

Customers Favourite Varieties for 2023 – Perennials

Position		Perennials	Catalogue
1	NEW	Delphinium Red Lark	Lasting Beauty
2	NEW 2024	Agapanthus Starry Night (Exp 3703)	Lasting Beauty
3		Echinacea Prima Ruby	Lasting Beauty
= 4		Agapanthus Twister	Lasting Beauty
= 4		Echinacea Prima Saffron	Lasting Beauty
= 4	Experimental	Mangave Cherry Chocolate Chip	Exotic Beauty
= 7	NEW	Perovskia Bluesette	Lasting Beauty
= 7		Senecio Angel Wings	Lasting Beauty
= 9	NEW	Alstroemeria Inticancha® Paraiso	Lasting Beauty
= 9	Experimental	Digitalis DIG 202	Lasting Beauty
= 9	NEW	Euphorbia Miner's Merlot	Everlasting Beauty
12		Salvia Mirage Rose Bicolour	Lasting Beauty
= 13	NEW	Buddleja Butterfly Candy Little Ruby	Lasting Beauty
= 13	Experimental	Delphinium Exp. Neon Lilac	Lasting Beauty
= 13		Echinacea Delicious Candy	Lasting Beauty
= 16		Alstroemeria Paradise Indian Summer®	Lasting Beauty
= 16		Corydalis Blue Heron	Lasting Beauty
= 16	NEW	Echinacea Moodz Devotion	Lasting Beauty
= 16	NEW	Lavandula Butterfly Garden Pink Summer	Lasting Beauty
= 16		Salvia Mirage Blue	Lasting Beauty

NEW Delphinium *hybrida* Red Lark



Voted for by visitors as their overall favourite Perennial plant variety

The first variety ever to have been our visitors favourite 2 years in a row!

Last Year, this stunning **Delphinium Red Lark** was just an experimental variety yet stopped visitors in their tracks with its unique coloured flowers.

New for 2023, this variety jumped out again at this year's Summer Showcase as the visitors favourite Perennial.

The striking spikes of coral-red semi-double flowers rise on sturdy stems above an attractive mound of palm shaped foliage. Red Lark is free flowering and produces multiple spikes from June to September from one plant.

In the garden, Red Lark creates quite a focal point. Garden height is approximately 65cm and because of its strong sturdy stems, it needs little or no support. Planted in full sun just intensifies the flower colours. An excellent choice for home cut flowers and most attractive to bees and pollinators.

At retail, this new Delphinium will undoubtedly draw shoppers to it like a magnet.

We recommend growing in a 3 - 5 litre pot. Our Ball 40 plug (available weeks 9, 11, 15 and 18) is ideal for growing in a well ventilated polytunnel allowing plenty of air movement or outside, after the risk of frost has passed. The rich flowering colouring is more emphasised when grown outdoors for a few weeks.

A 15cm colour Lasting Beauty® Perennial style label is supplied with the plugs to help make your plants stand out at retail as a premium plant.



NEW for 2024 *Agapanthus hybrida* **Starry Night**



the winter.

A striking new hardy variety with the most intense cobalt blue flowers

Starry Night stood out in our trials this year as one of the clear favourites, due to its most incredibly dark blue flowers and contrasting dark green foliage.

This new mid-sized *Agapanthus* selection really delivers as a premium retail plant with its impressive presentation in 5 litre pots in colour.

Due to the strong stems the flowers remain supported, standing up to 60cm, until winter arrives. The foliage of *Starry Night* is fresh dark green during the summer and will lose its foliage during

Bred for hardiness, *Starry Night* is hardy to approximately -15°C . From the end of April/early May plants will re-emerge from the ground and start to flower around August-September. Within 3 years in the ground the plant will have approximately 10 – 14 flowers held up to 60cm high, spreading to about 40-50cm.

Once established in the ground *Starry Night* is heat and sun tolerant and can bare a period of drought, however the plants still benefit better from some water. An excellent variety for patio containers.

Available as a tray 18 liner (9cm pot) in week 9. This is ideal for growing in a 3 – 5 litre pot.

Grown under a frost-free glasshouse, a finished plant can be achieved in a 3-litre pot within the same season. Alternatively overwinter for a full looking 5 litre the following year.



Echinacea *hybrida* Prima Ruby



One of the most vibrant colours within our Echinacea assortment

Certainly, the rich coloured flowers of **Prima Ruby** combined with the short pot habit on the demonstration retail benches, caught the eyes of visitors at this year's Showcase

Prima Ruby and Prima Saffron are one of our most compact Echinacea varieties. With a clump forming habit and multiple crowns, Prima puts on an impressive strong early flowering display for retail pot sales in the first year.

The unique multi-layered petals form striking iridescent pink-red flowers with

a dark cone. In the garden plants will flower for weeks especially if the old flowers are regularly removed. Very attractive to butterflies, useful for dried arrangements or for cutting. Garden Height 30cm.

Available as a Paper 45 plug weeks 9 and 11.

We recommend planting your plug directly into a 3-litre pot, starting the plant off under protection. Once the plant has rooted, it is really important, like with all Echinacea, to pinch out the initial flower spike, then space the crop outside to finish.

