

The dynamism of plants and their role in the landscape has always fascinated me. Creating new landscapes from the transformation of derelict industrial tips to large scale retail and business parks and ambitious private gardens.

Enhancing and beautifying man's impact on the environment is of fundamental importance. To maximise this enhancement, the best designers and landscapers, combined with top quality plants, are essential.

I am and will always be totally committed to high quality landscape plants, ones that will thrive despite inhospitable conditions and create a positive impact in any situation.

At the same time, I am aware of the importance of economic pricing as well as an efficient and effective service.

I have always been in the vanguard of any new techniques from cultural to mechanical and will continually strive for that most elusive of all things – perfection.

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Skimmia confusa 'Kew Green'

- Healthy and shiny green foliage which rarely shows signs of chlorosis (easily treated with Epsom Salts).
- Easier and stronger growing has shown to be more tolerant of differing growing conditions.
- Flowers: fragrant panicles of creamy green male flowers in spring – a good and easier way to grow alternative to the difficult Daphnes.
- Creates an attractive evergreen, spreading mound and needs very little maintenance.
- At home in sun but prefers partial shade and well-drained soil.
- Very attractive to early butterflies and bees.
- Height: 120cm by 100cm after approx 5 years.

Tip: as with most Skimmias 3L and 5L sizes will establish and mature quicker.

Planting densities:

3L 4 – 5 per square metre 5L 2 – 3 per square metre 10L 1 – 2 per square metre



Pyracantha 'Victory'

Although 'Mahave' was one of the earliest scab-resistant varieties, I strongly recommend 'Victory' to replace it:

- It appears to be highly scab resistant
- Strong, healthy grower
- One of the best 'hedging' varieties due to its dense habit, quick growth
- Prolific red berries
- Height: 200cm by 120cm after approx 4 years

Planting densities:

3L 4 – 5 per square metre 5L 3 – 4 per square metre 10L 1.5 – 2.5 per square metre



Ceanothus thyrsiflorus 'Victoria'

One of the hardiest Ceanothus

- Flowers: beautiful mid/deep blue.
- Dense upright grower with small dark green shiny leaves
- Excellent evergreen hedge for sheltered situations.
- Responds well to trimming.
- Needs full sun and well-drained soil.
- Height: 300cm by 200cm after 3 approx years.

Planting densities:

3L 4 per square metre 3L 4 – 5 per linear metre
5L 3 per square metre 5L 3 per linear metre
10L 1.5 per square metre 10L 1.5 per linear metre



Vinca minor 'Grüner Teppich'

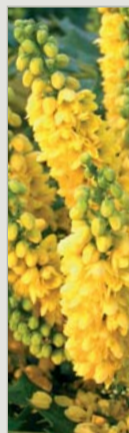
Vinca minor 'Grüner Teppich' ('Green Carpet') has similar blue flowers to Vinca minor but also has many advantages

- More attractive rounded foliage.
- A strong grower with a denser, more carpeting habit than minor – suppressing weeds even better!
- Creates superior evergreen ground cover for sun or shade.
- Especially effective when under-planted with spring bulbs.
- Needs very little maintenance.
- Height: 15cm by 100cm after 2 years.

Tip: always best to use plants with good bushy crown.

Planting densities:

3L 7 per square metre 5L 4 per square metre



Mahonia x media 'Winter Sun'

- Naturally more compact and bushy. Unlike 'Charity' provides a well furnished shrub from ground level upwards.
- Flowers: scented yellow. Very free flowering.
- Needs very little maintenance.
- Height: 150cm by 90cm after approx 4 years.

Tip: prune new 'candle' growth on leggy plants to encourage bushiness.

Planting densities:

3L 4 – 5 per square metre 5L 2.5 per square metre 10L 1.5 per square metre



Viburnum tinus 'Spirit' (renamed Viburnum tinus 'Anvi')

- A very useful form of Viburnum tinus.
- Free flowering, excellent hedging plant.
- Flowers: distinctively pink throughout bud stage opening to soft white. The effect is an attractive cloud of pink haze .
- Flowers more prolifically in sunny positions but adapts well to partial shade.
- Height: 150cm by 100cm after approx 3 years.

Tip: Usually regenerates well from hard pruning in early spring. Best trimmed directly after flowering.

Planting densities:

3L 4-5 per square metre 3L 5 per linear metre
5L 3 per square metre 5L 3 per linear metre
10L 1.5 per square metre 10L 1.5 per linear metre



Photinia x fraseri 'Camilly'

- Appears to be more tolerant of slightly windier, wetter sites.
- Has a naturally more compact habit.
- Foliage – deeper burgundy-red new foliage.
- Height: 200cm by 150cm after approx 4 years.

Tip: makes an excellent hedging plant for sunny positions kept regularly clipped. There is an impressive example of this at the London Golf Club. 3L plants naturally look sparse and a bit leggy, 5L offer greater impact and value for money.

Planting densities:

3L 4 – 5 per square metre 3L 3 – 4 per linear metre
5L 2.2 per square metre 5L 2.5 per linear metre
10L 1.3 per square metre 10L 1.5 – 2 per linear metre



Viburnum plicatum 'Shasta'

- Improved form of 'Lanarth'.
- Flowers: larger, and more profuse.
- Wide spreading.
- Bright red fruits turning black.
- Reliable and vigorous grower.
- Likes sun and part shade with well drained conditions.
- Height: 150cm by 150cm after approx 5 years.

Planting densities:

3L 3 – 4 per square metre 5L 2.2 per square metre 10L 1.2 per square metre



Hebe 'Pascal'

- Attractive dark plum-purple winter/spring foliage.
- Compact bushy habit up to 1 metre.
- Flowers: racemes of midblue summer.
- Seemingly disease free.
- Relatively new variety that should prove a popular addition to the Hebes.
- Height: 90cm by 80cm after approx 3 years.

Planting densities:

3L 4 – 5 per square metre 5L 3 per square metre 10L 1.5 per square metre



Viburnum x hillieri 'Winton'

- Little known Viburnum of great merit.
- Semi-evergreen with copper tinted foliage.
- Flowers masses of creamy white mounds in June. Almost completely covers the plant!
- Red fruits ripening to black.
- Upright spreading habit.
- Height: 250cm by 150cm after approx 5 years.
- Ideal for open sunny position.

Planting densities:

3L 3 per square metre 5L 1.5 per square metre 10L 1 per square metre