

tan-y-llyn perennials – plants listed and descriptions 2024/5

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('Damp' does not mean wet, 'good drainage' does not mean 'no moisture', 'shade' does not mean 'under a rhododendron!')

	species	variety/cultivar	Description	RHS	Tolerates	
Achillea	<i>millefolium</i>	Cassis	Cherry-red flattened flower heads loved by bees. Late summer 60cm good drainage.	dryish soil	friendly
Achillea	<i>millefolium</i>	Salmon Beauty	Flat heads of salmon pink flowers becoming pale with age. Finely cut foliage. Useful dried flower.		dryish soil	friendly
Acorus	<i>gramineus</i>	Ogon	Fans of narrow green and yellow striped leaves, marginal or aquarium plant.		dampness	
Aegopodium	<i>podagraria</i>	variegata	Variiegated ground elder; pretty but set on domination.		competition	friendly
Aeonium	<i>arborea</i>	Zwartkop	Almost black architectural foliage. = Schwarzkopff. Not hardy unless you live in Maderia	AGM	sunshine!	
Aguga	<i>reptans</i>	Black Scallop	Very dark leaves (especially at cool or light times of year. Semi evergreen bugle.		shade/damp	friendly
Ajuga	<i>reptans</i>	Caitlin's Giant	'Giant' says it all, very useful competitive ground cover. Bugles like reliably moist soils and don't like sunburn.	AGM	shade/damp	friendly
Alchemilla	<i>mollis</i>	Lady's Mantle	More horticultural marmite: risky if you have a controlling personality but romantics love the cupped leaves, full of sparkling drops of water when it rains. Yellow foamy flowers, good in a vase or dried.		neglect!	
Allium	<i>fistulosum</i>	Welsh onion	A native of Siberia ('Walsch'= foreign) not Wales; an evergreen hollow leaved perennial useful for winter salads if the snails haven't been there first			
Allium	<i>schoenoprasum</i>		Purple flower heads are edible, attractive and have good nectar.			friendly
Allium	<i>schoenoprasum</i>	Polystar	Fast growing, good in pots			friendly
Allium	<i>schoenoprasum</i>	Silver Chimes	A little charmer with bright green oniony stems like fine chives topped by silvery white edible flower heads.			friendly
Allium	<i>tuberosum</i>	(Garlic Chives)	Garlic chives, flat garlicky leaf, ornamental white flowers late in the year.			friendly
Aloysia		[see Lippia]				
Androsace	<i>lanuginosa</i>		Pale pink flowers, primula family, sun and good drainage.	AGM	sun+drainage	
Anemone		Honorine Jobert	Classy white flowers late summer		some shade	
Angelica	<i>archangelica</i>		Short lived impressively large perennial with globular flower heads in second year, or crystallise stems for cake decoration.			friendly
Arenaria	<i>montana</i>		Vigorous spreading evergreen, grey leaved prostrate perennial, saucer shaped white flowers (quite large for an Arenaria) in generous numbers, early summer. Full sun and sharp drainage.	AGM H5	sun+drainage	friendly
Arenaria	<i>montana</i>	Snow White	Easy going alpine, very floriferous and relatively large flowers for a sandwort		sun+drainage	
Armeria	<i>caespitosa</i>	Bevan's Variety	Clustog Fair, or 'Mary's Pillow' – thrift thrives on poor seaside soils but grows bigger in the garden. This version however, remains compact.	AGM	sun+drainage	
Artemisia	<i>dracunculus</i>	French	Don't even think about seed-grown Russian Tarragon. French has the flavour. It does need some winter coddling.			
Artemisia	<i>dracunculus</i>	Vienco	A cultivar of French Tarragon			
Artemisia		Powis Castle	Silver filigree wormwood, excellent foil for strong colours	AGM	sunshine!	
Arundinaria	<i>viridistriata</i>		Spreading, but politely so, soft, yellow and green leaves to 1 m height.		shade/damp	
Asplenium	<i>nidus</i>	Bird's Nest Fern	A houseplant with character, bright to dark green glossy entire leaves. Minimum temperature 10 deg C. Keep moist and humid but not wet or sitting in water. Avoid direct sunlight except in winter	AGM		
Asplenium	<i>trichomanes</i>		Maidenhair Spleenwort. Good contrast between black and lime green. Widely distributed and not as delicate as it looks. Don't grow it in a swamp – it better suits dry stone walls, nooks and crannies.	AGM		
Aster	<i>x frikartii</i>	Monch	An aster of good constitution, 70cm tall with 5cm lilac flowers with yellow centres. Invaluable for late summer into autumn.	AGM		friendly
Aster	<i>x frikartii</i>	Wunder von Stafa	A sibling of 'Monch' Same health and flower power, a little more compact.	AGM H7		friendly
Athyrium	<i>niponicum</i>	var. <i>pictum</i>	Soft green fronds with silvery centres. Some are cultivar Metalicum with touches of red on the edges.	AGM		
Aucuba	<i>japonica</i>		All green, richly glossy leaves and large red berries – if a friend is nearby.		dry shade	
Azara	<i>microphylla</i>		A large shrub for a sunny wall, or small tree if sheltered. Narrow growing, small box-like leaves, tiny, early flowers with delicious scent	AGM		
Blechnum	<i>penna-marina</i>		Pinnate bronze green fronds, prostrate habit.		shade/damp	
Blechnum	<i>spicant</i>		Wintergreen, glossy leaved fern. Pinnate – singly divided fronds. Spreading habit, but fertile fronds grow upright. Very hardy	AGM		
Brunnera	<i>macrophylla</i>	Alexander's Great	Impressively wide-spreading Brunnera, strikingly patterned silvery leaves, blue flowers.		shade/damp	friendly
Brunnera	<i>macrophylla</i>	Sea Heart	Leaves, creamy at first then silver with green veining. Forget-me-not blue flowers in spring. Partial shade or sun (if soil does not get too dry) Excellent ground cover. Arose from B. Silver Lace		shade/damp	friendly


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Buddleia	<i>x weyeriana</i> Sungold	Cross between <i>B. globosa</i> and <i>B. davidii</i> , vigorous, big leaves, strongly scented bobbles of orange centred yellow flowers. Evergreen if mild.		sunshine!	friendly
Buxus	<i>sempervirens</i> Suffruticosa	Dwarf edging box, neat bright green foliage.		dryish soil	
Buxus	<i>sempervirens</i> Elegantissima	Handsome variegated box with small cream green leaves and dense habit.	AGM	dryish soil	
Buxus	<i>sempervirens</i> LARGE LEAF	Robust drought tolerant evergreen with large dark green rounded foliage,		dryish soil	friendly
Buxus	<i>sempervirens</i> Aureovariegata	Large box with golden variegation		dryish soil	
Calathea	<i>oppenheimiana</i>	Variegated foliage houseplant			
Calathea	<i>orbifolia</i>	Majestic large rounded striped leaves			
Calathea	<i>oppenheimiana</i> Misto				
Campanula	<i>garganica</i> Mrs Resholt	Intense violet (Plant of the year at Chelsea 2012?)		dryish soil	
Campanula	<i>portenschlagiana</i>	Lilac thimble shaped flowers, lobed foliage, creeping habit.	AGM		
Campanula	<i>poscharskyana</i> E H Frost	Robust creeping perennial, blue buds and silvery flowers, good for dry banks. Named for poet and horticulturalist Elizabeth Hollister Frost		neglect	friendly
Campanula	<i>poscharskyana</i>	Lilac starry flowers, creeping and spreading, too enthusiastic for some, but good for dry banks.		neglect	
Castanea	<i>sativa</i> Sweet Chestnut	An attractive large tree – source of chestnuts and coppice wood in addition to deeply grooved swirling bark and smart oblong pointed leaves. Does not care for exposure, alkaline or waterlogged soils.			
Ceanothus	<i>thyrsiflorus</i> var repens	An evergreen ceanothus which spreads sideways, not upwards (very much) Useful for covering things at ground level in a sunny spot. Powder blue flowers in spring, hardiness RHS H4	AGM	dryish soil	friendly
Centranthus	<i>ruber</i> var coccineus ‘Rosenrot’	Reliable, drought-resistant perennials, ‘Rose-red’		dryish soil	
Ceratostigma	<i>plumbaginoides</i>	Late blue flowered ground cover, autumn leaf tints.	AGM		
Chamaedorea	<i>elegans</i>	An easy growing compact palm. Bright, indirect light or slight shade. A popular house plant since Victorian times. Gives a slightly exotic ambience and is on NASA’s list of air purifying plants.	AGM		
Chamaemelum	<i>nobile</i> Treneague	The best type for chamomile lawns – no flowers			
Chamaenerion	<i>angustifolium</i> Stahl Rose	Beautiful soft pink flowers contrast with darker pink buds midsummer. This is a form of willowherb so place it with care!		competition	
Choisya	<i>ternata</i>	Evergreen 1.5m glossy foliage and white early summer flowers, sometimes again in autumn. Sweet nutty scent.	AGM	dryish soil	friendly
Choisya	<i>x dewittiana</i> Aztec Pearl	Finely divided evergreen leaves. Aromatic white flowers spring and often again autumn	AGM		friendly
Cistus	<i>x corbariensis</i>	A substantial shrubby sun rose, lovely papery white flowers, plant it as close to the Mediterranean as you can.		sun+drainage	
Clematis	<i>cirrhosa</i> var. <i>purperescens</i> Freckles	Evergreen climber; early bowl shaped yellow flowers speckled maroon. Glossy divided foliage.	AGM		friendly
Clematis	<i>flammula</i>	Late flowering, vigorous scrambler with white flowers strongly scented of almond or honey..		competition	
Clematis	<i>viticella</i> Etoile Violette	Late summer, Rich purple, white centre, very floriferous			
Cordyline	<i>australis</i>	Why would anyone call it a cabbage palm? Whorls of glossy foliage on top of wood-like stems.	AGM		
Cordyline	<i>australis</i> Purpurea Group	Does a ‘Purple CabbagePalm’ sound any better?			
Corydalis	<i>cheilanthifolia</i>	Yellow green fern like foliage turning bronze in autumn, yellow vetch like flowers. Enthusiastic but easily contained.		competition	
Corydalis	<i>flexuosa</i>	Dark foliage and bright blue flowers in spring and autumn.		shade/damp	
Crocus	<i>tommasinianus</i> Ruby Giant	Purple red form			friendly
Crocus	<i>sieberi</i> Tricolor	A cormous perennial with large, fragrant flowers; the inner tepals pale mauve, outer ones mauve, and the throat yellow with a white outer zone, opening with the leaves in late winter (RHS)	AGM		friendly
Daphne	<i>tangutica</i>	Rounded evergreen shrub to 1.2 m, glossy leaves, creamy purple flowers with strong scent followed by red berries.	AGM		
Dianthus	<i>barbatus</i> Sops in Wine	Old fashioned pink with white blotches on dark pink clove-scented flowers.			friendly
Dianthus	<i>barbatus</i> Whatfield Cancan	Full pink flowers strong scent.	AGM		friendly
Dianthus	<i>barbatus</i> Whatfield Ruby	Dusty dark dwarf pink with strong scent			friendly
Dicentra	<i>formosa</i> Langtrees	Low divided, grey foliage sprouts from fleshy rhizomes, white tubular flowers tinted pink.	AGM		
Dryopteris	<i>affinis</i> Cristata	Attractively tough, a fern with divided tips to the fronds. Evergreen if mild but looks better for an autumn tidy.	AGM H5	dry shade	friendly
Dryopteris	<i>cycadina</i> [atrata]	Long fronds develop dark hairs which gives a shaggy appearance. A character.	AGM		
Dryopteris	<i>erythrosora</i>	Red croziers turn into glowing bronze foliage, irresistible.	AGM		
Epipemnum	<i>aureum</i> (Scindapsus Aureum)	Evergreen houseplant climber or trailer. Robust and reliable if not too cold or overwatered in winter.	AGM		
Erigeron	<i>karvinskianus</i>	Low white/pink/yellow tiny daisy flowers non stop.	AGM	competition	friendly


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Euonymus	<i>fortunei</i>	Emerald Gaity	Self clinging short climber or evergreen ground cover	AGM	dryish soil	
Eupatorium	<i>maculatum</i>	Reisenschirm	Impressively tall, stout stemmed perennial with flattened heads of purple flowers in summer.			friendly
Eurybia (Aster)	<i>divaricata</i>		Wood Aster – wiry black stems good scrambling through other plants, masses of small pinkish white flowers.		shade/damp	friendly
Fatsia	<i>japonica</i>		Evergreen shade-tolerant shrub to 1.5 m Architectural palmate leaves. White globular flower heads and black berries in winter. Very wildlife-supportive. Hardy to -15 deg C or makes a fine cool houseplant. Closely related to ivy with which it can hybridise	AGM	shade/damp	friendly
Ficus	<i>carica</i>	Brown Turkey	Reliable, heavy crops, purple brown fruit with rich, red flesh.	AGM		
Ficus	<i>carica</i>	White Marsailles	A whitish fruited fig tree. Thomas Jefferson wrote. “‘White Marseilles’ is unquestionably superior to any fig I have ever seen.” Greenish-yellow fruit packed with sweetly delicious pale-yellow flesh.			
Ficus	<i>elastica</i>		Rubber plants. Tolerant of reduced light, but not liking cold or over wet roots. Same family as commercial rubber. Don’t taste the sap of any ficus.			
Filipendula	<i>rubra</i>	Venustra	Tall meadowsweet with dark pink flowers. Grows well in fertile damp soils.	AGM	dampness	
Foeniculum	<i>vulgare</i>	Purpleum	Bronze Fennel, distinctive flavour and presence – patterning works well with light and shade. Popular with beneficials but can self seed enthusiastically		dryish soil	friendly
Foeniculum	<i>vulgare</i>		Green fennel. finely divided leaves, delicate flower heads and a propensity for self seeding.		dryish soil	
Gaillardia	<i>aristata</i>	cv,	Short lived but very floriferous perennial, wine red flowers with yellow tips 90 cm x 50 cm			friendly
Geranium	<i>clarkei</i>	Kashmir White	Graceful habit and finely veined white flowers.			friendly
Geranium	<i>himalayense</i>		The ‘blue one’ “(if you’ve seen one you’ve seen em all!” do I hear you say?		neglect	friendly
Geranium	<i>macrorrhizum</i>		Dense , aromatic ground cover.		competition	friendly
Geranium	<i>macrorrhizum</i>	Album	Fleshy rhizomes and leaves- strongly aromatic. White flowers.		competition	friendly
Geranium	<i>sanguineum</i>	Cedric Morris	A bloody cranesbill bigger in all its parts.			friendly
Geranium	<i>snaguineum</i>	Album	A white form of ‘bloody cranesbill; lovely for lightening up the front of a border.	AGM		friendly
Geranium	<i>x magnificum</i>		Hybrid vigour and rich violet flowers with darker veins	AGM H7		friendly
Geranium		Brookside	Geranium pratense x clarkei ‘Kashmir Purple’) Found in one the beds in the CBG in the 70s. Intense blue flowers with contrasting white centres	AGM		friendly
Geranium		Nimbus	Vigorous hybrid with very finely cut leaves and violet flowers	AGM H7		friendly
Geranium		Orion	Spreading perennial with finely divided leaves and large rounded flowers, violet blue with purple veins and a white centre. A seedling of G Brookside – darker flower colour.	AGM		friendly
Geranium	<i>x hybridum</i>	Rozanne	The geranium that keeps on giving its flowers, violet blue with a white centre. 60cm height, Indispensible.	AGM		friendly
Geranium		Anne Thompson	Early summer flowering, vigorous scrambler looks good on a twiggy support. Vivid red-purple flowers.	AGM H7		friendly
Glandora	<i>prostrata</i>	Grace Ward	Electric blue flowers, prostrate ground cover for acid soil. [Was Lithospermum]	AGM		
Hebe	<i>pinguifolia</i>	Sutherlandii	Sage green foliage and white flowers. A useful but unassuming small(ish) evergreen shrub with white flowers on summer. Hardy, for a hebe.		dryish soil	friendly
Hedera	<i>algeriensis</i>	Gloire de Marengo	Large leaved cream variegated ivy. Equally happy to be horizontal.	AGM		
Helleborus	<i>niger</i>		Christmas rose			friendly
Hemerocallis	<i>lilioasphodelus</i>		Tough day lily, lemon yellow flowers June, nicely scented			
Hemerocallis		Chocolate Dude	Chocolate brown with orange centre			
Hemerocallis		Double River Wye	Light yellow with green throat			
Hemerocallis		Fire from Heaven	Hot biscuit colour.			
Hemerocallis		Joan Senior	Palest yellow flowers, ageing creamy. Near white. Scented?			
Hesperantha	<i>coccinea</i>	Cindy Towe	Luminous scarlet – amongst the earliest to flower.		dampness	
Hesperantha	<i>coccinea</i>	Major	Satiny scarlet flowers in Autumn, excellent cut flower, dislikes being too dry.	AGM	dampness	
Hosta	<i>x hybrida</i>	June	An unassuming name for a cracking variegated hosta. Blue green leave with centra yellow and splashes of blue.		some shade	
Hyssopus	<i>officinalis</i>	Aristatus	Rock Hyssop, small aromatic shrub with bright blue flowers. Semi evergreen	AGM	dryish soil	friendly
Iris	<i>foetidissimus</i>	Gladwyn’	Evergreen, ‘interesting’ blue yellow flowers but stunning red berries		dry shade	
Iris	<i>siberica</i>	Silver Edge	Siberian Iris, hardy, narrow leaves and tall. Dark blue flowers are edged white. Forms a clump, 1 m height, dampish soil.	AGM H7	dampness	friendly

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Iris	unguicularis	Algerian Iris, unsurprisingly this indispensable winter flowering blue iris needs excellent drainage and a right summer baking. Pleasant scent. and long flowering period		sun+drainage	friendly
Jasminum	humile Revolutum	Summer flowering evergreen jasmine, delicate (scented if in a warm position) yellow flowers on a 2 m high and wide plant.	AGM		
Jasminum	nudiflorum Winter Jasmine	Regular bursts of cheerful yellow flowers over winter..A bit of a sprawler, occasional tying in and tidying doesn't go amiss.	AGM	some shade	
Juniperus	communis f. suecica	A form of Swedish juniper which arose as a sport of J. c. Compressa. [or a mislabelled J.c. Suecica Nana]. It makes broad cylindrical column to 5 m. [nice plant but definately not 'Nana!']			
Kalanchoe	daigremontiana	A curious grey/green succulent from Madagascar. The triangular leaves are bordered with their own ready-rooted offspring. Not hardy.			
Laurus	nobilis	Sweet bay, aromatic, useful and ornamental, clip or grow freely, yellow flowers winter.	AGM	some shade	friendly
Laurus	nobilis Aurea	Golden form of sweet bay, look ill at ease in summer but glows brightly and cheerfully in winter.	AGM		friendly
Lavandula	angustifolia	Blue-violet hybrid with healthy, compact habit to 35 cm			friendly
Lavandula	angustifolia Hidcote	Dwarf habit, silvery foliage, violet flowers.	AGM	sun+drainage	friendly
Lavandula	x chaytoriae Richard Gray	Wide silver leaves and violet flowers, compact and stunning. Hardiness H4 but will not tolerate wet soil	AGM	sun+drainage	friendly
Lavandula	x intermedia Lullingstone Castle	Robust x intermedia type. Narrow but long flowers.		sun+drainage	friendly
Lavandula	Imperial Gem	Hidcote but better? Very floriferous.	AGM	sun+drainage	friendly
Leucanthemella	serotina	Autumn ox eye, a very tall but sturdy daisy giving welcome flowers which follow the sun late in the year.	AGM		friendly
Levisticum	officinale (Lovage)	Tall umbellifer leaves fresh or cooked give a air of celery. Gives height the the herb garden and tolerates some shade.		some shade	
Linaria	domani Carnforth	Small mauve snapdragon flowers with surprisingly strong scent, mildly spreading.	competition	friendly
Lippia	citriodora	(Strongly) lemon scented verbena, over-winter under glass.	AGM		
Lonicera	japonica Halliana	Strongly scented flowers white turning biscuit. Vigourous semi evergreen			friendly
Luma	apiculata	A willowy myrtle, small dark rounded leaves contrasting will with the stems. Looks good in a terracotta pot. Impressive bark on older specimens.	AGM		
Matteuccia	struthiopteris	Shuttlecock fern. rhizomatous habit give large regularly patterned groups which tolerate a variety of conditions except dry shade.	AGM	shade/damp	
Meconopsis	cambrica	Welsh poppy, flat yellow (occasionally orange) flowers tolerant of shade and competition from grass.		neglect	friendly
Mentha	longifolia Buddleia Mint Group	Silver form of horsemint			friendly
Mentha	requienii	Corsican Mint. Prostrate, tiny leaves and flowers. Pungent The most diminutive member of the mint family often mistaken for Mind Your Own Business. The tiny leaves are bright green and small blue flowers appear in midsummer. It certainly has a strong minty smell, whether you would want to have it with lamb is another matter. Moist-ish soil and partial shade are suitable but you need to be prepared for it to choose it's own favourite location.			
Mentha	spicata Brundall	A finely flavoured form of spearmint			friendly
Mentha	spicata spear mint	Spearmint			friendly
Mentha	spicata Tashkent	Corrugated leaves, vigorous and superb flavour. Differs from moroccan mint in size and flower colour			friendly
Mentha	x gracilis Variegata	Ginger mint			friendly
Mentha	x villosa var. alopecuroides	(Bowles' mint)			
Miscanthus	Morning Light	A substantial grass with subtle variegated stripes , 1.2 m tall			friendly
Monarda	Violet Queen	A bergamot with violet purple flowers. 90cm tall. Said (by some) to have resistance to powdery mildew.			friendly
Monstera	adansonii	A Swiss Cheese Plant, not the same as M. deliciosa, this plant is smaller (although still energetic). A good house plant for shaded areas (don't overdo the shade) it grows natively in Central America. Like your favourite Aunt, it does not like cold or drafts and likes a moderate watering regime and high humidity.			
Morina	longifolia	Don't let the leaves fool you, it's not a thistle but a charmer with spikes of tubular pink white flowers in summer.			
Musa	acuminata Dwafst Cavendish	Magnificent pot plant – hardiness H1b minimum 10°C (plus not minus!) Needs to be much warmer and humid to flower but this is where bananas come from.	AGM		
Myrtus	communis subsp. tarentina	Cracking evergreen. Smaller (compared with common myrtle) narrow leaves. Creamy white flowers like miniature roses. Aromatic (to sensitive noses.)	AGM		
Narcissus	Geranium	A scented multi heased, tazetta narcissus white with a bright orange red cup. 30+ cm	AGM H6		
Narcissus	Tête à Tête	Charming and yet reliable, dwarf, early, slightly reflexed perianth, some stems multi headed.	AGM		

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Nepeta	Six Hills Giant	Waist high soft aromatic foliage, lilac flowers loved by pollinators.	AGM	sun+drainage	
Nephrolepis	<i>exaltata</i> Boston	Elegant cascading housefern. Minimum temperature 10 deg C (that's plus 10 not minus 10)	AGM		
Nymphaea	<i>alba</i>	Vigorous water lily, white with golden stamens.			friendly
Ocimum	<i>basilicum</i> Nicola	A Genovese type, ideal for both pot and fresh cut production. Compact habit with good colour. Suitable for all year round cultivation, including winter pot production.			
Oenothera	<i>stricta</i> Sulphurea	Elegant evening primrose yellow /apricot flowers. red and green lanceolate leaves.		competition	friendly
Ophiopogon	<i>planiscapus</i> Nigrescens	Should be Kokuryo? A classic ‘moist but well drained’ conundrum, tolerant of partial shade but becoming less black if too dark. Purple berries if you need any more.	AGM		
Origanum	<i>marjorana</i>	An annual with wonderful pungent flavour.			
Origanum	<i>vulgare</i> Aureum	Golden marjoram, glowing leaf rosettes in winter in cut back.	AGM	competition	friendly
Origanum	<i>vulgare</i> Compactum	Compact form		friendly
Origanum	<i>vulgare</i> County Cream	Variiegated, but still aromatic and tougher than it looks		competition	friendly
Origanum	<i>vulgare</i> Gold Tip	Yellow tip is more like it.			friendly
Origanum	<i>vulgare</i> Golden shine	Golden oregano with bright yellow leaves. Appears not to have a back story		competition	friendly
Origanum	Acorn Bank	A golden oregano with pointed leaves associated with the eponymous National Trust property.			friendly
Pachysandra	<i>terminalis</i>	Dwarf evergreen ground cover, whorls of bright green leaves and white terminal flower heads. Suits tidy gardeners.		dry shade	
Parahebe	<i>catarractae</i> Porlock	Tightly packed glossy leaves, blue flowers with white eye. Evergreen subshrub will not thank you for cold and wet winters.			
Parthenocissus	<i>quinquefolia</i>	Virginia creeper, bit vigorous but you can't beat the colour.		competition	
Penstemon	Andenken an Friedrich Hahn	Dark, narrow leaves, slim, garnet red flowers.	AGM		friendly
Penstemon	Stapleford Gem	Of uncertain breeding and possibly the ‘proper Sour Grapes. Violet blue shaded with pink is very striking, the plant 75ish cm tall and evergreen in mild winters.	AGM		friendly
Petroselinum	<i>crispum</i> home	Parsley			
Phalaenopsis	Dover	Moth Orchid. Plain white flowers with a yellow lip, mauve at the throat. Floriferous, often with 3 spikes. Bright light (without direct summer sun) drench and drain weekly, Don't cut off the roots growing outside the pot.	AGM		
Phalaenopsis	Folkestone	White with Yellow Lip	AGM		
Phalaenopsis	Zurich	A compact moth orchid – elegant white blooms and vibrant chartreuse centres. Thrives in bright, indirect light, perfect for home offices or living rooms. Flowers periodically throughout the year with proper care.	AGM		
Phlomis	<i>russeiana</i>	Bold felted leaves, whorls of yellow hooded flowers, and long lasting seed heads.	AGM	sun+drainage	friendly
Phlox	<i>douglasii</i> Red Admiral	compact evergreen perennial to 15cm in height, forming a mat of small, dark green, awl-shaped leaves. Flowers rich deep crimson, 1.5cm in width, 1-3 at the ends of the stems, in late spring and early summer	AGM	sun+drainage	
Phlox	<i>paniculata</i> Flame White Eye	A border phlox			friendly
Phlox	<i>paniculata</i> Mount Fujiyama	White			
Phlox	<i>x subulata</i> McDaniel's Cushion	Bright deep pink flowers	AGM	sun+drainage	friendly
Phlox	<i>divaricata</i> <i>laphamii</i> Chattahoochee	Dark foliage, blue flowers with crimson centres, partial shade neutral to acid soil. Choice but choosy.	AGM H5	shade/damp	
Phlox	<i>glaberrima</i> Bill Baker	Somewhat lax habit to 0.5m Lance shaped leaves and clustered, scented bright pink flowers early summer, good for front of borders.	AGM		
Phuopsis	<i>stylosa</i>	Sprawling ground cover with pink flower heads. Some people like the scent, some don't			
Pileostegia	<i>viburnoides</i>	An answer to the question: “Is there an evergreen climbing hydrangea” Mostly hardy in the UK (H5)			very friendly
Polemonium	<i>caeruleum</i> Album	White form of Jacob's Ladder		competition	
Polystichum	<i>setiferum</i> Herrenhausen	Beth Chatto says: Differs from P.s.Dahlem' in producing much more, cut fronds which lie more horizontally creating a large rosette of exquisitely lacy design'			
Primula	<i>elatior</i> Castillian	Brings electrifying yellow and scarlet to the demure oxlip			friendly
Pteris	<i>argyrea</i>	Evergreen, fresh green fingerlike fronds with a central white vein. Grown outside, needs a shady moist and very sheltered spot (native of Sri Lanka). On the other hand, tolerates cool conditions indoors where it can grow to a generous size.			
Pulmonaria	<i>angustifolia</i>	Bright blue flowered lungwort.		shade/damp	friendly
Rheum (Rhubarb)	Victoria'	Old, reliable late maincrop variety, with mid-sized green stalks flushed with red, and a robust flavour. Ready to harvest from late May. Suitable for late forcing			

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Ribes	<i>rubrum</i>	Rovada	Good flavour heavy crops easily picked from July to August			
Rogersia	<i>pinnata</i>		Bold deciduous perennial, liking and looking good in moist situations. Foamy white flowers like Astilbe in summer.		dampness	
Rudbeckia	<i>fulgida</i>	var. deamii	Excellent naturaliser with smaller slower flowers but lots of them. Late summer to Autumn 60 cm.	AGM		friendly
Rudbeckia	<i>laciniata</i>	Herbstsonne	Very tall branching, autumn flowering plants which liking moisture. Reflexed petals, yellow with green centres. Good cut flower.			friendly
Rudbeckia	<i>sullivantii</i>	Goldsturm	Slightly larger flowers than var deamii	AGM		friendly
Salvia	<i>officinalis</i>		‘Common’ Sage		sun+drainage	friendly
Salvia	<i>rosmarinus</i>	Blue Lagoon	Semi-prostrate rosemary with a strong blue flower colour.		sun+drainage	friendly
Salvia	<i>rosmarinus</i>	Miss Jessopp's Upright	Spotted by Euphemia Jessopp, a neighbour of the great EA Bowles The usual pale blue flowers and dark leaves, with a tighter habit.		sun+drainage	friendly
Salvia	<i>rosmarinus</i>	Rampant Boule	Delightful habit of growing at all sorts of angles		sun+drainage	friendly
Salvia	<i>rosmarinus</i>	Prostrata Group	This really is creeping		sun+drainage	friendly
Salvia	<i>rosmarinus</i>	Tuscan Blue	Might be a tad less hardy but radiant ‘proper blue’ flowers which look perfect with dark foliage.		sun+drainage	friendly
Salvia	<i>uliginosa</i>		Bog sage, pure blue flowers, tall perennial for mild, moist places.		dampness	
Sarcococca	<i>confusa</i>		Small(ish) glossy leaved shrub with heavily scented white flowers in winter, black berries.		dryish soil	
Satureja	<i>montana</i>		Winter savory, some people find the flavour preferable to summer savory, but undoubtedly an ornamental evergreen sub shrub in its own right			friendly
Saxifraga	<i>longifolia</i>	Longifolia Group	Long leaves and creamy flowers		sun+drainage	
Saxifraga	<i>paniculata</i>		Encrusted type with cream flowers. in flattened sprays.		sun+drainage	
Saxifraga	<i>paniculata</i>	Brevifolia	Creamy flowers, diminutive.		sun+drainage	
Saxifraga		Esther	Pointed leaves, pink flowers		sun+drainage	
Saxifraga		Southside Seedling Group	Bold silver foliage, white flowers spotted red.		sun+drainage	
Saxifraga		Winifred Bevington	Compact mats of red edged green leaves and white flowers flushed pink		sun+drainage	
Sedum	<i>dasyphyllum</i>		Tiny foliage like clumps of miniature grey beads. The foliage can take on purple hues and white flowers appear in .Why it is called dasyphyllum (hairy leaved) is a mystery – AI suggests that it might refer to microscopic hairs visible only to botanists....		sun+drainage	
Sedum	<i>pachyclados</i>		Grey foliage, white flowers and a clinging habit (in a nice way).		sun+drainage	
Sedum	<i>spathulifolium</i>	Cape Blanco	Grey succulent foliage with red tints makes an excellent mat for a sunny spot with good drainage. The rather surprisingly yellow flowers can be cut off if you prefer things subtle but they are attractive for insects.	AGM	sun+drainage	
Sedum	<i>spathulifolium</i>	Ruby Mantle	Dark foliage and flowers.			
Selaginella	<i>apoda</i>		Perennial rhizomatous clubmoss ideal for warm, humid conditions. free from draughts. Don't think about trying it outside!			
Sempervivum	<i>arachnoideum</i>		Cobweb houseleek		sun+drainage	
Sempervivum		Blue Boy	Impressive rosettes, not exactly ‘blue’ in the Gainsborough sense but still a striking plant		sun+drainage	
Sinarundinaria	<i>murielae</i>		Clump forming tall, classic (manageable, not a runner) ‘bamboo’.	AGM	shade/damp	
Symphotrichum		Little Carlow	Taller than A. x frikartii with masses of small lilac-blue yellow scented flowers from early Autumn. A hybrid of Aster cordifolia, it was named after the breeder's family town in Ireland	AGM		friendly
Teucrium	<i>fruticans</i>		Evergreen white and grey somewhat sprawling shrub with blue flowers. Best on a sunny, wall. Native to Portugal, a member of the mint family, this evergreen shrub likes the same conditions as other Mediterranean plants such as Cistus and rosemary. In damper areas, a South-facing wall is beneficial.		sun+drainage	
Thymus	<i>citriodorus</i>		The only thing you can say for certain about this plant is that it smells lemony and attracts pollinators. Even with DNA analysis, experts disagree on its origins. This form has rounded leaves and upright habit and lavender flowers.		sun+drainage	
Thymus	<i>citriodorus</i>	Doone Valley	Variiegated creeping form of lemon thymes.			
Thymus	<i>pseudolanuginosus</i>		Wooly thyme, grey hairy leaves. Rampant on a sunny free draining bank and wonderful to walk on barefoot but not happy if it gets too wet.		sun+drainage	friendly
Thymus	<i>serpyllum</i>	Coccineus	More magenta than red but a very free-flowering prostrate sub shrub	AGM	sun+drainage	friendly
Thymus	<i>serpyllum</i>	Russetings	Prostrate aromatic sub shrub, more winter-hardy than some, mauve flowers contrast nicely with darker buds and leaves.		sun+drainage	friendly
Thymus	<i>vulgaris</i>	English winter	Neat form of common thyme.		sun+drainage	friendly
Thymus	<i>citriodorus</i>	Silver Queen	20 cm height variegated lemon thyme.	AGM	sun+drainage	
Trachelospermum	<i>asiaticum</i>		Smart leathery leaves and scented creamy flowers in late summer. Evergreen so does not appreciate very exposed spots			


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Tradescantia	<i>zebrina</i>	Purpusii	Ever reliable trailing houseplant or summer patios (5 to 10deg C minimum)	AGM	dry shade	
Valeriana	<i>phu</i>	Aurea	Umbellifer with luminous yellow new leaves.			
Vinca	<i>minor</i>	Azurea Flore Pleno	Semi-double blue lesser periwinkle	AGM H6		
Viola	<i>cornuta</i>		Low growing spreading perennial, mauve scented flowers have strap-like petals	AGM		
Viola	<i>odorata</i>	Sweet Violet				
Waldsteinia	<i>ternata</i>		Yellow flowered ground cover.			
Yucca	<i>flaccida</i>		Handsome foliage for pattern and shadow, NOT sharp! Impressive panicles of cream flowers.			
Symphytum	<i>grandiflorum</i>	Goldsmith	Variegated comfrey.			

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Achillea	perennial
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Acorus	herb / shrub
Aegopodium	perennial
Aeonium	shrub
Aguga	perennial (low)
Ajuga	perennial (low)
Alchemilla	perennial (low)
Allium	herb
Allium	herb
Allium	herb
Allium	perennial
Allium	herb
Aloysia	herb
Androsace	perennial (low)
Anemone	perennial
Angelica	herb
Arenaria	perennial (low)
Arenaria	perennial (low)
Armeria	perennial (low)
Artemisia	herb
Artemisia	herb
Artemisia	shrub
Arundinaria	shrub
Asplenium	house plant
Asplenium	fern
Aster	perennial
Aster	perennial
Athyrium	fern
Aucuba	shrub
Azara	shrub
Blechnum	fern
Blechnum	fern
Brunnera	perennial
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Buddleia	shrub
Buxus	shrub
Buxus	shrub
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Calathea	house plant
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Campanula	perennial (low)
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Campanula	perennial (low)
Castanea	shrub
Ceanothus	shrub
Centranthus	perennial
Ceratostigma	perennial (low)
Chamaedorea	house plant
Chamaemelum	herb
Chamaenerion	perennial
Choisya	shrub
Choisya	shrub
Cistus	shrub
Clematis	climber
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Cordyline	shrub
Cordyline	shrub
Corydalis	perennial
Corydalis	perennial (low)
Crocus	bulb corm rhiz
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Daphne	shrub
Dianthus	perennial
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Dianthus	perennial
Dicentra	perennial (low)
Dryopteris	bulb corm rhiz
Dryopteris	fern
Dryopteris	fern
Epipemnum	house plant
Erigeron	perennial (low)

Euonymus	shrub
Eupatorium	perennial
Eurybia (Aster)	perennial
Fatsia	shrub
Ficus	fruit
Ficus	fruit
Ficus	house plant
Filipendula	perennial
Foeniculum	herb
Foeniculum	herb
Gaillardia	perennial
Geranium	perennial
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Glandora	perennial (low)
Hebe	shrub
Hedera	climber
Helleborus	perennial
Hemerocallis	perennial
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Hesperantha	perennial
Hesperantha	perennial
Hosta	perennial
Hyssopus	herb
Iris	perennial
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<i>Jasminum</i>	shrub
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<i>Juniperus</i>	shrub
<i>Kalanchoe</i>	house plant
<i>Laurus</i>	herb / shrub
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<i>Lavandula</i>	herb / shrub
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<i>Leucanthamella</i>	perennial
<i>Levisticum</i>	herb
<i>Linaria</i>	
<i>Lippia</i>	herb
<i>Lonicera</i>	climber
<i>Luma</i>	herb / shrub
<i>Matteuccia</i>	fern
<i>Meconopsis</i>	perennial
<i>Mentha</i>	herb
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<i>Miscanthus</i>	perennial
<i>Monarda</i>	perennial
<i>Monstera</i>	house plant
<i>Morina</i>	perennial
<i>Musa</i>	house plant
<i>Myrtus</i>	herb / shrub
<i>Narcissus</i>	perennial
<i>Narcissus</i>	bulb corm rhiz

Nepeta	herb
Nephrolepis	house plant
Nymphaea	perennial
Ocimum	herb
Oenothera	perennial
Ophiopogon	perennial (low)
Origanum	herb
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Pachysandra	shrub
Parahebe	perennial (low)
Parthenocissus	climber
Penstemon	perennial
Penstemon	perennial
Petroselinum	herb
Phalaenopsis	house plant
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Phlomis	perennial
Phlox	perennial (low)
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Phlox	perennial (low)
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Phlox	perennial
Phuopsis	perennial
Pileostegia	climber
Polemonium	perennial
Polystichum	fern
Primula	perennial (low)
Pteris	house plant
Pulmonaria	perennial
Rheum (Rhubarb)	fruit

Ribes	fruit
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Rudbeckia	perennial
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Salvia	herb / shrub
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