



Aylett Nurseries
The Complete Garden Centre

Climbers & Wall Shrubs

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Climbing plants may be used to great advantage in every garden; for covering walls of houses or out-buildings, to cover poles and pergolas, low walls, fences and dead tree stumps. These will add colour to trees and shrubs by growing through them, or as ground cover for dry banks. Two climbing plants will happily grow through each other to extend the flowering period, or one to provide foliage for the winter. On sunny sheltered walls, plants needing some protection may be grown. Our list includes plants for all these purposes.

Most will need some help through the use of trellis or a network of wires which are available in our Garden Shop. Self clinging plants will adhere to a wall once established and will do no damage to sound brickwork.

Most of these plants are best pruned as follows unless otherwise stated: - After flowering or in late winter/early spring, cut back flowered shoots to within 2-4 buds of permanent framework. Any dead, misplaced, old or unwanted shoots should be removed at the same time.



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ABELIA

Summer flowering shrub, needing a sunny sheltered site. Best results are obtained from planting against a wall. Well drained soil.

GRANDIFLORA - Pinkish white slightly fragrant flowers July - October. Height 3m Spread 4m. Glossy green foliage. Semi-evergreen. ⌚

HOPLEYS - Lilac pink flowers August – October. Green gold variegated leaves. Semi- evergreen. Height 60cm, Spread 1m.

GRANDIFLORA KALEIDOSCOPE - Semi-evergreen, gold variegated leaves, pinky white flowers July-October. Height and spread 1.5m.

ABUTILON

All varieties need a sheltered sunny wall in well drained soil. Graceful lax habit. Flowers over a long season. Deciduous to semi-evergreen. Only frost hardy varieties are listed here, but all will need protection from hard frosts and wind.

KENTISH BELLE - Large apricot red, yellow calyses, flowers April - October. Semi-twining stems suitable for training. Height 2.5m. ⌚

MEGAPOTANICUM - Arching shrub with small red and yellow flowers in summer. Height 2m.

ACTINIDIA

Kiwi fruit. Twining deciduous climber for a sunny sheltered site and well drained soil. Prune in late winter/ early spring.

KOLOMIKTA - (Kolomikta Vine). Fragrant white flowers June. Slender climber with leaves flushed cream and pink on lower half. Leaves attain full colour once the plant is 3-4 years old. Height 4.5-5m. ⌚

AKEBIA

Chocolate Vine. Sun or part shade. Prune after flowering.

QUINATA - Semi-evergreen climber of vigorous twining habit. Small maroon flowers April - May. Brown sausage like fruit in the autumn after long hot summers. Height 10m.

ARGYROCYTISUS BATTANDIERI

Moroccan or Pineapple 'Broom', syn cytiscus battandieri) - Yellow pineapple scented flowers May - June. Silvery grey laburnum like foliage in summer. Needs sunny sheltered site and well drained soil. Prune after flowering, but do not hard prune. Height 4-5m, spread 3-4m. ⌚

CAMELLIA

See Camellia leaflet (no. 19) for a more information and a list of the varieties which we usually stock.

CAMPSIS

Trumpet Vine. Vigorous deciduous climber. Self-clinging eventually, but takes time for aerial roots to take hold. Trumpet shaped flowers in late summer. Needs sunny sheltered site and well drained soil. Protect from cold weather. Suitable for a South or West aspect.

RADICANS - Orange red flowers August - September. Height 6-10m.

RADICANS FLAVA - (Syn. Yellow Trumpet) Trumpet shaped golden yellow flowers late summer to autumn. Height 6-8m. 🕒

RADICANS INDIAN SUMMER - Bright orange flowers. Height and spread 6-8m.

TAGLIABUANA MADAME GALEN - Orange red flowers. Height 6-10m. 🕒

SUMMER JAZZ - these cultivars have a compact or dwarf habit.

CEANOTHUS

Californian Lilac. The varieties listed here are all evergreen shrubs requiring a sunny sheltered position and good drainage. Some are upright in habit, but most are arching/mound-forming but can be trained against a wall. Support to train with wires or trellis. Pruning is best carried out after flowering. Do not hard prune.

AUTUMNAL BLUE - Upright shrub. China blue flowers July onwards. One of the hardiest forms. Height and Spread 3m. 🕒

BLUE MOUND - Arching shrub. Blue flowers May - August. Height 1.5m, spread 1.8m. 🕒

BLUE SAPPHIRE - Arching shrub, dark blue flowers May-June, very dark green small leaves. Height and spread 1.5m.

CONCHA - Upright shrub. Deep bright blue flowers May - June. Upright habit. Height and spread 3m. 🕒

DARK STAR - Arching shrub, dark blue/purple flowers May-June. Height 2m, spread 3m. 🕒

ITALIAN SKIES - Upright shrub. Deep sky blue flowers May-June. Height 1.5m and spread 3m. 🕒

PUGET BLUE - Upright shrub. Deep bright blue flowers May - June. Small green leaves. Height and spread 3m. 🕒

SILVER SURPRISE - Arching shrub with cream variegated leaves. Pale blue flowers May-June. Height and spread 1.5m.

SKYLARK - Arching shrub, deep sky blue flowers May-June. Height 1.5m and spread 2m. 🕒

THYRSIFLORUS REPENS - Arching shrub, light blue flowers May-June. Height 1m. Spread 2.4m. 🕒

TREWITHEEN BLUE - Vigorous large leaved and upright shrub. Masses of mid blue flowers . May - June. Height 6m and spread 8m. 🕒

YANKEE POINT - Arching shrub. Bright blue flowers late spring - early summer. Height 1m, spread 3m.

ZANZIBAR - Arching shrub with golden variegated foliage. Bright blue flowers early summer. Height 2 m spread 2m.

CHAENOMELES

Japonica/Quince - Will thrive on almost any site average soil. Yellow edible fragrant fruit in autumn. Prune after flowering if necessary.

SPECIOSA

GEISHA GIRL - Semi double peach pink flowers March – May. Very free flowering. Height 1.5m, spread 1.8m. 🕒

MADAME BUTTERFLY - Single pale pink flowers veined white March-May. Height 1.5m, spread 1.8m.

NIVALIS - White flowers. March – May. Height 2.5m. Spread 4m.

SUPERBA

CRIMSON AND GOLD - Deep crimson flowers with gold anthers March - May. Height 1m, spread 2m. 🕒

JET TRAIL - White flowers March – May. Height and spread 1.5m.

KNAPHILL SCARLET - Bright orange-scarlet flowers March - May. Height 1.5m, spread 1.8m. 🕒

PINK LADY – Dark pink buds, rose pink flowers March- May. Height 1m Spread 2m. 🕒

CLEMATIS

See our Clematis Leaflet (No. 2) for our range of varieties.

COTONEASTER

Will thrive in sun or part shade and in average soil. These varieties are deciduous. Do not hard prune.

HORIZONTALIS - Small glossy leaves turning bright red in autumn before falling. Herring bone pattern stems. Creamy white flowers May - June red berries in autumn. Can grow up to 2m on a wall. Spread 2m. 🕒

ATROPURPUREUS VARIEGATA - As above with variegated foliage.

ESCALLONIA

See Shrub Catalogue (No. 22).

EUONYMUS FORTUNEI

'Emerald Gaiety' 🕒, 'Emerald and Gold' 🕒 and 'Silver Queen' – Evergreen low growing shrubs which will also climb slowly, if given support, up to 3m. Suitable for sun or shade, but colour will be best with some sun.

FALLOPIA BALDSCHUANICA

syn. Polygonum baldschuanica, Russian Vine or Mile-a-minute. Sprays of white flowers July - October. Bright green leaves. Rampant twining habit. Sun or part shade, any well drained soil. Quickly covers outhouses or large trees. Can be hard pruned in spring. Height 12-15m. May grow up to 4m a year.

GARRYA

Evergreen shrubs with catkin-type flowers in late winter/early spring. Prune after flowering.

ELLIPTICA - (Silk Tassel Bush). Evergreen shrub with long silvery catkins January - February. Dark glossy leaves. Quite fast growing. Average soil, sun or shade. Height/spread 4m.

ELLIPTICA JAMES ROOF - Like Garrya elliptica (above) but with extra long silvery catkins. 🕒

HEDERA

Ivy - Popular evergreen, self clinging plant. Can climb or make excellent ground cover. Will thrive in sun or part shade. Can be pruned at any time.

CANARIENSIS (Canary Island Ivy) Large leaves, vigorous, best in sheltered position.

GLOIRE DE MARENGO - Large deep green leaves with margins of silvery grey and white. Height/spread 4m. 🕒

COLCHICA (Persian Ivy) Vigorous, large leaves.

DENTATA VARIEGATA - Large green leaves mottled with grey-green and broadly margined with creamy white. Fast growing. Height/spread 5m. 🕒

PADDY'S PRIDE (SULPHUR HEART) - Large broad leaves boldly marked by a central splash of yellow fading to green. Fast growing. Height/spread 5m. 🕒

HELIX (Common Ivy, English Ivy)

CLOTTED CREAM - Brightly variegated foliage wrinkled at the edges. Height/spread 3m.

GLACIER - Small grey-green leaves, variegated with silver grey and cream. Height/spread 2-4m. 🕒

GOLDCHILD - Light green leaves with golden edges. Height/spread 1-1.2m. 🕒

GOLDHEART - Rich deep green leaves with bold golden centres. Slow initially then fast growing. Height/spread 8m

GREEN RIPPLE - Jaggedly lobed deep green leaves with a long tapering central lobe. An unusual leaf shape. Height/spread 2m.

HUMULUS LUPULUS AUREUS

Golden Hop. Soft yellow leaves on long twining stems. Drooping flowers in late summer. Very effective when trained over arches. Needs a sunny site and good soil. Male and Female flowers are borne on separate plants in July/August. The golden hop is a female variety and the fruit from the Female flowers may be used to make beer. Height 4-5m. Cut back to just above ground level in late winter/early spring. ⌚

HYDRANGEA

These are climbing forms of the popular shrub, they cling by aerial roots and do not need wires or trellis. All require shady sheltered site and moist, well drained soil.

ANOMELA PETIOLARIS - (Climbing Hydrangea) – Deciduous self-clinging shrub. Masses of white "lace cap" flowers 15cm across June - July. Height 10-15m. Vigorous once established. Prune after flowering. ⌚

SEEMANII - Evergreen self-clinging shrub, greenish white 'lacecap' flowers Aug-Oct. Height/spread 4-5m. Sheltered site, moist, well drained soil. Prefers partial shade. Prune after flowering. Protect from hard frosts.

ITEA ILICIFOLIA

Holly-leaf sweetspire. Glossy, holly like leaves long fragrant greenish white flowers/catkins August - September. Evergreen shrub with arching habit. Will grow in sun or part shade in moist well drained soil and a sheltered site. Height 3-5m. ⌚

JASMINUM

Jasmine. Best grown in a sunny position on well drained soil. Prune after flowering.

BEESIANUM - Small fragrant deep pink flowers May - June. Vigorous twining stems. Semi-evergreen. Needs a sunny site. Height 5m.

NUDIFLORUM - Winter Jasmine. Bright yellow flowers in winter, November - March. Lax branches suitable for training. Deciduous, but stems remain green in winter. Suitable for any aspect. Will tolerate shade. Height 3-4m. ⌚

NUDIFLORUM AUREUM - As *Jasminum nudiflorum* (above), but with golden leaves.

OFFICINALE - Common Jasmine. White sweetly scented flowers June - September. Fast twining habit. Deciduous. Sunny site. Suitable for walls, fences or pergolas. Height 8-9m. ⌚

AUREUM - Syn. *Aureovariegatum*. White scented flowers, leaves variegated and suffused yellow. Deciduous. Height 5m/spread 3m.

CLOTTED CREAM - Scented cream flowers. Semi-evergreen. Height 8-9m.

FIONA SUNRISE - Bright yellow foliage, fragrant white flowers. Deciduous. Height 4-6m.

INVERLEITH - Red flower buds opening to scented white flowers. Deciduous. Height 5m. ⌚

X STEPHANENSE - Fragrant pale pink flowers June - July. New growth often variegated cream and gold. Deciduous. Height 5m.

LONICERA

Honeysuckle - Popular flowering plant which thrives on a good moist but well drained soil in sun or part shade. Vigorous twining habit.

AMERICANA - (American Woodbine). Deciduous. Fragrant white flowers shading to yellow with purple outside. Long flowering June - November. Best in a sheltered site. Height 6-8m.

BROWNII DROPMORE SCARLET - Deciduous. Large bright scarlet trumpet like flowers July - October. Leaves are blue green beneath. Height 4-6m. Little fragrance.

HECKROTTII GOLDFLAME - Deciduous. Brilliant fragrant flowers pink outside with orange yellow inside July - August. Height 2.5-3m.

HENRYI - Evergreen. Small orange yellow flowers stained red July -September. Black berries in autumn. Height 6-8m, but can be kept smaller. Little fragrance.

HENRYI COPPER BEAUTY - Like *Lonicera henryi* (above), but young leaves are bronze coloured, small flowers coppery yellow. Height 6m. Little fragrance.

JAPONICA - (Japanese honeysuckle) all varieties are semi evergreen and have fragrant flowers.

CREAM CASCADE - creamy white flowers fading to yellow. Height 6-8m.

DARTS WORLD - Small pink/red flushed white flowers fading to peach. Height 3-5m

HALLIANA - White flowers becoming biscuit coloured June - October. Vigorous. Height 4-5m+. ⌚

HALLS PROLIFIC - White flowers becoming biscuit coloured June - October. Vigorous. Height 4-5 m+.

HORWOOD GEM - Fragrant pale creamy yellow flowers June-October, young leaves marbled pale green. Height 6-8m.

MINT CRISP - White flowers in summer. Pale green and cream speckled leaves. Semi-evergreen. Height 3-3.5m.

PERICLYMENUM - (Woodbine) - Prune back to strong new growth after flowering. All varieties are fragrant and deciduous.

BELGICA - Early Dutch Honeysuckle. Flowers pale rose and purple outside, white inside fading to yellow May - June. Orange berries in autumn. Height 6m.

GRAHAM THOMAS - Large, creamy yellow flowers May - September. Vigorous habit. Red berries in autumn. Height 4-5m. ⌚

RHUBARD & CUSTARD - pinky red and creamy yellow flowers followed by red berries. Ht 2m.

SEROTINA - Late Dutch Honeysuckle. Flowers are deep rose purple outside and cream inside July - October. Very free flowering. Height 4-5m+. ⌚

SCENTSATION - White/creamy yellow flowers followed by red berries. Ht 8m

SWEET SUE - White/creamy yellow flowers in summer. Height 2.5-3m.

SIMILIS DELAVAYI - Fragrant white/pale yellow flowers July-September. Semi-evergreen. Height/spread 6m. 🕒

TELLMANNIANA - Deciduous. Large clusters of flowers, pink in bud opening to coppery orange/yellow June - July. Best in partial shade. Height 4-5m+. Little fragrance.

PARTHENOCISSUS

Prune in early winter and again in summer if necessary. Vigorous self-climbing deciduous climber. Although self clinging they need help (eg wires or trellis) to get started. Climbs by tendrils and adhesive pads.

HENRYANA - Silvery pink veins, brilliant red in autumn. Likes sun or shade, but best colour in partial shade. Height 8-9m. 🕒

QUINQUEFOLIA (Virginia Creeper) - Five lobed green leaves turning brilliant red in autumn. Likes any aspect. Height up to 15m. 🕒

TRICUSPIDATA VEITCHII (Boston Ivy) - Variable shaped leaves, but generally 3 lobed and densely packed. Likes any aspect. Excellent red autumn colour. Height 15-20m.

PASSIFLORA

Passion Flower. Usually deciduous in the UK. All need a sunny sheltered site and well drained soil. Ideally a south or west facing wall. Prune in early spring. This is not the edible passion fruit. Only frost hardy varieties are listed here.

CAERULEA - Intriguing flowers - white petals with purple blue central ring June September. Vigorous, twining habit. Height 10m. Orange fruits in autumn.

CONSTANCE ELLIOTT - As *Passiflora caerulea* with fragrant ivory white flowers.

WHITE LIGHTENING - As *Passiflora caerulea* but with very pale purple – blue central ring.

PILEOSTEGIA VIBURNOIDES

Evergreen self-clinging shrub with small white flowers August-September. Will grow in sun or shade, in moist fertile well-drained soil. Height 4-6m.

PYRACANTHA

(Firethorn) – Thorny evergreen shrubs which will thrive in sun or part shade. Needs good, well drained soil. Height 3-4m. Will grow taller against a wall. All have creamy white flowers May-June and berries in autumn. After flowering, in midsummer, shorten each lateral to 2 or 3 leaves from its base to expose the developing berries. In Spring, remove old fruit trusses to make way for new growth.

MOHAVE - Scarlet berries in autumn. Vigorous bushy habit. Disease resistant, berries are less attractive to birds.

ORANGE CHARMER - Bright orange/red berries in autumn. Arching habit.

ORANGE GLOW - Bright orange/red berries in early autumn. Upright habit. Scab resistant. 🕒

RED COLUMN - Deep red berries in early autumn. Upright habit

SAPHYR SERIES - Red 🕒, yellow or orange 🕒 berries in autumn. Vigorous upright habit.
Resistant to fireblight.

SOLEIL D'OR - Bright yellow berries in autumn. Lax spreading habit.

ROSES

See Rose Leaflet (No. 20)

SOLANUM

Twining semi-evergreen climbers, all need sheltered gardens and a south or west aspect. Prune after flowering. Do not hard prune.

CRISPUM GLASNEVIN (Chilean Potato Vine) - Woody climber. Clusters of rich purple blue flowers with yellow stamens June - September. Suitable for chalky soil. Height 4-6m. 🕒

JASMINOIDES ALBUM - (Syn. Laxum album) Masses of white star shaped flowers July - October. Suitable for chalky soil. Height 4-5m. 🕒

TRACHELOSPERMUM

Star Jasmine - Evergreen twining climbers, suitable for a sheltered sunny position and well drained soil. All have sweetly scented jasmine-like flowers in summer. Prune in early spring. All may need protection from severe frosts and wind.

ASIATICUM - Fragrant cream flowers darkening with age July - August. Slightly hardier than Jasminoides and with more compact growth. Height 3-4m. 🕒

JASMINOIDES - Very fragrant white Jasmine like flowers July - August. Oval polished green leaves. Bronzed foliage in winter. Height 3-4m. 🕒

JASMINOIDES VARIEGATUM - Grey green leaves splashed or edged with cream red tinged in winter. Height 2-3m. 🕒

VITIS

Ornamental grape vines, all are vigorous and cling to supports themselves with twining tendrils. They need good soil and will thrive in sun or part shade. Prune in midwinter and again in midsummer, if necessary, to restrict growth. Never prune in late winter or spring when the sap is rising.

BRANT - Attractive red/purple foliage in autumn. Edible purple grapes. Height 7m. 🕒

COIGNETIAE - (Crimson Glory Vine) - Large leaves turning bright orange, yellow and red in autumn with small unpalatable black fruit in autumn. Height 15m. 🕒

VINIFERA PURPUREA - (Tenturier Grape) - New leaves claret red turning to rich purple in autumn. Small black/purple unpalatable fruit. Height 6-7m. 🕒

WISTERIA

Will thrive in a sunny site on good well drained soil. Vigorous twining habit. Ideal for walls, sheds, pergolas and to grow through established trees. Fragrant flowers in late spring/early summer.

Pruning - Left un-pruned plants develop into a thick tangle of intertwining stems which may not flower. Prune current year's lateral growths back to about 15cm end of July - early August. Prune again back to 3 buds in February.

BRACHYBOTRYS - (syn. venusta) Silky wisteria. Twines anti-clockwise. Leaves composed of 7-13 leaflets. Flower racemes 10-15 cm long. Height 9m. Different cultivars or varieties have different flower colours.

FLORIBUNDA (Japanese Wisteria) - Long slender chains of scented lilac blue flowers May - June. Height 9m-12m. Stems twine in a clockwise direction. Leaves composed of 13-19 leaflets.

ALBA - White flowers. 🕒

BLACK DRAGON - (syn. Floribunda Violacea Plena) (syn. Sinensis Black Dragon) - Hanging chains of sweetly scented purple double flowers May - June. Height 9m.

LIPSTICK - (syn. Kuchi-Beni) White and pink flowers.

MACROBOTRYS (syn. Multijuga) - Exceptionally long chains (up to 1m long) of fragrant lilac blue flowers. 🕒

ROSEA - (syn. Hon-beni) Rose pink flowers tipped purple. 🕒

SHIRO NODA - (syn. longissima alba, syn. Snow showers) white flowers.

VIOLACEA PLENA - (syn. sinensis Black Dragon).

FORMOSA - A hybrid of Wisteria floribunda and Wisteria sinensis.

ISSAI - (syn. Domino) Long chains of scented lilac flowers June. May flower earlier in the life of the plant than other cultivars/varieties. Height 9m.

FRUTESCENS - (American wisteria)

AMETHYST FALLS - Fragrant purple/blue flowers May-August. Can flower while young. Quite compact for a Wisteria. Flower racemes also shorter. Height and spread 5m.

SINENSIS (Chinese Wisteria) - Sweetly scented chains of mauve flowers May - June. Height 10 - 20m. Stems twine in an anti-clockwise direction. Leaves composed of 9-13 leaflets (usually 11). 🕒

AMETHYST - Reddish - violet flowers.

PROLIFIC - Masses of lilac blue to pale violet blue flowers May - June. Height 10-15m.

VENUSTA - (syn. Brachybotrys)

EVERGREEN CLIMBERS & WALL SHRUBS

Camellia
Ceanothus (most varieties)
Escallonia
Euonymus fortunei
Garrya
Hedera

Hydrangea seemanii
Lonicera henryi
Pileostegia
Pyracantha
Trachelospermum

SEMI-EVERGREEN CLIMBERS & WALL SHRUBS

These plants will be evergreen in a sheltered site and/or a mild winter.
In severe weather or an exposed position they will be deciduous.

Abelia
Akebia
Jasminum beesianum
Jasminum officinale 'Clotted Cream'

Lonicera japonica (all varieties)
Lonicera similis delavayi
Solanum

SELF CLINGING CLIMBERS & WALL SHRUBS

Campsis – eventually
Hedera
Hydrangea
Parthenocissus – eventually

SCENTED CLIMBERS & WALL SHRUBS

Akebia
Jasminum (summer flowering species & cultivars)
Lonicera (most cultivars, especially japonica & periclymenum species)
Wisteria
Trachelospermum

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