

## *Enjoy life from your Garden!*

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Blue Mountain Nurseries was established in 1932 and today the nursery covers 5 hectares and employs 16 full time staff. Our dedicated team produce hardy trees and shrubs and we have a passion for the rare and unusual, specialising in rhododendrons, conifers and pleione orchids. If you have never visited Blue Mountain Nurseries, we're in Tapanui- a small town in West Otago and it's well worth the trip! If you can't make a day trip, you can use our online shopping 24/7 at [www.bmn.co.nz](http://www.bmn.co.nz)

Here at Blue Mountain Nurseries, we are starting to get very excited- summer is nearly here- and touch wood, we've escaped frosts and snow and all our lovely plants are doing so well!

During winter you may have had the chance to do some garden maintenance and after a good tidy up, you might have gaps in planting that need to be dealt with. With a little planning, you can create a garden showcasing attractive foliage and ever changing colour. We've worked with Denis Hughes- our resident plant expert here at the Nursery to come up with some perennial gardening winners (and we have slipped in a few rhododendrons and Azaleas as they are looking gorgeous NOW!) for October/November planting.

### **Incarvillea delavayii Alba and Bees Pink**



These very hardy perennials have stunning large flared-mouth white or pink flowers in early summer and will be a rare gem in the garden. These deciduous beauties grow to a height of 25-35cm. Plant in a well-drained soil or in a raised bed and don't let it get too dry.



### **Clematis integrifolia Mongolian Belles and Blue Ribbons**

Clematis integrifolia is no longer just blue! For something a little different, these Mongolian Belle perennial flowers are a delightful mix of pink, white, lavender, and blue on a bushy plant that grows to a metre. Flowering occurs from mid-spring to late summer after which, attractive silvery seed heads develop. Plant this hardy perennial in full sun to partial shade with moderate to dry conditions. Ideal in a border. Blue Ribbons offers larger flowers on a lower growing plant.

## Pulsatilla vulgaris Red Bells and Alba



Pulsatilla are also known as the Pasque Flower. This hardy anemone shaped perennial favourite is flowering well now. Flowers have a soft downy texture followed by attractive feathery tufted seed heads giving lasting interest over a long season. Useful in a border edge and once well established, tolerant to dry conditions. These varieties are red or white. A vibrant purple-lilac is also available.

## Elaeagnus x ebbingei

Also known as Russian Olive or Oleaster. Elaeagnus consists of approximately 45 species of evergreen and deciduous shrubs. E. ebbingei is a hardy fast growing upright ornamental shrub with large silvery green leaves. This evergreen shrub has a dense, bushy, rounded growth habit with highly scented

creamy white flowers in autumn/early winter. It's a great choice for hedging in sun or shade and is wind, cold and salt tolerant. Height to approximately 1.5m.

## Limonium latifolium



Also known as Statice or Sea Lavender. This is a must for any perennial garden area particularly for a full sun and well-drained soil. Limonium is one of the best perennials for use as a cut flower, especially for drying. To dry, cut stems as the flowers begin to open and hang upside down in a warm dark place. The plant grows to 40 centimetres with wiry branching stems and light blue flowers in summer.

## Dicentra spectabilis

Bleeding Hearts- a native to Japan and an old fashioned favourite. Dicentra is an herbaceous, deciduous perennial that forms a large bushy clump with spectacular heart shaped pink flowers in late spring- early summer. Plant in a moist shady spot. Hardy, but do shelter from the wind. Height to 50cm. Beautiful in fresh flower arrangements.



## Rhododendron Hazel

Light pink flowers edged and striped with deep pink and slight brown spotting. Compact tight trusses of prolific flowers that fade to white. Height to 1.5m. Evergreen. Ready to flower now!



## Rhododendron Morgenrot (Red Dawn)

Stunning vibrant rose pink flowers, shading lighter in the centre. Red Dawn flowers in October and has a compact, rounded habit and flowers freely. Shelter from the wind- grows to 1 m.



## Rhododendron High Society

Apricot- pink and cream flowers in late October on a compact bush to 1m. A prolific flowerer with attractive silver grey new growth on a compact habit with dark green rolled leaves. Prefers semi shade mulch annually. Evergreen.





## Rhododendron Karen Triplett

Large wide funnel shaped yellow flowers that glow in the light of early November. This superb variety has The ruffled blooms with a large yellow calyx, give the appearance of a double flower within a good rounded truss. Deep green foliage is an attractive copper when making new growth. Ht 1.5m. Prefers good drainage.



## Rhodo bureavii

This attractive, compact and rounded shrub grows to a height of 1.5 m. For ornamental foliage R. bureavii is superb. The leaves are oval and pointed; the upper surface is typically shiny dark green when mature, while the lower surface is covered with a dense, rusty-red indumentum. Pink flowers open to white in October. No lime. Evergreen.



## Azalea Pink Chiffon

NEW- Double pink flowers in November. A scented compact bush growing to 1.5m. Shelter from the wind.



## Azalea Softlights

Delightful, large double, soft creamy pastel pink flowers in November. Grows to 1.5-2m. Brilliant autumn colour. The second of the Blue Mountain Double Azaleas to be released. Mildew resistant and deciduous.

