



Enjoy life from your garden!

We've been passionate about plants since 1932 but our family business would not be able to grow and thrive without your support. Thank you for choosing plants from Blue Mountain Nurseries. We appreciate our clients very much and want to take this opportunity during the Holidays to express our sincere thanks. Merry Christmas and all the best for a relaxing summer with family and friends.

Talking of summer, it's a great time to enjoy the garden! For a to do list based on your local conditions, go to;

<http://www.gogardening.co.nz/to-do/7-11-1106/>

Star performers for Christmas- here are some of our picks for interesting plants to plant now. Pop into the shop, or shop online at www.bmn.co.nz

New Zealand Christmas tree

Looking for something different in a Christmas tree- consider the Southern Rata selected by Blue Mountain Nurseries. *Metrosideros umbellata* Christmas Dream is known as the New Zealand Christmas Tree. <http://www.bmn.co.nz/product/southern-rata/>



Cornus Greenvale (Greenvale Dogwood)



<http://www.bmn.co.nz/blog/cornus-greenvale/>

Blue Mountain Nurseries are known for its rare and unusual plants due to the enthusiasm of Denis Hughes and his breeding programmes. One long term success and a star performer is Cornus Greenvale.

Greenvale is a vigorous upright form of the famous Dogwood tree. The large creamy white flowers cover the plant in early summer lasting for as long as two months. Cornus Greenvale is semi-evergreen with some bronze autumn colour giving it interest through all the seasons. Being semi-evergreen, Greenvale makes a good screening tree for a town garden or a specimen tree growing to 4m high. In our trials of hardy dogwoods, this tree has outperformed all others every year both in flowering and growth. We recommend Greenvale in a sheltered site.

New release Francoa's (Bridal Wreath)



Francoa's are an attractive evergreen perennial plant that originate from Chile. They have been grown for many years as a cut flower crop and as a ground cover. Rosettes can often be furry with deeply lobbed leaves which are well designed to withstand dry and shaded growing conditions. This makes Francoa's perfect for a woodland type setting. Group planting in good soil and conditions extends the flowering period with bigger and more spectacular floral displays.

Denis is currently overseeing a breeding programme of 8,000 Francoa seedlings from a variety of species commonly known as Bridal Wreaths. Denis has selected progeny from these varieties looking for that extra "flower power"- in colour, size and hardiness. Denis is looking for whiter whites and pinker pinks and is also keen to spot a dwarf variety. The final results from this breeding programme won't be known until summer 2018 but for those of you who can't wait until then, there are two fabulous new selections from a previous propagation programme; Francoa appendiculata "White Bouquet" and "Pink Bouquet" both with their larger flowers and longer, stronger flower stems.

Francoa White Bouquet has blush pink buds opening to large white flowers on long stems. The Long flower spikes (80cm – 1 m) are produced in great abundance making this one of the best Bridal Wreaths available currently. Francoa Pink Bouquet is one of the deepest rose red coloured Francoa's available with interesting flowers markings and good height at 1m-1.25m. These big flower and long spikes are most impressive.

<http://www.bmn.co.nz/product/pink-bridal-flower/>

Ilex crenata Helleri (Japanese Holly)



Move over buxus- Helleri for hedging is here! No buxus blight and no prickles, despite being an Ilex. Beautiful dark green leaves all year. The deepest green colour develops where the plant is in dappled shade. The most attractive small leaved form makes a low dense, flattened bush or use in hedging. Height 30cm and evergreen. <http://www.bmn.co.nz/product/ilex-crenata-helleri/>

Hydrangea petiolaris (climbing Hydrangea)



From the woodlands of Japan, this woody vigorous climber is excellent on cool or shaded walls with some morning sun and afternoon shade. It also makes an excellent ground cover. Attractive large clusters of white flowers develop over summer and this variety grows to a height of 3 metres. Deciduous. <http://www.bmn.co.nz/product/climbing-hydrangea/>

Hydrangea quercifolia Snowflake (Double Oak Leaved Hydrangea)



Not your traditional blue and pink hydrangea, this hydrangea has beautiful double white flowers in summer. This spectacular plant also has large bold leaves that turn a glorious red in autumn. Best planted in the shade. Height to 1m. Deciduous. <http://www.bmn.co.nz/product/oak-leaved-hydrangea/>

Liatris spicata Kobold (Kansas Gay Feather)



Liatris spicata Kobold, or the gay feather flower, is a compact herbaceous perennial flowering plant in the sunflower and daisy family. Liatris grows with stiff, upright stems and produces spikes of brilliant lilac/mauve flowers in summer. Best in full sun and well drained soils. Ht. 40cm.

<http://www.bmn.co.nz/product/feather-flower/>

Podophyllum kaleidoscope



This attractive evergreen perennial has stunning foliage and does well in a moist woodland or shaded setting. Height to 1metre with deep wine red flowers in late Spring.

<http://www.bmn.co.nz/product/podophyllum-kaleidoscope/>

Rhododendron High Society



If you're looking for low maintenance plants with interesting foliage and flowers- you can't go past Rhododendrons. Rhododendrons can provide form and interest to the garden even when most of the other plants have gone dormant for the season. Like Magnolias, they set their buds the year before they flower, so they carry them through the autumn, winter and early spring. Both their leaf and flower buds are structural, and are often in contrasting colours of chartreuse, rusty brown or maroon.

Rhododendron High Society is an ideal choice for both flowers and foliage. It's an evergreen and has pink and cream flowers in late October on a compact bush (1meter) with attractive silver-grey new growth. <http://www.bmn.co.nz/product/rhodo-high-society/>