

Green's Leaves

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This catalogue is listed A-Z by genera, except GRASSES, SEDGES & SIMILAR PLANTS which are all listed together under “GRASSES” at the end. I try to give a clear idea on cultural requirements – most of what I grow is hardy & fairly easy; anything more challenging comes with due warning!

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Plants are sold at the many garden club talks I do.

- PLEASE NOTE - NO mail order.
- The nursery is NOT open to visit.

KEY

ES – evergreen shrub, DS – deciduous shrub,

EP – evergreen perennial, HP – herbaceous perennial

E succulent – it's evergreen

AGM – Award of Garden Merit from RHS

We always have lots of small batches of new or unusual plants that are yet to get on this list – just ask if you're after something you don't see here – we work with other specialist growers.

Please remember – while we do try to avoid gaps between crops as much as possible, but not everything listed will be in stock. A lot of crops sell out quickly.

E succulent – *Agave americana* 'Mediopicta Alba' – slow growing, but spectacular. Silver-blue leaves with cream centres. Gets a decent size with age. H2

E succulent – *Agave parryi* 'Cream Spike' – small & lovely. Cream edged leaves in a tight rosette. H4

E succulent – *Aloe* 'Christmas Carol' – fantastic textured leaves with yellow-orange-pink ribbing and red trim. Orange-red flowers are the bonus. Very popular. H2 (Similar forms also on trial)

E succulent – *Aloe humilis* – "Spider Aloe" - rosettes of blue-green leaves, orange-red flowers when mature. Lovely pot plant. H2

EP – *Astelia chathamica* AGM – syn 'Silver Spear' – intense silver foliage gets wider as it ages. Flowers are not the main deal! Sun or part shade. Moist, but well drained acid or neutral soil. Needs protection from severe frosts. H3

HP – *Aster* tri. *ageratoides* 'Asran' – compact (no staking), absolutely zero powdery mildew, loved by butterflies, flowers for ages late in the season. What's not to like?! H7
< other *Asters* now listed as *Symphotrichum* >

HP – *Begonia grandis-evansiana* 'Claret Jug' – excellent plant with attractive heart-shaped leaves with rich red undersides. Soft pink

flowers in summer are a bonus. Really needs a bit of shade to thrive in moist, but well-drained soil. It really is hardy. H4-5

Semi ES – *Buddleja* – loved by butterflies and discerning gardeners alike. Some exceptional new varieties as well as a few old classics offered.

- Butterfly Candy 'Little Ruby' - similar to 'Prince Charming' in it's amazing colour, much smaller though
- 'Buzz Indigo' – very dark flowers, dwarf plant
- 'Prince Charming' – incredible raspberry red - pink blooms medium sized shrub
- x *weyeriana* 'Sungold' – a hybrid of *B.davidii* and *B.globosa*
- some ultra compact forms now on trial

ES – *Callistemon citrinus* – a vigorous spreading shrub of medium size. Lovely red flowers in summer. Fairly tough – likes sun, a sheltered spot and reasonable drainage. Not for shallow chalk soils. H3

DS – *Caryopteris incana* 'Hint of Gold' – great for butterflies. A small rounded shrub with gold tinged foliage giving plenty of blue flowers to brighten up late summer. Much better and more robust than older cvs. H4

DS – *Caryopteris incana* weeping form ('Blue Cascade') – makes a lovely specimen suited to borders or large pots. Best in sun. Hardier than many *caryopteris* vars. Tidy up in spring once leaves start to develop (usually early Apr). Loved by bees. H5

HP – *Ceratostigma plumbaginoides* – fantastic perennial for sun or part shade. Foliage is green, taking on more red tinges as the season goes by. By late summer the blue flowers start which are contrasted by intensely red leaves. Sprawling, low growth make it ideal for banks or borders. It could be used in pots too. H5

DS – *Chaenomeles* – we try to hold a few of the rarer & nicer ones including – 'Geisha Girl' – a big peachy-coloured flowers, Storm series – 3 colours, all incredibly big flowers. £ dependant on size – please ask. H6

ES – *Cistus x hybridus* Gold Prize – what most people know as *corbariensis* with a rich golden variegation. White flowers, so no colour clash. Hardy, good garden plant – even if I’m biased as I’ve seen it from a sport (just one stem on prop bench) into the trade. H4

ES – *Cistus* ‘Snow Fire’ AGM – flowers like the last one, but with red central blotches. H4

DS – *Clerodendrum bungei* – rosy-red, fragrant flowers in late summer. Large heart-shaped leaves and dark stems. Suckering shrub of medium height, often called “Glory Bower”. Choice. H4

DS – *Clerodendrum trichotomum fargesii* – AGM - scented white flowers followed by shiny blue berries in red calyces. The foliage has a strange peanut butter scent (some love it; others not!). Moist, fertile soil. Great in light shade or sun. H4

DS – *Cornus alba* ‘Kesselringii’ – black stemmed dogwood – looks amazing mixed with red and yellow stemmed ones throughout the winter months. Moist soil. Cut back hard every 2 or 3 years in late spring. White berries, tinged blue, plus good foliage colour make this a great autumn interest shrub too. H7

ES – *Corokia cotoneaster* – “Wire Netting Bush” – a mass of contorted stems with tiny grey leaves. Not as easy as the hybrids listed below, but worth the effort. Sun or light shade in moist, but well drained soil. Excellent as tub specimen. Hardy, but quicker if you avoid very exposed sites. H4-5

ES – *Corokia x virgata* ‘Frosted Chocolate’ – great name, great plant. Winter cold brings on the rich foliage colour, which goes back nearer grey in the summer. Small yellow flowers and tiny orange berries are a bonus. Can be trimmed as desired, but usually gets to around 1.5 m (4 –5’). Hardy and choice. H4

ES – *Corokia x virgata* ‘Sunsplash’ – yellow variegated leaves plus the scented yellow flowers. H4

DS – *Cotinus coggygria* ‘Royal Purple’ – AGM - not rare, but a

classic plant. “Smoke bush” is an apt name based on the flowers. Purple foliage takes on great colours in autumn. H5

DS – *Cotinus* ‘Grace’ – much larger leaves, a lovely wine-red in colour. Amazing variety for autumn colour. Much bigger – up to 18 ft or so – call me if you need info on pruning. H5

DS – *Decaisnea fargesii* – large pinnate leaves that turn rich yellow in autumn with metallic-blue pods that resemble broad beans. Flowers are yellow-green. Sun or part shade. Any reasonable well-drained soil. H4

E succulent – *Dyckia frigida* – spiky green leaves. Orange flowers. Not hardy, but great pot specimen. H2

E succulent – *Dyckia leptostachya* – very spiky purple leaves. Orange flowers on spikes. Bulks up to make lovely pot specimen. Keep in frost free place in any reasonable compost. Stunning and rare. H2

DS – *Edgeworthia chrysantha* ‘Grandiflora’ – “Paper Bush” – yellow, fragrant flowers in late winter – early spring on the bare stems. Classic shrub for winter interest. Best in a sheltered position in sun or part-shade. Will grow in a large container if kept watered properly. H4

DS – *Euonymus alatus* – “spindle” – there is no better plant for reliable, intense red autumn colour. Corky stems give great winter interest too. Versatile – sun to moderate shade. Any well drained soil. H5

DS – *Euonymus alatus* *apterus* – often wrongly sold as ‘Compactus’. This form is compact, but the shape is very neat. The stems lack the traditional corky growth. Extremely popular. H5

DS – *Euonymus europaeus* ‘Red Cascade’ AGM – good on almost any soil, even chalk. Stunning red foliage in autumn. Fruits are pink-red and orange. H5

< Other *Euonymus* in small numbers – inc. *E. planipes* &

E.hamiltonianus cvs – ‘Coral Charm’, ‘Indian Summer’, ‘Calocarpus’.

HP – *Eupatorium maculatum* ‘Baby Joe’ / ‘Mask’ / some newer cvs – LOVED by butterflies. Various heights with reddish stems with fluffy pink flowers in late summer. Needs moisture to thrive. H6

HP – *Eupatorium rugosum* ‘Chocolate’ – now named *Ageratina altissima* ‘Chocolate’. Rich, deep purple foliage with bonus of late season white flowers on top. Upright habit. Needs moist soil to thrive. Give it a mid season chop to rejuvenate if needed. H7

E/semiEP – *Euphorbia characias wulfenii* – “Mediterranean Spurge” - an erect, sparsely-branched, evergreen or semi-evergreen sub-shrub to 1.2m tall, with oblong, grey-green leaves and large, rounded heads of greenish-yellow flowers from early spring to early summer. Harmful if eaten. White sap – irritant to skin / eyes – see RHS info for advice when handling. H4

E/semiEP – *Euphorbia x martini* ‘Miner’s Merlot’ – the best dark euphorbia you’ll see. A clump-forming perennial, to around 60cm high, with upright stems and narrow, dark green leaves that are flushed reddish purple, especially when young. Yellow-green flowers are produced at the tips of the stems in late spring and early summer. Foliage retains some red colouring throughout the summer, especially on the backs of the leaves, and colour deepens to near black as the temperatures drop in autumn. Harmful if eaten. White sap – irritant to skin / eyes – see RHS info for advice when handling. H6

E succulent – *Euphorbia trigona rubra* – the red form of “Cathedral Cactus” or “African Milk Tree” – a succulent, not a cactus, despite the common name. Upright stems are 3 or 4 sided, red-green. Short lived red leaves, persistent reddish spines. Architectural. Grow in a pot – can put out in summer, make sure it’s back in before frosts. Harmful if eaten. White sap – irritant to skin / eyes – see RHS info for advice when handling. H2

DS – *Exochorda macrantha* ‘The Bride’ AGM – classic shrub grown for the showy display of white flowers in late spring. Stems are

arching – by clearing the base of the trunk you can get the classic mushroom shaped plant. H6

EP – *Fascicularia bicolor* – known as “hardy pineapple” or “baboon’s bottom” if you prefer! Silver-grey foliage is fairly upright to start. Later in the year it flattens with bright red colouring, often lasting 2-3 months. The centres have light blue flowers – these are shorter lived. Hardy to – 10 °C, potentially lower. The secret – GOOD DRAINAGE. Well drained soil or compost. Sun or light shade. Excellent as a tub specimen. H4

EP – *Faucaria tuberculosa* – “warty tiger jaws”. Attractive foliage with soft spines on the leaves. Lovely yellow, daisy-like flowers in late summer – autumn. Great for small pots – ideal on a window sill. Children love this!

ES – *Fatsia japonica* ‘Spider’s Web’ – lovely white speckled foliage. The colouring goes for the seed heads too. All “castor oil plants” are great houseplants, but equally good outside in shadyspots – they are pretty hardy. The new foliage may be nipped by frost, but they soon recover. H5-6 *** now also offering F.j. ‘Camouflage’ – lime-green.

HP – *Geranium phaeum* ‘Samobor’ – dark purple flowers, but the foliage is the real star. Dark blotches. Makes a good clump. Sun or shade. Tough. Cut back in season to freshen up if necessary. H7

HP – *Geum* ‘Pink Petticoats’ – moist & reasonable soil needed. Lovely frilly pink blooms. Seriously tough. H7

HP – *Geum* ‘Scarlet Tempest’ (also the lovely ‘Fiery Tempest’) – choice and robust. Large flowers with sturdy stems.
< plus ‘Beech House Apricot’, ‘Blazing Sunset’, ‘Dark & Dusky’ & other choice *Geum* cvs usually available >

HP – *Gillenia trifoliata* AGM– known as “Bowman’s Root” or “Indian Physic” - attractive bronze new foliage turns green in the summer, colouring strongly in the autumn. The summer flowers are white – small, but numerous, like butterflies on red stems. A classy perennial for moist, but reasonably drained soil in sun or (as more

often used) in shade. Can be staked, but plant it densely and let it get on with it. H7

ES – Grevillea 'Canberra Gem' AGM – considered the hardiest cv, taking – 10 oC and lower. Lovely flowers in profusion. Usual rules on site / soil. Best if pruned each year straight after flowering in July to keep bushy & low (about 2 m; can get twice that if left untrimmed). H4-5

ES – Grevillea lanigera prostrate form – stunning low growing shrub with showy red-pink flowers over the majority of the year. An excellent container plant. Acid or neutral soil. Sun or light shade. Hardy to -8 oC, possibly lower if not too wet. H4

HP – Helenium 'Sahin's Early Flowerer' AGM – streaked orange flowers appearing earlier than other varieties (obviously!). Seriously good value plant flowering for ages. About 1 m tall. Sun or light shade in moist, but well drained fertile soil. Hardy. H7

HP – Helianthus 'Lemon Queen' AGM – masses of pale yellow daisy flowers on tall stems (up to 2 m / 6 ft). Easy and robust, but not a thug. H7

ES/tree – Ilex x koehneana 'Chestnut Leaf' AGM – FEMALE - unusual holly with large chesnut shaped leaves. Masses of deep red berries if pollinated (by any male holly). Pyramid shaped. Excellent in shade, though also sun tolerant. Can be trimmed as desired. Great in borders or large tubs. H5

HP – Kniphofia – please ask for range – H4 for most

Semi EP – Leucanthemum – a few selections - large daisy flowers. Easy perennials for not too dry soil. Good for cutting. H5

EP – Libertia grandiflora – white summer flowers on wiry stems. Easy and a strong grower. Well drained, reasonable soil / compost. Great in moist borders. Some extras will appear from seed. H4

DS – Lonicera involucrata – yellow flowers with showy red bracts in

early summer. Medium sized, tough shrub. H5 < We also offer the form *L. i. ledebourii* - orange-red on the outside of the flowers. Foliage is narrower. >

DS – *Lonicera x purpusii* ‘Winter Beauty’ AGM – tough and outstanding. Creamy flowers in winter – early spring with a lovely scent. Prune after flowering. About 2 m high shrub for sun or part shade. H6

DS – *Lonicera syringantha* – beautiful scent from small pink flowers in spring - as good as any *Daphne*. Trim after flowering to get a decent shaped plant. Untrimmed plants get 2m or more. Very tough (- 25 °C). Well drained soil. Sun or light shade. H7

DS – *Lonicera tartarica* ‘Hack’s Red’ – plenty of rose-pink flowers in May – June, followed by red berries. A good, tough shrub - 2 - 3m (6 -10 ft) if unpruned. H5

ES - *Melianthus major* AGM – a fantastic plant with lush foliage smelling of peanut butter. Crimson flowers on established plants in warm areas. Not fully hardy – keep in a big pot and take into a conservatory / glasshouse for the winter. Option 2 is putting a deep mulch around it, ensuring it is planted in a warm, sheltered spot. H3

ES – *Nandina domestica* ‘Firepower’ / ‘Obsession’ – “Sacred Bamboo” – lovely red foliage, especially in the autumn /winter. Low & bushy. Ideal for pots. NOT invasive – it’s in the *Berberis* family despite the name. Needs a sun / part shade and a sheltered spot. Great in pots. H5

DS – *Neillia thibetica* – a subtle beauty. Racemes of pink flowers in summer. Foliage has purple tinges in full sun, but a little shade is tolerated. Tough, but avoid extremely dry sites. (*Neillia sinensis ribesoides* sometimes in stock) H7

ES – *Osmanthus x burkwoodii* AGM – a classic evergreen for sun or shade. In mid spring it produces incredibly fragrant white flowers. Can be used in borders or very effective as hedging. Trim if desired, straight after flowering. H5

ES – *Osmanthus heterophyllus* ‘Goshiki’ AGM – “False Holly”. Green leaves marbled yellow, new growth red-bronze (hence the

other name – ‘Tricolor’). Small fragrant white flowers in autumn, blue-black berries follow. Dense, small (1 – 2 m) versatile shrub, looks great even in shade. Lovely in containers too. H5

ES – *Phlomis italica* – soft silvery-grey leaves plus PINK flowers. Choice & tougher than it looks. In extreme winters it may get knocked back, but new growth comes from the base. Sun, decent drainage. H 3-4

EP – *Phlomis russeliana* AGM – “Turkish Sage” - grey to mid green textured leaves form a carpet, yellow flowers last well. The seedheads last through the winter. Robust and attractive - should be used far more. H6

ES – *Phormium* – we now buy these in from a fantastic specialist grower – please ask for details – a very wide range H4 – 5

DS – *Physocarpus opulifolius* Lady in Red (‘Tuilad’) AGM – very good selection. Dark foliage with rich red new growth. White, pink tinged flowers in summer are much loved by bees. Sun or light shade in moist soil. Very hardy. Prune as desired, but potential height is just over 2 m. H7 (plus - ‘Magic Ball’ – colours change through orange and red, green later – a very good form; ‘Panther’ – a gorgeous, very dark, narrow growing cv – all H7)

HS – *Polemonium* ‘Heaven Scent’ – “Jacob’s Ladder” – cracking form with purple leaves and sweetly fragrant blue flowers. Trim as flowers go over to encourage new flushes. Moist, but not waterlogged soil. Good for tubs or borders. H6 (‘Bressingham Purple’ also offered – smaller leaves, later flowering, equally good H7)

ES – *Prostanthera cuneata* AGM – the fully hardy Australian Mint Bush. Acid or neutral soil, good light & drainage. Ideal for pots & borders. Loved by bumble bees when covered in white, purple marked flowers. Scented foliage. One of our best sellers over many years. H5

HP – *Pulmonaria* ‘Diana Clare’ AGM – a fantastic lungwort from Bob Brown. Very silvery, narrow leaves. Two tone flowers. Fairly dense. Not lacking backbone. Moist shade is preferred. H6

HP – *Pulmonaria* ‘Shrimps on the Barbie’ – daft name, really great plant. Good sized pink-red flowers, good spotty foliage. H6

EP – *Puya chilensis* – proper prickly leaves, hence the “sheep catcher” common name you hear. Makes a seriously impressive specimen (fine in a pot). Wind tolerant. Eventually forms clumps. Monocarpic – but it takes a lot of years to flower. H3

HP – *Ranunculus verna* ‘Brazen Hussy’ – purple leaved celandine with yellow flowers. Summer dormant. Cracking plant for wild borders, planting in lawns (not for the fine turf lovers!), along hedgerows, etc. Spreads, but NOT THE THUG! H7

DS – *Rhamnus frangula* ‘Aspleniifolia’ – classic plant with thread like leaves going rich yellow in autumn. Red-black berries. Steady grower; can be pruned as required. Sun or light shade. Extremely tough – just don’t dry it out. H5

DS – *Ribes odoratum* – “Buffalo Currant” – medium sized shrub. Clove scented golden-yellow flowers in April. Good autumn colour. A special, yet tough, hardy plant. H5

DS – *Rubus spectabilis* ‘Olympic Double’ – a vigorous, suckering shrub with prickly stems and trifoliate leaves. Double, bright magenta rose flowers are fragrant, freely produced in late spring. Excellent for mid-back of borders and for informal / wild areas. Easy, hardy and slowly spreading. H5

DS – *Salix nakamuraana yezoalpina* – attractive spreader with yellowish stems. Silvery catkins and hairy, rounded grey-green leaves. Trim tips to encourage bushy growth. Great for pots, gravel beds, rockeries, etc. Very hardy. Best colour in sun. H7

DS – *Salix x sepulcralis* ‘Erythroflexuosa’ – my favourite wiggly willow. Orange stems showing best colour on new wood. Lovely in winter with sun shining on it. Usual rules – not too close to drains, houses, etc; keep moist; cut back hard each year in late spring to keep bushy, colourful and tidy. H5

< OTHER SALIX AVAILABLE EITHER AS HARDWOOD CUTTINGS OR IN POTS – *S. gracilistyla*

'Melanostachys' – black catkins, H5; *S. purpurea* 'Nancy Saunders' – graceful with narrow leaves and deep purplish stems H6, etc. >

HP – *Salvia nemorosa* 'Caradonna' AGM – extremely hardy. Stunning with dark stems carrying blue flowers. Upright habit. Great for all well drained soils including chalk. Good for pots and borders in sun. H7

HP – *Salvia nemerosa* 'Caradonna Inspire Me Pink' – dark stems, pale pink flowers contrasting well. Size and habit as per 'Caradonna'. H7

HP – *Salvia nemerosa* 'Rose Marvel' - outstanding. Relatively large bright pink flowers. Bushy and low growing. Borders or pots. H7

DS – *Sambucus nigra* Black Lace ('Eva') – dark, finely cut foliage giving the effect of a Japanese Maple. Pink tinged flowers. Elderberries for making wine or pleasing the wildlife, you decide! Hard pruning can be done to rejuvenate and reduce size – great foliage, but less flowers will result that season. Hardy and easy. Sun gives richest foliage colour. H6

ES – *Sarcococca hookeriana* 'Winter Gem' – large glossy leaves and masses of fragrant white flowers in late winter – early spring. An outstanding selection from Peter Moore – *S. hookeriana* digyna 'Purple Stem' x *S. humilis*. Ideal in pots or borders, shade or sun. Very compact – only up to 1 m.

Semi EP – *Schizostylis coccinea* 'Major' AGM – now listed as *Hesperantha*. Rich red flowers in late summer. Clumps up well. Sun or light shade in moist, but well drained soil. Hardy, but thriving in a warm position. H4

EP – *Sedum rupestre* 'Angelina' – yellow foliage with fiery tips, especially in cold weather. Needs sun to get the full colours. A superb groundcover for rockeries, front of borders or pots. H7

ES – *Sophora* ‘Little Baby’ – “Pagoda Tree”, “Dragon Tree” – sells out very quickly! A really useful and choice plant for tubs or borders. Make sure it has space if planted in borders – not a fan of being grown into. Wavy stems and tiny leaves. “Parrot beak” flowers in late spring are an added bonus. Sun or light shade in moist, but well drained soil. Avoid shallow chalk soil. They have survived many winters with no protection, but obviously prefer some shelter. H4

DS – *Sorbaria sorbifolia* ‘Sem’ AGM – very easy. Lovely red tinged new foliage. White flowers in summer. Dwarf – about 1 m (3’) high. It suckers – good & bushy. Ideal for pots as well as borders. Best colour in sun. H5

DS – *Spiraea japonica* ‘Crispa’ – something special. Foliage is serrated, looking especially good when young (red) and with autumn colour (yellow). The pink flowers are typical of the sp. Good in tubs and borders. Easy, rounded, hardy shrub showing best colour in sun. H6

E or HP - *Tetrapanax papyrifera* ‘Rex’ – enormous, slightly felted leaves plus white flowers. Extreme cold will cut it back to the base, but it reshoots from the base. Evergreen if protected under glass. Anyone who likes architectural plants will love this. H4

HP – *Teucrium scorodonia* ‘Crispum’ – grown for lovely curly leaves. Great for pots or borders. If ever it looks tired, just trim it back to get a strong new flush of growth. Flowers are tiny. Hardy and easy. Sun – moderate shade in half decent soil. H6

Semi EP – *Tradescantia* ‘Blue & Gold’ – if grown properly this is great. Gold leaves, blue flowers. Needs some shade and to be kept fairly moist. Can use in tubs or borders. H6

EP – *Vinca minor* ‘Illumination’ – fantastic groundcover (or can be used trailing from baskets or over walls). Bright golden leaves are edged dark green. Long flowering – violet blue blooms. H6

DS – *Weigela* – a good range of improved forms. Best in sun in moist soil. H6

'All Summer Red' & 'A S Peach' – very good modern dwarf varieties with prolific blooms – borders or containers.

- 'Black and White' – dwarf, masses of small dark leaves.

- Wine & Roses ('Alexandra') – the best dark leaved one bar none. Rich, deep purple leaves plus large red-pink trumpet-like flowers. Exceptional plant that warrants the hype.

GRASSES (grasses, sedges, rushes & similar) – others can be obtained or grown to order.

E – *Anemanthele lessoniana* (*Stipa arundinacea*) – Pheasant Grass – lovely orange-pink tinged leaves with graceful habit. Seedheads add to the lovely soft form. Better colour in sun, but attractive even when greener in the shade. H4

H – *Calamagrostis x acutiflora* 'Overdam' – upright habit and a useful height – about 1 m. Needs moisture. Handsome variegation with pink tinges. Flowers are pink tinged too. H7 * Also 'Karl Foerster' – green leaves, great flowerheads.

H – *Calamagrostis brachytricha* – pinkish flower heads. Also looks fantastic in autumn – winter when the whole plant goes golden-brown. Not too dry, but an easy and reliable grass. Much planted at RHS Wisley to great effect. H7

E – *Carex comans* 'Amazon Mist' / 'Frosted Curls'. Lovely fine silvery-grey foliage. H6

E – *Carex comans* 'Bronzita' – thin bronze foliage. Fantastic mixed with orange & silver sedges. Avoid extremes of watering. H6

E – *Carex oshimensis* 'Evergold' AGM – great plant, but remember an annual trim back is often required (after the winter) to freshen up. H6

E – *Carex testacea* 'Prairie Fire' – fine orange foliage plus dark seed heads. H5

H – *Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola' – "Golden Hakon Grass" – the one they shove in a glazed pot on the edge of displays at RHS shows! Arching habit, nice red autumn colouring. A choice grass for

pots or borders. Do not dry it out, otherwise easy. < The very fashionable plain green *H. macra* sometimes available > H7

E – *Luzula nivea* – “Snowy Woodrush” – dark green leaves edged with white hairs. White flowers in early – mid summer. Good groundcover in shade or sun (if reliably moist). H5

E – *Luzula sylvatica* ‘Aurea’ – often sold as ‘Hohe Tatra’ – golden leaves in winter, taking on subtler tones in summer. Nice seed heads in spring. Looks best with some shade. H7

H – *Miscanthus nepalensis* – while it needs a sheltered position and is less hardy than *M. sinensis*, it is a classy plant with tan coloured flowers in profusion. H4 with decent, well-drained soil.

H – *Miscanthus sinensis* ‘Ferner Osten’ – classic variety. H5-6

H – *Miscanthus sinensis* ‘Gold Bar’ – one of the outstanding lower forms of zebra grass. Golden horizontal striping from the outset (unlike most old ones). Sun or part shade in decent soil. H6

H – *Molinia caerulea* cvs – ‘Edith Dudsus’, ‘Heidebraut’, ‘Skyracer’, ‘Transparent’ and many more – different heights and flower colours, but all great for borders, particularly when planted in groups. Leave foliage to die back – it is gorgeous with frost on the yellowed growth. Moist soil required. H7

E – *Ophiopogon planiscapus* ‘Little Tabby’ – green edged white foliage. White flowers. Slow-growing, doing best in some shade with lots of feeding. Exceptionally popular – I wish I could prop it faster... H5

E – *Ophiopogon planiscapus* ‘Nigrescens’ AGM – so called “black grass” or “mondo grass” though not technically a grass! Bonus of lilac flowers. First class in tubs or borders, it spreads slowly. Needs good soil to really thrive. Sun or light shade. H5

H – *Panicum virgatum* – a great range of varieties, many red or purple tinged, many colouring glorious yellow in autumn. Look good through winter when golden-brown. Hardy and easy. H5
‘Heavy Metal’ – slow, but nice purple-red tinged

'Hot Rod' – blue tinged and quickly colouring purple-red –
exceptionally good variety

'Northwind' – strong, upright habit – amazing planted as accent
plant; often used in drifts

'Prairie Sky' – blue, then rich yellow at the end of the season

'Shenandoah' – red tinges, a nice denser growing form

'Squaw' – truly stunning with purple-red colours