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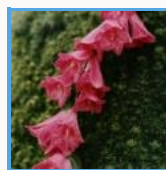
Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2019. Christmas and New Year have been a very busy time for us with the team completing our major stock take for the year ahead. With over 4,000 plant lines to stock take- it's a huge job! From the stock take and your pre-orders, we plan our production schedules and breeding programmes so we know which plants and how many to propagate, grow on and when they will be released. This process of a plant being developed and released for sale can take years! Pseudowintera Red Leopard, one of our flagship plants took 20 years!

It has certainly been dry over the break and some days, it's been hard to keep up with the watering. Here at the Nursery, to help plants cope with the heat we use mulch a lot to help retain moisture in the soil, suppress weeds and to keep the soil cool. Organic mulches like pea straw and peat/bark mixes also help improve soil fertility, as they slowly decompose. We will have pea straw available soon at \$12.99 a bale, or 5 bales for \$55. We also have a special blend of peat and bark mulch made to our own recipe- it's the mulch we use here at Blue Mountain Nurseries and it's available at \$8.99 a bag or \$79.99 a cubic metre (approx. a trailer load).

This month we have some lovely plants to share with you. For something a little different, try Lapageria, the Chilean Bell Flower. This rare twining climber is a handsome plant with glossy dark-green leathery foliage and long bell-shaped waxy flowers in tones of rose-red-white. Lapageria has a long flowering period with flowers in late summer through to late winter and sometimes, even early spring. It's an ideal climber for a mild, shady garden with a cool moist root run, acid to neutral soils and with protection from cold drying winds.

Also hailing from Chile, Francoa's are an attractive evergreen perennial plant that 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. Francoa will continue to flower throughout the summer until the first frosts of winter. Two new releases of Francoa are the pink 'Rose Bouquet' and the 'White Bouquet' bred for their larger flowers and longer, stronger flower stems.

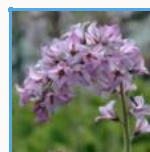
We have a new crop of Bergenia Wanaka Wine that is looking good now and the Chocolate Cosmos are ready to flower with their sweet chocolatey scent. Pseudowintera Red Leopard and Limelight have grown well and their vibrant colour has developed and deepened over Christmas. The Eucryphia cordifolia are about to flower with white scented blooms. These are great food for bees and make a beautiful display in the garden.



Lapageria rosea

Rose-crimson bell shaped flowers in summer and autumn on a wiry vine. Likes a cool moist root run. Ht. 2m. Evergreen.

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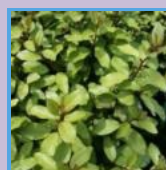


Francoa- pink or white

Large evergreen perennial with green furry compound leaves, large white or pink flowers open from blush pink buds on 75cm spikes.

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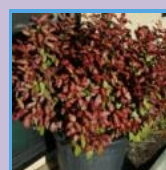
Pseudowintera limelight



Lovely native form with lime green leaves forming a dome to about 1m tall.

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Pseudowintera Red Leopard



Medium sized native shrub with unusual colour and aromatic leaves marked red. Grows best in light woodland conditions. Ht 75cm-1m. Evergreen. PVR SHM086

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Eucryphia cordifolia



White scented flowers in summer. Hardy small tree or shrub for the open

Bergenia Wanaka Wine

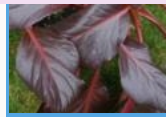


A Pat Stuart selection with lovely burgundy leaves in winter, tall



woodland. Ht 3m.
Evergreen. Good for
bees.

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heads of large bright
rose pink flowers in early
spring. Makes great
ground cover in light
shade and drought
tolerant.

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Leucothoe fontanesiana Crimson Globe



Beetroot red to bronze
winter colouring with
racemes of white lily of
the valley like flowers in
November. A neat
compact plant for acid
soils. A Blue Mountain
selection and
introduction. Ht.75cm.

Evergreen. PVR applied for.

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Calluna Annabel



Heather. Upright spikes
of dainty bell shaped rich
double pink flower.
Autumn flowering. A very
good cut flower. Ht 40cm.

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Campanula glomerata Alba



White flowers cover this
compact perennial
campanula. Grows well
in containers or in a
sunny garden. Ht 20cm

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Cosmos Chocolate



Chocolate scented
flowers. A summer
flowering perennial for
the front of a sunny
border. Velvety dark
flowers that are nearly
black. Ht. 60cm.

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