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A catalogue of seeds of the different sorts of esculent plants that are raised for use in the kitchen for 2024/2025

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
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AGRETTI OR MONKSBEARD

(*Salsola soda*) Prior to 1820. "It lies somewhere between seaweed & 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 £2.50p**

AMERICAN LAND CRESS

Native. "The leaves of this plant resemble to those of the Watercress, but the plant itself always grows on dry land. If sown in spring, it forms during the summer a full rosette of compound leaves of dark & very glistening green colour, which are used in seasoning & garnishing." **300 seeds £2.00p**

GLOBE ARTICHOKE

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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**

****Italian White.** (*Bianca a Uovo*). Fruit white, exactly resembling a hen's egg, but turning yellow when ripe. A similar, (if not the same), variety is listed in 1777. **15 seeds**

****Little Fingers.** (Messr's Harris Moran Co) A distinctive variety, ideal for patio-growing but also well suited for the greenhouse or a sheltered sunny area in the garden. Slender cylindrical, glossy, purple fruits are borne in clusters of 3 to 6. **15 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**

****Violetta Di Firenze.** (*Syn. Violet Florentine*.) Large lavender fruits, striped with creamy white, a favourite with chefs. **30 seeds**

All varieties £2.00p per packet.

BEETROOT

Albina Vereduna. (*Syn. Snowwhite*.) Prior to 1950. White flesh with a sweet, delicate flavour. The leaves are also a delicacy and are 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 & an intense sweet flavour. Young leaves can be used as baby leaves in mixed salads. **300 seeds**

Burpee's Golden. Prior to 1857. Golden-yellow throughout. Turnip-rooted. Delicious. The advantage of this variety is that it does not bleed but retains all the flavour of the red beets. **100 seeds**

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

Cheltenham Green-top't. By 1883. Bred by A. H. Cook of Cheltenham & first sent out by Harrison & Sons of St James' St. Leicester. "I wish to call attention to a variety of vegetable which is, I believe, but 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. This is a valuable variety of beet, and scarcely any other is grown around Cheltenham." 9th Nov. 1889 **While stocks last - 100 seeds**

Detroit Globe. (*syn. Crimson Globe & Extra Early Globe*.) 1891. "Globular, smooth & uniform, with a small tap root. flesh dark red & of fine quality. The standard red Beetroot variety. **300 seeds**

Egyptian Turnip-rooted. (*Syn. Egyptian Flat*.) The Country Gentleman's Magazine. 1874. "Fine deep red flesh, strongly recommended for shallow soils & cold frames. Comes to maturity early." **300 seeds**

Lutz Green Top. Prior to 1921. (*Syn. 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." **300 seeds**
Gardeners' Assistant 1859.

All varieties £2.00p per Packet.

LEAF BEET

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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 large leaves & stalks of white, pink, green, scarlet, crimson, orange & red." **150 seeds**

Fordhook Giant or Swiss Chard. 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 seeds**

Perpetual Spinach. (*Syn. Erbetto*). 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 seeds**

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

Above varieties £2.00p per packet

BORECOLE or KALE

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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.

Hungry Gap. Before 1928. "Coming in July, Hungry Gap is true to its name. Vegetables being at their lowest ebb in that month. It is a exceptionally heavy bearer."

Nero di Toscano. (Syn. Cavolo Nero & Black Kale) (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."

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."

****Scarlet** "Violet-green leaves turning violet-blue after a frost. A mid to late season variety. Very frost resistant."

Thousand-headed. The Cottage Gardener. 1801. "Often thought of as a fodder Kale, it may also be considered as belonging in the garden. I know from experience that it will withstand the severest frost & survive to be useful." 1817.

All varieties - 300 seeds - £2.00p Per Packet.

****Westland Winter** (Before 1974) A curly variety. Easy to grow & withstands over-wintering. It has dark green leaves that become sweeter in taste when exposed to frost. **200 seeds - £2.25p**

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." Considered to be the best varieties for over-wintering.

Imperial Green Long-pod. "After 19 years of research, & 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 Aqua-dulce; & 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. 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. (Syn. Giant Exhibition Longpod) Before 1966. "Still one of the best long-pods for flavour. Pods are produced in

abundance containing 7-8 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." Messr's Mawe & Abercrombie seed list. 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."

****Red Epicure.** Prior to 1958. "A special variety with beautiful colours. Chestnut crimson beans contained in contrasting verdant green pods. They retain their vibrant colour even when lightly steamed."

Above varieties: 30 seeds £2.60p: 50 seeds £4.25:

100 seeds £7.25p

BROCCOLI

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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."

Purple Sprouting. 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."

All varieties - 300 seeds - £2.00p per packet.

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."

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."

All varieties - 300 seeds - £2.00p per packet.

CABBAGE (RED)

Red Drumhead. (Syn Red Dutch) 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.**

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 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 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 seeds**

Offenham 3. (Syn. Wintergreen, Fowler's Early Spring, Kempsey). Circa 1917. A true Colewort, Providing Spring Greens from December through April. **100 seeds**

All varieties £2.00p per 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." **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 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. Can be used for the production of Sauerkraut. **300 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 seeds**

All varieties £2.00p per packet.

Cabbage of Savoy

Best of All. Before 1927. "A Drumhead type. 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 seeds**

Large Drumhead or 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 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." **250 seeds**

All varieties £2.00p per packet.

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 small tap root." 1937 **2000 seeds**

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

****Berlicum** (Prior to 1925.) A beautiful cylindrical, stump-rooted, carrot with a narrow core and a fine flavour. **1000 seeds**

Chantenay Red Cored. Prior to 1829. (Syn. Red Intermediate stump-rooted, Cannons 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 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 seeds**

Early Market Horn. By 1953. "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." **500 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 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 seeds**

Lunar White A wonderful white carrot variety that is nearly coreless, with a nicely mild flavour. Up to 12 ins. when mature yet also very suitable for baby carrot use. Modern, but the nearest we can find to the White Belgian Carrot **500 seeds**

Oxhella A modern replacement for the Oxheart/Guerande variety with squat broad, conical roots which grow up to 6ins long. It has an excellent aromatic taste & good internal colour. A good choice 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 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**

All varieties £2.00p per packet.

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 milky-white 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 1929. "...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."

All varieties – 200 seeds - £2.00p per packet.

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**

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, Clayworth Prize Pink). "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."

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

All Varieties - 1000 seeds £2.00p.

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**

CHICORY

Witloof. 1872. "For chicons, in autumn the roots are taken up, the leaves trimmed off about 1½ins. from the neck, & the end of the roots shortened to a length of 8-9ins. The roots are then planted in earth in a dark, cool place like 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 Varieties - 300 seeds - £2.00p per packet

RADICCHIO

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

Rossa di Verona. Large round headed radicchio; brilliant red and white color. From the old Italian fishing town of Chioggia.

Variegata di Castelfranco. L'Italia agricola. 1912. "Leaves green heavily blotched with red. Force in the same manner as Witloof."

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

All varieties - 300 seeds - £2.00p per packet.

CORN SALAD

Large-seeded. (syn. A grosse graines) Early and vigorous, with large leaves, Dark Green and very tender.

Verte de Cambrai. The best-quality & most famous type, originating in France. Soft leaves which almost melt in the mouth.

All varieties - 300 seeds - £2.00p per packet

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**

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." **15 seeds**

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**

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**

****Genovese.** Italian heirloom. "Light greyish-green, mottled fruit of delicate, delicious flavour. Early producer the fruit will grow to about 6-7ins. long, with a slightly bulbous end." **15 seeds**

Golden Prior to 1982. "Strong growing non-trailing with long yellow fruits. Fruit flesh has a fine texture & taste." **10 seeds**

Romanesco. Italian heirloom, The fruits are mid-sized & distinctive, with raised ridges & robust nutty flavour. Flowers large & perfect for stuffing & dipping in batter for frying. **15 seeds**

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**

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**

All varieties £2.25p per packet.

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 from February to April; the first sowing assisted with heat. They should be put out as early as possible on rich soil at from 1-2 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" **100 seeds £2.50p**

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**

Long Green Ridge. By 1777. (Syn. Long Prickly, Bedfordshire Prize Ridge. Stockwood). "7-10ins. long, of a green colour, with few prickles. A good bearer: & one of 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. 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'Épernay.

"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 2, 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.)

Leaves long & broad, the edges somewhat ragged. Tie up to blanch." 1927

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

****Pancalieri.** Before 1963. Broad, bulky heads with dark green, very serrated outer leaves and creamy white hearts. Crops throughout the year.

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 per packet

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, White Creasback). 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 £2.45p

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 £2.45p**

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 £2.45p

Kentucky Wonder Wax. (Syn. Golden Podded wax) Said to have originated in the garden of Miss Callaghan of Los Angeles in 1898. *"A very old heirloom, according to Hedrick in "The Beans of New York," A vigorous climber & heavy yielder of slight flattened curved bright yellow string-less pods of fine flavour."*

40 seeds £2.45p

****Lazy Housewife.** (Syn. Coco Bianco) Prior to 1810. 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." 1931

40 seeds £2.65p

Meraviglia di Venezia. (Syn. Marvel of Venice & 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 £2.45p

Dwarf Types

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 £2.25p

****Purple Teepee.** Prior to 1989. Like Cosse Violet, it produces long purple beans, but on a non-climbing plant.

60 seeds £2.45p

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 £2.25p

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 £2.25p

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.

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. Needs a long growing season.

300 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'Épernay. 1874. *"This variety withstands the winter well, particularly suited to planting in Autumn."*

300 seeds

Long de Mézières. Jardins de France 1901. *"Very beautiful variety which is very tolerant of the winter 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 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 seeds**

All Varieties - £2.00p per Packet.

LETTUCE

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

Arctic King. *"A very hardy butterhead type for growing outside during the winter. Compact bright green heads ready in spring from autumn sowing."* **1000 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**

Drunken Woman (Syn. Rossa di Trento, Ubriconna 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 seeds**

Red Salad Bowl. Deep red and purple leaves especially tender, with sweet & spicy tones. **1000 seeds**

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

May Queen. Prior to 1906. (Syn. Regina di Maggio). *"Early maturing butterhead with pale green leaves often showing 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) & not after Paris.

"Fast-growing with uniform heads. Popular for its disease resistance to tip burn & mosaic virus. Medium to slow bolting plants will produce 10-12" tall heads with wrinkled, crisp, loosely bunched leaves." **1000 seeds**

Red Winter. (Syn. Rouge d'Hiver) Traité des végétaux 1805. *"It has large, flat, broad leaves are sweet with a buttery texture. The colour varies from green to bronze to deep red."* **300 seeds**

Spotted or Bloody Cos. (Syn Trout, Forellenschluss) The Practical Kitchen Gardiner. Stephen Switzer. 1727.

An 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 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 seeds**

White Paris Cos. Prior to 1729. 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 seeds**

All varieties - £2.00p Per Packet.

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

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. **10 seeds £2.00p**

Early Yellow Flat Custard. Prior to 1883. A very productive variety producing an abundance of bright yellow, scalloped edged, tender patty pan squash. **10 seeds £2.00p**

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."* **10 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**

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**

****Ogen.** An open pollinated variety producing small, broad, oval fruits, green-skinned with yellow flesh. **8 seeds £2.25p**

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**

Queen Anne's Pocket Melon The fruits 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**

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 below.](#)

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 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." **150 seeds**

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

****Tosca.** Produces elongated bulbs, typically 5ins long and 2ins. in diameter & weighing around 9oz. Attractive light brown colour with good quality skin. Good storer. **200 seeds**

Très hâtif de la Reine. (Syn. Queen). 1873. "White-skinned 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 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 seeds**

****North Holland Blood Red.** Before 1978. A red-skinned, spring onion known for its crisp texture & mild onion flavour. Named from the region in Holland where it originated. **200 seeds**

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

****Simaine.** Modern. Elongated pinky red bulbs with an outstanding sweet flavour. Continental type very popular in France and Southern Europe. Perfect as a raw slicer. **200 seeds**

Other Types

Cuisse de Poulet du Poitou. Prior to 1944. "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 Onion varieties £2.00p per packet.

OKRA

Burgundy. By 1942. Unusual, attractive & prolific, 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, 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 per packet

PARSLEY

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

Gigante d'Italia. By 1800. Dark green flat leaved type. Strong sweet parsley flavour.

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

All varieties – 500 seeds - £2.00p per Packet

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." **300 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 **300 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 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." **300 seeds**

All varieties £2.00p per packet.

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. Sow from mid-October to the end of November for an early crop.

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. Height to 18ins

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

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."

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. To 18ins."

Above varieties - 300 seeds £2.25p. 2 packs £3.85p

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,

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.

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

Above varieties - 300 seeds £2.25p. 2 packs £3.85p

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. To 5ft. Possible the first Mangetout variety

****Delikett.** Prior to 1985. A high quality sugar snap variety awarded. 2ft tall & ideal for smaller spaces or exposed sites. High yielding over a long period producing large amounts of 4ins. dark green string-less tender pods

****Waverek/Petit Provence.** Prior to 1954. A classic 'petit pois' early dwarf type Peas are small, green, sweet & tender. Can also be harvested as a snow pea.

Oregon Sugar Pod Pea. Prior to 1949. Excellent flavour & ideal for lightly steaming or stir-fries. Extremely disease resistant.

Above varieties - 300 seeds £2.25p. 2 packs £3.85p

OTHER TYPES

Purple-podded. Prior to 1856. (Syn. Ezetha's Krombek Blauschok). "First grown by the Franciscan Capuchin monks the early 1600s. Bi-coloured flowers lilac-pink & wine-red, fading to blue as they wilt. Pods are deep maroon/inky purple, fading to blue. Leathery brown when mature. Best used as a soup pea." To 5ft

****Shiraz.** "Purple podded snow pea producing attractive, flat, purple pods with good flavour. Slow to develop seeds." To 3ft.

200 seeds £2.50p. 100 seeds £1.50p

PEPPER or CAPSICUM

20 seeds per packet unless otherwise shown.

£2.50 per packet, unless otherwise shown

CHILLI PEPPERS

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 & Pimenta di Bico). These are round & little with a distinctive tapered point or tail that resembles a bird's beak. To 1,000 SHU. **10 seeds £2.75p**

Biquinho, Yellow. To 1,000 SHU. **10 seeds £2.75p**

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 £2.75p**

Bishops Crown. 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. Prolific 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 2013. Ave. 1,569,300 with peak levels of over 2,200,000 SHU. **5 seeds £4.50p**

Cayenne, Long Red. First noted in 1542). The standard red pepper for pickles. Slender, Pods 4ins. long, deep green when young & bright red when ripe. To 50,000 SHU.

Cherry Bomb. Delicious, sweet & mild chilli, often seen stuffed with cream cheese & soaked in a sweet oil. Great eaten raw, in salads & stuffed. To 2,500 to 5,000 SHU's. **15 seeds**

Cyklon. Plants 2ft tall & produces 4in. tapered pods that mature from emerald green to red. Use in salsa or for adding a crunch to salad. Excellent for Paprika production. To 5,000 SHU. **10 seeds**

Fire Tongue. (Lingua di fuoco). Small, compact plants reach only 8ins long, & produce a large display of elongated fruits held above the foliage in bunches ripening from green to bright red. To 15,000 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 1½ins. long & 1in. wide. Maturing from green to chocolate brown. Best suited to greenhouse culture. To 425,000 SHU. **10 seeds £2.75p**

Habanero, Red Caribbean. Produces an elongated wrinkly shaped pod with a pointed end. Pods mature from lime green 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 ivory white & have a fruity smoky flavour. To 300,000 SHU. **10 seeds £2.75p**

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 with long pointed bright yellow (medium-hot) waxy fruits (red when fully ripe). To 8,000 SHU.

Jalapeno, Early. One of the best-known. Ave. 2ins. long, a conical shape, & range from a medium to dark green in colour, turning red when fully ripe. To 8,000 SHU.

Large Red Cherry. By 1860 (possibly 1543). Heavy crops of 1½ in. flattened oval shaped fruits with thick, meaty, sweet, crisp flesh. Use green or red, (ripe stage). To 5,000 SHU. **15 seeds**

Lemon Drop or Aji Limon. Thought to be native to western South America. The spicy peppers have been cultivated for over 7,000 years. To 50,000 SHU. *Bright yellow, crinkled, cone-shaped pods 2½ins. long & ½in. wide & mature from green to yellow, typically reaching about 3 ft."*

10 seeds £2.75p

Machu Pichu. Originating from Peru, pods are elongated & have slightly wrinkled skins. Start of dark green & turn a rich brown colour when mature. They have a rich flavour & mild to medium heat. Dried they 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. To 97,000 SHU. *"Unique because the fruit falls from the stem at maturity, Fruits small, less than ½in, wide by 1in., long with a distinctive flavour."*

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. Plants to 3ft. with long red fruits. Pinch out the tops & it will bush up. A versatile chilli which can be picked & cooked, frozen for later, or dried. To 80,000 SHU.

10 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

12 seeds

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

15 seeds

Scotch Bonnet, Red. 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

10 seeds

Scotch Bonnet, Yellow. To 325,000 SHU.

10 seeds

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

12 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 red & have the strong, smoky, tropical fruit-like flavour typical of all Habanero's, but milder. To 100,000 SHU.

15 seeds

Trinidad Perfume. 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

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.

£2.50p per packet (unless otherwise shown)

SWEET PEPPERS

All Sweet pepper Varieties – 20 seeds

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

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

£2.50p per packet

PUMPKIN, SQUASH & GOURD

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 more moist. To 2lbs

10 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."* To 3lbs

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). Peter Henderson & Co. Prior to 1894. Keeps for up to a year. Small, medium late, fruits. Smooth, sweet, moist, & less stringy flesh when baked. Orange yellow striped dark green. 1 to 2lbs

10 seeds

Dills Atlantic Giant. By 1960. The best for giant pumpkin contests holding the world record at 1689lb. 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."*

6 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 valuable sort. It has the shape & virtues of its parent but is earlier & more productive. Skin is deep yellow or orange red."* To 10lbs

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 overtook all other varieties in popularity & now fulfils most of the market for carving or decorating. 15-20lbs

10 seeds

Hundred-weight. (Syn. Mammoth Gold) *"The pulp of this pumpkin is never eaten raw; but boiled in milk, not only good & wholesome, but is also a physical medicine for such as have a hot stomach, & inward parts inflamed."* 1831. To 25lbs

10 seeds

Jack O'Lantern. The traditional choice for carvings. This heirloom variety has bright orange skin & creamy orange flesh, & is excellent for both carving & eating. To 12lbs

10 seeds

Jack be Little. A miniature pumpkin that grows to 3 ins in diameter & 2 ins tall. A flattened ribbed variety with thin yet

strong stems. They are most popularly used for decorating in the autumn and winter **10 seeds**

Little Gem. A trailing type, producing many cricket-ball sized, dark green fruits. Dark orange, sweet flesh. 10-18oz **8 seeds**

Luffa. Prior to 1838. "If the fruit 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 £2.75p**

Marina di Chioggia. Dark orange & sweet fleshed fruit introduced to Venice in the late 1600s "Unique turban shaped deep blue-green 6-10lb fruit produced on vigorous vines with a rich, sweet, deep yellow-orange flesh. To 15lbs **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. To 12lbs. **10 seeds**

Queensland Blue. Prior to 1932. Vigorous trailing vines with 8-15lbs deeply ribbed steel blue fruits. *Bright orange flesh, sweet with an almost treacle like hint when roasted. The fruits store extremely well for 4-5 months.* **7 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." To 20lbs **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**

****Snake Gourd.** (*Cucumis melo Flexuosus*) "An unusual climbing vine variety producing long green fruits that can reach up to 6 feet long if left to fully mature. Widely grown in Asia there can be harvested & eaten whilst young & tender or left to mature for a great display when dried. **6 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. To 2lbs **10 seeds**

Turk's Cap. (Syn. Turk's Turban). Prior to 1817. Orange or multi-coloured with a large knob on the flower end. The flesh is moister than most squashes and is good in soups." To 10lbs **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. To 5lbs **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)

PURSLANE

Green. "Seeds of both Yellow & Green Purslane were offered for sale by Herr. Ad. Platz & Son, Nurserymen & Seedsmen of Erfurt Prussia in the 27th January 1849 edition of the Gardener's Chronicle." For a constant supply, sow each month from spring until midsummer, in rows 12" apart thin seedlings to 4-6" apart.

Golden.

Winter or Miners Lettuce (*Claytonia perfoliata*) "The leaves are eaten as salads or cooked like ordinary Purslane or Spinach."

All varieties – 200 seeds - £2.00p per packet

RADISH

Spring types

Crimson Giant. Prior to 1898. "Crimson to scarlet skinned, the golf-ball sized roots are globe to top-shaped & one of the largest you can grow, remaining tender, crisp, & mild" **300 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. **300 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**

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." **300 seeds**

****Munchen Bier.** German Heirloom. Dual use, insofar as both the roots and also the seed pods may be consumed. The root is traditionally thinly sliced & served with beer. **200 seeds**

Scarlet Globe. By 1881. "An early forcing variety which does equally well outside. Handsome in both form & colour. **300 seeds**

****Sicilian Giant.** Large round, bright red roots that grow to about 2ins. across. Quick growing for spring to autumn crops. **300 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 pear-shaped. Grows 3 to 4" in diameter with a firm, white flesh and nearly black, thin skin. **300 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." **300 seeds**

Chinese Rose. 1843. "One of the most popular winter sorts. Roots about 6 ins long. Skin smooth & bright rose." **300 seeds**

All varieties £2.00p per packet.

ROCKET

[Please see hardy perennial vegetables section below.](#)

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 £2.25p**

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. Dwarf with large, red & white flowers, followed by stringless beans on compact plants **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, with attractive red & white bi-colour flowers.

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 superb."

Scarlet Emperor. Originally Mammoth Exhibition, renamed in 1906. (Syn: 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. (Syn. Best of All) 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 producing high yields of long, slender, smooth fleshy pods, which have an excellent flavour. Ornamental white flowers." 20 seeds £2.25p

Above varieties unless otherwise shown

30 Seeds £2.25p, 50 seeds £3.50p 100 seeds £6.50

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, can be grown for 2 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

****Strawberry Sticks** (*Chenopodium foliosum*). Ha. similar to Fat Hen bearing numerous red "fruit" somewhat similar to mulberries in the leaf stalk. 100 seeds £2.25p

Orach.	Red	£2.00p (100)
Orach.	Green	£2.00p (100)
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

Viroflay Giant. Prior to 1866. "Resembles Flanders Spinach in the shape of its leaves & the habit of its growth but is much greater in size, it is not uncommon to see tufts of it measuring 2 ½ ft in diameter with leaves 10ins." 200 seeds £2.00p

****Malabar Spinach.** Syn:Basella or vine spinach. A popular tropical leafy-green vegetable It is different from English spinach in that the plant is a creeping vine, & its leaves feature glossy, broad, deep green, thick, & mucilaginous.. 30 seeds £2.25p

New Zealand Spinach. Discovered by a botanist accompanying Captain Cook on his voyages & introduced in 1772. HHP

"When cooked it resembles Spinach in appearance & flavour, so that most people will not be aware of the difference. Strong plants resisting heat & drought." 40 seeds £2.25p

Tree spinach. (*Chenopodium giganteum*), (Aka Purple Goosefoot). Ha. 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, which it taste like, albeit 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. (Wilhelmsburg) "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

SWEET & FLINT CORN

****Fiesta.** A traditional Indian flint corn, long cobs with attractive multi coloured grains which are late ripening. For best results harvest late and dry artificially. 30 seeds £2.35p

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

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).

Modern but too striking to be over-looked. Translucent multi-coloured kernels that glow with the splendour of stained glass. 20 seeds £2.95p

TOMATO

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

Indeterminate also called "cordon", these need the side shoots nipped out. They generally will require support.

Determinate aka "bush" tomatoes, varieties 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 & introduced by Asgrow Seed Company in 1964. Dual purpose used fresh & processed. Medium-late, red, firm, oblate-shaped fruit are moderately smooth. Plants relatively compact. Tolerant of both Verticillium & Fusarium.

Ailsa Craig. Prior to 1907. Indeterminate. Bred by Alan Balsch of Forres in Ayrshire before 1907 & 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. 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**

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. To 1lb

Brandywine Yellow. Indeterminate Beefsteak. Large golden yellow fruits. Potato-leaved. To 1lb. **15 seeds**

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 E S Carman.

The fruit is a golden orange-red when ripe. Store at 18–20c, making sure that none touch each other. **10 seeds**

Carter's Golden Sunrise. Indeterminate. Bred &/or distributed by Carter & Sons of High Holborn. *"All the good qualities of the best red varieties but of a beautiful golden-yellow colour"*

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. **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, that said that he wanted to share this variety that the Cherokee Indians had given 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. To 16oz.

Costoluto Fiorentino. Prior to 1957. Indeterminate. Slightly ribbed, 3 ins. long & weighs about 6 oz. A northern Italian heirloom,

Garden Peach. (Syn. Pêche Jaune) Originating in Peru, (where they are known as Coconas). Indeterminate. Prior to 1920. Fruits peach coloured with a sweet mild flavour. 2-4 oz. & perfect for salads. They have soft skins and are well suited to container growing. **15 seeds**

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. 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 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. Especially bred to withstand extreme temperatures & continue to set fruit into the summer months. Fruits large, meaty To 8oz. **15 seeds**

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."* To 8oz

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. Productive. To 6oz.

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.

Flattened, heavily ribbed 7 -11-oz fruits with a very fine flavour.

Montserrat Indeterminate: Produces oblate, slightly ribbed. Bright pink-red fruits with sweet tomato flavour. To 12oz

Noire de Crimée (Syn Black Krim). Indeterminate. Dark red-purple fruit, with a rich sweet flavour. It always places high in tomato taste trials. It's very juicy. An heirloom from Russia with very unique looking, large fruit. To 8oz **10 Seeds**

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. Can be 3-4 lbs, &, unlike some giant tomatoes, the fruits have a superb flavour. Fruits 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. Rare Roman heirloom tomato said to have been grown in former marshes in Rome. Similar to Genovese Costoluto.

Highly productive vines yield large crops of 12 oz., brilliant-red, slightly ribbed tomatoes with meaty interiors bursting with wonderful, rich, complex, tomato flavours. **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.

Jefferson grew these at Monticello & at the time it was one of the most popular varieties. Purple/mahogany skin with a brick-red interior. Juicy with a rich flavour. To 8oz **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, known in Philadelphia in the mid-1800s."* Extremely productive & vigorous. Early, bearing fruit in large clusters up until the first frost. To 1oz **10 seeds**

Roma. *Determinate.* A cross between a San Marzano & two other varieties it was introduced by the USA Agricultural Research Service in 1955. The Gleckers Seed Co. catalogue of 1958 says:-

"An important tomato development at the Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Maryland. Final selection came from progenies of crosses of San Marzano, Pan American & Red Top. There has been great need in the past for a fusarium wilt resistant paste tomato in areas where infestations have been a problem. Roma fruit ripens evenly to a deep red colour. Interior extremely high in solids, excellent for processing whole, for manufacturing of pulp or fortifying soup stocks. Mild flavour, few seeds & solid flesh make it fine for home use in fresh eating & salads." Circa 2oz.

San Marzano. *Indeterminate.* The most important industrial tomato of the 20th century; introduced in 1926 it provided canneries with a sturdy, flawless subject, It is thought seed of the San Marzano tomato first came to Campania in 1770, as a gift from the Vice-royalty of Peru to the Kingdom of Naples, & that it was then planted in the commune of San Marzano sul Sarno. To 4oz.

"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. To 4oz.

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.

"4ins long yellow fruits with a thick meaty flesh, & few seeds, Fruits have a slightly pointed end, ideal for salads," **15 seeds**

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.

Cream Sausage. *Determinate.* A 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. **12 seed**

Burpee's Delicious. Developed many years ago by the American seed house Burpee's from "Beefsteak" tomato, after 13 years of selection for smoother fruit.

Produces huge 1 - 3lb fruit that are fairly smooth for a giant tomato, & as the name implies, these are delicious! **15 seeds**

Green Zebra. Indeterminate. Bred by Thomas Wagner & released in 1983). Matures into a light green/yellow with deep green stripes & light green interior flesh, bright & unique flavour.. To 2oz. **15 seeds**

Mr Stripecy: Circa 1990. Indeterminate. Beefsteak-fruits, beautifully bi-coloured Fruits yellow with marbled-red coloured flesh. Large, to 3lb, juicy, yet meaty & flavourful. **15 Seeds**

All Tomato varieties £2.25p per packet

TOMATILLO

Green. (*Physalis ixocarpa*) (Syn Husk Tomato). Delivers heavy crops of rounded berries 1-2 ins. diameter enclosed in a thin husk. The fruit ripens to a yellow, with 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 excellent sweet, fruity flavour reminiscent of Pineapple. large crops, which fall when 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.

All varieties - 30 seeds - £2.35p

TREE PRIMROSE

*** (Oenothera biennis) Before 1869. "Cultivated for its long fusiform roots which are cooked in various ways. The roots are taken up in the autumn & boiled, either cut into slices & put into salads.*

Gardener's Assistant 1859.

200 seeds £2.25p

TURNIP

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

Snowball. (Syn. Early White Stone, Model White, Early Six Week).

"A gentleman of Knaresborough reaped a good crop of oats in August; he sowed the field with Snowball, which is now a fine crop. He strongly recommends them as a profitable turnip, they may be sown in July."

1826

1000 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 seeds

All varieties £2.00p Per Packet.

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."

300 seeds £2.00p

CHINESE CABBAGE

Michihili. Prior to 1870 "Tall, cylindrical heads, somewhat similar to a romaine lettuce, green outer leaf surrounding a blanched white interior."

300 seeds £2.00p

Wong Bok. Tender, crisp & sweet, with a pleasant spicy flavour and early maturity.. Thick green leaves blanch creamy white inside.

200 seeds £2.00p

CHOPSUEY GREENS

Shungiku. Easy & undemanding, both the young shoots & stems can be used. Aromatic, tasting somewhere between celery & carrots.

200 seeds £2.00p

CHOY SUM

Choy Sum. Technically a Chinese cabbage, that does not form heads, bunches of long, thick stalks.

Choy Sum purple. The purple form.

Both varieties - 100 seeds - £2.00p per packet

KAI-LAN

Kai-Lan/Chinese Broccoli. A leaf vegetable with thick, flat, glossy blue-green leaves with thick stems, & florets similar to broccoli.

300 seeds - £2.00p

KINTSAI

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.

300 seeds £2.00p

Purple. 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

MITSUBA

Perennial. Has a very special fragrance & flavour of "chervil-meets-celery, best used raw.

300 seeds £2.00p

MIZUNA

Green. An abundance of deeply fringed feathery lime-green leaves with a mildly spicy flavour.

300 seeds £2.00p

Purple. Sharply serrated, purple-veined leaves with a mild spicy flavour. Colour more pronounced as it get colder

100 seeds £2.00p

MUSTARDS

Giant Red. A brilliant reddish maroon Japanese mustard, it has savoyed thick leaves & a strong mustard flavour. Leaves are slightly textured. Good flavour.

200 seeds £2.00p

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

300 seeds £2.00p

Green in Snow. Perfect to add to mixed salads with tender jagged leaves & a mild flavour which intensifies if left to mature on the plant. Very hardy.

200 seeds £2.00p

Osaka Purple. Large plants with broad leaves. Harvest the leaves when red, which is normally in colder weather. Final spacing 9 - 12ins apart.

200 seeds £2.00p

Red Frills. Dark red narrow indented leaves & a mild flavour. Very attractive in salads.

200 seeds £2.00p

Ruby Streaks. "Deeply serrated, attractive red mustard colour which is darkest when sown in summer through to autumn."

300 seeds £2.00p

Wasabina. Japanese. Known for its hot, spicy wasabi like flavour.

"Baby leaves that add punch to a salad & can be grown as a cut-&-come-again at almost any time of the year. The larger mature leaves are best cooked."

300 seeds £2.00p

PAK CHOI

Green Stem Non-heading, 8-10 ins long, producing tender, loose, spoon-shaped leaves with thick ribs. Crisp & mild. Cold-resistant & grows over a long period of time.

200 seeds £2.00p

White Stem

200 seeds £2.00p

PERILLA

Green. Prior to 1856. "Young leaves are used raw or cooked. The flavour may appear strange at first, some people detecting cinnamon, others coriander or citrus."

100 seeds £2.00p

Red

100 seeds £2.00p

ORIENTAL RADISH

Daikon or Mooli "Large pure white radish with a smooth tender root with little pungency The 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

(*Smyrniolum olusatrum*). Offered for sale by Mr William Lucas in 1677 & noted in "The Feate of Gardening" (circa 1440) as "Elysauwder."

"Cultivated for its leaf-stalks, which, have a pleasant aromatic flavour. Blanched & 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. The 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). Prior to 1756. (as L'artichaut de Laon). Not early variety but the best for yielding heads every year of its cultivation. Considered the best flavoured. **20 seeds £2.50p**

ASPARAGUS

Argenteuil Early. 1853, "Asperges de M. l'Hérault d'Argenteuil" in the Société d'horticulture du département de Seine-et-Oise

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.

Both varieties - 40 seeds £2.50p

BATH ASPARAGUS

(*Ornithogalum pyrenaicum*) Syn: Spiked Star of Bethlehem.

Grown & sold at Bath market for its young, unopened flower shoots eaten in the same way as asparagus. **25 seeds £2.65p**

SEA BEET

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 £2.60p**

CRANBERRY. Native. (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*) **40 seeds £2.60p**

LINGONBERRY. (*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*) **40 Seeds £2.60p**

SEA BUCKTHORN. Native. (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) **40 seeds £2.60p**

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, which can be reduced by blanching the shoots. When pureed it is said to rival the best spinach. **100 seeds £2.35p**

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 £2.95p**

Jersey Tree. (Syn. Chou Cavalier). By 1771 Catalogue Raisonné de Graines "An important acquisition. I have seen it growing in the garden of my friend, Admiral Brooking, to a height of 8ft." **100 seeds £2.45p**

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. **50 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 Puviss).

"Has spineless leaves, leaf-stalks, solid but not so thick or tender when cooked as other varieties. **30 seeds £2.00p**

ELECAMPANE

"..fresh roots preserved with Sugar, or made into a syrup or conserve, are very effectual to warm a cold & windy stomach, or the pricking therin, & stiches in the sides caused by the spleen; & to help the cough, shortness of breath, & wheesings."

The roots can be cooked & eaten as a root vegetable. **30 seeds £2.50p**

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." **40 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 & dried & ground seeds are used to flavour sauces and soups. **20 seeds £2.25p**

MARSH WOUNDWORT.

(*Stachys palustris*) "Roots tuberous, & can 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." **30 seeds £2.50p**

ONION

P. 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**

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 .

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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 & oftentimes have a spicy aftertaste similar to radishes." **30 seeds £2.75p**

PLANTAIN

Buck's Horn. (*Plantago cornopus*) "Native of Britain. Formerly cultivated for the leaves, gathered when tender & used in salads: the French still continue to grow it for the same purpose." Culpepper commended 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. 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 developed 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

ROCKET

Turkish. 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. Gerard declared it to be "a pleasantest sauce." Also cultivated for its seed pods, which make a warm, aromatic pickle **30 Seeds £2.75p**

**SECHUAN PEPPER

(*Zanthoxylum simulans*). (Syn Chinese Prickly Ash). "Wide-spreading, deciduous shrub with pinnate leaves similar to Ash. Its flat-topped sprays of yellow-green flowers are produced in early summer, followed by open clusters of small, pinkish-red fruits that split open to reveal black seeds. Leaves, bark and fruit are all aromatic." **30 seeds £2.95p**

SEAKALE

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

SKIRRET

(*Sium sisarium*.) "...is hot & moist, corroborating & good for the stomach, nourishing, wholesome & delicate, & of all the root

kinds, not so subject to be windy. So valued by Emperor Tiberius, that he accepted them in tribute." 1727 **50 seeds £2.75p**

SPIGNEL MEUM

(*Meum athamanticum*) "The plant, especially the root is very aromatic with a flavour like Meliot which it communicates to milk & butter from the cows feeding upon its herbage. **40 seeds £2.85p**

STRAWBERRY

Baron Solemacher (Syn.Improved Rügen). An old variety yielding clusters of deep red, sweet & juicy berries. First offered by German seed house F.C. Heinemann. in 1935. **30 seeds £2.50p**

Musk Strawberry. (Syn. Haute Bois) (*Fragaria moschata*). Prior to 1766 Histoire naturelle des fraisières.

They are native to parts of Europe where they are more common and were formerly the Strawberry of choice. **30 seeds £2.85p**

Wild. "...doth grow upon hills & vallies, & 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 £2.65p**

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 & used to flavour cooked foods, especially acid fruits." **100 seeds £2.50p**

BASILS

Bush. By 1653. The Complete Herbal. "Compact & sturdy, almost bonsai-like. 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/Neapolitan. "...broad, crimped, undulating leaves, from 2-4ins long, & of a low thick-set habit. The leaves are much larger than those of any other kind." **300 Seeds £2.00p**

Red/Rubin. "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**

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

CARAWAY. by 1596. It hath a moderate sharp quality, it breaketh wind a provoketh urine, which also the herb doth. Pleasant & comfortable to the stomach it aids digestion." **200 seeds £2.00p**

CHERVIL. "...is pleasant to the stomacke & taste... The Dutch use it in a kinde of hotch-pot which they, call Warmus. The leaves of Cherill are exceeding good, wholesome, & pleasant."

Plain or curled leaved forms both **300 seeds £2.00p**

CHIVES. Hp. "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 stomach, staideth vomiting, & helps digestion. " **300 Seeds £2.00p**

COSTMARY or ALECOST Hp. (*Tanacetum balsamita*) The leaves can be used raw or 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. Hp. "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." **Green 300 Seeds £2.00p**

Bronze Form. Hp. **200 Seeds £2.00p**

LEMON BALM. See *Physical & Economic Herbs*

MARJORAM & OREGANO

Pot Marjoram. Hp. "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. Hp. "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. Hp. "... 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. Hp. "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. **70 seeds. £2.25p**

SAGE Hp. "This is an shrubby plant found in every garden, & is well known as a flavouring herb." **70 seeds. £2.25p**

SAVOURY

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

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

THYME

Wild or Creeping. Hp "A small native plant with a slender creeping stem, bearing small oval-rounded leaves & erect terminal clusters. **300 seeds £2.00p**

Common or English Thyme. Hp **300 seeds £2.00p**

Provence Thyme. Hp. Reputedly the most flavoursome with a strong & sweet taste. Narrow, delicate grey-green leaves & pink flowers, Produces an abundance of foliage **300 seeds £2.00p**

PHYSICAL, MEDICAL & ECONOMIC HERBS

Although, by no means, an exhaustive list. We consider it our proper duty to advise that seeds (&/or the plants grown from them) marked thus ☠ may be injurious or hazardous to health. & we advise proper caution when handling them.

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

ANGELICA. Hp "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. Ha "...The seed has an aromatic smell & a pleasant sweetish taste; Used as a carminative, a cordial & stomachic, the essential oil is very mild." **200 Seeds £2.40p**

☠ **ARNICA** Hp. (*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! **30 Seeds £2.65p**

BERGAMOT.

Wild Hp. (*Monarda fistulosa*). "The leaves are popularly dried to prepare bergamot tea. Native Americans shared this 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. Hp. A member of the mint family with a fantastic display of purple bracts, on 2-3ft plants. Also known as Bee Balm & is a magnet for bees & butterflies. **100 Seeds £2.00p**

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

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

BORAGE. Ha "Leaves & roots used against fevers, to defend the heart, & help to expel poison, or the venom of creatures: the seed is of the like effect Edible flowers. **60 Seeds £2.40p**

White Form: Edible flowers **60 Seeds £2.40p**

CATGRASS (*Dactylis glomerata*) Hp "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. Hp (*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. Hp (*N. cataria*) "The whole plant has a strong aromatic odour & is particularly grateful to Cats." **150 Seeds £2.50p**

CHAMOMILES

Lawn. Hp "The flower are esteemed for their agreeable tonic properties. They are a relaxant, & only moderately stimulant; & expend their influence somewhat promptly. Culinary use **500 seeds £2.00p**

☠ **Dyer's Chamomile** – see *Dye Plants* below

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

CLARY Meadow. Hp "Brilliant deep violet-blue flowers on bushy compact plants all through summer. Easy to grow, with aromatic leaves, worthy of a place in any garden." **100 seeds £2.50p**

☠ **COMFREY.** Hp "Has impressive wound-healing properties due to the presence of allantoin which stimulates cell proliferation & helps wound-healing both internally externally. In superficial wounds, this can prevent scar formation." **30 Seeds £2.65p**

CUMIN. Prior to 1602. HA. "One of the four great hot Seeds, & consists of very warming dissolving parts, good at expelling wind from the Stomach & Bowels, & is frequently put into Glysters for that purpose, as well as given in Powder." **200 Seeds £2.00p**

DILL. HA. "The Seed is 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.

Hp (*E. pallida*) **Pale Cone-flower.** By 1799. "The Native Americans used it for its efficacious effect upon wounds of the flesh & especially against the bite of the serpent." **40 seeds £2.85p**

E. purpurea. Hp. **Purple Cone-flower** **100 seeds £2.50p**

FERUGULA Giant Fennel. Hp. "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." **20 seeds £2.50**

FETHERFEWE. Hp "Dried & made into powder, & 2 drams of it taken with honey or sweet wine, purgeth melancholy & flegme. Very good for them that are giddie of the head, or which have vertigo. Culinary uses **300 seeds £2.40p**

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

HYSSOP. Hp "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 with falling-sickness." Culinary uses **300 seeds £2.40p**

LADY'S MANTLE. Hp By 1539. "A wound-herb for bathing, it dries the humidity of sores & heals inflammation, draws corruption & heals green wounds; & cures all old sores." **100 seeds £2.75p**

LAVENDER. English. Hp. (*L. angustifolia*.) "The floures mixed with Cinnamon, Nutmeg & Cloves, made into a powder, & given to drinke in distilled water helpe the panting & passion of the heart, Prevaileth against giddinesse, or swimming of the braine & members subject to the palsie." Edible fls **100 seeds. £2.40p**

French. Hp. Edible flowers **100 seeds. £2.40p**

Munstead Blue. Hp. Edible flowers **100 seeds. £2.40p**

Hidcote. HP. Edible flowers **100 seeds. £2.40p**

LEMON BALM. Hp. "Causes the mind & heart to become merry. Relieves faintings & swooning's. Drives away troublesome thoughts, arising from melancholy." **300 seeds £2.00p**

MARSH-MALLOW. Hp. "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**

MEADOWSWEET. See dye plants below

MILK THISTLE. Hp. "Effectual for agues, & to prevent & cure the plague: as also to open the obstructions of the liver & spleen, & thereby is good against the jaundice. Young leaves used as spring greens **30 seeds £2.50p**

MINTS

Applemint. Hp. (*M. suaveolens*) "Aromatic with a fruity, spearmint flavour. Used in the production of mint sauce & jelly." **300 seeds £2.00p**

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

Black Peppermint. Hp. (*M x piperita*) "A medicine for the biting of a Dog, being bruised with salt & laid thereon. The Pouders of it being dried & taken after Meat helps digestion. **300 seeds £2.00p**

Spearmint Hp. (*Mentha spicata*) "Highly aromatic, with dark-green, sweetly aromatic leaves, extensively used for garnishing & flavouring." **300 seeds £2.00p**

☠ **PYRETHRUM.** Hp. "The dried flower heads are the 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. Hp. (*Eryngium maritimum*.) "The distilled water of the Herb helpeth the melancholly of the Heart." **30 seeds £2.80p**

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

ST. JOHN his worte. See dye plants below.

TAGETES

Mexican Marigold. (*Tagetes minuta*). Ha. 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 £2.65p**

French Marigold. (*T. patula*). 1572. Ha "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*). HHP native to Central America. It is used as a medicinal & 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**

Mr Etty is the leading supplier of wholesale bespoke seed packets & gift boxes and would be pleased to discuss your requirements. our staff are well versed in the design & supply of seed packets as wedding favours.

VALERIAN. Hp. Noted for its effect as a tranquilliser it encourages & 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 state of excitement!” Untested recently! **100 seeds £2.40p**

VERVAIN/VERBENA. Hp. 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

With regard to the following descriptions, Mr Etty possess no real knowledge in the use of plants as a source of dyes, he knows only that some plants will yield a colour fast dye naturally and others require chemical mordants to fix the colours. The description should serve only as an indication of the colours that may be obtained from these plants but for the methods etc that should be employed to extract the dye should be sought elsewhere.

****AMARANTHUS Hopi Red Dye** (*Amaranthus cruentus x powellii*) Ha “The flowers are used to colour Hopi bread, although best used as a food dye, it can be used to obtain yellows & oranges on wool with the use of mordants. **30 seeds £2.75.**

****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 & it is the source of the expression “Red Tape”. **25 seeds £2.65p**

DYER’S CHAMOMILE. Hp. (*Anthemis tinctoria*) 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*) Ha “A yellow (red with an acid mordant) dye is obtained from the flowers & is used to dye cloth.” **100 seeds £2.65p**

DYER’S GREENWEED Hp. (*Genista tinctoria*) “A good quality yellow dye is obtained from the whole plant, but especially from the flowers & young shoots. Alum, cream of tartar & sulphate of lime are used to fix the colour. **30 seeds £2.65p**

DYER’S WELD. Hp. (*Reseda luteola*) “Some do commend it against the bitings of venomous creatures, to be taken inwardly & applied outwardly to the hurt place; also, for Plague or Pestilence.” Yields an especially pure & fast yellow. **300 seeds £2.50p**

DYER’S WOAD. Hp. (*Isatis tinctoria*) “... the British stained themselves blue with woad. & their women colouring themselves with it went naked to some of their sacrifices.” **30 seeds £2.50p**

****GOLDENROD.** Hp. “Produces light-fast primrose yellows on wool. Use the flowers fresh, as dried flowers do not produce a good colour. If the flowers are ready & you do not have any mordanted fibres, you can freeze the dye liquor.” **30 seeds £2.65p**

HOLLYHOCK BLACK. Ha. “.. achieves rich complex blues, greens, & teals that would otherwise require the more involved process of creating an indigo vat. While the colourfastness is not optimal, the ease of use & uniqueness of colour make it a joy to dye with.” See Hollyhocks below. **40 seeds £2.75p**

INDIGO (True) (*Indigofera tinctoria*). HHp. “The original sources of indigo dye.” It has been called ‘the king of dyes’ and no other dye plants have had such a prominent place in as many civilizations as this genus. Medicinal uses also. **20 seeds £3.50p**

LADIES BEDSTRAW. Hp. (*Galium verum*). “Produces yellow dye from the stems, leaves & flowering tips & a red dye from the roots.”

300 seeds £2.50p

MADDER. Hp. (*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**

MEADOWSWEET. (*Filipendula ulmaria*) Hp. “The whole stem, including the flowers. yields a yellow to mustard dye with good fastness. Traditionally used for dyeing wool for tartans. & also used to flavour mead & as a strewing herb.” **100 seeds £2.50p**

POT MARIGOLD (*Calendula officinalis*). Ha. A yellow dye is obtained from the boiled flowers. An essential oil is obtained from the plant.

“The flowers (green or dried), often used in possets, broths, & drinks, as a comforter of the heart & spirits. **100 seeds £2.00p**

ST JOHN’S WORT. Hp. (*Hypericum perforatum*) “Gives a range of beautiful colours from taupe & brown to pink, red, maroon, yellow & green.” **100 seeds £2.40p**

****STINGING NETTLE.** Hp. (*Urtica dioica*) “Nettles yield a beige/light yellow, often with a green undertone, which turns into a beautiful dusty green when modified with iron.” **100 seeds £2.40p**

****SUNFLOWER Hopi Black.** Ha “Large & yellow flowered bearing colour rich dark purple seeds. Selected by the American Hopi people & used as a dye in basketry & for wool. **30 seeds £2.75**

TANSAY. Hp. (*Tanacetum vulgare*) A green dye is obtained from the young shoots. “The leaves & flowers can be used to produce a yellow dye.” **300 seeds £2.40p**

****WILD CARROT. Queen Anne’s Lace.** Ha. (*Daucus carota*) “A number of colours can be achieved dyeing wool with Queen Anne’s Lace, from day glow yellow to a rich gold to forest green depending on the mordant used.” **200 seeds £2.40p**

YARROW. Hp. (*Achellia millefolium*). “With an alum mordant, yarrow makes a whole range of yellow shades. With an iron mordant or afterbath, the most amazing olive greens & dusky grey-greens can be achieved.” **100 seeds £2.40p**

OF FLOWERING PLANTS

ALYSSUM.

Prior to 1710. An. “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. An. Prior to 1665. (Syn Bishop’s Weed). A mass of green ferny foliage covered with umbels of lacy white flowers. Strong stems make this excellent variety for cutting. **200 seed £2.50p**

Ammi visnaga. An. 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) (*Antirrhinum majus*). An. “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. HP. (*Astrantia major*) Before 1782. "A curious & unusual hardy herbaceous plant, is easily grown & suitable for damp, shady places; it is now enjoying a well-deserved wave of popularity for floral arrangements." **30 seeds £2.80p**

AUBRETIA.

Named for the French botanical artist Claude Aubriet. Hp. Compact, mat forming & spreading. Ideal for wall tops, rock-gardens & border edgings. Prefers full sun & a well drained soil. Colours from white through pale pink to rich purple. **200 seeds £2.50 (Mix't)**

BELLS OF IRELAND

(*Moluccella Laevis*) An. "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**

🦋 ENGLISH BLUEBELL.

HP bulb. (*Hyacinthodes 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**

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**

Iberis gibralterica. . Prior to 1776. "The flowers of this plant, bear fome refembrace 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**

CAMPANULAS

Canterbury Bell. Hp. (*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**

Harebell. Hp. (*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**

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."

Ancient writers on plants, supposing that the flowers of this genus produced abundantly the material of which bees form their wax, gave it the name of "Cerinthe", which rendered into English would be wax-flower or waxwort, not honeywort, by which the genus has long been, and is now, generally called."

Curtis's Botanical Magazine Vol. 10 (1796)

20 seeds £2.80p

CINERARIA

Silver dust. HHp "... beautiful silver leaves that shimmer in the sunlight. The compact Cineraria Silver dust looks beautiful added to flower beds & borders for stunning contrast to flower displays." **300 seeds £2.75p**

COBAEA SCANDENS

Blue Form. (Cup and Saucer Vine) Prior to 1791 An. "Appeals to anyone longing for something with panache & visual impact. Extremely attractive when scrambling 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.

8 seeds £2.95p

🦋 COLUMBINES

Wild. Hp. (Granny's Bonnet.) (*Aquilegia vulgaris*) "The stalke is, slender, reddish & slightly 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

Munstead White. Hp. (*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**

Nora Barlow. Hp. Named after the grand-daughter of Charles Darwin but actually a 16thc. variety called Rose Columbine. Spurless & double flowered with pink & green petals. **50 seeds £2.75p**

Barlow Mix. "A Combination of blues, violets, pinks and partly white edged Granny's Bonnets." **50 seeds £2.75p**

William Guinness. Hp. "Eye-catching, short-spurred & noted for its slender stems of nodding flowers with deep black-purple petals surrounded by white central petals." **40 seed £2.75p**

🦋 CORNCOCKLE.

Native. An. (*Agrostemma githago*) "...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. An (*Centaurea cyanus*) "Floures, are of a blue colour, consisting of 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

COSMOS.

Sensations Mix't An. "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." **100 seeds £2.40p**

****Purity:** White selection from Sensations: **100 seeds £2.40p**

****Dwarf Mix.** 2-3 inch blooms in shades of purple, crimson, pink & white which make a bold, beautiful statement in your flower garden on shorter stems than other Cosmos. **100 seeds £2.40p**

**DAHLIA

Bishops Children. These Dahlias were bred on and developed from Bishop of Llandaff. A fiery, mid-height dahlia mix in a range of striking colours, all enhanced by the rich bronze foliage. Stunning in border. **40 seeds £2.75p**

**DIDISCUS

(*Didiscus coerulea*.) "A lovely plant for border, patio or conservatory. Spectacular dome-shaped, lace-like, clusters of flowers in a beautiful shade of lavender-blue." **50 seeds £2.75p**

**ERIGERON

Mexican Fleabane. (*Erigeron karvinskianus*). "Masses of enthusiastically produced yellow centred dainty daisy flowers come in many shades of white and pink from spring to autumn."

Will seed gently into crevices and cracks. Best in full sun and dry soils but will cope with a little shade." **50 seeds £2.85p**

ERYRNGIUM

Miss Wilmotts Ghost (*Eryngium giganteum*) Hp 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. **30 seeds £2.85p**

ESCHSCHOLTZIA.

Californian Poppy. 1792 Ha. "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." **300 seeds £2.65p**

FORGET-ME-NOT.

Wild. Ha. (*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. (*Digitalis purpurea*) Biennial/short-lived perennial. "How singularly & how regularly do the blossoms hang, one over the other; How delicate are the little spots which ornament the inside of the flower! How pleasing it is to behold the nestling bee hide itself in its pendulous blossoms! While extracting the sweets which furnish our tables with Honey & our manufacturers with wax." **500 seeds £2.40p**

White Form. (*Digitalis purpurea* "Alba") Biennial/short-lived perennial.

500 seeds £2.40p

Apricot (*Digitalis purpurea*) Biennial/short-lived perennial. "Pinkish yellow flowers with brown mottling inside. Plant in clumps for best effect. Height to 4ft. **500 seeds £2.40p**

Café Crème/Straw Foxglove (*Digitalis lutea lanata*) Biennial/short lived perennial. "Creamy white and bronze flowers. The tubular flowers have gold highlights and purple veins. The overall effect is very soft." To circa 3ft. **100 seeds £2.75p**

Foxy, (Dwarf) Before 1965. To 30ins. Biennial/short-lived perennial. "This compact selection produces flowers in a range of soft pastel colours, white, yellow, cream, lavender, rose & red with distinctive marbled markings." **300 seeds £2.40p**

Excelsior Hybrids. Biennial/short-lived perennial. "A new strain of Foxgloves, erect flowers carried all around the stems showing the beautiful blotched & spotted markings, in a wide range of colours." Barr & Sugden's Catalogue 1950. Attracts bees & butterflies with its lightly sweet fragrance. To 7ft. **300 seeds £2.40p**

Pam's Choice/Elsie Kelsey. (*Digitalis purpurea*) Biennial/short perennial. An excellent selection, with creamy white flowers & dark burgundy throats, the flowers are truly outstanding creating tall spires (circa 4ft), perfect for the back of borders. **50 seeds £2.75p**

Rusty Foxglove. (*Digitalis ferruginea*) By 1816. Biennial/short-lived perennial. "Tall slender spikes bear many distinctive pale orange-brown flowers each with a protruding white lip. **200 seeds £2.75p**

GYPSOPHILA.

Hp. (*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." **300 seed £2.40p**

Covent Garden. (*Gypsophila elegans*) Prior to 1898. Ha "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. **300 seed £2.40p**

☠ HELIOTROPE.

(*Heliotropium arborescens*). 1757. HHp "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

****Antwerp Hollyhock mix.** (*A. ficifolia*) (Syn Fig-leaved Hollyhock) This species is nearly allied to *A. rosea*. In the opinion of Dr. Stapf, of the Kew, it may have been derived from it by cultivation. It is a plant which varies considerably, the height ranging from 2-5 ft & the colour from purple to yellow." Levant, 1597 **.40 seeds £2.75p**

Chater's Double mix Before 1818. "Wm. Chater, of Saffron Walden, has a large stock of his collection of this splendid flower, & can supply good strong plants. Having been a collector & grower for 25 years, he has devoted a great deal of time & expense to their improvement, & at the decease of the late Mr. Baron in 1848 purchased his entire collection & was successful in raising several novel & distinct varieties, some of which, are of the most brilliant colour & very fine in form. " **40 seeds £2.75p**

Single mix. (*Alcea rosea*) By 1585. "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." **40 seeds £2.75p**

Black. By 1585. Maroon black. Single flowered **40 seeds £2.75p**

HONESTY

Prior to 1548. (*Lunaria annua*) "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.

Hp. (*Polemonium caeruleum*) Masses of cool lavender-blue flowers, with an open bell-shape with orange stamens. **100 seeds £2.65p**

Hp. (*Polemonium caeruleum* "Alba") **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. (*Delphinium ajacis*) "These anuual delphiniums are quite hardy & are very suitable for beds, shrubberies & borders the fine spikes of blooms are exceedingly graceful & attractive,"

Dwarf or Tall Forms. (please specify) **300 seeds £2.50p**

LOVE-IN-A-MIST.

Mix't Colours. (*Nigella damascena*) **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,
Pink 300 seeds £2.40p
White 300 seeds £2.40p

☠ **MR RUSSELL'S LUPINS.**

Bred & introduced in 1937 (*Lupinus polyphyllus*) Hp "A unique strain of perennial Lupins with exceptionally bold spikes of blooms often 3½ ft in length in a wide range of colours." 50 seeds £2.75p

LYNCHIS.

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

Rose Champion. Hp. (*Lynchis coronaria atrosanguinea*). "The liveliness of whose colours no paint can express, was cultivated by Miller in 1739; feeling it is a plant of such beauty & honoured by fo distinguished an appellation." Curtis's Botanical Magazine Vol. 8.

Both forms 300 seeds £2.40p

MARIGOLDS

Art Shades. An.. (*Calendula officinalis*) Before 1933. "A mixture of attractive fully double blooms in shades of orange, gold and yellow. Particularly useful for cutting."

Edible Flowers. The petals add colour to salads, and a rich golden yellow dye can also be extracted from the flowers. 70 seeds £2.50p

Orange King. An.. Before 1901. "A splendid variety with enormous orange flowers, perfectly double & well formed. Edible Flowers. The petals add colour to salads & a rich golden yellow dye can also be extracted from the flowers. 70 seeds £2.50p

Wintersun. An... Modern. Bushy habit with compact yellow flowers flowering from autumn to early spring. Ideal for patio tubs & containers. Edible Flowers. 70 seeds £2,65p

MIGNONETTE

(*Reseda odorata*). A plentiful weed in North Africa, & more particularly in Egypt, whence it travelled to Italy, & made its way northward. In 1742 Lord Bateman saw it in the Royal Garden of Paris & secured seed for the introduction to this country. "The garden is greatly heightened by the delightful odure which this plant diffuses; & as it is readily cultivated in pots, its fragrance may be conveyed to the reclufe, or the chamber of the valetudinarian; its perfume, though not fo refreshing as the Sweet-Briar, or so apt to offend the moft delicate olfactories.

1787 300 seeds £2.70p

☠ ****MIRABILIS**

Marvel of Peru. A stunning tropical looking annual producing trumpet-like flowers all summer in a wide variety of colours on well branched 18" plants with the most wonderful, sweet fragrance. 10 seeds £2.75p

☠ **MORNING GLORY**

Black Knight. Ha. (*Ipomoea purpurea*) "A stunning variety delivering masses of dark purple almost black flowers with a cerise throat & ivory eye. Plants that can reach 10 ft." 20 seeds £2.65p

Clark's Heavenly Blue. Ha, By 1915. "A 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

Scarlet O'Hara. Ha, 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-cress with a degree of sweetness which that plant does not possess. more particularly resident in the fur of the calyx, or nectary; hence are sometimes used in fallads, and hence the plant acquires its name of Nasturtium. Curtis's Botanical Reg. 1787.

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

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

****Gleam Hybrids:** Modern. Climbing, Semi-double flowers. 30 seeds £2.25p

Blue Pepe (See vegetables above)

☠ **NICOTIANA**

Nicotiana affinis. By 1880. Ha. "... 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. Ha, "... 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*) Hp. Aside from its usefulness as a medicinal herb, this is an exceptionally attractive plant, & can grow to 4ft. 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

ORLAYA GRANDIFLORA

White Finch. 1910. Ha. "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 Hp. (*Dianthus carthusianorum*) Prior to 1700. "Sprouts tufts of grey-green, grass-like leaves, above which, from mid-summer to early autumn, it bears clusters of delicate, pink-red, scented flowers, on upright wiry stems." 100 seeds £2.75p

Enfant de Nice. Hp. 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 Chabaud. Hp. 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. Hp. (*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. Hp. (*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. Hp. (*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. Hp.. (*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. Hp.. (*Dianthus superbus*). "Diffuses an agreeable odour which renders them most desirable objects for the flower garden. This quality the present species possesses in a superior degree to most others. A few of its flowers communicate to a nosegay a delicate & most delicious smell." **100 seeds £2.75p**

SWEET WILLIAM

Auricula-eyed. Hp. (*Dianthus barbatus*). "Dean's Auricula-eyed Sweet William, Most exquisite in form and colour." 1865. "Saved exclusively from the finest show varieties with rich colours and distinct white eye and margins." **300 seeds £2.50p (Mixt)**

Single Form. Hp. "Walking last Friday morning in my garden, where stands a house that I have grunted hard in: & finding there Sweet William by my bower." 1640 **300 seeds £2.50p (Mix't)**

Double-mixed. Hp.. Prior to 1665 "The floures at the top of the stalkes are like small pinkes, many joynd together in one tuft or spiky umbell, of a divers colour." **200 seeds £2.50p (Mixt)**

Named Sweet William Varieties

All 100 seeds - £2.85p

Holborn Glory. Hp. By 1896. (D.I.) Gardening Illustrated. Vol. 17. "Individual Flower the size of an (old) penny, with a well dented white smooth edge, & a large white centre, the flower trusses are a combination of raspberry-red & a pristine white ring borne on straight, stiff stalks easily grown from seeds."

Oeschberg. Hp. "Attractive, with bronze leaves and deep purple-violet flowers. Plants flower all summer from May to August."

Nigrescens. Hp. 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. Hp. 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 £2.50p**

POPPIES

Icelandic. Hp. (*P. nudicaule*) 1730. Short-lived perennial. 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. Ha. (*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 £2.50p**

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

Shirley Double Poppy. Ha. 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**

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. Ha. "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**

Hungarian Blue Bread-seed. Ha. 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. Before 1914. Ha 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 3-5 ft tall, depending on how rich your soil is. Large blue-grey leaves **250 seeds £2.65p**

PASQUE FLOWER.

(*Pulsatilla vulgaris*) Hp. "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. Hp. (*Primula auricula*) 1596. "This beautifull & brave plant hath thicke greene, & fat leaves, somewhat finely snipt about the edges; among which riseth up a stem a hand high, bearing a tuft of floures at the top of divers colour." A mixture **40 seeds £2.75p**

Wild Primrose. Hp. (*Primula vulgaris*) 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. (*Primula veris*) Hp. "A strong infusion of them, with a quantity of sugar, forms an agreeable syrup." Edible flowers **40 seeds £2.75p**

RED VALERIAN.

(*Centranthus ruber*). Hp. 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**

SWEET SCABIOUS.

Ha. (*Scabiosa atropurpurea*) "...has long & 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. (*Matthiola incana*) 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." **200seeds £2.50p**

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SUNFLOWER.

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

****Chocolat.** A stunning branching variety "Chocolat" delivers an abundance of 4 to 5 inch rich chocolate coloured flowers with contrasting yellow striping on the reverse. **35 seeds £2.75p**

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SWEET PEAS

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Ha. 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. (*Lathyrus odorata*) Morse-Vaughan 1896. A combination of bright red & white make this 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."

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'."

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

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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"

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

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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.

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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.

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(*Armeria maritima*) Native Hp. "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**

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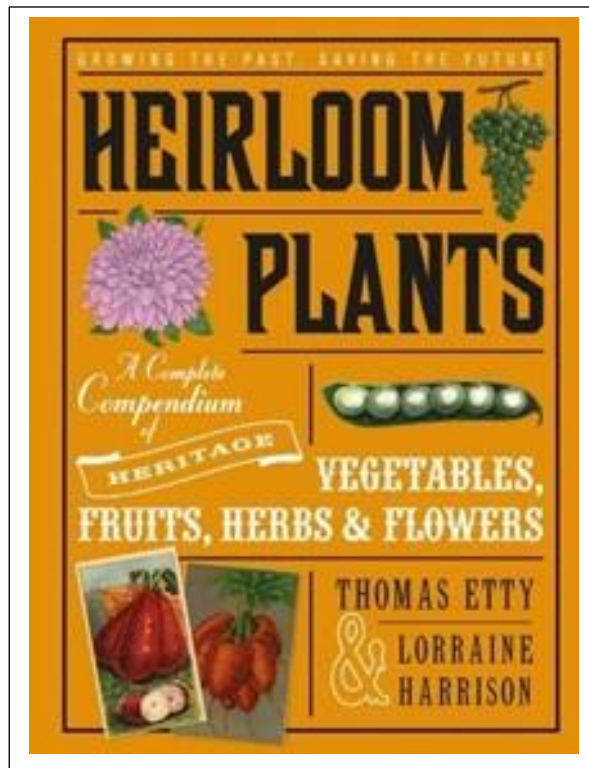
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We recall that quite a number had enquired about the book and in the absence of any UK editions we referred the enquirer to EBay and Amazon where 2nd hand copies are available. These copies, which we have obtained from Chicago Review Press, are brand-new.

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