



Enjoy life from your garden!

We have some lovely plant picks to share with you for May. As we slip into winter, a gardens beauty evolves from flowers and colour, to texture and form. For outstanding leaf form, you can't beat Bergenias for their beautiful leaf colour and show-off shape. Bergenia Wanaka Snow has been very popular as a compliment to Wanaka Wine's florescent pink flowers. They look beautiful together. Buddleja's are still looking great with the silver foliage of Silver Anniversary a must for a contrast in colour compared to the green of Buddleja salvifolia.

Grasses give form and texture in the winter garden and now is the time to plant, particularly riparian plantings along waterways. Our plants are grown for local conditions and are bigger than normal at no extra price. The larger grade plant offers a greater strike rate in riparian zones and a better return on investment. The farm list is on our website at; <http://www.bmn.co.nz/assets/farm-list-2019.pdf>

We still have perennials flowering including Campanula Blue Magic which makes a lovely ground cover. This plant forms a dense mat of blue over summer and well into autumn. It keeps down the weeds while making a great display. We also have Scabiosa Fama Deep Blue still in flower. They can be picked for cut flowers and work well in a hot dry site. They can be used as a mass planting up the edge of a driveway to great effect. Trollius Lemon Supreme are also flowering well this autumn and work well in a damper site. Meconopsis paniculata are ready now – this evergreen form has wonderful yellow hairy foliage and looks great over winter adding interest over the colder months. In the spring it has yellow flowers.

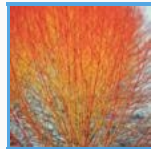
Rhododendrons are one of our passions and the first plants are going out now. A walk around the rhododendron production area confirms that these will be a stunning crop this year. Most are covered in flower buds showing the promise of a great display in spring. One that stands out is High Society with its silver leaves and compact habit. It looks good mass planted and even if it didn't flower it would deserve a position in any garden due to its mass of silver white new growth in early spring.



Buddleja Silver Anniversary

Striking silver leaves. White flowers with orange centre. Honey scented compact. Very hardy. "Butterfly bush"

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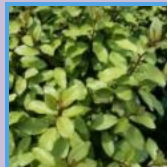


Cornus Midwinter Fire

Spectacular orange winter colour on the stems. Light lemon colour leaves in summer on a bushy shrub to 1m tall. Best grown in shade.

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Pseudowintera limelight



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

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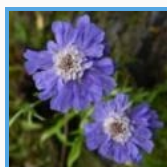
Meconopsis paniculata



Soft fuzzy yellow foliage making a stunning display throughout winter with yellow flowers in summer. Best grown in shade and damp soils. Ht 50cm.

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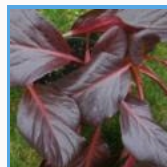
Scabiosa Fama Deep Blue



Pincushion flower. Masses of blue flowers on long stems. Suitable for picking and grown in beds, borders or containers. Attractive to butterflies.

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Bergenia Wanaka Wine



A Pat Stuart selection with lovely burgundy leaves in winter, tall heads of large bright rose pink flowers in early spring. Makes great ground cover in light shade and drought tolerant.

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Acer rubrum

Betula utilis

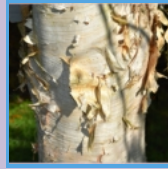
Brandywine



Neat upright bright green shade tree. In autumn the leaves turn brilliant red and burgundy making this one of the best early autumn displays. Ht.5m.

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jacquemontii



Beautiful white peeling bark and yellow autumn colour. One of the best for white trunks and at last being recognised. Hardy and easily grown. Ht. 5m. Deciduous.

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Trollius Lemon Supreme



Lemon yellow flowers on a compact perennial during summer. Ht 30cm

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Rhododendron High Society



Pink and cream flowers in late October on a compact bush to 1m. Attractive silver grey new growth. Evergreen.

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