

Welcome to the 2023 winter list of collectors' bulbs

This is in addition to the main list which was sent out in February (and which sold out within two days, thank you!). This smaller offering includes this year's summer flowering bulbs which have bulked up enough for me to share them with you. Mostly a selection of my *Crocsmia* collection, with some more well-known species such as *Rhodohypoxis* plus a few rare and special additions as well. I hope you will find something here that you like, and please be as prompt as possible with your orders, as no doubt many of these will disappear as fast as ever...



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Please read the following ordering information carefully.

- **All the bulbs listed will be sent wrapped in damp paper inside a plastic bag and will need planting immediately.**
- **As many of these are large bulbs, some with roots/leaves, please be prepared to pay for them to be sent by courier rather than postbag (to be confirmed per individual order)**
- There are limited numbers so please follow the instructions specific to each section.
- 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 I have checked availability you will receive an email confirming your order and the total cost, including postage/freight, and payment details.
- Payment types available will be via internet banking or Paypal (account details will be provided with your order confirmation).
- Orders will be filled according to the date and time received (i.e first in first served) and bulbs will not be sent unless payment has been received.
- You are welcome to order both plants and bulbs to combine freight – more plants available soon!

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 Aston

Please Note: Crocosmia marked with a red **L are limited to one lot per customer.**

Crocosmia – please note that none of those listed are as invasive as the well know roadside weedy species, also called montbretia, rather they are wonderful hybrids ideal for adding colour to the summer garden. Most are clump forming although some will creep slowly, and in general they don't set seed. I tend to treat them like some Aster varieties – divide every few years to ensure vigour and to keep the clumps small so they don't take over neighbouring plants. Grow them in sun or part shade, good soils with a mulch of compost every year. They do best with a little summer watering or a moisture-retentive soil. In regions with hot summers they will do best with just a half day or morning sun. In extremely cold regions you may wish to add extra mulch to protect the corms from hard frosts in winter. They are loved by pollinators and also make great cut flowers. Flowering usually begins around mid-late January for me.



***Crococsmia* 'Lady Hamilton'**

3 corms for \$8.00

Spikes of gorgeous flowers in mid-summer which open soft golden yellow and deepen to apricot, looks fabulous flowering in a clump. Apparently named after Lord Nelson's lover and introduced to cultivation almost 120 years ago! Flowering height 50-70cm.



Crococsmia masoniorum

L 3 corms for \$8.00

A fabulous species with large upward facing panicles of vibrant glowing orange flowers. Very elegant and ideal for any garden really, but particularly good on a low bank where the large and very attractive pleated foliage can arch outwards along with the flower stems. Flowering height 60-80cm. **Limited to one order per customer.**



***Crococsmia* 'Mrs Geoffrey Howard'**

3 corms for \$8.00

One of the most stunning varieties, each stem carrying clusters of gracefully nodding large flowers of a very vivid deep red, which contrast beautifully with the dark stems. I love this one! About half the height of the more well known Lucifer but just as beautiful. Flowering height 50-70cm.



***Crococsmia* 'Severn Sunrise'**

3 corms for \$8.00

An unexpected colour for a *Crococsmia*, this gorgeous variety has fast become a favourite of mine – it is a wonderful colour in the garden! produces sprays of wide-open funnel-shaped flowers in shades of deep salmon with hints of soft yellow. It reminds me of a luscious, almost over-ripe peach in colour. Flowering height 60-80cm.



Crocosmia 'Solfatare'

L 3 corms for \$10.00

One of the best forms, but also one of the least vigorous to clump-up (of course!). Stunning bronze foliage contrasts beautifully with the flowers which are a soft buttery yellow with a hint of apricot. A shorter variety, flowering height is only around 50cm. Foliage colour is best when grown in a sunny spot. **Limited to one order per customer.**



Crocosmia 'Star of the East'

L 3 corms for \$10.00

With extraordinarily large vivid orange flowers, this variety really stands out in the garden. It has an unusual non-clumping habit for me, instead it tends to send out runners in a sporadic way, so my original planting of a few corms has turned into a scattered grouping of stems rising up through other plants nearby, which works perfectly with other perennials. Flowers from Jan-Mar, stems to 80cm. A strong grower.

Other bulbs...please note that all of the following are limited to one order per customer.



Cypella aquatilis

2 bulbs for \$10.00

Stunning large 7cm golden-lemon-yellow flowers with intricate markings on this rarely available beauty. Ideal for damp, slightly boggy or regularly-watered areas with a reasonable amount of sun – dislikes hot dry sites. Flowers are produced from spring into summer above the pleated foliage, 30-50cm tall. Flowering size bulbs, few only.



***Cypella coelestis* slate grey blue**

4 young bulbs for \$10.00

A rare and unique colour selection of the better known blue form, this is just gorgeous. Tall stems wave in the morning breeze, topped by large grey-blue flowers with striking marked centres and yellow highlights on the inner tepals. Easy to grow in a sunny garden situation with good drainage and a regular water in summer, these will clump up over time, much like *Tigridia*. Flowering height 60-80cm. Young bulbs, some of which flowered this past summer.



***Gelasine elongata* (syn. *G. azurea*)**

2 large bulbs for \$10.00

Another wonderful Iris family member from South America, this beauty produces intense violet-blue flowers with white centres speckled with blue, on tall stems in summer. The palm-like foliage is also attractive. Full sun and good drainage, flowering height 50-60cm. You can trim the seed pods off to extend the flowering season.



Gladiolus saundersii

3 smaller bulbs for \$10.00

Rarely grown or offered, this summer-rainfall species has very large flowers (to around 10cm across) in a gorgeous shade of hot coral-red. The lower tepals have a white zone heavily speckled with red and the flowers generally face outwards or droop slightly. Flowering for me in about January, it is winter dormant and in the wild it grows in very cold places, so is entirely winter hardy. Flowering height 40-60cm. Good drainage and full sun, these are smaller bulbs that I've grown on for two years, some at least should produce flowers next summer.



Hesperoxiphion peruvianum
(syn. *Cypella peruviana*)

2 bulbs for \$10.00

An attention grabber, this beauty has fabulous bright orange flowers with tiger stripes in the centre. Easy to grow in full sun with good drainage, flowers most of summer if kept dead-headed and watered. Winter dormant so keep on the drier side then. Flowering height 60-80cm.



Lilium callosum

1 bulb for \$8.00

My favourite species Lily, rarely offered, this particular strain is a very beautiful clear apricot colour. Tall but strong stems of small but exquisitely formed elegant flowers, each hanging gracefully, with reflexed petals and vivid orange pollen. Height to around 1m in flower. These are flowering size bulbs. (Please note that species bulbs are much smaller than hybrid bulbs).



Rhodohypoxis baurii

Prices as marked

Spring-summer flowering little treasures 5-10cm high ideal for pots and bowls or rock gardens.

- **Dawn** large flowered blush pink, \$3.00 for 3
- **Double apricot-pink** double rose-bud like flowers, \$3.00 for 3
- **White Wings** (pictured) large flowered white, \$1.00 each or 5 for \$4.00



***Tigridia pavonia* red spotted**

3 for \$8.00

Jockey's cap. Fabulous for mid-late summer colour, this is the red spotted form, with spectacular flowers that can be 10-15cm across. Looks wonderful when allowed to clump up. Easily grown in normal garden soil in a sunny spot, flowering height 40-60cm.