

Blackmore & Langdon Ltd.

Established 1901



Begonias & Delphiniums

2012 - 2013

Mail Order

Plants, tubers and seed etc. may be selected from our catalogue, the order form completed and returned to us. Alternatively we are pleased to take orders over the telephone. Postal charges should be added to the price of the plants selected. We will dispatch the plants at the appropriate season.

Pre-payment is requested which may be made by cheque, postal order or debit/credit card.

Overseas Orders

We welcome orders for begonia tubers from overseas customers. A Ministry of Agriculture (DEFRA) pre-dispatch inspection is required to provide a health certificate for each order. Seed orders are not affected.

The cost of this inspection is £12 per order.

Overseas orders for begonia tubers should be placed by the end of January allowing time for the inspection in mid February. Dispatch takes place immediately following the Ministry inspection.

We accept delphinium orders from Europe which we dispatch with an overnight courier service.

Airmail Postage

For tubers please add £28 plus the Inspection charge of £12.

For seed orders please add £3.00

Delphinium orders — please contact our office for a quotation.

Orders from EU countries do not require a health certificate.



We are situated on the B3130 south of Bristol. From the A37 Bristol -Wells road take the B3130 towards Chew Magna. The nursery is a short distance down this road.

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Welcome to our 2012 catalogue. We have many varieties of our beautiful delphiniums and begonias for sale. The delphiniums range in colour from the purest white through to the deepest blue or purple and will give depth and elegance to any garden. Once again we have many varieties of our stunning begonias for sale. These are suitable for greenhouse or conservatory display or to add colour and vibrance to your garden. Begonias flower from June right through until the first frosts and cope with most types of weather—they need dead heading but will give a continuous show of colour throughout the summer. Please telephone our office for any growing advice or visit our staff at the flower shows listed in this catalogue. Our special sale weekend is listed below when many bargains are available. It is also a time to meet other Gardeners, discuss plans and get ideas over tea and biscuits! We hope to see you then. March 2012

Opening Hours

Mondays to Fridays 9am to 5pm throughout the year.

Saturdays 10am to 4pm April, May, June & July.

We are closed on Sundays.



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**SALE WEEKEND Friday, Saturday & Sunday
4th, 5th & 6th May 2012**

Bargains galore! Our plants for the Chelsea Flower Show will be on display.

Visit our website www.blackmore-langdon.com

Blackmore & Langdon

1901 ~ 2012

James Blackmore and Charles Langdon met whilst exhibiting begonia plants at a Bath Flower Show during the 1890's. A friendship developed which matured into a business partnership and so Blackmore & Langdon was founded in 1901. The nursery has continued through four generations, knowledge being passed from father to son and today continues in the business of growing and breeding these beautiful plants. Less staff are employed these days but the dedication to excellence remains.



Jim Blackmore 1856 - 1921



Charles Langdon 1863 - 1947



Staff beside the van which was used for taking plants to the Shows in the early 1900's. This van was horse drawn to Bath station and then continued by rail to its destination completing the final distance drawn by horses again.

Many changes have taken place over the years not least in transport. The plants used to be dispatched over bumpy roads by horse drawn vehicles and by rail to flower show sites. Somehow they managed to arrive unharmed. An army of staff accompanied the plants and set about the task of creating the display. Begonia heads were carefully wrapped in cotton wool and tissue paper for the journey and then unwrapped at the show.

Orders were taken which were dispatched often by rail in the weeks following a show. Many jobs were done by hand, even water was collected in buckets from the brook which ran through the nursery grounds. The staff either walked or cycled to work starting their working day at 7 am.



Ground preparation the hard way!



Ready for Planting



Begonias arriving at a Show
c.1940. We no longer wrap them
like this.



Staff in the Begonia Fields in
Bath

Named Begonias

Helpful hints on getting the best from your begonias.

Tubers may be started into growth any time from January until early May. The later they are started into growth the later the flowering will be. For a good display in a garden or greenhouse planting during the first week of March is ideal. It is best to start tubers in a greenhouse or similarly protected area as the likelihood of frosts is still high and damage will be done to the tubers if they are exposed to very cold conditions. Completely cover the tubers in slightly moist compost and keep them at a constant temperature of 18°C/65°F. Warmth encourages growth and lessens the risk of the tuber rotting in the damp compost.

They should be started in small pots not much larger than the tuber itself and in a good compost. Pot on as required, firstly into 5" pots and subsequently, when well rooted into 6 or 7 inch pots. The first flower buds may be removed. This will give the plant the opportunity to build up and will result in flowers of a better size later on. Named begonias are suitable for the show bench, for greenhouse or conservatory display or for individual pots in your garden. Keep well watered if in full sun and remember leaves will scorch so shade your greenhouse to avoid this problem.

Our begonias are bred for quality of flower not size of tuber—some excellent varieties produce very small tubers.

To order phone 01275 332300

Postage & packing on all begonia orders
£4.00 per order



Apricot Delight £18.00

Large blooms with serrated petals



Billie Langdon £16.00

Free flowering, very pure white



Charlotte £25.00

Subtle pale yellow with well
textured petals



Cordelia **£18.00**
Delicate white ground picotee



Corona **£18.00**
Soft yellow ground picotee—the red edging is very delicate



Festiva **£14.00**
Deep chrome yellow, early flowering



Golden Hind **£20.00**
Pretty soft yellow with slightly frilled petals



Jean Blair **£18.00**
Brightly coloured yellow picotee with a deep red edging



Jessica **£14.00**
Mid orange, very frilled petals



John Smith £25.00
Soft coral, beautifully scented



Lancelot £14.00
Lovely white with delicately frilled petals



Lionel Richardson £16.00
Salmon orange, large flowers



Majesty £20.00
Deep primrose yellow with large flowers



Melissa £16.00
Sugar pink, mature flowers
pale in centre



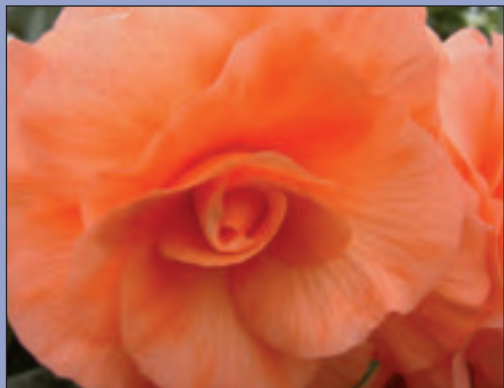
Mia £25.00
Striking white ground picotee,
lovely petal quality



Miranda **£30.00**
 Flamboyant orange with well
 petaled blooms



Nell Gwynne **£14.00**
 Subtle pale orange, free flowering



Olivia **£25.00**
 Pretty pink with golden blush
 on the petals



Pink Champagne **£14.00**
 Palest pink, heavily frilled petals



Primrose **£14.00**
 Soft yellow, lovely rose
 centred blooms



Saturn **£18.00**
 Attractive bi-colour. Petals
 suffused red and yellow



Sceptre **£14.00**
Vibrant orange, very frilled
petals



Sugar Candy **£16.00**
Early flowering, lovely pink



Tahiti **£14.00**
Large flowers in shades of
coral



Named begonias in our greenhouse

Postage & packing on all begonia orders £4.00 per order

The prices are for dormant tubers which are dispatched from January to late March.

Early ordering is essential to avoid disappointment.

Delivery can be arranged for Christmas if requested.

To order phone 01275 332300 or fax 01275 331207

Exhibitors Kit

The kit includes six good Named variety tubers— our selection, also Pots, Compost, Supports, Gloves, Feed and Cultural instructions.

This is all presented in a high quality wooden storage box.

This kit makes an ideal gift for someone considering growing begonias. They are very showy and consequently are rewarding to grow. Growing begonias makes an ideal hobby.

1 Exhibitors Kit £110.00

Postage and packing £8.00 per kit



Exhibitors Collection

Collection of Named Upright Double Exhibition Quality Begonia Tubers.

The selection of varieties is ours but customers can be assured of good value and colour range.

6 Begonia Tubers - our choice £80.00

Postage & packing £4.00 per begonia order

Patio Collection

Collection of Popular Upright Double Exhibition
Quality Begonia Tubers

Ideal for exhibiting or to give a spectacular show on patios or in tubs in a sheltered corner of your garden.

6 Begonia Tubers - our choice £70.00

Postage & packing on all orders for named begonias - £4.00 per order.

The prices are for dormant begonia tubers which are dispatched from January to late March. Delivery can be arranged for Christmas if requested. Early ordering is essential to avoid disappointment



Named begonias in our greenhouse

Named Pendula Begonias - for Baskets



Fire Dance £10.00

Spectacular orange, massed
glowing blooms



Gold Cascade £10.00

Brilliant chrome yellow, flowers prolifically

Named Pendula Begonias - for Baskets

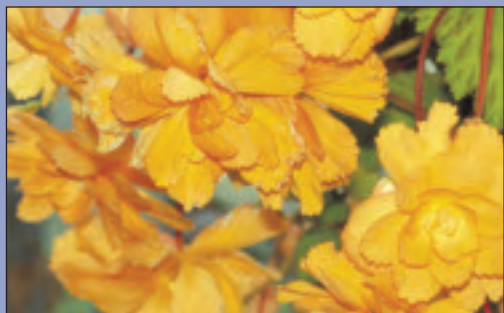
Hanging baskets made with begonias are really spectacular. They need to be sited in a relatively sheltered area and watered regularly. Mixed colours or single colours are a matter of individual taste. A twelve inch basket needs three tubers to give a good display.



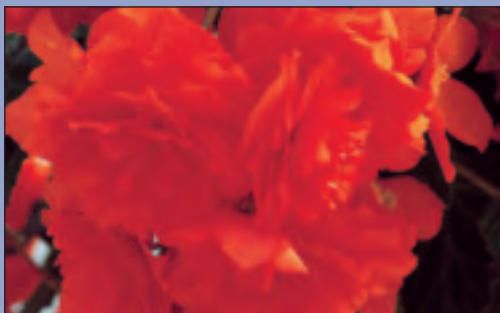
Lou-Anne £12.00
Palest rose pink, large flowers



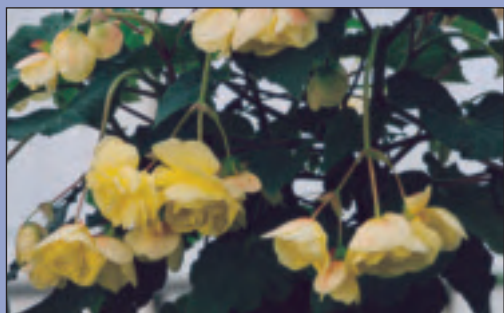
Ophelia £10.00
Creamy white, shading to a rich apricot



Orange Cascade £10.00
Profuse pale orange flowers



Scarlet Pimpernel £10.00
Vibrant red with rich dark foliage



Yellow Sweetie £10.00
Pale lemon with a delicate perfume

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Postage & packing £4.00 per order

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Un-named Double Begonias

Less expensive but ideal for areas where a more massed effect is required. Tubers should be planted in small pots or trays during March. Grow them on in a frost free area with a constant temperature. Harden the plants off and transfer them to their flowering position in early June.

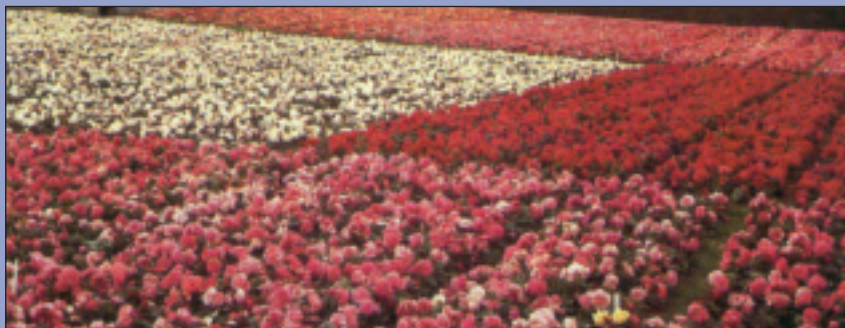
Bedding Double Begonias for garden planting

12 Bedding Quality £15.00

36 Bedding Quality £40.00

50 Bedding Quality £45.00

100 Bedding Quality £75.00



Greenhouse Double Begonias for indoor planting

These begonias are grown from our own seed and will give spectacular results. Some blooms are the quality of named varieties.

6 Greenhouse Quality £18.00

12 Greenhouse Quality £30.00



Un-named Pendula Begonias - plain colours

Ideal for Hanging Baskets or large Patio Pots

3 tubers £10.00

6 tubers £16.00

Postage & packing £4.00 per order

Delivered as dormant tubers from January to late March

Visit our website www.blackmore-langdon.com

Un-Named Begonias

Picotee Doubles

White Ground Colour

Picotee Doubles £5.00 each

Super Selected £7.00 each



Yellow Ground Colour

Picotee Doubles £5.00 each

Super Selected £7.00 each



Picotee Pendulas

Available in either white or yellow basic ground colour

£6.00 per tuber

Delivered as dormant tubers from January to late March

Postage & packing £4.00 per order

Gloxinia

The corms should be started into growth in a temperature of 16/19°C (60/65°F) in the early Spring. They like a fine peaty soil. Gloxinias need a moist warm atmosphere and require shading from strong sunlight. These showy plants are not suitable for outdoor culture.

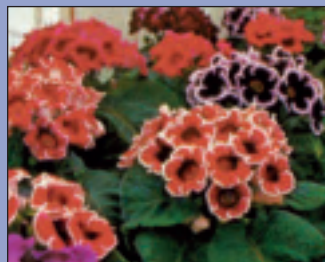
**Delivered as dormant corms from
December to March**

6 corms £12.00

12 corms £20.00

Postage & packing £4.00 per order

Delivered as dormant tubers from January to late March



The National Begonia Society - Customers interested in

begonias are recommended to join this society. There are area meetings and a bulletin is published four times a year. Secretary: John Taylor 01778 218599

Phlox

These beautiful border plants are reminiscent of bygone days. They add colour and fragrance to the border for weeks from July through to August/September.

Phlox like an open sunny position and are relatively trouble free. The ground needs good preparation before planting and a liberal quantity of good multi purpose fertiliser. The plants need to be kept well watered in hot weather. They are hardy perennials and the plants will increase in size as the years go by. They attain a height of roughly 3ft.

We are offering our phlox as collections this year.

We have a good range of colour in beautiful varieties but have limited numbers.



Popular Collection of Phlox

We select the varieties but customers can be assured of a good colour range and excellent varieties.

3 plants - £12.00 6 plants - £21.00 12 plants - £38.00

Plants dispatched Spring and Autumn.

Postage & packing £8.50 per order.

Blackmore & Langdon Publications

These Cultivation Leaflets contain much knowledge built up over the years as a result of practical experience.

Begonia Cultivation or Delphinium Cultivation £1.00 per leaflet

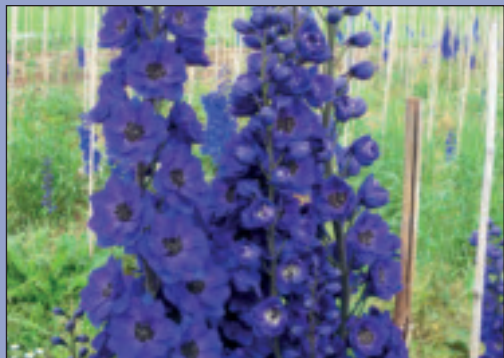
Postage & packing £1.00

Delphiniums - Named Varieties

Delivered as young plants in 9cm pots from April to the end of June.

These young plants will flower later in their first year but at the usual time thereafter.

Postage & packing plus cultural leaflet £8.50 per order



Amadeus £8.00

Rich purple/blue, large brown eye 5ft



Blue Dawn £8.00

Sky blue touched pink small black eye 5½ft



Blue Lagoon £8.00

Mid blue, white flecked blue eye 5½ft



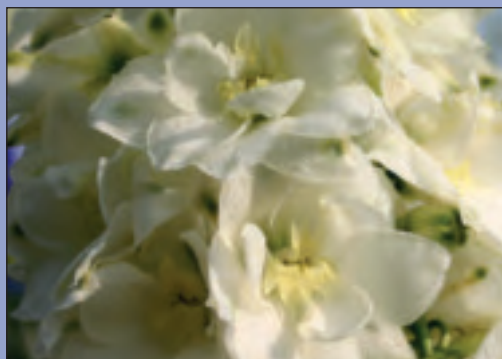
Blue Nile £8.00

Brilliant mid blue with a white eye 5½ft



Bruce £8.00

Violet purple with a large brown eye 6ft



Butterball £8.00

Rich cream florets with a yellow eye 5ft

Delphiniums are hardy perennials. They withstand very cold weather. They grow vigorously in most types of soil and thrive if given ample space.



Cassius £8.00
Purple/ blue with a brown eye 5½ft



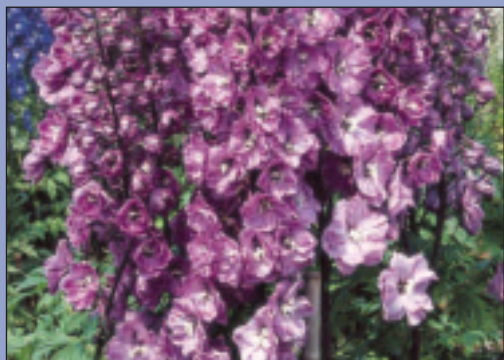
Celebration £8.00
Pale cream with a dark eye 5ft



Chelsea Star £8.00
Rich violet with a small white eye 5ft



Clifford Lass £8.00
Deep pink with a brown eye 5ft



Clifford Pink £8.00
Mulberry pink with a white eye 5ft



Conspicuous £8.00
Lilac mauve with a brown eye 5ft

Delphiniums are delivered as young plants in 9cm (3½") pots from April until the end of June

Postage & packing plus cultural leaflet £8.50 per order



Constance Rivett £8.00

Pure white with a white eye 4ft



Cristella £8.00

Bright mid blue with a white eye 5ft



Crown Jewel £8.00

Soft sky blue with a black eye 5ft



Cymbeline £8.00

Deep pink, large florets with a white eye 5½ft



Darling Sue £8.00

Palest pink with a large black eye 5ft



Fanfare £8.00

Silvery pastel mauve 6ft

The plants have a dormant winter period and re-emerge in January/February. Protection from slugs is important particularly during dormancy. If well cared for delphiniums will live for many years.



Faust **£8.00**
Intense ultramarine/ indigo with a black eye 6ft



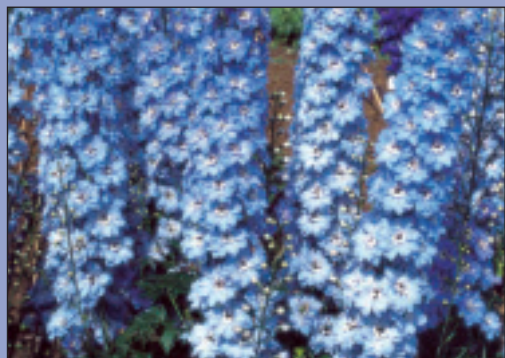
Fenella **£8.00**
Gentian blue with a black eye 5ft



Jill Curley **£8.00**
Pure white with very large florets 5ft



Loch Leven **£8.00**
Soft mid blue with a white eye 5½ft



Loch Nevis **£8.00**
Mid blue flecked pink with frilled petals 5½ft



Michael Ayres **£8.00**
Rich violet 6ft

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Postage & packing plus cultural leaflet £8.50 per order



Molly Buchanan **£8.00**
Intense gentian blue with a black eye 5ft



Moonbeam **£8.00**
Pure white 5½ft



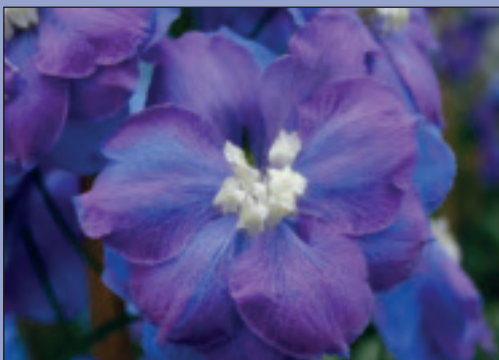
Nimrod **£8.00**
Royal purple with a white eye 6½ft



Nobility **£8.00**
Brilliant purple and blue with a white eye 5ft



Olive Poppleton **£8.00**
Creamy white with a brown eye 5ft

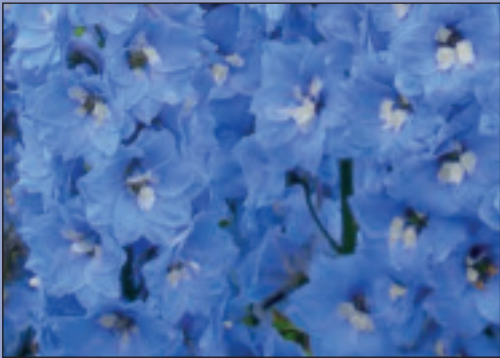


Orpheus **£8.00**
Striking blue & mauve, prettily flecked eye 5½ft

Young delphiniums will mature quickly into substantial plants and will produce a light flowering in their first year. They need to be planted two feet apart and must be protected from slugs.



Pandora **£8.00**
Bright mid blue with a striped eye 5½ft



Pericles **£8.00**
Soft blue with a white eye 5½ft



Pink Ruffles **£8.00**
Palest pink, double florets 5ft



Purple Velvet **£8.00**
Rich purple with a black eye 5ft

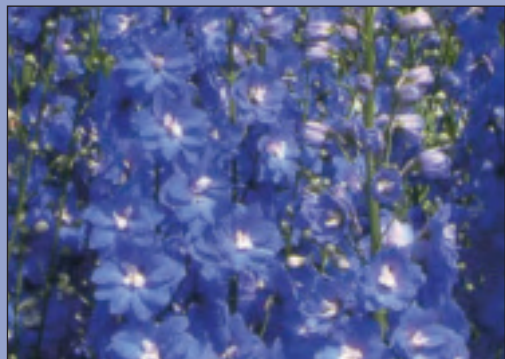


Rosemary Brock **£8.00**
Dusky pink with a deep brown eye 5ft



Sandpiper **£8.00**
Pure white with a black eye 5½ft

Delphiniums grow well in containers provided these are large enough. First pot the plant into a 5 inch pot and subsequently a 10 inch pot in their first year. Use good compost and feed at regular intervals. Protect from slugs at all times.



Shimmer **£8.00**
Bright mid blue with a white eye 6½ft



Skyline **£8.00**
Sky blue with double florets 5ft



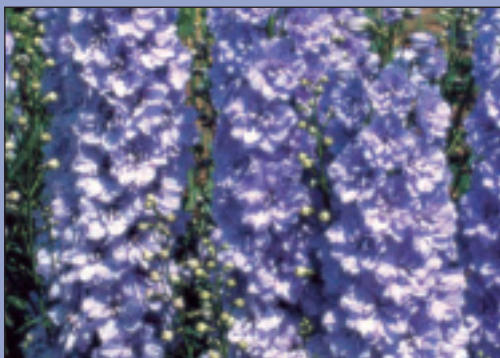
Spindrift **£8.00**
Soft blue and pink with large florets 5½ft



Strawberry Fair **£8.00**
Rich mulberry rose 5ft



Sungleam **£8.00**
Deep cream with a yellow eye 5½ft



Tiddles **£8.00**
Striking mauve, double florets 5ft

Delphiniums give a wonderful show if well cared for. The ground should be well prepared for the young plants with a good digging over and the addition of a good fertiliser before planting.

When delphiniums emerge from dormancy a light feed is recommended plus a further feed when the flower spikes form. Protection from slugs is necessary particularly during dormancy when the young shoots are developing.



Titania **£8.00**
Delicate pink, white flecked pink eye 5ft



Vespers **£8.00**
Soft blue and pink with a white eye 5½ft



Orders of Named Delphiniums are despatched as young plants from April to the end of June. Orders may be placed throughout the year for Spring delivery.

Postage & packing plus a Cultural leaflet on all delphinium orders - £8.50 per order

Dwarf Delphiniums

These varieties have a slightly shorter habit of growth. Plants by their nature grow according to their surroundings – in a very sheltered walled garden plants will grow taller than those in exposed locations.



Blue Jade £8.00
Pastel blue with a brown eye 4ft



Blue Tit £8.00
Indigo blue with a black eye 3½ft



Cupid £8.00
Soft sky blue with a white eye 3ft



Lord Butler £8.00
Pale Cambridge blue with a white eye 4½ft



Mighty Atom £8.00
Deep lavender, large double florets 4½ft



Sabrina £8.00
Bright mid blue with a white eye 3½ft

Chelsea Collection of Delphiniums

All Named Varieties - our selection

Pinks, Whites and Blues

6 of our finest varieties £42.00

(3 each of 2 varieties if preferred)

12 of our finest varieties £80.00

(3 each of 4 varieties if preferred)



True Blue Collection

Named Varieties - our selection

6 Blue varieties £42.00

All pure blue

12 Blue varieties £80.00

The varieties in these collections are all our choice. Customers may request tall or short varieties.



Named Delphiniums in 2 litre pots

£9.95 each

Delphinium plants are available in 2 litre pots from March onwards. There are limited varieties only of these larger plants.

A list of varieties is available on request.

Postage & packing £8.50 per order

Spring Collecting of Named Delphiniums

Mature plants

£12.00 each

Limited varieties of larger plants lifted from our field are available for **collection only** during February, March and April. List of varieties available on request.

Please give 48 hours notice of date and time of collection.



Un-named Delphiniums

Whereas named delphiniums are grown from cuttings taken from mature plants, un-named delphiniums are grown from our own seed. The seed comes from our Named Cultivars but will not come true to colour—such is the nature of delphiniums.

These young plants are in 3 inch pots. We recommend they are potted on into 5 inch pots and placed outdoors ready to plant in their flowering position early in July. Feed them with a good general fertiliser, keep well watered, protect from slugs and they should establish well. Do not keep these young plants in small pots, the roots need room to develop.

Mixed Colours, available in May and June only.

£2.00 per plant 6 plants for £9.00

Postage and packing £8.50 per order

To order phone 01275 332300 or email jane@blackmore-langdon.com

Seed

per packet

Aquilegia

A fine colourful mixture

£3.00

Begonia

all hand pollinated

Double-mixed colours

£5.50

Double-6 colours packed separately

£22.00

Pendula-mixed colours

£5.50

Picotee Pendula-mixed white ground

& yellow ground colours

£6.50

Perfumed Pendula-mixed colours

£6.50

Gloxinia

all hand pollinated

Mixed colours

£5.50

Delphinium

Mixed colours

£3.00

Dwarf Delphinium

Mixed colours

£3.50

Polyanthus

all hand pollinated

Mixed colours

£3.00

Blue

£3.00

Postage & packing £1.50 per order. Payment for seed amounting to less than £5 in first class stamps please

Begonia Supports

Cradles the heavy bloom in plastic coated loops preventing damage. Unobtrusive.

Adjust to the correct height-just twist two coils to lock.

Extending from per 10

Small-10" to 15" £7.50

Medium-14" to 22" £8.00

Large- 20" to 34" £8.50

UK postage & packing £3.00 per order

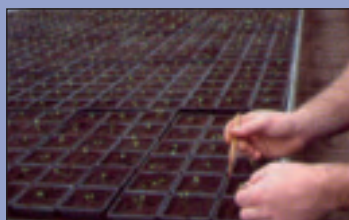


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Hints on Seed Germination



Begonia Seed is very fine. Sow the seed on the surface of the compost first mixing it with a pinch of fine silver sand to facilitate even distribution. The seed should be sown during January or February and needs heat and light for successful germination. The surface of the compost should be kept moist at all times. The temperature should be constant, not cooler at night time. Once the tiny seedlings appear prick them out as soon as possible. A small forked stick helps in this process so no damage is done to the seedlings.



Delphinium seed Delphinium seed should be kept in a refrigerator once harvested. It requires a cool temperature and darkness for successful germination. Sow the seed in shallow trays, cover completely to its own depth and cover the trays with black polythene to give darkness until the first signs of germination appear. The trays can be kept in a cool greenhouse. Germination usually takes 14 to 21 days. Prick out the young seedlings into small individual pots when ready. It can be advantageous to grow these young plants in pots for the majority of their first year but be sure to pot them on as their roots grow. By the end of their first year they should ideally be in a 10 inch pot. Protect from slugs at all times.

Visit our website www.blackmore-langdon.com

Slug Rings

Circlets of copper to keep slugs at bay

£3.95 each or 6 for £20.00

Postage & packing £4.00



Simply Delphiniums

This small publication is written by members of the Delphinium Society. It has many practical hints on care and cultivation.

£2.00 each-in first class stamps please

Postage 2 x 1st class stamps

The Delphinium Society

Customers interested in Delphiniums are recommended to join this old established society. A very informative Year Book is published annually and outings to lovely gardens are organised.

For details contact Dr R Beauchamp—tel: 01895 464694

The Delphinium Garden

A very interesting and informative book published by The Delphinium Society. The book covers all aspects of growing delphiniums.

£9.95 each plus £1.50 postage & packing

Delphinium Supports

Wire frames to keep plants secure and upright

Suitable for any tall plants which need supporting in the garden

30 inch conical supports £5.00 each

Postage & packing £5.00



Plant Foods

As used on our nursery. Vitax Q4 for Delphiniums and Vitax Vitafeed 111 for begonias or any basket/container plants.

£3.00 per container

Postage & packing £4.00



Gift Vouchers

These make an ideal gift for a friend or relation. The voucher may be redeemed against any of the plants or items in our catalogue. It gives the recipient the opportunity to choose plants, tubers, seed or supports.

Available for any sum from £5.00

Flower Shows for 2012 We will have displays at

The Chelsea Flower Show

Malvern Spring Gardening Show; The Royal Bath & West;
Gardeners World Live; Hampton Court Palace Flower Show;
Tatton Park Show.

Conditions of Sale

1. All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT. Please add postage and packing charges where applicable.
2. Orders are not normally acknowledged unless accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.
3. Goods will be dispatched at the earliest appropriate delivery season according to subject, provided pre-payment has been made in full.
4. In the event of plants being received in damaged or unsatisfactory condition please let us know **AT ONCE** as living plants are subject to many factors and conditions outside the control of the supplier. Complaints cannot be entertained if made many months after delivery.
5. Please advise us of **HOLIDAY DATES** etc. so delivery at such times can be avoided - we cannot accept responsibility for plants being spoiled if delivery is made when customers are away from home.
6. We reserve the right to substitute in the event of demand exceeding supply, all orders being subject to availability at time of dispatch.

Propagation of our begonias and delphiniums is hand done by experienced members of staff. Some plant varieties give large numbers of cuttings, others very few. This means availability varies. We sometimes have to offer substitutions when demand exceeds supply. Colour, value and quality are of course taken into consideration with substitutes—if this is not acceptable please state no subs on your order form and enclose a contact telephone number. We apologise should this be necessary.

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