

Linda

August plant list 2020

All the plants in this list are carefully chosen to work together and all go to at least part shade. A couple of ferns for structure and three or four other plants on our list plus some bulbs later in the year will give you a lovely container garden or window box. It will attract the bees, improve your views, change with the seasons, die down in winter and give you the joy of watching it come back in the spring. Our plant choices definitely lean towards pollinator-friendly wild flowers and suit naturalistic planting schemes but would also work to soften a more formal garden or an urban balcony. We buy in small quantities so tend to sell out quickly but try to restock every few weeks.

9 cm pots - £4.50

Viola Molly Sanderson

Sun/part shade. Velvety black violas. A little bit of Victoriana goth is always good in a garden. Lovely tumbling out of a vintage terracotta pot. Long flowering, butterflies, moths and bees love them.

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Sun/part shade. Flowers happily in the very shady Linda courtyard, spreading, beautiful tiny long-lasting daisy flowers May-October, self-seeds in cracks, excellent for pollinators. Invaluable. 30cm↑

1 litre pot - £6.50

Oxalis tetraphylla 'Iron Cross' / Good luck plant

Sun/part shade. Such a rewarding plant – lovely bright green clover-like foliage with burgundy splotches at the base which close up at dusk with bright pinkish-red flowers through summer. Great in a pot, window box or front of a border. June – August 15 – 20 cm↑

2 litre pots - £10.00

Lamium maculatum 'White Nancy' / White deadnettle

Part shade. Silvery-grey leaves with green edge and pretty small white flowers from June-August. Can be used as ground cover and makes dark corners sing but lovely in window boxes and pollinators love them. 20-30cm↑

Tiarella 'Sky Rocket' / Foam flower

Part shade/shade. Very pretty, cheeky, dusky-pink flower, like the lamium, can be used as ground cover but really lovely with ferns in containers and window boxes. 30cm↑

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Heuchera sanguinea coral petite / Coral bells (only 4 left)

Part shade. Compact heuchera with evergreen foliage and the brightest of coral-red flowers that really pop in the shade from May-July. 30 cm ↑

2 litre pots - £11

Anemanthele lessoniana / New Zealand wind grass (4 left)

Sun/part shade. A really useful, pretty evergreen fountain grass with lovely orangey-red streaking and flowers from June - September – so much going on through the year. A good statement grass for a balcony or small garden 1m↑

Anemone hybrida 'Konigin Charlotte' / Japanese anemone 'Queen Charlotte'

Sun/shade, beautifully tall, elegant anemone with very soft pink, semi-double flowers – looks lovely dancing in the wind and butterflies love it. It's a late flowerer so useful. Good height too. August – October 90 - 120 cm↑

Astrantia major 'Shaggy' / Great masterwort

Sun/shade. Lovely, large whiteish-green pincushion flower-heads. One of my favourite plants, grows happily in my totally shady lightwell. Flowers later in the year and just keeps going 70-90cm↑

Hakonechloa macra / Japanese forest grass

Part shade. Graceful, arching compact Japanese grass that forms lush mounds and moves particularly satisfyingly in the wind. Great in containers or adding texture at the front of a border. 30-60cm↑

Muehlenbeckia complexa / Maiden hair vine

Sun/shade. Brilliantly versatile. Dainty-leaves on tiny wiry stems, this airy semi-evergreen trails or climbs giving pots and planters a lovely full and lush vibe. Will cover your whole balcony given the chance. 3m↑

Sanguisorba officianalis tanna / Burnet

Sun/part shade. Compact version originally from Japan, beautiful foliage and striking dark red flower spires. Lovely structure, great with grasses and anemones and pollinators love them. June – September. 50-60cm ↑

Thalictrum delavayi 'Splendide' / Yunnan meadow rue

Part shade. One of the prettiest plants out there. Delicate, lacy almost transparent foliage frames a slender stem with gracefully little pale purple flowers that almost float when in bud. June – August 1.2 – 1.5m↑

Thalictrum delavayi 'Splendide White' / Yunnan meadow rue

A rarer form of the above. 1.2 – 1.5m↑

Veronicastrum virginicum 'Challenger' / Culver's root 'Challenger' (only 3 left)

Sun/part shade. Loved by Piet Oudolf (which is almost enough right there for some people), this brilliant upright, late-flowering plant has the palest of pink spires, perfect for gaps in your borders or balcony. July – September 1.2 – 1.6m↑

Ferns in 2 litre pots - £11

Adiantum imbricatum / Aleutian maidenhair fern

Part shade/shade. A really interesting and pretty fern, similar to the venustum below but its short stems carry fronds that fan out into little hand shapes. Not evergreen 40-50cm ↑

Adiantum venustum / Himalayan maidenhair fern

Part shade/shade. Hardy version of everyone's favourite house plant. Can be used as groundcover but spreads slowly. Beautiful in pots or window boxes. Not evergreen. 40-50cm↑

Asplenium scolopendrium / Hart's tongue fern

Part shade/shade. Hardy, evergreen structural little fern – looks lovely with a mixture of other ferns and white flowers. –. Easy to look after. 60cm↑

Asplenium trichomanes / Maidenhair spleenwort

Part shade/shade. A little beauty – small evergreen fern with delicate fronds on tiny black wiry stems, lovely in between paving stones, at the front of terracotta pots and tucked in shady corners. 50cm↑

Blechnum spicant / Deer fern

Full/part shade. This lovely little evergreen fern has small dark, delicate green fronds, works beautifully in a pot or shady window box. Should be much more popular. Does prefer an acid soil. 50-60/cm ↑

Cyrtomium Falcatum / Japanese holly fern

Sun/shade. Likes damp soil but very hardy evergreen with unusually shaped green, glossy arching fronds – a really useful fern for adding contrasting foliage. 60-90cm ↑

Polypodium vulgare / Common polypody

Part shade though can stand the sun. Hardy, evergreen with deep-cut green fronds – excellent for dry shade. It spreads slowly and once established can settle in cracks in walls. 30cm↑

Polystichum setiferum / Soft shield fern

Part shade - shade. Large, evergreen fern with soft, arching, unfurling fronds in spring. Perfect in a border or a large pot 1.2 m ↑

Polystichum tsussimense / Korean rock fern

Full/part shade. Low growing pretty, tufty evergreen fern with light green, dainty foliage which light up dark corners, great for window-boxes. 30 – 50cm↑

Shrubs: 10 litre pot £45

Fatsia polycarpa 'Green Fingers'

Sun/part shade. A rare and much airier, prettier relation of the ubiquitous Fatsia Japonica with light palm-like leaves. Evergreen so a great statement plant, it gets big in a border but can be grown in a large pot on a balcony 3m↑

Delivery £5.00

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