



robin tacchi plants

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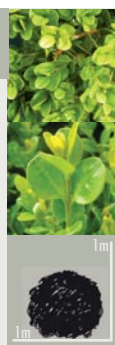
Buxus microphylla 'Faulkner'

Densely packed brilliant shiny green leaves which do not appear tired as can occur with sempervirens. Unusual domed habit. Slow compact grower works well in containers and clips well for hedging and topiary. Creamy white scented flowers appear in April to May.

Cultural notes: Any well drained soil, in sun or partial shade. Responds well to mulching. Clip in summer. Hardier than most Buxus, but protect from drying winds.

Pest and disease: Trouble free.

Planting density: 2/3L – 5 per square metre 5L – 3 per square metre



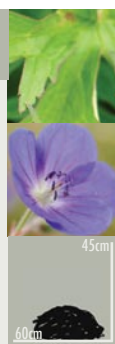
Geranium 'Brookside'

Very good drought tolerant mounded groundcover. Deep green leaves with rich autumn colouring. Large single sapphire – blue flowers from June to August. Similar to 'Johnsons Blue', but longer flowering.

Cultural notes: Any well drained soil, in sun or partial shade. Cut back in early summer to encourage repeat blooming. Hardy.

Pest and disease: Trouble free.

Planting density: 2/3L – 5 per square metre 5L – 3 per square metre



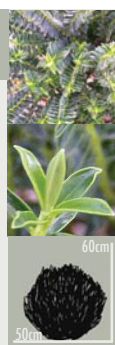
Hebe odora 'New Zealand Gold'

Upright neat domed habit with glossy green leaves and golden yellow new growth. White flowers appear in early summer. Excellent for forming structure where evergreen foundation planting is required.

Cultural notes: Any well drained soil, in sun or partial shade. Clip in summer after flowering. Hardy.

Pest and disease: Trouble free.

Planting density: 2/3L – 5 per square metre 5L – 3 per square metre



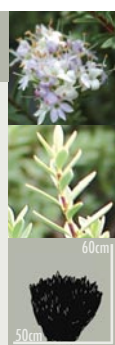
Hebe pimeleoides 'Bantry Spray'

Upright neat habit with small grey/green foliage. Clusters of soft mauve flowers in summer.

Cultural notes: Any well drained soil, in sun or partial shade. Clip in summer after flowering. Hardy.

Pest and disease: Trouble free.

Planting density: 2/3L – 5 per square metre 5L – 3 per square metre



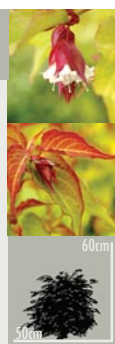
Leycesteria formosa 'Golden Lanterns'

'Himalayan Honeysuckle'. Bold graceful architectural plant easy to grow. Deciduous. Beautiful clean bright yellow-green foliage with red tipped young growth, covered with 10cm long pendulous dark red bracts and white flowers in mid summer.

Cultural notes: Moderately fertile well drained soil, partial shade or full sun. Hardy. Trim back all top growth hard in late winter.

Pest and disease: Trouble free.

Planting density: 3L – 1 to 2 per square metre



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Ligustrum japonicum 'Silver Star'

'Japanese Privet.' Upright dense evergreen shrub with thick glossy, leathery green leaves with a striking white margin. Good as hedging or as single specimens. Large panicles of fragrant white flowers in summer followed by dark black fruits.

Cultural notes: Wide range of soil types, in sun or partial shade. Avoid water logging. For hedging clip in summer with top narrower than base to ensure plant remains fully furnished. Fully hardy.

Pest and disease: Trouble free.

Planting density for hedging: 2/3L – 5 per linear metre 5L – 2 per linear metre



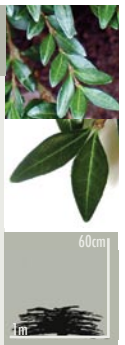
Lonicera pileata 'Ammerland'

Dense groundcover with deep green glossy oblong foliage and a distinctive star shaped habit. Good sister plant to 'Maygreen' but with darker leaves.

Cultural notes: Moderately fertile well drained soil, shade or sun. Fully hardy.

Pest and disease: Trouble free. Low maintenance.

Planting density: 2/3L – 5 per square metre 5L – 3 per square metre



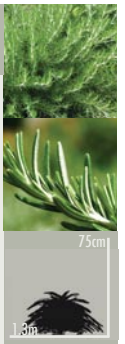
Rosemarinus officinalis 'Point du Raz'

'Rosemary'. Neat rounded arching habit. Aromatic foliage. An improved variety to officinalis 'Corsican Blue' with better resistance to excess moisture. Dark blue-lilac flowers from March to June and again in September-October on previous year growth.

Cultural notes: Most types including poor, dry, stony and limestone soils in sun. Avoid waterlogging. Frost hardy.

Pest and disease: Trouble free.

Planting density: 2/3L – 5 per square metre 5L – 3 per square metre



Rubus pentalobus 'Green Carpet'

'Taiwanese Creeping Rubus'. Excellent dense, rapid coverage, impenetrable and compact groundcover with grey/green evergreen deeply textured foliage, rich copper in autumn. Insignificant white flowers in summer.

Cultural notes: Moderately fertile well drained soil, shade or sun. Fully hardy. Low maintenance.

Pest and disease: Trouble free.

Planting density: 2/3L – 3 per square metre



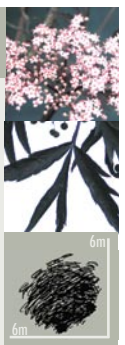
Sambucus nigra 'Black Lace'

'Elder'. Dramatic finely cut almost black foliage surrounding panicles of scented, rose-pink flowers maturing white. Clusters of deep purple berries in autumn. Loose upright habit with rich red autumn colour. Deciduous. At first glance it looks like an exotic Japanese maple. Attractive to bees and butterflies.

Cultural notes: Any soil including wet in partial shade or full sun. Cut back hard in early spring to produce the best coloured leaves. Hardy.

Pest and disease: Occasional black fly.

Planting density: 3L – 1 per square metre



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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