

Summer 2012/13
Hill View Rare Plants



Iris x histrioides "George"

Susan Jarick



Iris x histrioides "Katharine Hodgkin"



Tulipa vvedenskyi



Allium christophii



Geranium macrostylum



Colchicum cilicicum



Allium schubertii



Allium nevskianum



Chionodoxa gigantea "Blue Giant"



Allium jesdianum



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Welcome to our 2012/2013 summer catalogue. This year's theme has a strong proclivity towards that rainbow hued family, the iris. We are offering an unprecedented range of the early flowering gems from the reticulata group, including the aptly named, ivory-white, "Natasha", the rich plum coloured standout, "George", the fragrant, light blue and lemon duo of "Alida" and "Cantab", and those blue, white and purple spangled confections, "Springtime" and "Clairette". We are also introducing for the first time two exceptional forms of *Iris histrioides*, a rare vivid blue species from Turkey and parent of two others from our list, "Katharine Hodgkin" and "Sheila Ann Germaney", both bearing striking flowers of creamy-white overlaid with light yellow and azure. Readers of our lists would be in no doubt that we have a love affair with onions. This year we offer a superb range of taller species including *Allium schubertii* and *A. christophii*, with flowers that shower silvery florets like exploding fireworks, *A. jesdianum*, *A. aflatanese* and *A. atropurpureum* with globe-shaped flower heads that glow like fiery drumsticks, as well as the Sicilian Honey Garlic, *A. siculum*, with its nodding bicoloured bells of cream flushed with deep rose. These are but a few of the many treasures to be found within this summer list, so dear reader, read on! We hope our word pictures will help carry you through this world of luciferous delights!

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Given rarity and short numbers, please order as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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Naming: These bulbs are from a high quality collection derived from verified sources exchanges so a high degree of confidence is placed on their identification and provenance.

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CROCUS

A delightful and very decorative addition to the rock garden or keep them as pets in pots! These are such an under-rated bulb in this country, flowering, depending on the species, from late summer to spring and most increase well from offsets or seed. They like lots of lime in gritty soil and most adore the sun.

banaticus Very large iris-like blooms in pale mauve or lilac with feathery white or lilac styles. An autumnal treasure for a woodland setting. Rarely offered FS/1st \$ 7.00

biflorus ssp alexandrii "Eye Catcher" Dramatic spring-flowering plant bearing large, snow-white blooms clasped by dark violet-purple outer petals each edged with a thin ribbon of white. FS/1st \$3.50 or 3 for \$9.50

biflorus ssp ? biflorus Collected by us on the Greek island of Rhodos, close to the Turkish mainland. This is the most easterly occurring population and many individuals appear more akin to ssp. *nubigena*. Richly striped in chestnut-brown striped on a yellowish ground, with black anthers. Spring FS/1st \$ 4.00

biflorus ssp pulchricolor Seed collection from Ulu Dag in cooler NW Turkey. Rich lilac-blue to rich violet-blue flowers with a yellow throat in spring. Many flowers from each corm. FS/1st \$ 4.00

cartwrightianus Spectacular autumn flowers, some in white, others lilac, darkly veined, often with a purple throat and always with massive scarlet styles. Collected as seed from the Greek island of Serifos. Few only FS/1st \$5.00

chrysanthus "Ard Shenk" Large, snow-white blooms with a soft yellow throat in late winter. Vigorous and free-flowering form that is excellent when naturalised in lawn or alternatively grown in a pan to be admired up close. FS/1st \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

chrysanthus "Dorothy" A strong growing garden-worthy selection with large primrose blooms stippled soft bronze on the exterior. Late winter FS/1st \$2.50 or 3 for \$7.00

chrysanthus "Gypsy Girl" Romantic name for this striking, large-flowered form. The contrast between the glowing golden petals and darkly etched marks on the reverse of the petals is nothing less than dramatic. FS/1st \$3.50 or 3 for \$10.00

chrysanthus "Herald" A strikingly eye-catching combination of primrose yellow and plum purple. Similar to *C. biflorus ssp alexandrii* only with a suntan! FS/1st \$ 3.50 or 3 for \$10.00

chrysanthus "Jeannine" Another lovely selection with pale moonlight yellow flowers brushed bronze-purple on exterior with a bronze interior and striking, deep orange stigma. FS/1st \$3.50 or 3 for \$10.00

etruscus A vigorous spring flowerer that does well in the garden forming large, generously flowering clumps. Plants will show variation in flower colour from plain lilac to violet with some striping on the exterior petals. FS \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

goulimyi A first class garden crocus bearing elegant lavender flowers on long tubes in autumn. Prolific grower when conditions suit. If pot grown, keep cool but dry in dormancy. Excellent for naturalising. FS \$2.20 or 3 for \$6.00

goulimyi "Mani White" The supremely impressive albino version bearing a profusion of glistening white flowers almost as large as *Colchicum autumnale* over a long period. Strong, impressive and easy-going plant. FS/1st \$5.00 or 3 for \$14.00

hadriaticus Lovely autumn flowering species from Greece. Large, goblet-shaped creamy-white blooms with yellow throat and a striking scarlet stigma. Some very rare lilac forms in this collection. FS/1st \$5.00

kotschyanus ssp kotschyanus Very large, autumnal flowers of pale mauve with a yellow throat on long tubes. This is a reliable and easy grower that quickly builds large colonies in the garden. Flowers as big as teacups! FS/1st \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00 or 10 for \$15.00



kotschyanus albus Starts very pale lilac in bud and rapidly changes to a pearly white at maturity. A lovely variation on the above with the same robust habit. FS/1st \$4.00

laevigatus Variable autumn to winter flowers in white or lilac, feathered and stippled darkly on the outside. Lovely, easy-going species for the rockgarden or pots. FS \$3.00

longiflorus With its rich, sweet honey scent, large, darkly veined lilac-purple flowers and brilliant orange-red, lolling stigma this is one of the best autumn species. FS \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

niveus Magnificent autumnal crocus found only from the Mani Peninsula of the Peloponnese and a truly superb garden plant. Most of these will bear huge goblets of glistening white with showy orange/scarlet stigmas. FS/1st \$4.00

nudiflorus Splendid species from Spain and SW France bearing very large, rich purple flowers before leaves in autumn. Easy, spreading gently by stolons. FS/1st \$4.00

ochroleucus large form Very large, bone-white flowers with a yellow throat produced in profusion in late autumn. A wonderful strain from Tel Aviv Botanic Gardens which is far superior to the commercial form available in Australia. FS/1st \$4.00

oreocreticus Rare species from the mountains of Crete. Mid-lilac to purple darkly feathered autumn flowers, outer petals silvery to buff, with huge scarlet styles. Few only FS/1st \$5.00

pallasii ssp pallasii From near Honaz Dag in western Turkey this is the best form we have ever offered. Large, lilac autumn flowers with feathery scarlet stigmas, many are strikingly patterned in deep mauve. FS/1st \$6.00

pulchellus Large, solid lavender-blue flowers with deep yellow throats before the leaves in autumn. Excellent in the garden where it will readily naturalize to create drifts of sweetly scented blossoms from March to May. FS/1st \$1.80 or 3 for \$5.00 or 10 for \$15.00

pulchellus albus Elegant, snow white flowers with a yellow throat. An exclusive offering of this rare but surprisingly easy form and not to be missed. FS/1st \$5.00

salzmanii "Winterwood White" A glistening white version of this normally pale lilac Spanish species. A succession of huge autumn flowers and robust growth make this plant a "must have" for the rock garden. Rare offering FS/1st \$6.00

sieberi ssp atticus A fine garden plant with large, open-faced, pale to deep lilac flowers with a yellow throat. From the type locality at Pendelikon near Athens where the Ancients quarried the stone for the Parthenon. FS \$2.50 or 3 for \$7.00

sieberi ssp sublimis forma tricolor Bowles once described its flowers as looking as "a richly purple egg... resting in a golden cup tied with a white napkin". A profusion of late winter flowers in a delicious confection of deep purple petals and deep-yellow throats, surrounded by a broad white band. FS \$1.50 or 3 for \$4.00

tommasinianus albus We can again offer a rare white form of this highly successful garden plant. Numerous white flowers, lightly brushed with pale lilac, throughout late winter. FS/1st \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00

tommasinianus "Barr's Purple" Large, rich, amethyst-purple blooms with a silvery sheen to their exterior, vibrant, contrasting golden-orange stigmas. FS/1st \$3.00 or 3 for \$8.00

tommasinianus "Blue Hills" Australian bred by Don Schofield at Mt Tomah and given a "true blue" Aussie epithet. The bluest of any of the "tommies" and like the rest of its kin a strong grower. Exclusive offering FS/1st \$5.00

tommasinianus "Fuchsia Pink" This is much better than the E.A. Bowles' selection, "Roseus", bearing its evenly coloured bright cyclamen-pink flowers without the silvery-grey exteriors of the latter. Australian bred and another exclusive offering. \$7.00

tommasinianus "Pictus" Large, eye-catching, mauve flowers, tipped in dark purple with a blotch of snow white at the extreme. One of the very best selections made by the great man, E A Bowles, at Myddleton House in Somerset. FS/1st \$5.00



tommasianus "Ruby Giant" Larger-flowered, more richly coloured selection in solid reddish-purple. A succession of rounded chalice flowers increasing well, to make bold patches of colour throughout spring. FS \$3.00 or 3 for \$8.00

tournefortii Superb Grecian species, similar to *C. boryi*, but its autumn flowers are deeply veined in violet and flatten dish-like in the sun. Very easy in Australian conditions and will rapidly build into showy clumps. FS \$3.00 or 3 for \$8.00

vernus "Lavender Stripe" A succession of large, pale lavender flowers dramatically feathered in dark purple, white throat, and lemon stigma. Another exclusive offer of a very new hybrid selection unavailable elsewhere in Australia. FS/1st \$5.00

vernus "Vanguard" Very large, flowers with an outer silvery wash lightly splashed in mauve and with deeper, pure purple inner petals. Excellent for naturalizing spreading rapidly into pools of vibrant spring colour. FS/1st \$3.00 or 3 for \$8.00

SPECIAL OFFER

Crocus tommasinianus for naturalizing in lawn or woodlands - \$25.00 for 50

CYCLAMEN

The biggest secret in gardening circles in Australia is the species cyclamen. Long flowering periods and beautifully marked leaves throughout most of the year should make it an essential plant in all southern gardens.

africanum Very similar to *C. hederifolium* but with larger, coarser leaves and larger, vertically ascending flowers in autumn. Needs some protection in cold areas. True stock grown in isolation. Rarely offered FS/1st \$5.00

coum dark flowers/dark leaves A new vigorous strain released by us with dark leaves and flowers. Most have semi-double flowers, which flatten out rather than reflex making them look like Mexican sombreros! FS/1st \$5.00

coum plain leaf/white flowers Snowy-white flowers with a dark pink "nose" hover on tall stems over luminously dark green, circular leaves. A perfect foil for a winter's day. FS/1st \$5.00

coum silver leaf strain A stunning selection guaranteed to satisfy the most discerning gardener. Bone hardy, large pink flowers in winter and silver leaves, some with a deep green edge or central "Xmas tree" markings. FS \$4.00

coum "Kusnetzovii" This is a very even, dark-leaved form from the Czech Republic, given to us by the late Essie Huxley. Originally collected in the Crimea and given species' ranking by Russian botanists its present status remains indeterminate. Limit of 1 per customer. FS/1st \$5.00

coum ssp caucasicum The most eastern variant of *C. coum* and a most distinct race. Originally sent from Moscow Botanic Garden and labelled from Abschasica. Overall, these plants throw larger pointier flowers and have heart shaped, boldly patterned leaves. FS/1st \$5.00

graecum Unlike most other species this one requires a relatively sunny spot to induce a good flowering performance. Large, chunky, richly-coloured, pink flowers in autumn with velvety, richly textured leaves. FS/1st \$5.00

hederifolium An outstanding species, the ivy-leaf cyclamen is very robust and hardy and can adapt to a range of conditions. Large white or pink flowers on tall stems non-stop throughout autumn and its beautifully marked leaves make a great ground cover for the rest of the year. \$3.00 or 3 for \$8.00

hederifolium silver leaf strain An especially fine strain with broad arrow-head shaped leaves washed in silvery pewter, some faintly marked in sage green. A lovely foil to early flowering crocus, like *C. goulimyi* and *C. niveus*. FS \$4.00



persicum The true wild species from which all florist selections have been made. Their large white and pink flowers have the edge in poise, possess a beautiful scent and can be easily grown outdoors. FS/1st \$5.00

purpurascens An evergreen woodlander with dark green, silver dappled leaves and large, fragrant, carmine-pink flowers mostly in summer. From the forests of eastern and western Europe so enjoys dappled shade. FS/1st \$5.00

repandum ssp repandum Carmine-pink flowers with dramatically twisted petals on long stems and large heart-shaped leaves, an elegant spring flower for shaded woodland conditions. Naturally small tubers. FS/1st \$5.00

rhodium ssp peleponnesiacum Unmistakably distinct with its large, lobed, mid-green leaves, splashed cream and white, and its luminous pale pink flowers. One of the gems of the genus and a must for cyclamen lovers. Naturally small tubers. FS/1st \$8.00

FRITILLARIA

A large and variable family of northern hemisphere bulbs closely related to lilies but these are spring flowering. All require well-drained soil, protection from wind and a fairly dry dormancy to thrive. We have greatly reduced the list this season to concentrate on the garden-worthy species although collectors will find the occasional treasure here as well. First timers try some of the easier species, as skill and experience are pre-requisites for success.

acmopetala A handsome frit for a dry spot in the garden. Nodding bells in green and maroon with recurved tips on tall stems. An attractive species and a good starter for beginners. FS/1st \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00

alfredae ssp glaucoviridis A very graceful and beautiful species from the spiky oak forests of eastern Turkey. Elegant, glaucous-green flowers with narrow, blue-green scattered leaves along its tall stems. Sharply winged seed capsules extends the delight. FS/1st \$7.00

amana Tall growing species from eastern Turkey bearing large, pale green, square-shouldered bells. Outer petals faintly tessellated reddish and inner ones marked along the fascia with deep reddish-purple. Rare offering FS/1st \$7.00

argolica Close to *F. rhodokanakis* and once thought to be a hybrid of it. From abandoned olive groves on the island of Poros near the Peloponnese. Early, large bells of reddish-brown, stippled variably in green and gold. FS/1st \$8.00

bithynica Glaucous, yellow-green bells, with yellow interiors which turn into wonderfully winged seed capsules flushed with pink, green and fawn. Collected by us on the Greek island of Samos FS/1st \$7.00

conica An extremely rare plant from the SW flank of the Greek Peloponnese. Gorgeously crisp, large, yellow bells on 25cm stems with bright green foliage. An lovely treasure and what's more its easy! FS/1st \$8.00

davisii Broad, dark chocolate bells, barely chequered, over shiny, green foliage. Variable in height and easy in the dry garden. An exquisite endemic from the Mani in Greece. FS/1st \$6.00 or 3 for \$15.00

ehrhartii Bloomy, yellow-tipped, grape-black bells that glow to ruby in the spring light. A beautiful native of Euboea in Greece, rarely offered but has proven an easy species for a dry site. FS/1st \$6.00 or 3 for \$16.00

graeca ssp thessala A native to northern Greece and Albania, this is a more robust species bearing green to yellow bells, striped and chequered rust-red borne tall stems. Larger than the type and more useful in the garden. FS/1st \$ 5.00

grayana (syn. *roderickii*) A surprisingly easy American species (I wish there were more!). Closely related to *F. biflora*, shiny green leaves and shiny purple brown bells with a white blotch on each petal. FS/1st \$5.00



meleagriss Arrestingly beautiful with its large, square-shouldered bells in subtle shades of reddish-mauve and grey on tall stems. An occasional white form may have found its way into this offering. Easy in the garden or pots. FS \$3.00 or 3 for \$8.00

messanensis ssp gracilis A tall and handsome species of understated beauty from the Balkans bearing rich chestnut-brown bells with shining gold interiors. Very hardy and a vigorous species for the garden. FS/1st \$7.00

messanensis ssp messanensis Very elegant, urn-shaped flowers chequered green and reddish-brown, on tall stems. These are the Cretan race collected on the foothills of Mt. Kedros, near Spili. FS/1st \$ 7.00

michailovskyi Striking bicoloured bells in reddish-mahogany, tipped bright yellow on 25cm stems with grayish leaves. A much admired Turkish species with lots of star appeal. FS/1st \$ 8.00

persica Impressive species bearing tall spikes of deep, purple-black flowers, dusted with grey bloom and arranged in dense racemes. Whorls of attractive glaucous-gray, twisted foliage. Strictly limit of one per customer. FS/1st \$20.00

pinardii Quite large, bloomy, purple-brown bells, each traced with a narrow band of golden yellow on 20cm stems. Leaves narrow and glaucous. FS/1st \$8.00

pontica An excellent garden plant with an understated elegance and cool charm. Medium to large sized green to greenish-yellow bells delicately edged terracotta pink at the tips. FS \$3.00 or 3 for \$8.00

pyrenaica A strong-growing, robust species from the Pyrenees easily cultivated in the open garden. Large, widely flaring, bell-shaped flowers in dark purple brown, shining yellow within, on 35cm stems. FS/1st \$7.00

sibthorpiana A true collector's plant and utterly distinct with its bright yellow bells, reflexed outer petals and its very few broad leaves. Known only from the extreme SW corner of Turkey, described in 1809 and recently rediscovered nearly two centuries after Sibthorp's type collection. FS/1st \$8.00

stribrynyi Bloomy, purple and green bells with linear, narrow greyish leaves on tall stems and winged seed-heads. An elegant species limited to southern Bulgaria and adjacent European Turkey and rarely offered. FS/1st \$6.00

thunbergii A fine tall growing Asian species bearing up to 6 large, broadly cupped, whitish flowers, tinged green and pink and lightly spotted purple and brown. Excellent garden plant. FS/1st \$6.00 or 3 for \$15.00

tuntasia Endemic to a few islands in the northern Cyclades islands in Greece. Large, bloomy, black bells on tall stems clothed in twisted, grey leaves. Closely related to *F. obliqua* from the mainland this is the true species from Serifos. FS/1st \$8.00

uva vulpiss A handsome plant bearing slim, glaucous brown bells tipped yellow on tall stem that clasped with broad grey leaves. Not difficult and an excellent addition for a sunny spot in the garden. FS/1st \$4.00 or 3 for \$11.00

CALOCHORTUS

A very diverse genus with many flower forms, "Mariposas" are the big tulip shaped species most sought after but the broadly bell shaped "Fairy Lanterns" and "Cat's Ears" have their own special charm. All require well-drained conditions to do really well and provide a genuine extension to the spring bulb flowering season by producing their exquisite blooms into November and December.

albus var. albus Several large, pendant, pearly-white fairy lanterns on 30cm stems in late spring. Easy in the garden especially in slightly shaded woodland. FS/1st \$5.00

clavatus ssp clavatus Very large, deep bowl-shaped flowers that satiny, golden-yellow and zigzag lined red-brown inside with large red-purple anthers. FS/1st \$6.00



clavatus ssp recurvifolius Several solid yellow bowls, lined in reddish-brown, on 25cm branched stems. Unlike its relatives this subspecies has coiling, recurved grey-backed leaves.

FS/1st \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00

fimbriatus(syn. *weedii* var. *vestus*) Up to 4, erect, squarish bowls tinted opalescent grey stippled and blotched purple. Inside heavily speckled purple with a dense covering of yellow hairs. A beautiful addition to the late bulb season.

FS/1st \$4.00

luteus Large, upward facing, golden bowls marked inside with reddish-brown on 40cm stems. A gorgeous mariposa tulip from California, which has proven very easy in a sunny well-drained spot in the garden.

FS \$3.00 or 3 for \$8.00

luteus x superbus Seed raised plants from collections made in the Sacramento Valley where hybrid swarms of these two species are common. Expect some fine ivories, creams and soft yellows, all very variably marked inside.

FS/1st \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00

nudus Superlative rich lavender, open-cupped, upright flowers early in the season. Like many of the prairie tulips the flowers have a satiny finish and are pencilled basally in purple and white. Rare and beautiful

FS/1st \$6.00

obispoensis Really unlike anything else in the genus. Many small starry flowers on stiff branching 30cm stems. The blooms are feathery and have purple-tipped, yellow segments.

FS/1st \$ 4.00

palmeri A very elegant mariposa to about 40cm tall with sugar-pink, widely cupped, upward-facing flowers, faintly brown-spotted inside. Beautiful, easy and very reliable.

FS/1st \$5.00

simulans My stock has white, broadly-cupped, mariposa flowers, flushed lilac and brushed with darker purple basal markings on tall stems.

FS/1st \$4.00

splendens Another magnificent Californian mariposa bearing very large, soft-lavender, up-facing flowers with white wispy hairs and dark anthers on slender branching stems.

FS/1st \$5.00

superbus Classic mariposa from Mariposa County. Large, glistening white flowers with purple brown blotches and basal markings on tall stems.

FS \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00

umpquaensis Large, dramatic, creamy-white flowers blotched maroon-black at the centre. Elegant, blue-green leaves and pendant, winged seed capsules. A classy endemic from Oregon. Crème de la crème!

FS/1st \$ 6.00

venustus An amazingly variable Californian species bearing large and magnificent, mariposa flowers ranging through shades of pink, purple, red and orange with complex blotches and basal markings in every combination of these.

FS/1st \$5.00

vestae Known as the Goddess Mariposa, bearing very large, upward facing, bowl-shaped flowers of white or lilac with deep red-maroon pencilled bases surrounded by a yellow zone.

FS \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00

NARCISSUS

Most of the bulbs offered here are wild daffodils from Spain, Portugal and North Africa. A good many are miniatures, fully hardy and free flowering making them great subjects for the rock garden or pot culture. These are easy plants for anywhere around southern Australia.

“Alec Gray” (Capen, USA) Miniature pure white trumpet named for the doyen of breeders in this field. A strong grower for show or the garden. Rarely offered

FS/1st \$10.00

bulbocodium ssp obesus This is the Farrer Medal form of this very distinct Hoop Petticoat obtained from Rannweig Wallis in Wales. Dark leaves and golden yellow, horizontal flowers. A lovely fat chap !

FS/1st \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00

bulbocodium “Connie Greenfield” Large, uniformly deep golden-yellow, up-facing hoops mid-season. Blue ribbon winner at the American Daffodil Society Show 2011. Only a few to go.

FS/1st \$5.00

