

Magnolia		"Butterflies"	An upright growing small tree with obovate leaves, new growth tinged maroon. Bears conical buds opening to primrose yellow flowers before the leaves. Height 3-4m. Spread 2-2.5m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Flowers from March to April.
Magnolia		"Susan"	An upright shrub with mid-green leaves, narrow goblet-shaped purple-red flowers outside and paler inside produced from dark purple-red buds. Height 4m. Spread 3m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. April to May. Needs acid conditions.
Magnolia		"Yellow Lanterns"	An upright growing small tree with obovate fresh green leaves. Bears conical buds opening to pale lemon, tulip-shaped flowers before the leaves. Height 3-4m. Spread 2-2.5m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Flowers from March to April.
Magnolia	grandiflora	"Exmouth"	A broadly conical evergreen tree with glossy light green leaves and large showy cup-shaped creamy white flowers. Height 6-18m. Spread 15m. Moist well-drained acidic soil in sun or part shade.. Flowers from August to September.
Magnolia	grandiflora	"Ferruginea"	A broadly conical evergreen shrub with glossy dark green leaves, rust colour beneath and large showy cup-shaped creamy white flowers. Height 6m. Sheltered site, well-drained peaty soil in sun. Good as a wall shrub. Aug.-Sep.
Magnolia	stellata		A compact bushy tree with mid-green leaves and star-shaped, pure white flowers. Height 3m. Spread 4m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. March to April. Not shallow chalky soils.
Magnolia	stellata	"Royal Star"	A compact bushy shrub with mid-green leaves and star-shaped, pure white flowers with many petals produced. Height 3m. Spread 4m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Flowers from March to April. Dislikes chalky soils.
Magnolia	wilsonii		A large, wide-spreading shrub with narrow, elliptic leaves and pendulous, saucer-shaped, fragrant white flowers

			with crimson stamens. Height and spread up to 6m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Flowers from May to June.
Magnolia	x kewensis	"Wada's Memory"	A broadly conical deciduous tree with dark green leaves, bronze when young and narrow petalled, scented white flowers. Height 9m. Spread 7m. Moist well-drained acidic soil in sun or part shade. Flowers from April to May. Deciduous.
Magnolia	x loebneri	"Leonard Messel"	A rounded tree with mid-green leaves and star-shaped, very pale lilac-pink flowers before the leaves. Height 8m. Spread 6m. Moist well-drained acidic soil in sun or part shade. Flowers from April to May.
Magnolia	x loebneri	"Pirouette"	A rounded tree with broad mid-green leaves, bronze when young and star-shaped, fully double white flowers before the leaves. Height 6m. Spread 5m. Moist well-drained acidic soil in sun or part shade. Flowers from March to April.
Mahonia	aquifolium		An open suckering evergreen shrub with bright green spiny toothed leaves often turning purple-red in winter. Clusters of yellow flowers followed by blue-black berries. Height 1m. Spread 1.5m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. April to May.
Mahonia	confusa		A small evergreen shrub with sea-green pinnate, leaves with many toothed leaflets. Terminal clusters of scented pale yellow flowers in long racemes. Blue-black berries ripen by spring. Height and spread 1m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Fl
Mahonia	japonica		An erect shrub with dark green leaves, sharply toothed. Long racemes of fragrant pale yellow flowers followed by purple-blue berries. Height 2m. Spread 3m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Flowers from November to March.
Mahonia	nervosa		A dwarf, suckering evergreen shrub with shiny leaves that often turn red in winter. Relatively long racemes of yellow flowers, followed by blackish-blue berries. Height and spread 1.2m.

Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Not good on chalky soil

Mahonia	nitens	"Cabaret"	An erect evergreen shrub with dark green pinnate leaves, sharply toothed. New growth has a purple tinge. Orange-red buds open to clear yellow flowers. Height 1m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Flowers from August to November.
Mahonia	x media	"Buckland"	An erect evergreen shrub with dark green leaves, sharply toothed and bright lemon yellow fragrant flowers. Height 5m. Spread 4m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. flowers from November to February.
Mahonia	x media	"Charity"	An erect evergreen shrub with dark green leaves, sharply toothed. Bright yellow fragrant flowers in dense clusters. Height 5m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Flowers from November to February.
Mahonia	x media	"Lionel Fortescue"	An erect, evergreen shrub with dark green leaves, sharply toothed. Bright yellow fragrant flowers in dense upright clusters. Height 5m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Nov.-Feb.
Mahonia	x media	"Winter Sun"	An erect evergreen shrub with dark green leaves, sharply toothed bright yellow fragrant flowers in dense arching clusters. Height 5m. Best in semi-shade in well-drained soil. Flowers from November to February.
Malus		"Neville Copeman"	A lovely crab apple with the young leaves being purple. Purple flowers are followed by deep rosy-orange to purple fruits. Height 4-5m. Spread 3-4m. Flowers during May. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade.
Malus	trilobata		An unusual crab apple forming an erect branched tree with maple-like deeply three-lobed leaves that show red tints in autumn. Large white flowers are followed by green fruits. Height 13m. Well-drained soil in sun.
Malus	x zumi	"Golden Hornet"	A rounded deciduous tree with bright green leaves. Pretty white flowers open from pink buds followed by long-lasting golden yellow fruits. Height 5m. Spread 4m. Moist well-drained soil in

sun. Flowers from April to May.

Matteuccia	orientalis		Evergreen fertile fronds in the centre surrounded by long, deciduous sterile fronds. Height 65cm. Moist soil in dappled shade.
Matteuccia	struthiopteris		Shuttlecock Fern. A beautiful fern with bright pale green fronds which unfurl in spring to form tight 'shuttlecocks'. Height 1.6m. Deciduous. Moist soil in part shade.
Meconopsis		"Lingholm"	A hybrid fertile form with hairy basal rosettes and stems carrying rich blue poppy flowers. Height 1m. Moist humus-rich well-drained acid soil in part shade. May-Jun.
Meconopsis	betonicifolia		Rosettes of light bluish green hairy leaves and saucer-shaped bright blue flowers with yellow stamens in early summer. Height 1.2m. Moist soil in part shade. Jun.-Jul.
Melittis	melisophyllum		A bushy herbaceous perennial with nettle-like leaves and creamy pink flowers with a darker pink lip. Height 35cm. Well-drained soil in sun or part shade. May-Jul.
Mertensia	primuloides		A lovely dwarf species from the Himalayas. Clumps of rounded lanceolate leaves and short spikes of hanging blue forget-me-not flowers. Height 15cm. Moist soil in part shade. Apr.-May.
Mianthemum	biflorum		Short, upright stems of deep green heart-shaped leaves topped with short spikes of small starry white flowers, followed by red berries. Height 10cm. Moist well-drained soil in part shade. May-Jun.
Miscanthus		"Purpurascens"	Upright green leaves that slowly turn to a deep burgundy colour by Winter. Small reddish-tinged flowers become creamy-white plumes as the seed ripens. Height 1-1.2m. Aug.-Sept. Moist well-drained soil in sun.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"China"	Broad deep green leaves with a silver midrib. Large, dense upright red-brown flower plumes ageing whitish-brown. Height 1.8m. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Jul.-Sep.

Miscanthus	sinensis	"Ferner Osten"	A strong growing grass with narrow leaves and deep reddish-pink flowers. Height up to 2m. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Aug-Oct.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Flamingo"	A tall graceful grass with narrow green leaves and lighter midribs. Large open heads of arching light wine-red flower plumes ageing to whitish-brown on reddish stems.. Height 2m. Moist well-drained soil in full sun. Aug.-Oct.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Giganteus"	A robust tall grass with narrow blue-green with pale silver-green midribs. Silvery white spikelets in a hot long summer. Height up to 4m. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Possibly the correct name for M. floridulus and M. sacchariflorus.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Gnome"	A dwarf variety with narrow deep green leaves with a silver midrib. Flower spikes are pink. Height 30-50cm. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Aug.-Oct.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Goliath"	A robust tall grass with large red-brown flower plumes ageing to silvery-brown. Height up to 2.5m. Moist well-drained soil in sun
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Gracillimus"	A robust tall grass with very narrow grey-green with pale silver-green midribs. Silvery white spikelets. Height 1.5-2.2m. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Oct.-Nov.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Grosse Fontaine"	An arching grass with green leaves, having lighter midribs. Bronze flower plumes fade to silvery-white. Height 2-2.5m. Moist well-drained soil in full sun. Aug.-Oct.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Kleine Fontaine"	Narrow deep green leaves with a silver midrib. Spreading to pendulous flower fingers, red purple-brown ageing to silvery pink. Height 1-1.5m. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Jul.-Sep.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Kleine Silberspinne"	An elegant grass with narrow spidery, horizontally held, green leaves with a silver midrib and large plumes of red-brown flowers. Height 90cm. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Aug.-Sep.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Krater"	A graceful grass with narrow green leaves and lighter midribs. Crimson maroon flower plumes fade to beige. Height 1.2m. Moist well-drained soil in full sun. Sep.-Nov.

Miscanthus	sinensis	"Little Kitten"	Slender leaves in a low mound and erect flower fingers of a reddish-brown colour ageing to a dingy white. Height 75cm. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Aug.-Sep.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Malepartus"	An elegant grass with narrow bronze-tinted, green leaves and rich purple-red flower plumes. Height 1.8m. Spread 1.2m. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Aug.-Nov.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Rotsilber"	A tall graceful grass with narrow green leaves and lighter midribs. Silver-red flower plumes. Height 1.75m. Moist well-drained soil in full sun. Aug.-Oct.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Septemberrot"	A strong growing grass with broadish leaves with a white midrib and reddish-brown flowers. Height 2-2.5m. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Aug-Oct.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Silberturm"	A robust tall grass with bold green leaves and pale silver-green midribs. Silvery white flower plumes. Height up to 3m. Moist well-drained soil in sun.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Sioux"	Clumps of thinnish, arching leaves with a reddish-brown tinge. Flower spikes commence silvery-pink, fading to white. Height 1.2m. Moist well-drained soil in full sun. Aug.-Oct.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Yaku-jima"	Narrow green leaves tinged reddish-brown in autumn. Reddish flower plumes in late autumn. Height 1.2m. Moist well-drained soil in full sun. Aug.-Oct.
Miscanthus	sinensis	"Zebrinus"	Zebra Grass. An elegant grass with arching narrow green leaves with bands of yellow and plumes of silver flowers. Height 2.4m. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Sep.-Oct.
Mitella	stylosa		A creeping perennial with hairy palmate leaves, yellowish green with bronze markings. Spikes of greenish-pink flowers. Height 10cm. Moist soil in shade. Apr.-May.
Molinia	caerulea ssp. arundinacea	"Karl Foerster"	Broad leaves that turn gold in autumn. Large airy reddish purple on stems 2-2.5m high. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Jul.-Sep.
Molinia	caerulea ssp. caerulea	"Variegata"	A densely tufted grass with narrow cream striped, green leaves and purple-tinted flower spikes. Height 1m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade.

Jul.-Oct.

Moltkia	petraea	Tufts of narrow grey-green leaves and heads of light blue flowers. Height 15cm. Well-drained soil in sun. Apr.-May.
Monarda	"Aquarius"	An aromatic clump-forming herbaceous perennial with whorls of pale lilac flowers. Height 60-90cm. Moist soil in sun. Jun.-Aug.
Monarda	"Balance"	Rosettes of aromatic leaves and whorls of deep pink flowers on stems 60-90cm. high. Moist soil in full sun. Aug.-Sep. Mildew resistant.
Monarda	"Fireball"	A dwarf variety with clumps of small-leaved aromatic foliage and stem carrying whorls of hooded red flowers. Height 40cm. Full sun in moist soil. Jul.-Aug. Mildew resistant. Can suffer with winter wet.
Monarda	"Loddon Crown"	A clump forming perennial with whorls of purple-red flowers above the strongly aromatic leaves. Height 90cm. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Jun.-Aug.
Monarda	"Mohawk"	Whorls of mauve-purple flowers above the aromatic leaves. Height 1m. Full sun in moist soil. Aug.-Sep. Mildew resistant. Can suffer with winter wet.
Monarda	"Pisces"	An aromatic clump-forming herbaceous perennial with whorls of pale pink flowers. Height 90cm. Moist soil in sun. Jun.-Aug.
Monarda	"Prairie Night"	An aromatic clump-forming, herbaceous perennial with lilac-purple flowers. Height 90cm. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Jul.-Sept. Does not like excessive winter wet.
Monarda	"Sagittarius"	An aromatic clump-forming perennial with dark lilac flowers. Height 60-90cm. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Jun.-Aug.
Monarda	"Scorpion"	An aromatic clump-forming herbaceous perennial with whorls of purple flowers. Height 60-90cm. Moist soil in sun. Jun.-Aug.
Monarda	"Snow Queen"	Whorls of white flowers above the aromatic leaves. Height 1m. Full sun in moist soil. Aug.-Sep. Mildew resistant.

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Monarda		"Snow White"	Whorls of white flowers above aromatic pale green leaves. Height 1m. Moist soil in full sun.. Aug.-Sep. Mildew resistant. Can suffer with winter wet.
Monarda		"Squaw"	A clump forming perennial with whorls of guardsman-red flowers above the strongly aromatic leaves. Height 1m. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Jul.-Aug.
Morisia	monanthus	"Fred Hemmingway"	Flat rosettes of deep green pinnate leaves with stemless relatively large yellow flowers in May. Height 5cm. Gritty soil in full sun, trough or Alpine house.
Muscari		"Baby's Breath"	Lovely powder blue flowers on 15cm. stems. Sunny, well-drained site. Mar.-May.
Muscari	armeniacum	"Valerie Finnis"	A lovely "Grape Hyacinth" with spikes of pale blue flowers. Height 15cm. Moist well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Mar.-May.
Muscari	aucheri	"Mount Hood"	A bulbous perennial with strap-like leaves and spikes of small tubular flowers bright blue with white tips. Height 10cm. Well-drained soil in sun. Non-invasive.
Muscari	latifolium		Produces one or two broad, dark green leaves and a flower spike of fragrant dark violet-blue flowers pale towards the top. Height 15-20cm. Well-drained soil in sun. Mar.-Apr.
Muscari	macrcarpon	"Golden Fragrance"	Strap-like grey-green leaves with bright yellow, highly fragrant flowers opening from dusky purple buds. Height 15cm. Well-drained soil in sun. Apr.
Myosotidium	hortensia		A clump-forming evergreen perennial with glossy, pleated leaves and light to dark blue forget-me-not flowers. Height 60cm. Well-drained soil in part shade. May-Jun. Not fully hardy.
Myrtus	communis		An evergreen shrub with glossy dark green leaves and pretty, fragrant, white flowers with conspicuous white stamens, followed by purple-black berries. Height 3m. Spread 3m. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Flowers from July to August.

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A compact evergreen shrub with glossy dark green leaves and pretty, fragrant, pink-tinted, cream flowers with conspicuous stamens, followed by white berries. Height 1.5m. Spread 1.5m. Moist well-drained soil in sun. Flowers from July to August.