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## SPRING 2025 PLANT DESCRIPTIONS - ARS

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All items will not be available at the convention sale. If there is something of particular interest send me an email at the email address above and I will be sure to bring some along.

### PERENNIALS

*Acaena microphylla* - An interesting New Zealand native with grey-green finely-toothed pinnate leaves. Inconspicuous flowers are followed by reddish-bronze burr-like seed heads. Creeping prostrate habit. Semi-evergreen. Full sun. Tolerant of poor dry soils and requires good drainage. Zone 6.

*Aconitum fischeri* (Monkshood) - A fall-blooming species with large dark violet-blue flowers on strong stems to 3'(9m) or more high. Attractive, glossy dark green dissected foliage. Usually doesn't require staking. Best in moist well-drained soil in full sun or part shade. Zone 4.

*Aconitum japonicum* (Japanese Monkshood) - An unusual species with an upright-arching habit. Pale lavender-blue flowers are born in clusters along the stems in late-summer/early autumn. Grows 2-3'(60-90cm) high. Sun to part shade in rich well-drained soil. Requires little to no staking. Zone 5.

*Actaea spicata* (Baneberry) - Attractive foliage is topped by panicles of fragrant creamy white flowers in late spring and followed by clusters of glossy black berries. Part to full shade in well-drained soil. Foliage to 18"(45cm) high. To 30"(75cm) high in fruit and flower. Fruit is poisonous. An herbaceous perennial closely related to Cimicifugas. Zone 4/5.

*Agapanthus praecox/hybrid?* - (TENDER) A large evergreen variety with broad foliage and medium blue flowers. For tub culture stored frost-free in winter although I have overwintered and flowered it against a foundation protected by a bale of straw.

*Anemone x lipsiensis* (A. x *seemannii*) - (*nemerosa x ranunculoides*) A Wood Anemone with charming pale creamy-yellow flowers. It is a deciduous rhizomatous perennial for part or deciduous shade. Its anemone flowers are born above dissected foliage in spring. Best in loose, rich soil. Grows 6-8"(15-20cm) high spreading to form a loose clump. Summer dormant. Zone 5.

*Anemone nemerosa* - Blue / Pale Pink / White - (Wood Anemone) - A rhizomatous perennial for rich, loose soil in part shade. Flowers are born in early spring above dissected dark green foliage. To 8"(20cm) high. Goes dormant in summer. Zone 5.

*Anemone nemerosa* 'Bracteata' (Wood Anemone) - A rhizomatous perennial for rich, loose soil in part shade. This is an unusual cultivar with white semi-double flowers surrounded by a whorl of bract-like leaves streaked with white. Early spring-blooming above dissected dark green foliage. To 8"(20cm) high. Goes dormant in summer. Zone 5.

*Anemone nemerosa* 'Virescens' - An unusual double-flowered green cultivar with narrow "shaggy" petals.

*Anemone ranunculoides* (Yellow Wood Anemone) - A deciduous rhizomatous perennial for part or deciduous shade. Its bright golden yellow anemone flowers are born above dissected dark green foliage in spring. Best in loose, rich soil. Grows 6-8"(15-20cm) high spreading to form a loose clump. Goes dormant in summer. Zone 5. The type species is single-flowered.

**These rare semi-double to double-flowered forms are also available:** (It is difficult to describe the subtle differences between the cultivars so best to look them up on-line.)

- 'Hiiumaa' - This cultivars sports very narrow inner petals of varying lengths giving a less formal somewhat shaggy appearance.

- 'Lea' - Similar to 'Kia' but with smaller more irregular-shaped flowers.

- 'Star 1' - Semi-double with long narrow petals, the outer ones striped green.

*Anthericum liliago* (St. Bernard's Lily) - Small lily-like starry white flowers are born along unbranched spikes in summer. Arching grass-like green foliage adds texture to the perennial border throughout the growing season. Grows 18-24"(45-60cm) tall in bloom. For full sun with good drainage. Little known and seldom offered but very charming. Zone 6.

*Aquilegia clematiflora* – An unusual double flowered species with pink clematis-like flowers. To 18"(45cm) tall. Zone 4.

*Aruncus aethusifolius* (**Dwarf Goatsbeard**) - A delicate but tough perennial for sun to part-shade. Forms a dense mound of finely cut, lacy, astilbe-like foliage. Creamy-white flowers are carried in dense panicles above the foliage in early summer. To 16" (40cm) high. Zone 5.

*Aruncus aethusifolius* hybrid (**Goatsbeard**) - A natural hybrid probably crossed with *A. doicus*. Similar to the species but much larger growing to 3'(90cm) or more high. Zone 5.

*Asarum canadense* (**Canadian Hardy Ginger**) A deciduous species which spreads quickly by stout prostrate stems, forming a dense, lush groundcover. Its large heart-shaped leaves are green-grey and hairy. Reddish brown flowers are held beneath the foliage. To 8"(20cm) high. Part to dense shade. The foliage of asarums when crushed smells like ginger thus the common name. Z4.

*Asarum caudigerum* ssp. *cardiophyllum* - (**TENDER**) A rare species which is likely only hardy to Zone 7 or 8. Its thick, almost succulent, leathery evergreen leaves are dark green and mottled with silver.

*Asarum europaeum* (**European Hardy Ginger**) - A semi-evergreen clumping species, forming large lush mounds or mats in time. Its leaves are kidney-shaped, fleshy, and rich dark glossy green. Small, greenish-red flowers are hidden beneath the foliage. Grows 6-8"(15-20cm) high. Shade to part shade. The foliage of asarums when crushed smells like ginger thus the common name. Zone 5. These are generous full pots.

*Asarum splendens* - (**TENDER?**) This species has large dark green leaves mottled silver similar to a cyclamen. Flowers are very large and showy. Part shade. Purported to be hardy in Zone 6 but I have never managed to get it to overwinter.

*Astelia chathamica* (**Silver Sword**) - **TENDER** A New Zealand native with long slightly arching narrow foliage in rosettes. The pleated leaves are silver green above and downy white below. Part-shade. For pot culture. Store cool and frost-free in winter.

*Astranta major* ex "**Sparkling Stars Pink**" and "**Star of Beauty**" - Seedlings of these pink flowered cultivars. Zone 5.

*Astrantia maxima* (**Large Masterwort**) - A striking species with large pale pink flowers. The "bracts" are broader than the typical species giving a more substantial effect. Attractive dark green palmate foliage. While most Masterworts are tight clumpers, this species spreads out at a slow pace. Grows to 2' (60cm) high. Summer-blooming. Sun to part shade. Zone 5.

*Athyrium grammitoides* - A hardy and apparently rare in cultivation fern which may or may not have another half dozen names. I'll stick this one as any research I've done has left me more confused. This is a dense colony forming deciduous species with thin stems. Forms clumps 8"-12"(.2-.3m) high. Resents drought - it will go dormant at the first sign of it. Shade to part shade. Zone 5, possibly colder.

*Campanula persicifolia* **Semi-Double White Form (Semi-Double White Peach-leaved Bellflower)** A semi-double white form of this common perennial. Flowers extend 3'(9m) above the matt-forming rosettes of dark green foliage. Long-blooming. Sun to part shade. May need staking. Zone 4.

*Caulophyllum thalictroides* (**Blue Cohosh**) - A striking native perennial in the barberry family. Blue-green foliage resembles that of a thalictrum. Clusters of small pale yellow flowers held above the foliage are insignificant but are followed by large blue berry-like fruit. Grows 18-36"(45-90cm) tall. Part-shade in moist well-drained soil. Zone 4.

*Clivia miniata* "**Compact Form**" - (**TENDER**) A smaller growing clone of this sometimes unruly houseplant. Leaves to 12"(30cm) long grow in tidy fans. Recurved orange flowers with a yellow throat.

*Coptis laciniata* (**Oregon Goldenthread**) - A relative of our native Goldenthread, this species is semi-evergreen and dark green. Fern like foliage growing only a few inches tall. Zone 6.

*Corydalis buschii* - A diminutive stoloniferous species with delicate foliage and mauve-pink flowers. To 6"(15cm) high. Sun to part shade. Zone 5.

*Corydalis nobilis* - White flowers shading to bright yellow at the tips with a purple centre are born in dense clusters in spring. This is a striking and larger growing species to 18"(45cm) tall or more. Part-shade. Summer dormant. Zone 4.

*Dactylorhiza 'Foliorella'?* - A striking hardy orchid with 1" dark pink-purple flowers in dense spikes to 18"(45cm) high. Requires rich, moist but well-drained soil in sun to part-shade. Vigorous. Choice. Zone 6.

*Deinantha bifida* - An unusual perennial in the hydrangea family. Umbels of nodding saucer-shaped waxy white flowers with yellow stamens. Bushy habit to 20"(50cm) tall. For part shade in moist, well drained soil. Zone 6 possibly colder.

*Dianella tasmanica* - A tender New Zealand perennial allied to phormiums. Forms 24-36"(60-90cm) high evergreen clumps of broad grass-like dark green upright-arching foliage. Flowers are pale blue and born on tall arching stems above the foliage followed by large glossy dark blue-purple berries. Store cool but frost free over winter.

**Dicentra 'Stuart Boothman' (Wild Bleeding Heart)** - An exceptional variety usually listed under *D. formosa*. Foliage is finer textured and glaucous blue. Dark pink flowers. Slower spreading than other selections. To 8"(10cm) high. Part-shade. Zone 5.

**Diphylleia cymosa (Umbrella Leaf)** - A large bold-leaved perennial for moist part-shade. Rounded palmate leaves grow 12-16"(30-40cm) in diameter and are borne two to a stem. Umbels of white flowers are carried above the foliage developing into blue berries. Clump forming. To 42" (1.05m) tall. Zone 5.

**Disporopsis jinfushanensis - (TENDER?)** A charming relatively new diminutive species growing only 4"(10cm) tall. Dark green semi-evergreen foliage and white tinged pink flowers. Zone 7?

**Disporopsis pernyi (Evergreen Solomon's Seal)** - A semi-evergreen Solomon's Seal relative with dark shiny green foliage on arching stems to 16"(40cm) tall. White, tipped with green, bell-shaped pendulous flowers in spring. Cut back in early spring before new growth emerges. Forms a nice dense clump. Part-shade to shade. Zone 6.

**Disporum megalanthum** - A rare species with clusters of pendulous white flowers in spring. Grows to 24"(60cm) tall. Part-shade. Zone 6.

**Disporum uniflorum** - A yellow-flowered species with clusters of pendulous bell-shaped flowers at the stem tips. Spring flowering followed by black fruit. To 30"(.8m) high. Part-shade. Zone 6, probably colder.

**Dryopteris sieboldii (Siebold's Wood Fern)** - A tropical looking semi-evergreen fern with thick pinnate palm-like foliage. Part shade. Zone 7 - possibly colder with protection.

**Epimedium davidii** - An evergreen species with clear soft yellow flowers and bronzy new foliage. Grows 6-12"(15-30cm) tall and densely spreading. Spring blooming and can rebloom through the summer. Cut old foliage back in early spring before new growth begins. Zone 6, possibly colder.

**Epimedium ecalcarata** - An evergreen species with small bright yellow bell-shaped flowers with tiny spurs. Grows to 6"(15cm) tall and spreading to form a dense matt. Its small foliage emerges bronze. Cut old foliage back in early spring before new growth begins. Zone 6, possibly colder.

**Epimedium pauciflora** - This species resembles *E. pauciflorum* in foliage and habit growing to only 6"(15cm) tall and forming a dense matt. Diminutive flowers are pale lavender-pink and more typical of the species. Cut old foliage back in early spring before new growth begins. Zone 6.

**Epimedium x perralchicum** - An evergreen perennial spreading groundcover for shade to part shade. Clear

bright yellow flowers are born in racemes in late spring. Tough leathery glossy green foliage. Cut foliage back in early spring before the flowering stems emerge. Zone 6.

**Epimedium 'Spine Tingler'** - A striking species with thick narrow spiny foliage. Semi-evergreen. Pale yellow flowers. To 16"(40cm) tall. Zone 6.

**Epimedium wushanense** - A striking evergreen species with elongated dark green spiny foliage and large creamy-yellow flowers in dense spikes. Cut foliage back in early spring before the flowering stems emerge. Zone 6 with protection.

**Filipendula kamtschatica (Giant Meadowsweet)** - A giant species with thick slightly arching stems to 7'(2.1m) high and very large maple-like leaves. Large terminal racemes of fragrant fluffy creamy-white flowers emerge in mid-summer. A dramatic plant for the larger garden. Full sun to part-shade. Doesn't require staking. Z4.

**Galax aphylla** - A beautiful evergreen perennial with rounded leathery green leaves which turn bronze to burgundy in winter. Spikes of tiny fluffy white flowers are born above the foliage in late spring. Creeping mat-forming habit. Enjoys a peaty well-drained soil. Sun to part-shade. Zone 5.

**Gentiana asclepiadea 'Alba' (White Willow Gentian)** - A clump forming herbaceous perennial with arching stems to 2'(.6m) high. White trumpet-shaped flowers appear from the leaf axils in late summer. Plant in part-shade in well-drained moist soil. Dislikes disturbance. Zone 5. **These are seed grown and the odd one may bloom blue.**

**Geranium 'Philippe Vapelle'** - A mounding-clumping cultivar with heavily textured felted grey-green leaves. Flowers are blue-purple flowers with darker veining. Blooms in late spring. Sun to part-shade. Zone 5.

**Geranium pratense** - A violet blue species similar to 'Johnson's Blue'. Cut back after initial flowering for a more compact habit. Zone 5.

**Geranium renardii** - A mounding-clumping species with grey-green leaves that are heavily textured and felted. Flowers are white with purple veining. Blooms in late spring. Sun to part-shade. Zone 5.

**Helleborus foetidus 'Wester Flisk'** - A striking seed strain of this somewhat shrubby species with deeply divided evergreen grey-green palmate leaves and reddish petioles. The colouration intensifies in winter and the leaves develop a reddish cast. Flowers are pale green - sometimes tinged red - and are born in large panicles in early spring. Unlike *H. x hybridus*, it has somewhat woody stems from which its leaves and flowers are borne. As it flowers on the previous year's growth, the foliage cannot be cut back in the spring. Plant height in flower usually ranges from 18 - 24"(45-60cm). Plant in light shade in a location protected from winter winds and

sun - best planted close to a wall, fence or evergreen shrubs. They are tolerant of acidic soil but prefer a slightly alkaline soil. Prepare soil extra deep with plenty of compost and well-rotted manure added. Top dress annually with well-rotted manure. Remove old stems a soil level after flowering. Resents transplanting. Zone 6.

***Helleborus thibetanus*** - An unusual and rare species in that it is completely deciduous going dormant in summer. Delicate white flowers aging to pink emerge very early. Avoid frost pockets. Treat as per other hellebores but requires very good drainage. Zone 6.

***Helleborus viridis ssp. occidentalis*** - A deciduous species with small pale green flowers. Grows 12-16"(30-40cm) tall. Zone 6, possibly colder. **Plants are grown from hand-pollinated seeds but there is a chance they may not be true.**

***Helleborus x hybridus (x orientalis) (Lenten Rose)*** - An elegant and aristocratic early spring blooming perennial. Flower colour covers a broad spectrum - whites, pinks, yellows, greens, burgundy, dusty purples & near blacks, etc. - often with contrasting spotting and veining. The flowers are carried, several to a stem, above glossy, leathery, deep green dissected evergreen foliage. Blooming commences very early in spring, shortly after the ground thaws, and last for a long period. Petals gradually fade in colour but remain intact well into the summer as the seed pods inflate and the seeds develop. Plant height in flower ranges from 12-18"(30-45cm). Plant in light shade in well-drained soil. Tolerant of acidic soil but prefers an alkaline soil. Prepare the soil extra deep with plenty of compost and well-rotted manure added. Resents transplanting. The old foliage may be removed before flowering if winter damaged. Top dress annually with well-rotted manure. Zone 4. **These are seed grown from superior plants. Where indicated as "ex", colours indicate the seed parent and will not necessarily come true.**

***Hosta 'Chinese Sunrise'*** - A smaller growing cultivar with lance-shaped leaves which emerge bright chartreuse with a thin dark green margin. Leaves to 6" long forming a clump to 10"(.2m) high x 18"(.45m) wide. Lavender flowers.

***Hosta 'Golden Sceptor'*** - A low dense clump-forming cultivar with solid bright golden-yellow leaves with are rounded-heart-shaped and held on long petioles. Pale lavender flowers. Mounded-spreading habit to 12"(.3m) high. A sport of H. 'Golden Tiara'.

***Hosta 'Hadspen Heron'*** - A choice small cultivar with narrow blue leaves forming a spikey mound to 8"(.2m) high. Pale lavender flowers.

***Hosta 'Thumbnail'*** - A tiny-leaved hosta with medium green heart-shaped leaves only an inch (25mm) long. Only grows a few inches high. Great for the rock garden. A *H. venusta* hybrids or selections.

***Hosta venusta*** - A species with small heart-shaped leaves forming a dense mound. Semi-Dwarf.

***Hosta species cw Japan (DA)*** - Possibly a form of *H. gracillima*. A dwarf species with narrow lance-shaped foliage less than an inch (2.5cm) wide. Forms a dense almost spikey mound to 6"(15cm) high with a multitude of short flower scapes bearing lavender flowers.

***Hosta species cw Japan (GR)*** - Possibly a form of *H. venusta* with small heart-shaped leaves forming a dense mound. Dwarf.

***Hosta seedling of 'Tiny Tears'*** - Similar to, but perhaps twice the size of the diminutive 'Tiny Tears'.

***Impatiens omeiana*** - A hardy Impatiens with striking velvety dark green foliage with central silver-white stripe. Pale yellow flowers in early fall. Stoloniferous spreading habit. To 18"(45cm) tall. Pat shade. Zone 6b.

***Iris confusa (Bamboo Iris)*** A tender evergreen crested species for pot culture. Arching fans of dark green foliage are held atop bamboo like stems. Flowers are pale blue to near white and are born on tall branched stems. **TENDER**

***Iris graminea (Plum-Scented Iris)*** - A spuria type iris with clump-forming, narrow grass-like leaves. Its purple-violet flowers are nestled in the 16"(40cm) high foliage and are lightly scented. Late spring to early summer blooming. An easy species suited to the rock garden or border in moist, well-drained soil with full sun. Zone 6, possibly colder.

***Iris henryi*** - A rare and diminutive Iris species for part shade. 1"(2.5") flowers of palest lavender fading to white and with yellow signals are born in spring. Foliage is grass-like and evergreen forming dense clumps. To 12"(30cm) high. Zone 6, possibly colder.

***Iris pseudacorus - pale yellow form (Cream Flag Iris)*** - A pale creamy-yellow form of this common iris. Z5.

***Iris pumila - yellow*** - to 12"(30cm) tall.

***Iris sibirica 'Caesar's Brother' (Caesar's Brother Siberian Iris)*** - Dark purple flowers. Siberian irises enjoy plenty of water while in bloom and moist soil the rest of the year. Best in full sun in rich acidic soil. Appreciates manure or rich compost annually. Divide when the centre of the clump starts to die out. To 40"(100cm) tall. Zone 5.

***Iris sibirica 'Grey Mist'*** - A cultivar I received from the late Don Armstrong. Very pale mauvey-purple flowers. Looks amazing in our fog making the name very apt. Lower growing than most - 24-30"(60-70cm) high.

***Iris tectorum 'Album' (White Japanese Roof Iris)*** - A rhizomatous species with striking large showy fans of pleated medium-green foliage topped with stems of white flowers in summer. To 16"(40cm) tall. Requires rich well-drained soil with good drainage. Full sun to part

shade. A heavy feeder, give it plenty of compost or manure. Zone 6.

***Iris wilsonii*** - A Siberian-type iris with soft yellow flowers spotted brown and born two to a stalk. Early blooming to 24"(60cm) high. Foliage is narrow and glaucous blue-green. Best in full sun in well-drained moist soil. Enjoys extra moisture during bloom time. Zone 6.

***Jeffersonia diphyllia* (Twinleaf)** - A choice early spring-blooming woodland perennial with up-facing pure white flowers. Taller growing than its Asian counterpart, growing to 16"(40cm) tall. Zone 5.

***Jeffersonia dubia* (Asian Twinleaf)** - A choice early spring-blooming woodland perennial with up-facing pale lavender-blue flowers followed by spreading mats of attractive shallowly lobed leaves - initially edged red. Zone 5.

***Jovibarba sobolifera*** - A Sempervivum relative.

***Lathyrus vernus* 'Roseus' (Spring Vetchling)** - Soft pink sweet pea-like flowers appear in early spring on this mounding perennial to 1'(30cm) high. For moist well-drained soil in part-shade. Zone 5.

***Lavatera cashmeriana* - (Cashmerian Mallow)** A lovely soft pink species growing to 4'(1.2m) tall. Long-blooming. Zone 6.

***Liriope platyphylla*** - An evergreen species similar in foliage to *L. spicata* with long thin strap-like arching foliage. 12"(30cm) spikes of larger, grape-purple flowers appear in late summer. Slower growing and more clump-forming than *L. spicata*. Cut back in early spring before the new leaves emerge. Zone 6.

***Liriope spicata* (Creeping Lilyturf)** - A spreading evergreen groundcover for sun to part shade. Long thin strap-like arching foliage is lush and rich dark green forming a 4"(10cm) high mat. 12"(30cm) spikes of fluffy pale pink flowers appear in late summer. Cut back in early spring before the new leaves emerge. Zone 5.

***Lysimachia paridiformis* var. *stenophylla* NN0918** - An unusual and striking species with whorls of dark green glossy foliage. Its golden yellow flowers sit in a tight dome on top of the foliage. This is a superior collection by Jens Nielsen which grows to 18(45cm) tall and is purported to be hardier with larger flowers. Sun to part-shade in moist but not waterlogged soil. Zone 7. Should survive here with some protection.

***Pachyphragma macrophyllum*** - Closely related to Cardamines, this woodland ground cover featured rounded and ruffled dark green semi-evergreen foliage topped with dome-shaped heads for white flowers in spring. Grows 12-16"(30-40cm) tall in flower. For part shade and tolerant of drier soils. Zone 6, probably colder.

***Paeonia paradoxa* (now lumped with *P. officianalis*)** - A beautiful and easy single-flowered species with striking pale blue-green dissected foliage and strong fuchsia-pink flowers. Long blooming, the flowers are followed by a display of glossy dark blue seed in fall. To 24"(60cm) high. Sun to part shade in rich, well-drained soil. Zone 6, probably colder.

***Parasenecio delphiniifolius* 'Sanshoku'** - An upright perennial with maple-like palmate foliage irregularly and heavily splattered with cream. Insignificant flowers. To 30"(75cm) tall. Part-shade. Zone 5

***Paris quadrifolia*** - The easiest species to grow of this trillium relative. Similar to a trillium but in this species, it has a whorl of 4 leaves. The curious solitary flowers consist of 4 or more thread-like upright green petals held above a whorl of green sepals. Flowers are followed by decorative black berry-like fruit. To 10"(25cm) high. Spreads stoloniferously forming large clumps. Cultivation as per trilliums. Zone 5.

***Petasites hybridus*** - A giant perennial only for moist to wet spots in larger gardens. Its leaves can grow to 30"(75cm) in diameter on stalks 3-4' (.9-1.5m) high. Be warned however that it spreads vigorously by rhizomes. Past-shade to shade. Zone 5

***Petasites japonicus* v. *giganteus* (Giant Butterbur)** - A giant perennial only for moist to wet spots in larger gardens. Its leaves can grow 3-4' (.9-1.2m) wide on stalks 4-5'(1.2-1.5m) high. Be warned however that it spreads vigorously by rhizomes. Past-shade to shade. Zone 5

***Phlox divaricata* 'Blue Moon'** - A fragrant woodland phlox with a spreading habit. 'Blue Moon' was selected for its large full flowers of a striking dark lavender-blue. Cut back after flowering. To 14"(35cm) tall. Zone 5.

***Phlox divaricata* 'May Breeze'** - A fragrant woodland phlox with a spreading habit. 'May Breeze' has flowers of the palest lavender and is very fragrant. Cut back after flowering. To 14"(35cm) tall. Zone 5.

***Phlox stolonifera* 'Pink Ridge'** - A creeping mat-forming woodland species. Its fragrant bright pink flowers are borne on 8"(20cm) stems above the foliage. Spring-blooming. A vigorous selection. For moist well-drained soil in sun to part-shade. Cut back after flowering. Zone 4.

***Phlox stolonifera* 'Sherwood Purple'** - A creeping mat-forming woodland species. Its fragrant purple flowers are borne on 8"(20cm) stems above the foliage. Spring-blooming. For moist well-drained soil in sun to part-shade. Cut back after flowering. Zone 4.

***Phormium* 'Dusky Chief'** - A TENDER New Zealand native which makes a superb tub plant either by itself or in combination with other plants. Long strap-like foliage is either stiffly upright or elegantly arching. Pot in a well-drained mix and keep moist. Best in full sun. Store

indoors in winter in a frost-free, cool bright location. 'Dusky Chief' has upright sword-shaped leaves that are wine-red aging to bronze tones. Grows to 5'(1.5m) high.

***Phytolacca clavifera (P. polyandra) (Chinese Poke Weed)*** - A stout perennial with bottle-brush-like dense racemes of fluffy pink flowers which are followed by inedible fruit resembling blackberries. Grows to 6'(1.8m) high. Full sun. Zone 6.

~~***Podophyllum delavayi*** - An Asian Mayapple species with large rounded and deeply toothed leaves which emerge mottled dark purple brown. Clusters of dark pinkish-red long-petalled pendulous flowers are borne in the axil between the two leaves. To 16"(40cm) tall. Zone 6. For part shade in rich moist well-drained soil. Choice. NOT AVAILABLE~~

***Podophyllum delavayi x versipelle*** - Hybrids with dark red long-petalled pendulous flowers. Lobed foliage is intermediate between the two species and emerges with varying bronze mottling. Taller growing than the mother. For part shade in rich moist well-drained soil. Zone 6.

***Podophyllum mairei*** - Similar to *P. pleianthum* and *P. versipelle* but with cup-shaped pendulous flowers that are pinkish-red to dark red. Large dark green leaves have pointed-rounded shallow lobes and undulating margins. Leaves can grow to 18"(45cm) across or more! Grows to 24"(60cm) high or more. For part shade in rich moist well-drained soil. Zone 6.

***Podophyllum pleianthum*** - An Asian mayapple species with large 5-9 shallow and angularly lobed glossy green peltate leaves with finely toothed margins. Clusters of deep red narrow-petalled flowers hang below the foliage. To 3'(90cm) tall. For part shade in rich moist well-drained soil. Zone 6.

~~***Podophyllum versipelle*** - An Asian mayapple species with large dark green deeply lobed leaves. Clusters of dark red narrow-petalled pendulous flowers are borne on the petiole just below the leaf. Very similar to *P. pleianthum*. Zone 6. For part shade in rich moist well-drained soil. NOT AVAILABLE~~

***Polygonatum falcatum (odoratum) 'Variegatum' (Variegated Solomon's Seal)*** - Leaves with creamy white margins on arching stems. White flowers tipped green. To 32"(80cm) high. Shade to part-shade. Zone 5.

***Polygonatum filipes*** - A low-growing species to only 12"(30cm) tall. Clusters of pendulous narrow greenish-white tipped green flowers dangle from the leaf axils. Part-shade to shade. Zone 6.

***Polygonatum graminifolium*** - A diminutive species growing only 4-6"(10-15cm) high with lavender-pink flaring bells. Part shade. Zone 6, possibly colder.

***Polygonatum humile (Dwarf Solomon's Seal)*** - A cute dwarf stoloniferous species growing only 6-8"(15-20cm) high. Creamy-white flowers tipped with green are borne

solitarily in the leaf axils. Shade to part-shade. Great as a groundcover. Zone 5.

***Polygonatum kingianum*** - An unusual species with narrow leaves in whorls and reddish-orange flowers tipped green dangling from the leaf axils. Leaf tips have twining tendrils. Can grow to 5'(1.5m) tall or more. Part-shade. Zone 6 with protection.

***Polygonatum 'Multifide'*** - An unusual variety in having branched stems. Slender white flowers tipped green. To 20"(50cm) tall. Zone 5.

***Polygonatum species - biflorum/pubescens??*** - A low growing species growing about a foot tall with green-tipped flowers. Zone 5.

***Polygonatum species - Dwarf*** - A low growing species growing less than a foot tall. White flowers. Zone 5.

***Primula kisoana*** - Dark pinky-mauve flowers in spring. Large round and shallowly lobed hairy felted foliage. Stoloniferous. To 9"(23cm) high. For moist well-drained soil in part-shade. Zone 5.

***Primula marginata*** - An alpine species with finely-toothed leaves covered in white farina. Lavender-blue flowers are borne in early spring. Given good drainage it will thrive in troughs, screes and rock gardens. Prefers alkaline soils. Zone 5.

***Pulmonaria longifolia ssp. cevenensis*** - A beautiful species with long narrow leaves up to 24"(60cm) long and heavily mottled with silver. Lovely dark violet-blue flowers. Part shade. Zone 5.

***Rhodea japonica*** - A striking evergreen perennial forming clumps of fleshy strap-like dark green evergreen leaves. Shade to part-shade. Zone 6 with protection.

***Rodgersia aesculifolia (Chestnut-leaved Rodgersia)*** - A bold foliage perennial for part-shade in moist rich soil. Long petioled horse chestnut-shaped palmate leaves emerge from thick rhizomes. Leaves can grow to 18"(45cm) across. Will form a large clump to 36" (90cm) high or more and spreading wider. Flowers are born in large pyramidal fluffy panicles above the foliage in early summer. Great for stream or pond side but can be grown in borders given constant moisture. Zone 4.

***Rodgersia henrici hybrid*** - A bold foliage perennial for part shade in moist rich soil. Large green foliage is pinnate and emerges on long petioles from creeping rhizomes. Large panicles of fluffy, coral pink flowers are carried on arching stems above the foliage in summer. To 3.5'(1.05m) high. Great for stream or pond side but can be grown in borders given constant moisture. Zone 6.

***Rodgersia pinnata 'Elegans'*** - A bold foliage perennial for part shade in moist rich soil. Large green foliage is pinnate and emerges on long petioles from creeping rhizomes. Large panicles of fluffy, creamy white to pale pink flowers are carried on tall stems above the foliage in

summer. To 3.5'(1.05m) high. Great for stream or pond side but can be grown in borders given constant moisture. Zone 5.

***Rodgersia pinnata* 'Fireworks'** - A bold foliage perennial for part shade in moist rich soil. Its large foliage is pinnate and emerges on long petioles from creeping rhizomes. It emerges with a bronze flush and matures to dark green but maintains a striking dark red tinge at the margins. Its large fluffy panicles of clear deep pink flowers are held above the foliage in mid-summer. Seeds heads remain ornamental into the fall. To 3.5'(1.05m) high. Great for stream or pond side but can be grown in borders given constant moisture. Zone 6.

***Rodgersia sambucifolia*** - A bold foliage perennial for part shade in moist rich soil. Large green foliage is pinnate and emerges on long petioles from creeping rhizomes. Large panicles of fluffy, creamy white flowers are carried on arching stems above the foliage in summer. To 3.5'(1.05m) high. Great for stream or pond side but can be grown in borders given constant moisture. Zone 6.

***Roscoea alpina*** - A diminutive species growing only 4-6" (10-15cm) tall with pinkish-purple flowers. Plant deeply in rich well-drained soil in light shade. Hardy to Zone 6, preferably with some winter protection.

***Roscoea auriculata*** - Orchid-like bright purple flowers are born above stalks of narrow corn-like foliage in late summer. Grows to 24"(60cm) tall. Plant deeply in rich well-drained soil in sun to light shade. Borderline hardy to Zone 6 - mulch heavily in winter.

***Roscaea auriculata* ex 'Floriade'** - Seedlings of this larger flowered cultivar.

***Roscoea cautleyoides*** - Orchid-like creamy-yellow flowers are born above stalks of narrow corn-like foliage in late summer. Grows to 24"(60cm) tall. Plant deeply in rich well-drained soil in sun to light shade. Borderline hardy to Zone 6 - mulch heavily in winter.

***Roscoea humeana*** - A shorter species growing to 12"(30cm) high with purple to pale yellow flowers. Plant deeply in rich well-drained soil in sun to light shade. Borderline hardy to Zone 6 - mulch heavily in winter.

***Roscoea purpurea* 'Spice Island'** A beautiful cultivar with exotic-looking stout dark red stalks and narrow dark green leaves with dark red undersides. Orchid-like flowers are lavender-pink with a reddish reverse to the upper petal and are born in succession in late summer. Grows to 18"(45cm) tall. Plant deeply in rich well-drained soil in sun to light shade. Borderline hardy to Zone 6 - mulch heavily in winter.

***Roscoea purpurea* ex 'Spice Island'** - Unbloomed seedlings of the above. Flowers should be similar although foliage and stems may not be as dark. Grows to 18"(45cm) tall. Plant deeply in rich well-drained soil in

sun to light shade. Borderline hardy to Zone 6 - mulch heavily in winter.

***Roscoea purpurea* ex Red Gurhka seedlings sibbed** - Seedlings of a red-flowered cultivar. **Note colours on the availability list are approximate - Colours vary from year to year and change as the bloom ages.**

***Roscoea thibetica*** - A diminutive species growing 4-6"(10-15cm) tall with purple flowers. Borderline hardy to Zone 6 - mulch heavily in winter.

***Sarracenia* 'Daina's Delight'** - A hybrid pitcher plant with narrow upright bright red pitchers. Ruffled very attractive hoods are mottled pink. Pitchers can grow to 20"(50cm) high. Red flowers. Full sun in bog conditions. Zone 6. Can be deciduous in our climate.

***Sarracenia* 'Dixie Lace'** - A hybrid pitcher plant with upright pitchers with heavy maroon veining against a pale green background. Grows to 10"(25cm) high. Red flowers in spring to 18"(45cm) high. Full sun in bog conditions. Zone 6. Can be deciduous in our climate.

***Sarracenia* 'Flies Demise'** - A vigorous hybrid pitcher plant with slender pitchers with an orangish flush and red veining. Pitchers grow to 10"(20cm) high. Dark red flowers. Full sun in bog conditions. Zone 6. Can be deciduous in our climate.

***Sarracenia leucophylla*** - A species with yellow-green pitchers heavily mottled red. The yellow-green leaves turn to near white at the top and hood. 'Reddish flowers. Full sun in bog conditions. Zone 6. Can be deciduous in our climate.

***Sarracenia leucophylla* 'Tarnok'** - A species with yellow-green pitchers heavily mottled red. The yellow-green turns to near white at the top and hood. 'Tarnok' has reddish flowers with multiple whorls of narrow petals. Full sun in bog conditions. Zone 6. Can be deciduous in our climate.

***Sarracenia* 'Scarlett Belle'** - A lower growing species with yellow-green pitchers heavily mottled red. The yellow-green turns to near white at the top and hood. Red and green flowers. Full sun in bog conditions. Zone 6. Can be deciduous in our climate.

***Saruma henryi*** - A monotypic genus closely related to asarums - its name is an anagram. Growing to 20"(50 cm) tall, it has large, heart-shaped leaves that are heavily felted. Unlike asarums, its ¾"(2 cm) primrose yellow flowers are held above the plant and are borne from late spring until mid-summer. Deciduous. Zone 6.

***Saxifraga veitchiana*** - A evergreen groundcover species for shade to part-shade which spreads by runners like a strawberry. Coin-sized rounded foliage with scalloped edges in basal rosettes from which sprays of delicate white flowers emerge in summer. Zone 6b.

*Scopolia carniolica* - A unique plant with curious pendulous tubular bell-shaped maroon-brown flowers borne in early spring as the foliage expands. Grows to 18"(.45m) high and is best in light shade. Being in the Solanaceae family it is poisonous. Zone 6.

**Sempervivums - Named and un-named forms as per availability list.**

*Serratula coronata Dwarf White Form* - A dwarf spineless thistle-like plant growing only 8-12"(.2-.3m) tall with full fluffy creamy white flowers in late summer. Dark green pinnate foliage. Zone 6, possibly colder.

*Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's Seal)* - An arching perennial similar in foliage to Polygonatum but with terminal panicles of fluffy, small white flowers followed by red fruit. Grows to 36"(90cm) high. Part to full shade. Zone 5.

*Smilacina stellata (Starry False Solomon's Seal)* - An interesting Solomon Seal relative growing only about 12"(30cm) high. It has upright to slightly arching stems with narrow leaves clasping alternately up the stem. These are topped by short pyramidal racemes of small starry white flowers in spring followed by red fruit. For part-shade to shade. Spreads loosely by rhizomes. Zone 4.

*Soldanella villosa* - The easiest to grow of this charming genus. Slowly forms creeping loose mats of dark green round 1-2"(2.5-5cm) diameter evergreen foliage. 3-4 delicate fringed funnel-shaped blue-purple flowers dangle from each 8"(20cm) stem in spring. Best in part-shade in rich moist well-drained soil. Zone 5.

*Stenanthium graminifolius v. robusta* - A tall-growing perennial with long spikes of fluffy white flowers late summer. Narrow daylily-like foliage. To 5'(1.5m) high. Dramatic. Full sun. Zone 5.

*Stylophorum diphyllum* - 2"(5cm) golden yellow poppy-like flowers from late spring to early summer. Part shade to shade in moist well-drained soil. To 16"(40cm) high. Cut back after blooming to rejuvenate foliage. Zone 5.

*Syneilesis aconitifolia (Shredded Umbrella Plant)* - An unusual perennial for part shade with stems of narrow dissected leaves unfurling like shredded umbrellas. To 32"(80cm) high. Zone 5.

*Syneilesis x hybrida (Hybrid Shredded Umbrella Plant)* - A hybrid between *S. palamta* and *S. aconitifolia*. Zone 5.

*Tellima grandiflora* - A close relative and very similar to heucheras. Forms a mound of hairy medium-green leaves similar in shape to tiarellas. Unique, small fringed green flowers are born on spikes to 24"(60cm) high. The fringes of the flowers redden with age. Part-shade to shade. Great for the flower arranger. Zone 6.

*Uvularia grandifolia* - (**Merrybells**) Charming woodland perennial with pendulous yellow narrow bell-shaped flowers with twisted petals. The flowers are born in early spring as the foliage unfurls. Upright arching stems with alternate foliage. Grows 18-24"(.45-.6m) tall forming a dense clump. Zone 5.

*Uvularia sessilifolia* - A lower growing species to 16"(.4m) tall with pendulous pale yellow flowers with a long slender tubular shape and recurved tips. Spreads stoloniferously. For the woodland garden in moist well-drained soil. Zone 5.

*Uvularia sessilifolia 'Cobblewood Gold'* (Variegated Merrybells) - *U. sessilifolia* is lower growing to 16"(.4m) tall with pale yellow flowers with a long slender tubular shape with recurved tips. In this variety the foliage emerges with a rich golden variegation slowly fading to green and is even lower growing. It forms a slowly spreading clump of arching stems from which hang the flowers. For the woodland garden in moist well-drained soil. Zone 5.

*Vancouveria chrysantha* - A stoloniferous deciduous perennial groundcover for shade. Bluish foliage. Small bright yellow nodding flowers in late spring. 12-16"(30-40cm) tall. Humus rich soil. Closely related to Epimediums. Zone 6.

*Viola variegata* - Dainty silvery-grey variegated foliage and purple flowers. Seeds about mildly. Zone 6.

*Wachendorfia thyrsifolia* - **TENDER** An exotic plant from South Africa with bold pleated strap-like evergreen foliage to 36"(90cm) high. Spikes of yellow flowers to 72"(180cm) high or more in summer. Growing in marshy areas it needs plenty of water at all times. Grow in a large tub sitting in shallow water. Store in a bright cool frost-free location in winter. Full sun in summer.

## **BULBS**

*Acis (Leucojum) autumnalis (Autumn Snowflake)* - A charming diminutive bulb with small fringed white bells in late summer and early fall above dark green grass-like foliage. Usually listed as Zone 7 and I've tried for years to establish planted bulbs without success. It has however seeded itself under a Dwarf Japanese Garden Juniper where it has survived happily for the past 10 years - perhaps a clue to its success.

*Allium amplexans 'Graceful Beauty'* - Aptly named this allium sports rounded heads of white flowers blushed pink. Grows only 12"(30cm) high and multiplies quickly. Full sun. Zone 5.

*Allium cernuum* - (**Nodding Onion**) Loose umbels of nodding pale pink flowers are borne on 12"(30cm) stems in early summer. Sun to part shade. Goes dormant in late summer. Zone 3.

**Allium cyaneum Good Blue Form** - A diminutive species with pale blue flowers and fine grass-like foliage. Pale blue flowers in late summer. Grows only 3-4"(7.5-10cm) tall. Great for troughs. Full sun. Zone 5.

**Allium cyathophorum v. farreri** - A clump-forming species with narrow grass-like dark green foliage and lavender-purple flowers in early summer. To 12"(30cm) high. Full sun. Great for the rock garden. As with most alliums, deadhead after flowering. Showy and easy. Z6.

**Allium flavum** - An easy and vigorous allium which multiplies quickly forming a dense clump. Bright yellow flowers on stems to 12"(30cm) high in summer. Blue-green foliage. For well-drained soil in full sun. Zone 6.

**Allium hookeri ACE#2430 (Hooker's Chives)** - A species for the collector with rounded heads of creamy yellow flowers. Scapes, leaves, stems and roots are edible. Prefers poor soils in full sun. Zone 6, probably colder.

**Allium jesdianum 'Akbulak'** - A drumstick type allium with 4-5" ball-shaped umbels of rich dark red-purple flowers with white stamens. Late spring blooming. To 32"(80cm) tall. Summer dormant. Zone 5.

**Allium pskemense** - An unusual species with thick hollow blue-grey leaves grown more for its foliage than its flowers. Flowers are white held in a dense rounded head. Edible but slow to increase. To 36"(90cm) tall. Zone 6.

**Allium senescens ssp. glaucum** - A charming species with spirally twisted narrow flat blue-green foliage topped by rounded heads of pale purple-pink flowers. To 10"(25cm) high. Summer-blooming. Full sun. Great for the rock garden. Zone 5.

**Allium thunbergii** - A plant for the rock garden that blooms from September through till December! Heads of reddish-purple flowers are born extremely late in the season above fine-textured grassy clumps of dark green foliage. To 12"(30cm) high. Zone 5.

**Allium thunbergii 'Ozawa'** - A selected form with larger reddish-purple flowers on taller stems.

**Allium tuberosum (Garlic Chives)** - The flat-topped heads of this common herb are highly ornamental and bloom in late summer. To 18" (45cm) high.

**Allium ursinum (Wood Garlic)** - An interesting species useful for naturalizing in the woodland garden. Unusual foliage is reminiscent of Lily-of-the-valley. Umbels of pure-white starry flowers are born in spring. Bulbs, foliage and flowers are edible. Summer dormant. Zone 5.

**Allium zebdanense** - A graceful species with clusters of pure white flowers atop thin stems to 16"(40cm) tall. Sun or shade. Zone 6.

**Amorphophallus konjac - TENDER** A dramatic aroid which sports a single mottled stalk to 4'(1.2m) high with

an umbrella of dissected leaflets to 24"(60cm) long radiating from the top. When the corm gets big enough it will occasionally send up a flower stalk topped with a dark purple-red flower to 24"(60cm) high. Flowers before the foliage emerges. Rated hardy to Zone 6 but I have never succeeded in overwintering it in our climate. Best to lift corm in the fall and store cool and dry over winter. Soil needs to be warm before growth commences - plant indoors in spring and move outdoors once growth has started.

**Arisaema amurense** - A tough species similar to *A. triphyllum*. Green flowers striped white. 12-18"(30-45cm) tall. Zone 5.

**Arisaema ciliatum v. liubaense** - The narrow leaflets of this species are held in parasol fashion. Flowers are purple-red with creamy-green stripes. Part-shade in rich well-drained soil. Zone 5.

**Arisaema consanguineum Silver-striped Narrow Leaf Form** - An exotic looking species with palm-like leaves - each narrow leaflet with a silver stripe down the centre. Flowers are green with paler striping. Grows 2-3'(60-90cm) tall. Part shade in rich well-drained soil. Doesn't emerge until late June to early July. Zone 6.

**Arisaema consanguineum Giant Broader Leaf Form** - An exotic looking species with palm-like green leaves. Leaves can grow to over 24"(60cm) wide. Flowers are green with paler striping. Grows to 3'(90cm) or more tall. Part shade in rich well-drained soil. Emerges much early than the above. Zone 6.

**Arisarum proboscideum (Mouse Plant)** - A curious early-blooming aroid. Its dark purple flowers with a white base resemble a mouse burrowing in the soil with its tail sticking up in the air. Arrow-shaped dark green foliage. Vigorous, clump-forming and summer dormant. For rich moist well-drained soil in part-shade. Zone 6.

**Arum dioscoridis** - An aroid with arrow-shaped trifoliate leaves to 13"(30cm) long in fall. Black-purple to greenish with purple-black spots in spring as the foliage goes dormant. Poisonous. Gloves should be worn when handling as can cause severe rashes in some people. **TENDER?**

**Arum dioscoridis hybrid??** - Grown as *A. dioscoridis* but has mottled foliage. **TENDER**

**Brimeura amethystina 'Alba'** - A diminutive early-summer blooming bulb related to muscaris with 6-8"(15-20cm) spikes of small white tubular flowers with spreading petals resembling a bluebell. Sweet and choice. Full sun. Zone 6.

**Corydalis solida** - A charming and easy early spring tuber with mounding blue-green fern-like foliage resembling a dwarf bleeding heart. Clusters of long tubular flowers can vary in colour from near-red to pink, smoky-purple to

near white. Grows to 10"(20cm) tall. Part-shade. Summer dormant. Zone 4.

***Crocsmia aurea*** - A lower growing **TENDER** species with orange flowers in late summer. To 18"(45cm) tall. Late to emerge. Full sun. Store frost-free but cool in winter.

***Cyclamen hederifolium*** - Fall-blooming - flowers usually pink to lavender pink and occasionally white, with a darker 'nose'. Leaves vary from ivy-shaped to very elongated and from almost all green to almost all silver with various patterns in between. Summer dormant. **These are grown from select but not particularly hardy forms so probably best grown in pots.**

***Cyclamen purpurascens*** - The most reliably hardy species for us. Requires rich loose well-drained soil in part-shade. Does not go dormant so should not get too dry in summer. Fall blooming. Flowers usually pink. Evergreen foliage is dark green, usually patterned with silver. Zone 6, possibly colder.

***Erythronium americanum*** - (**American Trout-Lily**) The **stoloniferous form** of this species. Pretty mottled foliage spreads like a groundcover. Yellow flowered but unfortunately it is a shy bloomer. Zone 4.

***Erythronium dens-canis*** (**Dog Tooth Violet**) - Mauve-pink flowers with recurved petals are held above a pair of leaves that are heavily mottled with bronze. Early spring blooming. Part-shade. Zone 4.

***Erythronium dens-canis*** - **cv. or hybrid** - Named cultivars or hybrids with lost labels.

***Erythronium sibiricum*** '**Album**' - A striking large flowered species - white with a yellow centre. Zone 4.

***Fritillaria camschaticensis*** - Near-black heavily textured bell-shaped flowers are born atop stems growing to 24"(60cm) tall. Lily-like foliage in whorls. Spring blooming. Well-drained but moist soil in sun to part-shade. Zone 4.

***Fritillaria meleagris*** - (**Snake's Head Fritillria**) -

***Fritillaria pontica*** - Pale green bell-shaped flowers tinged red at the base and tips. Grows to 12"(30cm) tall. Spring blooming. Well-drained but moist soil in sun to part-shade. Zone 6.

***Galanthus elwesii*** (**Greater Snowdrop**) - A charming smaller bulb with pendulous white flowers with green-marked inner segments. Blooms soon after or as the snow melts! Foliage and flowers are larger than the common snowdrop. Plant in well-drained soil in sun to part shade where soil is dryish in summer. To 10"(20cm) tall. Z5.

- '**Maidwell L**' - A large and vigorous with a large green "x" marking on the inner tepals.

- '**Sickle**' - The flower spathe arches over the flower of this cultivar giving it its name. Inner petals have a strong green marking.

- '**Whittalii**' - A tall, large-flowered cultivar. Vigorous.

***Galanthus 'Galatea'*** - A large-flowered cultivar with flowers on long petioles.

***Galanthus 'Hill Poe'*** - A later-blooming double flowered hybrid. Vigorous.

***Galanthus 'Magnet'*** - Another vigorous cultivar with elongated thin pedicels which allow the flowers to dangle elegantly. Scented.

***Galanthus nivalis*** (**Common Snowdrop**) - A charming smaller bulb with pendulous white flowers with green-marked inner segments. Blooms soon after or as the snow melts! Plant in well-drained soil in sun to part shade. To 6"(15cm) tall. Zone 5.

- '**Anglesey Abbey**' - An unusual cultivar having green leaves and nearly pure white flowers with only small green markings on the inner tips. Flowers can be pure white and nearly poculiform. Early and vigorous.

- '**Blewbury Tart**' - A curious up-facing, irregularly-shaped double with plenty of green.

- '**Flore Pleno**' - The commonly encountered double snowdrop.

- '**Insigne Select Double**' - Selected from a planting of 'Flore Pleno', it has large full flowers with extra broad outer petals and irregular full inner petals.

- '**Pusey Green Tip**' - An unusual double cultivar with outer segments tipped with green.

- '**Thelma's Small**' - Received for the late Vancouver plantsman, Don Armstrong, this is a vigorous but lower growing cultivar with stout stems and flowers of good substance.

- '**Viridi-apice**' - A large and vigorous cultivar with the outer tepals tipped with green.

***Galanthus plicatus*** - A less commonly encountered species with broader leaves which emerge with the margins folded back. This gives the leaves a pleated appearance once unfurled. Foliage is dark green with a pale midrib.

- '**Upcher**' - An old vigorous plicatus cultivar.

***Galanthus 'Rodmarton Regulus'*** - A choice, tall, large-flowered cultivar. A standout in the garden.

***Galanthus 'S. Arnott'*** - One of the classic snowdrop cultivars. Large well-shaped flowers. Vigorous.

***Hedychium coccineum*** '**Tara**' (**Tara Ginger Lily**) - **TENDER?** A genus of plants reminiscent of Cannas. Stems of narrow canna-like dark green foliage are topped by dense spikes of pale orange-salmon flowers in summer. Can be hardy in Zone 6 with protection but can be grown in containers or lifted cut back and potted in the fall and stored cold but frost-free. Grows to 4'(1.2m) high. Full sun.

***Hedychium densiflorum*** (**Ginger Lily**) - **TENDER** Similar to 'Tara' above but taller growing with larger

leaves. Flowers are deeper salmon-orange and in denser spikes. Grows to 5'(1.5m) high or more. Full sun.

***Hyacinthoides non-scriptus* - (English Bluebells)** The true English Bluebell. Most sold commercially are hybrids with Spanish Bluebells.

***Ipheion 'Rolf Fiedler' (Star Flower)*** - A tender allium relative with large bright blue flowers with rounded petals. Flowers are borne one to a 8" stem in late winter and early spring. Best grown in a pot kept cool in winter and on the dry side in summer. Success outdoors might be possible by planting against a foundation where the drainage is good and apt to be dry in summer. Full sun. **TENDER**

***Ipheion uniflora 'Alberto Castillo' (Star Flower)*** - A surprising hardy allium relative considering it hails from Argentina. Its large pure white flowers have six pointed petals held out horizontally. Foliage emerges in the fall and the flowers in spring. For full sun with good drainage. Zone 6.

***Ipheion uniflora White (ex 'Alberto Castillo') (Star Flower)*** - A surprising hardy allium relative considering it hails from Argentina. Large pure white flowers have six single pure white flowers have pointed petals held out horizontally. Foliage emerges in the fall and the flowers in spring. For full sun with good drainage. Zone 6.

***Iris bucharica (Corn-leaf Iris)*** - A surprisingly tough, easy and long-lived Juno-type iris. My original clump is close to 20 years old. Flowers with bright yellow falls and creamy flags or born on short corn-like stalks to 16"(40cm) tall. Spring blooming. Full sun in well-drained soil, preferably on the drier side in summer. Z6.

***Leucojum vernum ssp. carpathicum (Spring Snowflake)*** - Pendant bell-shaped white flowers with yellow tips are borne in early spring with the snowdrops. Larger than snowdrops, they have 6 equal sized petals. Prefers moist well-drained soil in sun to part shade. Seldom available commercially. Zone 5.

***Lilium ('Marhan' x martagon v. cattaeniae)*** - A *L. martagon* hybrid with a shot of *L. hansonii*. Very dark pink to dark red flowers with a extremely thick waxy substance. Will grow 2-3'(60-90cm) tall. Zone 5.

***Lilium sargentiae*** - A choice form of this species collected by Jens Nielsen. Flowers are white with pink exterior striping and a greenish throat. The long tubular flowers are very fragrant and are born on tall arching stem to 5'(1.5m) high. Requires acidic soil and good drainage. Zone 6.

***Nerine flexuosa 'Alba'*** - A **TENDER** early winter-flowering S. American bulb with delicate wavy-edged petals. Best grown in a cool frost-free greenhouse or sunroom. Summer dormant.

***Nerine hybrids*** - **TENDER** - Early-winter blooming, these hybrids have fuller flowers with recurved petals.

Best grown in a cool frost-free greenhouse or sunroom. Summer dormant. The following varieties are available:  
- ***Nerine 'Mother of Pearl'*** - Pure white. Pearlescent.  
- ***Nerine PS1*** - from bulbs grown from Sir Peter Smithers seed

***Ornithogalum orthophyllum ssp. kochii*** - Similar to *O. umbellatum* but does not multiply as readily!

***Phaedranassa dubia*** - **TENDER** - A South American bulb with pendulous long tubular red flowers with green recurved tips. Unusual long-petioled foliage. Requires a dormant period to flower.

***Pinellia cordata 'Yamazaki'*** - An aroid with dark green heart-shaped leaves prettily veined silver. Small green arisaema-like flowers. Zone 6.

***Ranunculus ficaria - Double Form*** - A double-flowered form of the Lesser Celandine. Doesn't set seed so stays in a nice clump. A early spring-blooming, summer dormant bulb with yellow flowers. Zone 6.

***Rhodohypoxis baurii White*** - **TENDER** A plant with small rhizomatous corms for pot culture in our climate. White flowers with a touch of pink appear just above the grey-green grass-like foliage in succession over a long period in summer. Multiplies very quickly. Give them sun to part-shade and constant moisture in summer. Store dry, cool and frost-free in winter and resume watering when new growth emerges in spring. To 4"(10cm) high.

***Rhodohypoxis baurii 'Dawn'*** - **TENDER** A large flowered selection with blush pink flowers.

***Rhodohypoxis baurii 'Douglas'*** - **TENDER** A selection with dark bright pink flowers.

***Rhodohypoxis baurii 'Great Scott'*** - **TENDER** A selection with deep red-pink flowers.

***Rhodohypoxis baurii 'Tetraploid Red'*** - **TENDER** A vigorous selection with cerise-red flowers.

***Sanguinaria canadensis 'Multiplex' (Double Bloodroot)*** Fully double pure white flowers are much longer lasting than the type single-flowered variety. Spring blooming with the daffodils. Bold blue-green large foliage follows the bloom and may go dormant in summer if too dry. Forms a nice clump quickly by rhizomes when happy. Plant in rich, well-drained soil in part shade. Rhizomes ooze a red sap when broken thus the common name. Zone 4.

***Scilla bifolia*** - (**Alpine Squill**) A collector's species with panicles of small up-facing starry pale violet-blue flowers in early spring. Grows 3-6"(8-15cm) tall. Zone 4.

***Zantadeschia aethiopica 'Green Goddess' (Green Goddess Cala Lily)*** - **TENDER** A beautiful selection with large white flowers tinged green on tall stems. Can be grown as a houseplant and set outside in summer or

submerged in a pond. Overwinter indoors and keep on the drier side.

## **BAMBOO, GRASSES & SEDGES**

*Arrhenatherum elatius bulbosum 'Variegatum'* (Variegated Bulbous Oat Grass) – Foliage is white striped green on this mounding grass. Flowers insignificant. To 16"(40cm) high. Part Shade. May go dormant in summer if too hot and dry. Cut back in summer if it gets browned and will regrow when the weather cools. Zone 5.

*Carex flaca 'Blue Zinger'* - A glaucous blue sedge growing to 16"(40cm) high. It is a slow spreading variety but can be easily pulled back. Drought tolerant. Full sun to part shade. Cut back in early spring before new growth emerges. Zone 5.

*Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance'* - A dense mounding-spreading sedge with strap-like dark green leaves edged white. Grows to 12"(30cm) high. For sun to part-shade in moist soil. A good groundcover. Cut back in early spring. Zone 6.

*Hakonechloa macra (Japanese Forest Grass)* - The plain green type form of this slow growing weeping grass. It looks like a miniature bamboo. Not invasive. More tolerant of full sun than the variegated and golden varieties. Looks great arching over a pot or wall. Zone 6.

*Hakonechloa macra 'All Gold' (Golden Japanese Forest Grass)* - A weeping grass with rich golden foliage. It looks like a miniature bamboo. Not invasive. For part shade as it can scorch in full sun if dry. Very elegant. Perhaps the nicest of the small grasses. Looks great arching over a pot or wall. Zone 6.

*Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola' (Variegated Japanese Forest Grass)* - A slow growing weeping grass with rich golden variegated foliage. It looks like a miniature bamboo. Not invasive. For part shade as it scorches in full sun if dry. Very elegant. Perhaps the nicest of the small grasses. Looks great arching over a pot or wall. Zone 6.

*Molinia caerulea 'Windspiel'* - Slender stem of delicate flowers to 6'(1.8m) high. Clump forming. Zone 6.

## **RHODODENDRONS & AZALEAS**

(Note: All azaleas are evergreen unless noted.)

PLANTS NOTED AS JUNE ON THE AVAILABILITY LIST ARE ROOTED CUTTINGS AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE.

*Azalea 'Alexander'* - (*nakaharai* x 'Kin no sai') A Polly Hill North Tisbury hybrid with large, deep orange flowers and a prostrate, irregular mounding-creeping

habit. Late July blooming. To 8"(2m) high and 3'(9m) wide in 10 years. Zone 6.

*Azalea 'Baby Dane'* - ('Panda' x *kiusianum* 'Album') A very compact evergreen azalea by Jens Birck of Denmark. Pure white flowers smoother than this hybrid which grows only 10"(25m) high. Zone 6, possibly colder.

*Azalea 'Blue Danube'* - (*kaempferi* hybrid) An unusual colour in evergreen azaleas - not blue but a deep reddish-purple (more purple than red!) with darker ribs. The large flowers are born on an upright-spreading plant growing to 3'(9m) high x 5'(1.5m) wide. Zone 6.

*Azalea 'Frank Arsen'* - An Arsen hybrid with hose in hose flowers that are an unusual pink with orange tones. Zone 6.

*Azalea 'Glamour'* - A Glendale hybrid with large bright pink flowers. Upright spreading habit to 4'+(1.2m) high. Zone 5b.

*Azalea [indicum x (nakaharai Orange Form x kiusianum 'Mt. Fuji')F2]* - A lavender pink-flowered Weagle hybrid with a dense low spreading habit. Parent plant is under 1'(3m) tall after nearly 20 years. Zone 5.

*Azalea 'Majesty'* - [(*yedoense* var. *poukhanensis* x 'Vuyk's Scarlet')F2] Large, bright reddish-purple wavy edged flowers. Compact growing with a low spreading habit. A Mezitt hybrid. Zone 5b/6.

*Azalea 'Michael Hill'* - ('Chinyeyi' x *nakaharai*) A late-blooming North Tisbury hybrid with a vigorous nearly prostrate spreading habit and good winter leaf retention. Its large flowers are shrimp pink. Floriferous. Great as a groundcover. Zone 6.

*Azalea (nakaharai 'Mt. Seven Stars' x kaempferi 'Wm. Tritt')* - A Weagle hybrid with large salmon-orange flowers. Mounding spreading habit to 3' or more high. Zone 6.

*Azalea (nakaharai Orange Form x kiusianum 'Mt. Fuji')F2 Compact Salmon* – A very floriferous Weagle hybrid with salmon flowers. Low compact habit growing only 14"(35cm) high in 30 years. Zone 5b.

*Azalea (nakaharai Orange Form x kiusianum 'Mt. Fuji')F2 Extremely Dwarf Lavender-Purple*

*Azalea "New Bicolour"* - (('Lady Louise') x [(*Lady Louise*' x (*nakaharai* Orange Form X *kiusianum* 'Mt Fuji')#1-1)] The latest selection from this Weagle cross with each petal strongly tipped with strong lavender-pink. Zone 6.

*Azalea 'Palestrina'* - A Vuyk hybrid with funnel-shaped white flowers with green spotting. To 5'(1.5m) high. Zone 6.

*Azalea (poukhanense v. rosea x nakaharai)*

*Azalea 'Scotian Breeze' (Formerly kiusianum Berg x 'Lady Louise' E-90-3)* - A Weagle evergreen hybrid

similar to 'Kolmo Kulshan' but less strident and blooming several weeks later. Flowers are bicoloured with vibrant pink tips and white centres. Compact spreading habit. Zone 6, possibly colder.

**Azalea 'Scotian Clouds'** - ('Kolmo Kulshan' x 'Lady Louise') A Weagle hybrid with white flowers edged bright reddish-pink. Late June blooming. Dense, low horizontal-spreading habit growing to 18"(.45m) high. Zone 6.

**Azalea 'Scotian Fire'** - ('Pink Clusters' x *nakaharai* 'Mt. Seven Stars') A late-June blooming Weagle hybrid with large orange-red flowers. Compact mounding habit to 16"(.4m) high x 2'(.6m) wide in 10 years. Zone 6.

**Azalea 'Scotian Glow'** - (formerly offered as "Latest Compact Pink") {'Lady Louise'} x [{'Lady Louise'} x (*nakaharai* Orange Form X *kiusianum* 'Mt Fuji')#1-1)] A sister seedling of 'Scotian Mirage' and 'Scotian Picotee', this is the latest to flower blooming at the end of July. Flowers are bright pink. Dense mounded habit growing to 12"(.3m) high x 2'(.6m) wide in 15 years. Zone 6.

**Azalea 'Scotian Mirage'** - {'Lady Louise'} x [{'Lady Louise'} x (*nakaharai* Orange Form X *kiusianum* 'Mt Fuji')#1-1)] Large flowers of the very palest white-lavender. Dense horizontal spreading habit to 16"(.4m) high x 32"(.8m) wide in 12 years. A late July blooming hybrid by John Weagle. Zone 6.

**Azalea 'Scotian Mist'** - {'Lady Louise'} x [{'Lady Louise'} x (*nakaharai* orange form x *kiusianum* 'Mt. Fuji')#1-1)] A John Weagle hybrid with soft pastel-pink flowers shading to white in the centres although some flowers may

**Azalea 'Scotian Radiance' (aka "Hot Pink")** - ('Pink Clusters' x *nakaharai* 'Mt. Seven Stars') - A Weagle hybrid with large vibrant hot pink flowers in profusion. Near prostrate habit. Zone 6, possibly colder.

**Azalea 'Scotian Reef'** - {'Lady Louise'} x [{'Lady Louise'} x (*nakaharai* Orange Form X *kiusianum* 'Mt Fuji')#1-1)] Flowers vary from medium coral-pink to white. Dense horizontal spreading habit to 16"(.4m) high x 32"(.8m) wide in 12 years. A July-blooming Weagle hybrid. Zone 6.

**Azalea 'Scotian Rosebud'** - {'Lady Louise'} x [{'Lady Louise'} x (*nakaharai* Orange Form X *kiusianum* 'Mt Fuji')#1-1)] The first North American offering of this Weagle hybrid. Fully double rose-like soft pink flower open over a long period in July. Dense horizontal spreading habit to 16"(.4m) high x 32"(.8m) wide in 12 years. Zone 6.

**Azalea 'Scotian Snow' (formerly "Flat White")** - A Weagle evergreen hybrid of undetermined parentage grown by Wendy Cornwall; quite likely ['Cascade' x (*nakaharai* Orange Form x *kiusianum* 'Mt. Fuji')]. Forms

a very low-growing flat-topped bush which covers itself in a sheet of white flowers with green spotting. Zone 6.

**Azalea 'Sparkle'** - ['Laura Moreland' x (*nakaharai* Orange Form x *kiusianum* 'Mt. Fuji')F2]

**Azalea "Tall Verena-like"** - {'Lady Louise'} x [{'Lady Louise'} x (*nakaharai* Orange Form X *kiusianum* 'Mt Fuji')#1-1)] A sister seedling of Scotian Mirage, Scotian Picotee, Scotian Reef, this Weagle hybrid has petaloid pale pink flowers. (Petaloid meaning that some of the stamens have been replaced by small petals.) Upright sprading habit to 3'(.9m) tall in 15 years. Zone 6.

**Azalea 'Watchet'** - ['Amagasa' x ('Louise Gable' x 'Tama-giku')] A beautiful Robin Hill hybrid with very large late light pink flowers with a green centre. in profusion. Dense compact habit growing 2-3'(.6-.9m) high x 4'(1.2m) wide. Zone 6.

**Azalea "Wendy's Panda-Like"** - Pure white flowers on a compact plant. Weagle hybrid. Zone 6.

**Azalea Unkown - Very Late Dark Red, Upright Growing** - Zone 6

**R. albrechtii** - A Japanese deciduous azalea species with thick textured, flat-faced flowers early in spring. Slow growing with an upright twiggy habit. These are seed grown from seed from a good purple-pink clone at Anitra's. Zone 6 possibly colder. Choice.

**Rhododendron 'April Rhapsody'** - ('April Gem' x 'Vibrant Violet') Clear purple flowers in early spring. To 30"(75cm) high in 10 years with a dense habit & dark foliage. Zone 6.

**Rhododendron ambiguum** - A species in the Triflora subsection with lax trusses of pale yellow flowers with green spotting. Shiny dark green foliage. Dense upright habit to 4'(1.2m) high or more. Bud hardy to -5°F(-21°C).

**Rhododendron 'April Rhapsody'** - ('April Gem' x 'Vibrant Violet') Clear purple flowers in early spring. To 30"(75cm) high in 10 years with a dense habit. Zone 6.

**Rhododendron atlanticum (Coast Azalea)** - A deciduous azalea species with fragrant white flowers opening from pink buds. Blue-green foliage. Upright, suckering habit to 3'(90cm) high and wide. Zone 5. (Open-pollinated seedlings)

**Rhododendron x augustinii (Indian Harbour)** - Unlike most augustiniis this clone is quite dense & hardy. Smokey purple-blue flowers. 5'(1.5m) high sand wide in 25 years. Zone 6.

**Rhododendron (aureum x 'Prelude')BPT#82-1** - A sister seedling of and a better performer than its sibling R. 'Nancy Steele'. Early-blooming with yellow flowers. Dense mounded habit. SZone 6.

**Rhododendron "Boulderwood Blue"** - ('Sapphire' F2) A striking powder blue Steele hybrid with foliage similar

to 'Ramapo'. Blooms in mid-May and is very floriferous. Original plant at Boulderwood is 2'(.6m) high x 5'(1.5m) wide in 40 years. Bud hardy to at least -5°F(-22°C).

**Rhododendron [(brachycarpum x aureum) x caloxanthum Royston]** - Yellow flowers in early to mid-May. Foliage is faultless shiny dark green. The best hardy dwarf yellow we've seen. Compact habit. An Ostrom hybrid and a sister of R. 'Indian Harbour'. Zone 5b at least.

**Rhododendron cephalanthum Nmaiense Group** - A lepidote species in the Pogonantha ex P. Cox. Daphne-like yellowish white flowers.

**Rhododendron 'Charme La'** - (*carolinianum* x *pemakoense* Patulum Group) Large pale purple-pink flowers held in lax trusses. Early and free flowering. Spreading habit to 2.5'(.75m) high and 3'(.9m) wide in 20 years. Bred in New Brunswick by Brueckner. Bud hardy to -15°F(-26°C) and plant hardy to -25°F(-32°C).

**Rhododendron 'Cream Crest'** - (*rupicola* v. *chryseum* x 'Cilipinense') Tight trusses of bright creamy yellow, 1" wide, cup-shaped, flowers. Very early blooming. Glossy, deep green leaves. Dense, compact, upright habit to 4'(1.2m) high. Vigorous. Zone 6b in a protected spot.

**Rhododendron dauricum 'Album'** - A very early blooming and nearly deciduous species retaining only a few leaves at the branch tips in winter. Pure white flowers grace this excellent form. To 4'(1.2m) high x 6'(1.8m) wide with an upright habit. Best in full sun and requires excellent drainage. Zone 5.

**Rhododendron dauricum 'Album' x mekongense** - an early Ostrom hybrid w. v. pale yellow flowers. Z6

**Rhododendron dauricum v. nanum Compactum Roseum** - Exquisite dwarf with a mounded habit and bright clear pink flowers. 15+cm after many years. Z5

**Rhododendron 'Deming Brook'** - (*keiskei* 'Yaku Fairy' open-pollinated) A very dwarf Lincoln Foster hybrid with creamy-white flowers blushed pale pink. Foliage similar to *R. keiskei*. Dense mounded habit growing only 8"(.2m) high x 16"(.4m) wide in 10 years. Zone 5, likely colder.

**Rhododendron diversipilosum 'Milky Way'** - A Rhododendron Species Foundation selection of this species formerly known as *Ledum palustre*. It bears rounded trusses of many small star-shaped pure white flowers. Foliage is dark green with woolly reddish-brown indumentum. Dense mounded-spreading habit to 3'(.9m) high x 5'(1.5m) wide. Zone 5b.

**Rhododendron 'Drum Roll'** - A very early-blooming hybrid from the fabled rock gardener Lincoln Foster. Flowers are pale lavender on a compact low-growing mounded plant. Maintains the previous years dauricum-like foliage over the winter. Zone 5, possibly colder.

**Rhododendron fastigiatum "Very Compact Form"** - A species very similar to *R. impeditum* but its tiny leaves are glaucous blue-green. Blue-purple flowers and a dense dome shaped habit. Plant is only 8"(20cm) high after 15 years. Zone 5b.

**Rhododendron (ferrugineum x moupinense) Brueckner J-14-02** - An extremely early-blooming hybrid with frosty pink flowers. Compact bushy upright habit with attractive dark green foliage. To 2'(.6m) high and 3'(.9m) wide. Zone 5b.

**Rhododendron 'Ginny Gee'** - (*keiskei* 'Yaku Fairy' x *racemosum* Forrest #19404) Bright pink buds open to blush pink then fade to white tinged pink on this Berg hybrid. Multiple trusses of 4-5 flowers create a sheet of bloom. Early. Dense, dark green foliage. To 1'(.3m) high x 2'(.6m) wide in 10 years. Perhaps one of the best dwarf hybrids. Zone 6.

**Rhododendron hirsutum** - A European species similar to *R. ferrugineum*. Tubular pink flowers with flared lobes. The bright green leaves have bristly hairs along the leaf margins. Twiggy, open spreading habit to 3'(.9m) high. Zone 5.

**Rhododendron (impeditum x 'Bluette') Brueckner G-33-06** - A low dense growing Joseph Brueckner hybrid with striking purple-blue flowers and small leaves. Zone 5.

**R. (impeditum x moupinense)** - A Steele hybrid with pale lavender-pink flowers. Similar in foliage and habit to R. 'Ramapo' but foliage is shinier and dark green. The parentage could well be questionable. Zone 6.

**Rhododendron 'Intrifast'** - (*intricatum* x *fastifiatum*) Purple blue flowers and tiny glaucous-blue foliage on a dwarf plant to 8"(20cm) high. Zone 5.

**Rhododendron 'Isola Bella'** - (*fletcherianum* 'Yellow Bunting' x *dauricum* v. *album* 'Arctic Pearl' selfed) A Joseph Brueckner hybrid, once known as "Mabel R." Beautiful dark green distinct foliage with excellent winter leaf retention. Peach buds open pastel pink and fade to white. Smashing, floriferous and very early. To 5'(1.5m) high x 4'(1.2m) wide with a dense, upright-spreading habit. Bud hardy to -5°F(-20°C) - plant much hardier. Zone 6.

**Rhododendron kaempferi 'William Tritt'** - A selection of this evergreen azalea species grown and named by John Weagle. Salmon-pink flowers. Upright and very elegant habit to 8'(2.4m) high. Zone 6.

**Rhododendron keiskei 'Bayport Beauty'** - Creamy yellow flowers in great profusion, very early. A dwarf selection with a very low spreading habit and dark green foliage. to 8"(20cm) high. A Capt. R.M. Steele selection from cw Japanese seed.. Zone 5b.

**Rhododendron keiskei 'Dean Barber'** - Grown by Dean Barber in cold New Hampshire this is perhaps the

hardest selection with pale yellow flowers and a compact habit. My 1974/5 rooted cutting was 25cm h x 2m wide when moved in 2005. Zone 5 or lower.

***Rhododendron keiskei* 'Yaku Fairy'** - Creamy yellow flowers in profusion and very early. A dwarf selection with a very dense mounded habit and dark green foliage. Forms a perfect dome to 1'(.3m) high in full sun. This is the true form from Barry Starling in England. Zone 5b.

***Rhododendron kiusianum* "Berg's Best Pink"** - Perhaps the best suited evergreen azalea species for our coastal climate given good drainage and plenty of sun. Densely branched and twiggy, with a spreading, somewhat tiered habit and remain relatively low. This clone has small clear pink flowers. Very floriferous. Excellent fall colour. Zone 6 but worth trying in Zone 5. Undersized plants.

***R. kiusianum* 'Hinode'** - Vivid red flowers. Somewhat dwarfer and flatter in habit than most.

***Rhododendron kiusianum* 'Margaret Charlton'** - An excellent low-growing clear pink selection. Zone 5.

***Rhododendron kiusianum* 'Mountain Gem'** - Rose-purple flowers.

***Rhododendron kiusianum* 'Mount Fuji'** - Pure white flowers. Zone 5.

***Rhododendron kiusianum* 'Zuiko'** - This clone has strong purple flowers & a somewhat upright habit.

***Rhododendron* ('Lavendula' F2)** - (*russatum* x *saluenense* x *rubiginosum*)F2 A Brueckner improved 'Lavendula' with large lavender flowers and dark green foliage. to 2'(.6m) high or more. Zone 6b.

***Rhododendron leucaspis* RSBG** - An early blooming species with unique oval foliage covered in bristly hairs. It's white flat-faced flowers are born early in spring and accented by dark anthers. Zone 7.

***Rhododendron* 'Malta'** - ('Gable's Pioneer' selfed) An early blooming Leach hybrid with pale pink flowers that are flushed darker pink giving a unique effect. Very floriferous. Upright-mounded habit to 5'(1.5m) high x 4'(1.2m) wide with dark green foliage. Zone 5.

***Rhododendron (minus v. chapmanii x ludlowii)*** - A Powell Huie hybrid with pale yellow flowers and a dwarf habit. To 12"(.3m) high x 2'(.6m) wide in 10 years. Burgundy winter colour. Likely heat tolerant. Zone 6.

***Rhododendron* 'Molly Fordham'** - ('Balta' x *carolinianum*) A Mezitt hybrid with masses of heavily textured white flowers about a week after 'PJM'. Glossy dark green foliage with good winter leaf retention. Compact upright habit to 3'(.9m) high x 4'(1.2m) wide in 10 years. Zone 5b.

***Rhododendron* 'Mother Greer'** (*hippophaeoides* x a Triflorum series) Brilliant lavender-blue flowers similar

to *R. hippophaeoides* but much larger in size. Foliage and habit resembles that of its mother but more compact. Zone 6.

***Rhododendron mucronulatum* v. chejuense ('Cheju') (v. taquetii)** - A dwarf form of this deciduous species growing only 2'(.6m) high after many years and very twiggy. Flowers are lavender-purple. Very floriferous and slightly later blooming than the type species. Zone 5 or lower.

***Rhododendron nitidulum* v. omeiense KR 185** - A superb compact species with tiny green foliage similar to *R. impeditum*. Flowers are purple-blue and open later than other similar lepidotes. From Emei Shan, China. Compact habit to 12"(.3m) high. Zone 5.

***Rhododendron oreodoxa* v. fargesii** - A striking and early-blooming and floriferous species with relatively small oblong leaves. The pale pink flowers which are funnel-bell-shaped open in late April and are held in lax trusses. Rounded, upright habit to 8' (2.4m) high. Its leaves curl in bright direct sun so probably best sheltered from the mid-day sun or in bright shade. Zone 5

***Rhododendron oreotrephes*** - This beautiful species has beautiful glaucous blue-green leaves with red petioles. Pale lavender-pink flowers are born in profusion along the branches and at the tips. Broad upright-rounded habit to 5'(1.5m) high. Zone 6.

***Rhododendron* 'Penheale Blue'** - (*concinnum* Pseudoyanthinum Group x *russatum*) Deep violet blue flowers in mass on a dense upright-spreading plant. Good foliage turns reddish bronze in winter. Grows 3-4'(.9-1.2m) high and spreading wider. Zone 6.

***Rhododendron* 'Pikeland'** - (*keiskei* x *campylogynum*) White flowers edged pink. 12"(30cm) tall.

***Rhododendron poukhanense* 'Rosea'** - A tough species which seems to tolerate both wind and salt spray. Soft clear pink flowers are borne early in profusion. Dense mounded-spreading habit to 5'(1.5m) high and wider. Zone 5b.

***Rhododendron* 'Ptarmigan'** - (*leucaspis* x *orthocladum* v. *microleucum*) Exquisite pure white flowers with dark brown anthers. Dark green shiny foliage. 16-24"(40-60cm) high. Flowers perilously early, sometimes in early April here. Mildest parts of Zone 6.

***Rhododendron* 'Rie'** - (*yakushmanum* x 'Carmen') - A striking compact Hans Eiberg hybrid with bell-shaped bright red flowers. Small dark green leaves on a dense mounded plant growing only 1'(.3m) high and slightly wider in 10 years. Possibly the best plant of this cross. Zone 6.

***Rhododendron* 'Rik'** - (*racemosum* x *keiskei*) Funnel-shaped flowers are white with a pink flush and striping. Foliage turns bronze-red in winter. Dense mounded habit to 3'(.9m) high. Zone 6.

**R. [(*russatum* x *pemakoense*) x *keiskei* 'Yaku Fairy']** - A hybrid grown from Barry Starling seed - unique, a blue dwarf keiskei 'YF' hybrid. Shiny green leaves unlike other dwarf, compact blues. 8"(20cm) high by 12"(30cm) wide in 15 years. Zone 5b.

**Rhododendron 'Scotian Bells'** - (*mucronulatum* v. *chejuense* x *campylogynum* Charoepum Group) A Weagle hybrid with loose trusses pendant campanulate violet-purple flowers. Early. Low compact habit. Can be deciduous in winter. Zone 6a.

**Rhododendron "Scotian Blush"** - (*mucronulatum chejuense* x *leucaspis*) - A compact near deciduous hybrid by John Weagle. Blush pink flowers in early spring. Foliage v. reminiscent of *R. leucaspis* turns bronzy-red in fall. Compact habit mounded habit to 2'(60cm) high. Zone 6a

**Rhododendron trichostomum** - A lepidote species in the Pogonantha. Small daphne-like pink flowers. Z5b

**Rhododendron viridescens 'Doshong La'** - A striking species with obovate leaves with a slight twist that emerge powder blue. Pale yellow flowers are carried in trusses of 3-6. Upright-spreading dense habit to 3'(9m) high. Only for mildest areas in Zone 6b and warmer. Bud hardy to about 0°F(-18°C).

**Rhododendron 'What A Dane'** - [(*ambiguum* x *cinnabarinum* Concatenans Group) x *cinnabarinum* 'Nepal'] A Jens Birck hybrid with it's trumpet-shaped flowers orange-red shading to yellow at the tips and more yellow interiors. Upright habit, ours is 7'(2.1m) at 25yo. Zone 7 or the mildest parts of Zone 6b.

**Rhododendron 'Widgeon'** - (*carolinianum* x *calostrotum* 'Gigha') A Cox hybrid with large saucer-shaped purple-pink flowers with darker spotting. Very floriferous. Dense, dome-shaped spreading habit to 2'(6m) high. Very nice. Zone 5b.

**Rhododendron williamsianum Caerhays Mound** - A beautiful species from the garden of Margaret Charlton with lax trusses of large pale pink bell-shaped flowers. Early-blooming. Beautiful small rounded dark green leaves emerge copper. Dense mounded habit to 2'(6m) high. Hardy to -5°F(-20°C). Only for Zone 7 or warm microclimates in Zone 6b with wind/ice protection.

**Rhododendron 'Woodland's Miss Muffet' ('Little Miss Muffet')** - (*carolinianum* x *impeditum*) A Leslie Hancock hybrid similar to 'Ramapo' but more compact. Lavender-blue flowers. Small blue-green foliage. Grows to 3'(9m) high x 5'(1.5m) wide in 30 years. Zone 5.

**Rhododendron 'Wren'** - (*ludlowii* x *keiskei* 'Yaku Fairy') Clear yellow flowers stand up like pansies above a creeping mat of shiny, dark green foliage. Floriferous. Foliage turns bronzy-red in winter. At its best planted on a bank or in a raised bed, ideal for the rock garden, peat

bed or small spaces. A beautiful Peter Cox hybrid. Zone 6.

**Rhododendron zekoense ARS04-615** - Lepidote species in subsection Laponica, cw by Jens Nielsen. Tiny leaves and white flowers. Z5 is a reasonable guess

**Rhododendron Trichoclada species - *caesium/lepidostyllum/trichocladum?*** - Deciduous. Pale yellow flowers.

## **OTHER ERICACEOUS SHRUBS**

**Andromeda polifolia 'Kiri Kaming' (Bog Rosemary)** - A Japanese form with very narrow needle-like dark blue-green tinged red foliage and pink flowers. Lower growing. Zone 3.

**Enkianthus campanulatus v. sikokianus** - A large deciduous shrub with an interesting twiggy, upright, tiered-spreading habit. Dark green leaves in whorls at the branch tips. This variety is more upright growing and less twiggy than most and boast incredible brilliant red fall colour. Its small, urn-shaped flowers are dark red streaked pink - and are born in long pendulous panicles. Slow growing to 6'(1.8m) x 4'(1.2m) wide in 10 years. Sun to part shade. Zone 6, possibly colder.

**Leucothoe davisiae** - Quite different than the usually encountered *L. fontanesiana*. This species is more upright in habit with thinner more rounded foliage. Its small white flowers urn-shaped flowers are held upright from the branch tips. Bushy suckering habit. Part shade. Zone 6.

**Leiophyllum buxifolium** - (Box Sandmyrtle) An evergreen ericaceous shrub with tiny narrow shiny dark green leaves. Small starry white flowers open from terminal clusters of pink buds in spring. Foliage turns bronze in winter. Mounding spreading habit usually only to about 12'(3m) high. Full sun. Great for the rock garden. Zone 6, possibly colder.

**Menziesia ciliicalyx v. purpurea (now Rhododendron benhalii)** - A deciduous shrub growing to 2'(60cm) high with a shrubby mounded habit. Its urn-shaped flowers are purplish pink and are held in loose drooping clusters. Zone 6. **These are open-pollinated seedlings.**

**Menziesia (Rhododendron) ex 'Cherry Sticks'** - Unbloomed open-pollinated seedlings of this Barry Starling hybrid with narrow reddish-pink flowers. Will form a small deciduous shrub to about 5'(1.5m) tall. 6.

**Menziesia (Rhododendron) ex 'Dartmoor Evening Glow'** - Unbloomed open-pollinated seedlings of this Barry Starling hybrid with salmon flowers. Will form a small deciduous shrub to about 5'(1.5m) tall. Zone 6.

**Menziesia (Rhododendron) ex 'Dartmoor Fairy'** - Unbloomed open-pollinated seedlings of this Barry Starling hybrid with \_\_\_\_\_ flowers. Will form a small deciduous shrub to about 5'(1.5m) tall. Zone 6.

**Menziesia (Rhododendron) ex 'Dartmoor Shepherd's Delight'** - Unbloomed open-pollinated seedlings of this Barry Starling hybrid with rose-pink flowers. Will form a small deciduous shrub to about 5'(1.5m) tall. Zone 6.

**Menziesia (Rhododendron) ex 'Dartmoor Snowbells'** - Unbloomed open-pollinated seedlings of this Barry Starling hybrid with white flowers tipped with pale pink. Will form a small deciduous shrub to about 5'(1.5m) tall. Zone 6.

**Menziesia (Rhododendron) "Scotian Spring"** - Grown from seed of Barry Starling's M. 'Spring Morning' this hybrid has bright pink urn-shaped flowers and glaucous blue foliage. Deciduous. To 5'(1.5m) high. Name suggested by Barry himself. Zone 6.

**Menziesia (Rhododendron) ex "Scotian Spring"** - Unbloomed open-pollinated seedling of M. 'Spring Morning'. M. 'Spring Morning' has pink urn-shaped flowers and glaucous blue foliage. Deciduous. To 5'(1.5m) high. Zone 6.

**Oxydendron arboreum - (Sourwood)** A slow growing deciduous tree with large arching panicles of white lily-of-the-valley-like flowers in summer. Beautiful glossy deep green narrow foliage. Incredible persistent maroon, scarlet or plum fall colour. Slow growing pyramidal habit to 25'(7.5m) high x 20'(6m) wide with a rounded top and drooping branches. Zone 6.

**Phyllodoce caerulea** - A rare alpine ericaceous species with Erica-like foliage and elongated, urn-shaped pink flowers on a low spreading plant. For the collector as it can be tricky to grow. Not heat tolerant.

**Pieris japonica 'Brookside Miniature'** - A very slow growing cultivar with small leaves and a dwarf upright habit to 18"(45cm) tall after many years. Zone 6.

**Pieris japonica 'Mousehole'** - Pieris is a genus of evergreen shrubs related to rhododendrons. Panicles of white, lily-of-the-valley-like flowers appear in spring from buds formed the previous year. 'Mousehole' is a dwarf cultivar growing to 3'(.9m) high x 3'(.9m) wide with reddish new growth. A beautiful foliage plant. Z6.

**Pieris japonica 'Peter Suzuki'/'Peter Suzumi'??** - A very compact cultivar which we are not sure of the name and can find no reference to it.

**Vaccinium praestans (Kamschatka Bilberry)** - A deciduous prostrate species which spreads around stoloniferously. Its 1" leaves are born a few to each short twiggy stem and turn bright red in the fall. Typical vaccinium type flowers are followed by large bright red fruit. For sun to light shade in well-drained soil. Zone 6, probably much colder.

**Vaccinium vitis-idaea v. minus 'Betsy Sinclair'** - (**Foxberry, Partridgeberry**) A heavy fruiting Steele selection of this evergreen native; cw in W. Newfoundland. Small, pinkish, urn-shaped flowers followed by red berries. Tiny, leathery, glossy dark green foliage. 2-3"(5to7.5cm) tall. Full sun to part-shade. Zone 3.

## **TREES & SHRUBS**

**Asimia triloba - (Pawpaw)** A small deciduous fruit bearing tree or large shrub. Dark purple flowers are followed by edible fruit (technically a berry) from 2-6"(5-15cm) long with a flavour and consistency similar to bananas. Grows 15-20'(4.5-6.0m.) high. Multi-stemmed. Two clones required for fruiting. Full sun in moist soil. Zone 6.

**Berberis chilensis?** - A dwarf evergreen species received as *B. chilensis* which shouldn't be hardy. Dark shiny green evergreen foliage on a low mounding shrub. Yellow flowers. Zone 6.

**Berberis verruculosa** - An evergreen species with dark green leathery leaves and a dense, mounded-arching habit. To 5'(1.5m) high and wide. Zone 6, probably colder.

**Buxus microphylla 'Compacta' (Compact Littleleaf Boxwood)** An extremely dwarf selection of this evergreen shrub. Very slow growing (less than ½" per year) to 10"(.25m) high x 18"(.45m) wide in 25 years. Small shiny foliage. Tight irregular mounding habit. Great for the rock garden, trough or bonsai. Zone 6.

**Camellia japonica ex Korea** - Grown from seed collected in Korea, this camellia has survived and bloomed in Halifax over the past five years. Single red to rosy-red flowers. Will need a protected spot against a brick wall preferable out of the winter sun and wind.

**Camelia oleifera** - Another quite hardy species but given that it is winter-blooming probably not worth trying outdoors here. Good for the cool greenhouse or sunroom where it should bear its small white flowers for a long period in winter. Forms a small willow tree and superficially resembles a Ficus benjamina.

**Fuchsia 'Hawkshead'** - **TENDER** A striking cultivar with slender white flowers tipped with green. Upright growing. Full sun to part shade. Worth trying in the ground with a heavy mulch in winter.

**Fuchsia magellanica 'Alba' (v. molinae)** - One of the hardiest, this species has blush pink (not white) flowers. Full sun to part shade. Treat as an herbaceous plant in Zone 6 - cut back and mulch heavily in the fall. Zone 7.

**Hippophae rhamnoides 'Sunset Gold'** - (**Sunset Gold Sea Buckthorn**) Large orange fruit - darker in color than 'Citrus Gold'. Male required to produce fruit. Zone 3.

***Hippophae rhamnoides* 'Huron Sunset' - (Huron Sunset Sea Buckthorn)** Large orange fruit - darker in color than 'Citrus Gold'. Male required to produce fruit. Zone 3.

***Hippophae rhamnoides* 'Lord' - (Lord Sea Buckthorn)**  
A male cultivar required for pollination. Zone 3.

***Lonicera crassifolia*** - A creeping honeysuckle with tiny dark green evergreen rounded foliage which turns bronze in winter. Forms a prostrate/cascading matt. Pale yellow flowers, unfortunately unscented. Zone 6.

***Lonicera purpusii* 'Winter Beauty'** - A late winter/early spring-blooming shrubby species. Clusters of highly fragrant white flowers. Zone 6?

***Magnolia sieboldii* ex Korean Seedling** - These are seedlings of a plant grown from seed collected wild in Korea. The flowers are larger and more outward facing than most in cultivation. The pure white flowers have a pink to burgundy stamens and open from mid-June to late July against fresh green foliage. This species has an added bonus of bright pink seed pods in fall from which dangle bright orange seeds. A vigorous small, bushy tree, growing to 15'(4.5m) tall. Part shade. Zone 5b.

***Skimmia japonica* and *S. japonica* var. *repens*** - An evergreen shrub with dark glossy green foliage and clusters of tiny citrus-fragrant white flowers earliest spring. Flowers are followed by bright shiny red berries with a male pollinator. Compact mounded habit growing 2-3'(60-90cm) high. The variety *repens* is about half that height. Tolerates dry shade when established. Protect from winter sun and wind. Zone 6.

- "Dwarf Male"

- "White Berried"

- *var. repens* - Upright growing but with a denser habit.

***Stewartia serrata*** - A small tree growing to 15'(5.0m) tall. White camellia-like flowers tinged red on the outside. Late spring/early summer blooming. Zone 6 in protected spots. **May have been mistakenly sold as *S. rostrata* in the past.**

***Styrax japonicus*** (Japanese Snowbell) A deciduous tree with a graceful fine horizontal branching habit and dark green lustrous foliage. Pendulous white flowers with yellow stamens hang in clusters below the branches in late spring. Can grow 20-30'(6-9m) high and wide. Zone 6.

***Viburnum x bodnantense* 'Dawn'** - Dense rounded trusses of small rose pink, sweetly scented blossoms are born very early - in March when little else is in bloom! A fast-growing deciduous shrub with a broad upright habit. To 8'(2.4m) high or more. Dark green foliage emerges with a reddish cast and turn reddish-purple in the fall. Petioles and newer stems are dark red. Flowers are easily forced in winter. Zone 6.

***Zanthoxylum species - simulans?* - (Sichuan Pepper)** A deciduous large shrub or small tree in the prickly ash family. Husks of its small red fruit are used in Chinese cooking. Full sun. Zone 6.