. hirta*). 1714. (D.I.) Thesaurus rei herbariae hortensisque universalis. "Named for the dark brown-purple centers of its daisy-like flower heads. The plants can grow to over 3 ft tall. Stalks over 8 ins long & flower diameter of 2 to 3 ins."

Sweet Coneflower P. (R. subtomentosa). By 1923. "The downy divided foliage at once distinguishes this from other Rudbeckias. The clear yellow flowers are feely produced over a long period of time and have black centres. A stalwart self-reliant plant."

Both varieties - 100 seeds £2.70p

SWEET SCABIOUS.

"..has long and defeverdly held a place as an ornamental plant in our gardens, the flowers are well adapted for nofgays, have a fweet mufky fmell, & 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, & forms one of the noblest floral ornaments."

200 seeds £2.50p

Night-scented. (Matthiola bicornis) By 1837. "Should be grown in every garden for the exquisite perfume profusely exhaled in the vening. It is an easily grown hardy annual, but not flamboyant like the more common half-hardy annuals." **200 seeds £2.50p**

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 £2.50p

Virginia Stock. "A popular low growing hardy annual that quickly produces a profusion of gay little flowers in spring and summer. Very easy to grow and particularly popular as a children's starter flower." **200 seeds £2.50p**

SUNFLOWER.

Bambino. Dwarf single yellow. Medium sized flowers with dark centres. Non-branching. To 16ins. **25 seeds £2.75p**

Double Sun King. Double golden-yellow10ins blooms with masses of petals form an attractive fluffy powderpuff. Tall stems top't by almost pollen free blooms. To 6ft. **25 seeds £2.75p**

Giant Yellow Single. Described in 1569 (Joyfull newes out of the newe founde worlde). 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. Edible flowers & Seeds **30 seeds £2.50p**

Red Sun. Produces an abundance of 3 to 4 inch Deep Red flowers with intense black centres on strongly branched plants growing to 6ft with an 18in spread.

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Taiyo. An old Japanese variety bred for cut-flower use but equally at home planted en-mass towards the back of the border. Single large 6 -10 in blooms. To 5ft. **25 seeds £2.75p**

Teddy Bear. A dwarf, multi-headed sunflower producing an abundance of extraordinary flowers. An unusual addition to patios or borders and great for cutting too. To 18ins.

30 seeds £2.50p

SWEET PEAS

20 seeds per packets (Unless otherwise shown) £2.75p

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.

GRANDIFLORA TYPES

America. Morse-Vaughan 1896. A 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, which was an early Eckford sweet pea. Strongly scented.

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. 1697 "...is the oldest known sweet pea & is thought to have been sent to England in 1699 by Sicilian monk Francisco Cupani. Whilst the strain has certainly been re-selected & improved, Cupani still bears its original characteristics of delicate bicolour maroon upper petals with violet 'wing' blooms."

Dorothy Eckford. Henry Eckford 1901. A fine free flowering pure white grandiflora 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", a stunningly orange-red variety ia truly beautiful flower. Fragrant."

Janet Scott. Burpee. 1903. "Delicate pale pink flowers with a powerful fragrance."

15 seeds

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

Miss Wilmott. Henry Eckford 1900. Deep Orange pink bicolour. "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."

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."

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

15 seeds

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



SPENCER HYBRIDS

Air Warden. Thomas Cullen & Sons. 1942. An old-fashioned variety, bearing frilled, bright scarlet blooms with a good fragrance; a great choice for the garden and cutting for home use.

Daphne. Ferry Morse Seed Co. 1938. A long-stemmed producing large, slightly ruffled flowers in a clear lavender colour; very free flowering and highly fragrant

Flagship. Ferry Morse Seed Co. 1937 Well scented, with blooms that are dark blue, almost purple with very distinctive veining.

Geranium Pink. Stark. 1953. Produces masses of blooms in a lovely shade of pink, with a good fragrance. A vigorous climber.

Leamington. College. 1961. Pleasing tones of deep lilac, flowers large and of ideal form. Sweetly scented.

Mahogany. Suttons. 1934. Although a dark variety, the brilliant copper sheen with which the flower is overlaid gives it an extremely bright appearance under all weather conditions.

Mrs. R Bolton. Robert Bolton & Son. 1945. What Mrs. Bolton lacks in scent she makes up in appearance. With deep almond pink on white, this variety produces large flowers.

Noel Sutton. Suttons 1968. A real stunner, with its mid-lilac deeply scented flowers, gently ruffled at the edges of the petals, and held on long, sturdy stems.

Princess Elizabeth. Robert Bolton & Son. 1950. Well scented, with salmon pink blooms on a rich cream ground.

Red Ensign. J Stevenson. 1919. An old favourite with vivid *red* blooms on long strong stems ideal for cutting.

White Ensign. Burpee Seeds. 1967. a pure white variety which is very popular for its excellent quality stems and large flowers.

Winston Churchill. Thomas Cullen & Sons. 1961. A popular variety bearing dark crimson red, velvety flowers with a fantastic fragrance.

2.75p per packet, unless otherwise shown

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

Pea, Everlasting 1739. 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.

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SWEET ROCKET

(Hesperis matronalis) P. "Gorgeously scented flowers are held above rosettes of dark green leaves. This is a biennial or short-lived perennial that readily self-seeds, often coming true to type, so it is perfect for naturalising in a wildlife garden." 100 seeds £2.50p

THRIFTE.

Native P. "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 £2.65p

THALICTRUM

Chinese Meadow Rue P. (Thalictrum delavayi) By 1900. "A delightful perennial plant with elegant soft mauve stems, each individual flower is exquisite, a tuft of cream stamens hanging from a covering of four or five rich lilac sepals above a mound of divided leaves."

20 seeds £2.85p

VERBENA

V. bonariensis. (Pretty verbena) By 1726. "A tall & slender-stemmed perennial. It can grow to 4 ft tall & spread to 3 ft wide. Fragrant lavender to rose-purple flowers held in tight clusters located on terminal & axillary stems." **200 seeds £2.75p**

VIOLETS

Viola cornuta (Short-lived Perennials)

100 seed £2.85p (unless otherwise shown)

Admiration. Prior to 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. Prior to 1923 "Beautiful red blooms, accented with a bright yellow centre & deep purple coloured petal. Height to around 6 - 8 ins. & spread out about 6 ins or so."

Blue Perfection. Prior to 1867. "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. Prior to 1911. " Tiny flat circular flowers hardly larger than a Viola, leaf a glossy black colour relieved by a gold point in the centre. An unusual plant for the rock garden."

Chantreyland. Prior to 1934. "This will add a vibrant splash of Orange 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."

White Perfection. Prior to 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."

Heirloom Mixture. A mixture of these varieties.

PANSIES

Viola x wittrockiana varieties - 100 seed £2.85p

Lord Beaconsfield. Prior to 1883. "The ground colour is purpleviolet, shading off, on the top petals only to a whitish hue."

Alpenglow. Prior to 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. Prior to 1933 (Syn Bergwacht). Velvet Blue. "...this must be one of the loveliest blue pansies in existence!"

Coronation Gold. Prior to1928. "Said to be the largest yellow variety Flowers golden-yellow. Perfectly round flowers."

Mont Blanc. Prior to 1933 "The very best clear White!"

Rheingold. Prior to 1931. "Deep golden-yellow, with black markings on lower petals."

Ullswater. Prior to 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) "An early and perpetual flowering strain of Pansies, which is as largely grown as the winter flowering blooming Wallflowers."

Wild forms

Common Dog Violet. P. (Viola canina) "A much-loved wild violet, unscented, but always welcome nonetheless." **30 seeds £2.85p**

Freckles. P. (Viola sororia). "Plants form a mound of large heart-shaped leaves, bearing loads of large pearly-white flowers in spring, each heavily spotted & freckled with deep china blue. Height 6 to 8 ins."

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Heartsease. (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

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Field Pansy (Viola arvensis). "...are smaller than their garden relatives, with the cream petals usually shorter than the sepals & the whole flower no more than ¾" across."

100 seeds £2.65p



Sweet Violets (Viola odorata)

Irish Elegance. P. "Said to have been discovered by a postman in 1896, growing on the edge of a wood in the South of France. When exhibited for the first time it was instantly a hit with the public. Edible flowers

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Queen Charlotte. P. Prior to 1900. "Sweetly scented deep purpleblue flowers which unusually look skywards. Prolifically flowering from November to April." Edible flowers 30 seeds £2.85p

Reine des Neiges. P. "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 £2.95p



WALLFLOWERS

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

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

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

Golden Bedder. Prior to 1925. "Will bloom the first year if sown by March. Similar to the currently popular Siberian Wallflower, but deep golden yellow in colour, extremely large, scented flowers." Ivory White. (of Suttons) Prior to 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. Prior to 1895 (Syn. Purple Queen) "The colour is a beautiful clear shade of Ruby- Violet, with a bluish satin-like sheen."

Vulcan. Prior to 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. (Syn. Faerie Queen). Prior to 1906. "Producing freely large single flowers of a creamy while shade."

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

All Wallflower varieties - 300 Seeds £2.75p

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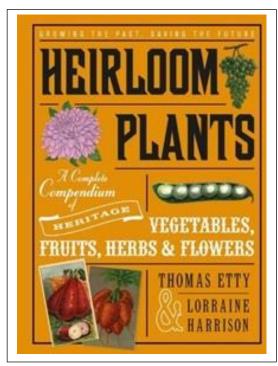
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We recall that quite a number had enquired about the book and in the absence of any UK editions we referred the enquirer to EBay and Amazon where 2nd hand copies are available. These copies, which we have obtained from Chicago Review Press, are brand-new.

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