

Welcome to my 2021 Bulb Catalogue.

Cleaning and sorting the bulbs is a time consuming job every summer, but also exciting...kind of like a treasure hunt and you never know what you're going to get. There are always disappointments of course, but there are also plenty of 'yes moments'. I hope you will find some treasures in this year's selection. I intend to extend the range over the next few years, as I seem to have quite a collection of new and interesting bulbs coming on.

After asking customers for feedback about sales methods (many thanks for all the replies), and enduring a couple of years of rather haphazard and sometimes frenzied sales of the really popular bulbs, I decided to go back to what I did in earlier years and send out a Bulb List. (Please note there will be a further list later in the year for summer flowering bulbs such as *Crocasmia*, *Habranthus*, *Zephyranthes* etc).



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So...Please read all of the following ordering information carefully.

- All the bulbs listed are dry and have been pre-packeted into individual paper bags.
- Each listing tells you the size and number of bulbs in the packet, and the price per packet.
- Anything with a red **L** is limited to one packet per customer.
- Orders must be sent by email to seaflowers@xtra.co.nz (there is no order form, please just send me a list of the bulbs you would like in the body of the email, not the subject line).
- Make sure you include your delivery address with your order.
- You are welcome to include a few alternatives when ordering.
- Once you have ordered you will receive a confirmation email from me to say it has been received.
- Once I have checked availability you will then receive a further email confirming your order and the total cost, including postage/freight, and payment details.
- Payment types available will be via internet banking (account details will be provided with your order confirmation). I can no longer accept cheques sorry. I cannot offer credit card facilities except through Paypal – please let me know if you would like to use this method.
- Orders will be filled according to the date received, but I will not begin sending bulbs out until the week beginning Monday 8th March.
- Bulbs will not be sent unless payment has been received.

Whilst all care has been taken to ensure the bulbs are healthy, correctly sized, and true to name, I cannot absolutely guarantee you will get flowers, as other factors such as weather, climate etc can play a big part in flower formation. But having grown these beauties for many, many years, I can say it is wonderful to be able to share them with you and I hope they flower as well for you as they do for me.

Kind regards,

Kate Jury

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Babiana dregei

L \$10.00 per pkt

Rarely available species with very stiff sword-shaped foliage and sharp tips. Dark blue-purple flowers appear in spring, each lower tepal variously splashed with white and with deep violet markings. On some of my flowers the white markings are distinctly heart-shaped. 2 flowering size bulbs per packet.



***Babiana plicata* 'Splish Splash'**

\$6.00 per pkt

Upright spikes of lovely pure white flowers on stems 20-30cm in height. Full sun, strong grower. 3 flowering size bulbs plus a few small ones per packet.



Babiana ringens

L \$10.00 per pkt

A fantastic species known as the rats tail (or Rot stert in South Africa) for its unusual sterile axis which is held stiffly upright. The large, long-tubed flowers are a stunning red - overall a very beautiful plant. 2 large flowering size bulbs per packet.



***Babiana* 'White King'**

\$6.00 per pkt

This is a slightly taller variety, an easy one to grow in the garden. Exceptionally beautiful white flowers, each flushed with blue on the backs of the petals and set off with indigo blue stamens in the centre. 3 flowering size bulbs plus a few small ones per packet.



Crocus tournefortii

L \$6.00 per pkt

Beautiful soft lavender-blue flowers and a well-branched orange style on this late Autumn flowering species. The flowers open even in dull weather. Rarely offered, and only a few this year. 2 flowering size bulbs per packet.



Freesia fergusoniae

\$8.00 per pkt

One of my favourite scents! Beautiful creamy flowers, the lower petals marked with yellow-orange. Flowers can age to mauve which adds to the beauty of this species as well as the outstanding perfume. Height to 25cm. 5 bulbs per packet, most if not all are flowering size.



Geissorhiza inaequalis

L \$8.00 per pkt

A lovely variety with tallish stems of very attractive mauve-blue flowers. Fairly long flowering and could be good for cutting. Quite a graceful species. 3 flowering size bulbs per packet.



Gladiolus alatus

\$8.00 per pkt

A very striking little dwarf species which bears spikes of bright orange, green and yellow flowers in spring. Best grown in pots where the small bulbs won't be lost. Full sun. Height 15-20cm. 3 flowering size bulbs plus a few small ones per packet.



***Gladiolus cardinalis* hybrid**

\$10.00 per pkt

One of the most vivid and stunning flowers in my early summer garden with spikes of large but elegant flowers of a very vivid dark red, nicely marked with white on the lower petals, and a silver reverse. Height 40-50cm. 3 flowering size bulbs plus a few small ones per packet.



Gladiolus 'Robinetta'

\$6.00 per pkt

There is some confusion as to whether this is a *G. nanus* or *G. recurvus* hybrid but whichever, it is a fantastic variety, with bright carmine-red flowers in early summer, each flower lightly marked with white. H to 50cm. 3 flowering size bulbs per packet.



Gladiolus papilio 'Ruby'

\$10.00 per pkt

Sumptuous deep ruby-red, slightly hooded flowers with darker shading inside give this seldom-available variety a real presence in the garden. A taller one that reaches around 80cm in height. 2 large flowering size bulbs plus a few small ones per packet.



Ipheion uniflorum 'Wisley Blue'

\$6.00 per pkt

A succession of sweetly scented, pretty lilac-blue star-shaped flowers appear in early spring on this small bulb. Ideal for using around deciduous trees or shrubs and clumps up well. 5 flowering size bulbs per packet.



Ixia maculata 'Elvira'

L \$10.00 per pkt

Beautiful tall spikes of starry flowers in pale duck-egg blue. Increases gently without taking over. Full sun, dormant in summer. 3 flowering size plus 5 small bulbs per packet.



Ixia monadelpha

L \$10.00 per pkt

I love the flowers on this dwarf spring-flowering species – stunning lilac, mauve and blue all on the one flower and with a metallic sheen and contrasting centre. Can handle more water than others provided the soil is free draining, but enjoys dry summers when it is dormant. 3 flowering size bulbs per packet.



Lachenalia contaminata

\$8.00 per pkt

A favourite that blooms over a long period. Cute little dwarf species with thin leaves and spikes to 10-15cm of pretty white bells with brown markings at the tips, quite striking. Best in pots. 5 bulbs per packet, almost if not all are flowering size.



Lachenalia reflexa

L \$10.00 per pkt

One of the earliest to bloom and a favourite of mine for providing a very welcome splash of colour in late winter/early spring...let's you know that warmer days are not far away. Beautiful luminous lemon yellow upwards-facing flowers, tinged with green. H to 20cm. 3 flowering size bulbs per packet.



Lachenalia mutabilis

L \$10.00 per pkt

Slender, upright spikes of striking two-toned iridescent blue-purple flowers, with contrasting yellow tips. Always draws comments as it is so unusual and beautiful. Protect from slugs and snails. Height 20-30cm. 6 mixed size bulbs per packet, including flowering size.



Micranthus junceus

L \$10.00 per pkt

A rarely offered and very unusual South African bulb of the Iris family. Stiff upright reed-like leaves and then gorgeous spikes of bright violet-blue flowers appear in late spring and summer. Easy to grow provided it has adequate moisture, without being boggy. 30-40cm high at flowering. 10 mixed bulbs per packet, most are flowering size.



Moraea aristata

L \$10.00 per pkt

The beautiful white form of the Peacock Iris. A succession of stunning flowers on narrow upright stems appear in spring, each one with that trademark turquoise blue eye near the base of each petal. Happy in pots or tubs, or free draining garden beds. Flowering height is around 30-40cm. 5 mixed size bulbs per packet, including several flowering size.



Moraea lurida

L \$10.00 per pkt

A beautiful creamy lemon form of this showy little species, each flower variously spotted or marked with warm brown tones. A succession of flowers appear in late spring. When they're all open together they remind me of little butterflies. 5 mixed size bulbs per packet, including several flowering size.



***Moraea villosa* hybrids**

L \$10.00 per pkt

Peacock Iris. The most stunning flowers in gorgeous shades of violet, blue and lavender, with those luminous peacock eyes at the base of each petal. Fabulous in pots, tubs or in free draining soil in a special corner of the garden. 3 flowering size bulbs per packet, majority have one of each type but there may be the odd one with a double-up.



***Moraea villosa* 'Zoe'**

L \$10.00 per pkt

I've grown this lovely sterile hybrid for years, originally acquired from Bill Dijk who bred it. Fabulous lavender-blue flowers with various stripes and spots, each year they seem to be different in intensity, perhaps like us they react to different weather patterns.

3 flowering size plus one small bulb per packet.



***Narcissus* 'February Gold'**

L \$8.00 per pkt

Almost always the first to bloom for me, this is a gorgeous Cyclamineus daffodil with golden yellow trumpets and slightly swept back petals.

3 flowering size bulbs per packet.



Oxalis purpurea alba

L \$8.00 per pkt

I don't grow many Oxalis but I couldn't imagine not having this beauty around. A favourite of mine, it sits in a terracotta pot on the patio where I can admire it every day in late winter and early spring. Stunning pure white chalice and soft lemon throats. 3 flowering size bulbs per packet.



***Sparaxis* 'Cynthia'**

L \$10.00 per pkt

Named in honour of my Nan, Cynthia Aston, who grew masses of Sparaxis and enjoyed the results of crossing different ones. This sterile hybrid was one we inherited from her old home. The flowers are slightly smaller than a standard type, but larger than those previously known as *Synnotia*, with a more open shape than the latter too, although the colouring is similar.

Whatever the parentage, it is gorgeous, and always does well for me.

3 flowering size bulbs per packet.



***Sparaxis* 'Lolly Pink'**

L \$10.00 per pkt

A fantastic form that I highly recommend, this one never fails to perform for me and is a good large pink that is easy to place in the garden. Suitable for pots or garden beds in full sun. Flowering height 30-35cm.

3 flowering size bulbs plus a couple of small ones per packet.