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BARR’S

AUTUMN AND WINTER-FLOWERING BULBS

CROCUS SPECIES, COLCHICUMS, HARDY CYCLAMEN, STERNBERGIAS, ETC.

Also Early Hyacinths, Polyanthus Narcissi, Freesias and Lachenalias for forcing.

CROCUS SPECIES

Autumn, Winter and Early Spring-Flowering.

No Rock or Alpine Garden is complete without these Crocus species, which give a continuous display of bloom from August to March, their bright colours in winter lighting up the garden when few other plants are showing bloom. Many of them are beautiful and rare species, which cannot fail to be acceptable to all lovers of hardy flowers. In the Rock and Alpine Garden, on gravelly banks, and naturalized in grass they form a charming picture, while in the Alpine house they are greatly prized. The delightful effect produced by masses of C. speciosus, C. longiflorus, C. Salismoncius, &c., naturalized in the flower garden or in grass, can only be realized by those who have witnessed it. In nomenclature we have followed Mr. George Maw’s Monograph on the Croci.

Cultural Directions.—Any ordinary garden soil is suitable, but for the rarer species we recommend the addition of a little well-decayed leaf soil, and surrounding the bulbs with sharp sand. The rarer species are most at home in little pockets in the rock garden, facing south-west or west, where they are protected from ground winds and from the early morning sun in winter. Plant the bulbs as early as possible, covering them with not more than one to two inches of soil.

Coloured Plates of Crocus Species.—Complete set of 70 Coloured Plates contained in “Maw’s Monograph of the Genus Crocus,” drawn and hand-coloured by the late George Maw, F.L.S., including Coloured Map, showing geographical distribution and diagrams of latitude and longitude of the habitats of all known species. Plates and Map loose in cloth bound case, 42s 6d.

AUTUMN-FLOWERING CROCUS SPECIES AND VARIETIES.

Very attractive in flower borders, and charming in the rock garden and grass. Grown in pots indoors or planted out in cold frames, or in pockets on rockwork as advised above, they are very beautiful. The earlier-flowering varieties commence to bloom in August, while the later flowering varieties maintain a succession of bloom until the winter species begin to flower in December. Plant in July or August.

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BARR & SONS SELECTIONS.

3 each of 12 Autumn-flowering Crocus ... ... 13/6

3 each of 12 Autumn-flowering Crocus ... Choicer Sorts 21/-

asturicus (3), a species from the Asturias Mountains, flowers pale mauve to purple-lilac, with darker stripes at base 7 6 0 8

cancellatus albus (3), ranging in habitat from the Ionian Isles, Northern Persia, and from Northern Palestine to Armenia; large satiny white flowers 12 6 1 3

caliciclus (4), flowers lilac, veined purple at base, pretty 8 6 0 9

Crocus tommasianus of Heldreich) (5), flowers rich clear purple, a native of the Ionian Isles, flowers a beautiful clear silvery lilac, shaded and feathered on outer petals dark lilac, with bronze towards base; prefers a moist soil. per 100, 25/-

c. erectophyllus (4), soft clear purple-lilac flowers with orange stigmata, a handsome free-flowering variety, per 100, 28/-

sativus (The Saffron Crocus) (6), a charming species found growing in the heathy thickets bordering the Bosphorus 8 6 0 9

Elwesi (6), long delicate lilac-coloured flowers, with pale yellow base at show and scarlet stigmata 5 6 0 6

Pallasi of Patras (6), globular pale silvery lilac flowers, faintly veined, with yellow base and scarlet stigmata, a fine variety 4 0 0 5

Seedlings, pale lilac and lilac with dark feathering, etc., all very beautiful 3 9 0 4

speciosus (2), bright violet-blue flowers, prettily veined, with orange-red anthers, and yellow throat, handsome and showy; one of the most beautiful Autumn Crocuses for planting in grass and massing in borders or in the rock garden; habitat Northern Persia, Asia Minor, the Caucasus, and Crimean. Award of Garden Merit, R.H.S. (2) per 100, 10/-

speciosus Aitchisonii (3), very large long handsome flowers with sharply tapering petals, china-blue, prettily feathered a darker shade with silvery flush on outer petals 2 6 0 3

albus (2), very beautiful white flowers 10 6 0 1

Tournefortii (6), a charming species found growing on several of the islands in the Greek Archipelago, flowers a beautiful clear silvery lilac, with long scarlet stigmata, white anthers and a soft primrose throat; per 100, 42/-
zonatus (1), rose-lilac, centre yellow with orange zone, very beautiful; from the mountains of Sicilia 1 9 0 2

Mixed Autumn-flowering Crocus charming for naturalizing in grass, front of Shrubbery Borders, in Rock Gardens, &c., per 1,000, 115/-; per 100, 12/6; per doz., 1/9.
CROSSES.—WINTER-FLOWERING SPECIES AND VARIETIES.

These Winter-flowering Crocuses succeed the Autumn-flowering species, and weather permitting, are decorative from December to February. They are very beautiful in the rock garden, grown in cold frames or in pans in the Alpine House. Plant from August to October.

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### 3 each of 8 Winter-flowering Crocus (our selection) 15/-. Per doz. Each

- **aerius Grey Lady** (2), a pretty seedling variety, outer petals heavily shaded deep silvery lilac on a white ground with bronze base, inner petals silvery white, centre old gold, anthers yellow, stigmatic scarlet — 18 6 1 9
- **ancyrensis** (1), the Angora Crocus, flowers bright orange-yellow — 10 6 1 0
- **aureus var. maesiacus** (3), a lovely species bearing beautifully shaped globular flowers of the richest deep golden-yellow and showy scarlet stigmatic; the richest coloured form of C. aureus — 4 6 0 5
- **Bullfinch** (3), a beautiful seedling, broad rounded petals feathered outside crimson-purple on creamy yellow, inside pure white with orange throat — 16 0 1 6
- **Butterfly** (4), a lovely new seedling, outer petals violet-blue with heavy purple blotch and bronze-coloured base, inner petals violet-blue shaded silvery white, centre old gold, anthers yellow, stigmatic scarlet — 12 6 1 3
- **Dorothea** (3), a strong and vigorous seedling of chrysanthus fusco-tinctus, flowers canary-yellow, outer petals shaded and stippled bronze-grey, anthers yellow, stigmatic pale yellow — 10 6 1 0
- **Quaintness** (3), flowers primrose, outer petals feathered light purple, centre old gold, scarlet stigmatic — 8 6 0 9
- **Siskin** (3), a charming variety with pointed petals, outer petals pale canary-yellow, lightly feathered greyish purple, inner petals snowy white, golden throat and showy scarlet stigmatic — 16 0 1 6

### Snow Bunting (1), outer petals cream feathered indigo and with bronze base, inner petals creamy white with old-gold centre, anthers yellow, stigmatic scarlet — 12 6 1 5

CROCUS.—EARLY SPRING-FLOWERING SPECIES AND VARIETIES.

These are all very beautiful, lighting up the garden early in the year with bright and varied colours. Very effective early in March massed in the rock garden. All the Crocuses offered below are quite distinct from the large size-flowering Dutch Crocuses (varieties of C. vernus), being dwarfer, with more refined flowers and mostly earlier blooming. Plant from August to October.

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### 3 each of 12 Early Spring-flowering Crocus (our selection) ... ... ... 14 6.

- **biflorus Adami** (1), a charming variety from the Cicilian Taurus. Flowers vary from pale silvery lilac to dark violet, all having a yellow base and three feathered lines on outer segments — 12 6 1 3
- **argentae** (syn. praecox) (3), a beautiful variety of the Scotch Crocus, outer petals feathered deep purple on a cream ground, inner petals silvery lavender, very pretty — per 100, 25/- — 3 6 0 4
- **Barr** (3), a lovely little well-marked form, flowers white, striped lilac, very free-flowering; a gem for rock garden — 7 6 0 8
- **Welden albus** (3), flowers pure white, sometimes slightly stained blue at base, very beautiful — 16 0 1 6
- **Welden sulphur variety** (3), flowers delicately sulphur-yellow, finely stippled silty bronze and shading to shiny bronze at base, anthers yellow, stigmatic orange-scarlet — 12 6 1 3
- **minimum** (3), a rare species from Corsica, flowers dark lavender, outer petals buff, prettily feathered dark purple. Award of Merit, R.H.S. — 5 6 0 6
- **New Species** (distributed as C. Heuffelianus) (4), producing pretty little flowers of a rich rosylilac shade with golden centre, anthers yellow, stigmatic orange. The outer petals are slightly feathered violet with bronze at base — 5 6 0 6
- **Pestalozzi var. edelsten** (3), a charming species from Asa Minor, inner segments pale lavender, outer segments pale purplish lavender with slightly darker feathering, and golden centre, stigmatic orange, anthers yellow — per 100, 42/- — 5 6 0 6

Mixed Winter and Spring-flowering Crocus Species, charming for naturalizing in grass, Shrubbery Borders, Rock Gardens, &c.; the flowers are all smaller than the ordinary Crocuses, but they are earlier and more refined. Per 1,000, 95/-; per 10, 56/-; per doz., 1/6.

- **chrysanthus seedlings mixed**, flowers varying from clear yellow to primrose and white, stained and stippled bronze and brown on exterior — 9 6 0 10
- **dalmaticus** (var. C. of Roules) (3), flowers of good size, outer petals pale silvery lavender with bronze base, inner petals silvery lilac with old-gold centre, anthers yellow, stigmatic orange — 12 6 1 3
- **Danfordiae** (2), a charming species discovered by Mrs. Danford in the Anti-Taurus, having very small yellow flowers, often stippled brown — 21 0 2 0
- **Fleischleri** (3), a rare species from Eastern Smyrna and the west of the Cilician Taurus; small white flowers, stippled petals, outside shaded bronze at base, stigmatic vivid scarlet — 16 0 1 6
- **Imperati** (4), inner petals violet, outer petals fawn, more or less feathered lavender-violet to black, very beautiful and distinct, delicately fragrant; found near Naples. Award of Garden Merit, R.H.S. — per 100, 25/- — 5 6 0 6
- **levigatus Fontenayi** (3), silvery blue, outer petals heavily feathered violet, centre orange — 16 0 1 6
- **Sieberi** (3), soft lavender-blue, with golden-yellow base and orange stigmatic; a charming species found at high elevations on mountains of Greece, Crete, &c.; very showy. Award of Garden Merit, R.H.S. — per 100, 21/- — 3 0 0 4
- **H. MCD. Edelsten** (4), a beautiful seedling variety, interior of flowers soft rose-purple, outer petals conspicuously blotched white on a rich purple ground — 5 6

SUSIANUS (Cloth of Gold Crocus) (3), rich golden-yellow, striped glossy brown on exterior of petals; a lovely little species for edgings and the rock garden — per 100, 10/- — 1 6 0 2

**TOMASINIANUS** (3), lovely sapphire-lavender; one of the best to naturalize in grass, remaining long in beauty; native of Dalmatia and Serbia. Award of Garden Merit, R.H.S. — per 100, 9/- — 1 4 0 2

**Barr's Purple** (2), a large handsome form, exterior pale silvery-lilac, interior rich glossy purple-lilac with yellow anthers and orange stigmata, very showy and earlier than Tomasinianus, strongly recommended — per 100, 42/- — 5 6 0 6

**var. pictus** (3), a very pretty and strong growing form, lavender with a purple blotch at apex, per 100, 21/- — 3 0 0 4

**vernum L'Unique** (5), pretty purplish mauve flowers, with silvery shading — per 100, 15/- — 2 3 0 3

**siculus** (5), a very small-flowered variety from Montenegro, charming in the Alpine garden, pure white star-shaped flowers — 8 6 0 9

**Stormcloud** (3), a charming hybrid between Crocus and Tomasinianus, having globular broad-petalled flowers of a delicate silvery lavender, the top of the petals having a striking and effective narrow violet blotch — 4 6 0 5

versicolor picturatus (best form of Cloth of Silver Crocus) (3), white, feathered ruby-purple, very pretty and effective. Per 100 10/- — 1 6 0 2
The great Crocus-like flowers of the Colchicum carpet the ground in September and October with colours ranging from pure white to ruby-crimson, more or less chequered or tesselated. In flower borders or naturalized in grass Colchicums produce a charming effect; they prefer a good loamy soil, and should be planted with top of bulb 1 inch deep. The foliage does not appear until Spring, and is very varied. If planted in August and early September, the flowers bloom almost immediately, but not at their best when established. They should not be planted in grasslands used for grazing. The relative times of flowering are indicated (1), (2) and (3).

**Colchicums, Autumn-Flowering Meadow Saffrons.**

Colchicum autumnale roseum (this variety is identical with byzantinum, should not be planted in grasslands used for grazing. The relative times of flowering are indicated (1), (2) and (3).

**Colchicum alpinum**, dainty little flowers of a uniform rosy lilac, flowering early in August, only growing 3 inches high. ... 16 0

**Colchicum autumnale**, with large pure white flowers of perfect form, remarkably handsome. First-Class Certificate, R.H.S. 14 0 1 4

**Colchicum autumnale album**, flowers white with purple eye. ... 21 0 2 0

**Colchicum autumnale rosenum**, flowers soft light rose. ... 21 0 2 0

**Colchicum autumnale rubrum**, crimson-coloured flowers. ... 21 0 2 0

**Colchicum autumnale repandum** (syn. vernum), bright crimson flowers produced during April and May, with handsome silver-marbled foliage; the last of the Hardy Cyclamen to bloom. ... 7 6 0 8

**Autumn-Flowering Leucojums (Snowflakes).**

Leucojum autumnale (Acis), white and pink flowers in Autumn, graceful in pots and in the rock garden, etc., ht. 4 in.; grow in almost pure sand in shade; quite hardy. ... 3 9 0 4

**Leucojum rosemum**, a lovely little Snowflake from Corsica, producing in Autumn dainty rose-coloured flowers, ht. 4 in.; growing in almost pure sand in shade; quite hardy. ... 7 6 0 8

**Autumn-Flowering Scillas.**

Scilla autumnalis, producing dainty spikes of purple-blue flowers in Autumn, ht. 6 in. ... 5 6 0 6

**Chionodoxa chinensis**, a little gem for rock gardens and pots, dainty spikes of charming rose-coloured flowers in Autumn, ht. 6 in. ... 5 6 0 6

**Sternbergia lutea** (The Autumn-flowering Lily of the Field).

**Autumn-Flowering Nerines** (See Barr's Daffodil Catalogue).
**BULBS FOR EARLY FORCING.**

The Hyacinths offered below are generally ready for despatch by the middle of August; Polyanthus Narcissi and Freesias third to fourth week in August; Lachenalias and Extra Early Tulips about the middle of August.

**EARLY WHITE ROMAN HYACINTHS.**

Finest French-grown Bulbs.

These charming little Hyacinths are of great value for early forcing, and may be had in bloom during November, December and January by successional plantings. Several bulbs in a pot make a charming Winter decoration for the greenhouse or sitting-room, while they may be successfully grown in bowls of our Peat-Fibre, Shell and Charcoal mixture (5/6 per bulb; 1/6 per pack), or Pebbles and Water.

**White Roman Hyacinth,** Strong Flowering Bulbs... Extra Selected Bulbs... Extra Large Bulbs, producing a greater number of spikes... per 100, 32/6; per doz. 4/6

**EXTRA EARLY CHRISTMAS-FORCING HYACINTHS.**

We can confidently recommend these three Hyacinths for maintaining a succession of bloom indoors succeeding in time of flowering the White Roman Hyacinths.

Barr's Early Pink, spikes of charming soft pink flowers, delightfully scented... per 100, 42/-; per doz. 5/6

Barr's Early White, spikes of pure white flowers, a fine companion to Barr's Early Pink... 42/-; 5/6

Barr's Early Blue, spikes of charming pale porcelain-blue flowers, a good companion to the above varieties... 42/-; 5/6

**LARGE-FLOWERED PREPARED HYACINTHS FOR EARLY FORCING.**

These Hyacinths are harvested specially early, and so prepared as to be capable of being quite easily forced into bloom by January. The bulbs should be potted up as soon as received, plunged in cold frames and removed indoors to gentle heat about the middle of November (not earlier). They may also be grown in bowls in our Peat-Fibre Mixture.

**Strong Selected Bulbs**

Coral Queen, beautiful coral-rose... per 100, 40/-; per doz. 5/6

Dr. Lieber, deep lavender-blue... 40/-; 5/6

Gertrude, bright rose-pink... 40/-; 5/6

Lady Derby, lovely soft flesh-pink, very pretty... 40/-; 5/6

La Victoire, brilliant rose-crimson... 40/-; 5/6

L’Innocence, pure white... 40/-; 5/6

Marie, rich violet-blue... 40/-; 5/6

Schotel, light blue... 40/-; 5/6

Yellow Hammer, delicate yellow... 40/-; 5/6

**Extra Strong Selected Bulbs**

per 100, 55/-; per doz. 7/6

**PREPARED CYNHETLA OR MINIATURE HYACINTHS FOR EARLY FORCING.**

Pure White, Bright Rose, Crimson, Light Blue, Deep Lavender-Blue, Delicate Yellow... each colour, per 100, 25/-; per doz. 3/6

**POLYANTHUS NARCISSUS FOR EARLY FORCING.**

Paper White Snowflake Improved, producing trusses of beautiful snow-white fragrant flowers, and may be had in bloom with the Roman Hyacinth if treated in the same way... Strong Selected Bulbs per 100, 18/6; per doz. 2/8

**SWEET-SCENTED FREESIAS.**

Potted up in August, Freesias may be had in flower at Christmas by gentle forcing, while giving less warmth a succession of bloom may be obtained from January to April. Plant from August to October, 6 corms in a 5-inch pot, or 12 in a 7-inch pot. The top of the corms should be buried 1 ½ inches below the surface of the soil, which should be composed of equal parts of loam, leaf mould, sand and well-decayed manure. Good drainage is essential. Stand the pots outside on a sunny border and keep them slightly shaded, only giving water sparingly until growth is showing. In October remove to the sunny part of a greenhouse and give plenty of air.

**Excelsior,** bearing on erect spikes handsome flowers of great substance, cream-coloured with faint touches of orange; very vigorous grower, very fragrant... Extra Strong corms per 100, 15/-; per doz. 2/3

**Leichtlini major,** an old favourite bearing creamy white flowers with orange blotch... per 100, 12/6; per doz. 1/9

**Refracla,** flowers white with soft yellow blotch, robust grower and free bloomer... Extra large corms per 100, 12/6; per doz. 1/9

**Purity,** bearing elegant sprays of snowy white flowers, highly prized for cutting... per 100, 12/6; per doz. 1/9

**Barr's Beautiful New Primrose and Yellow Shades Mixed,** fine scented forms with very large open flowers, pale to full primrose and rich yellow with orange blotch, borne freely on branching sprays, delightfully scented... per 100, 30/-; per doz. 4/-

**Barr's Beautiful New Hybrids Mixed,** a charming strain, the result of hybridizing many varieties, rose, pink, ruby, salmon, coppery bronze, apricot, yellow, primrose, and lavender shades, &c., all delightfully scented... per 100, 25/-; per doz. 3/6

**LACHENALIAS (Cape Cowslips).**

Very beautiful greenhouse plants flowering in early Spring. Pot to 1 inch deep in August-September in a compost of loam, sweet leaf soil, sand and well-decayed cow manure; place the pots in an airy greenhouse or cold frame and give plenty of air but very little water should the bulbs have made foliage. In early November, before cold weather sets in, remove the pots to the greenhouse where the temperature does not fall below 40° at night, nor exceed 55° by day.

3 each of 6 Beautiful Varieties (our selection) 17/6 per doz. each

**Nelsoni,** large rich golden-yellow bells and reddish stem, very free-flowering, early... 9/6 -10

**Whitwell Mixed,** a very fine vigorous growing strain, embracing all shades of yellow and orange with coloured margins and coral-red shading at top. Award of Merit, R.H.S. 10/6 1/-

**BARR'S EXTRA EARLY TULIPS.** For Early Forcing.

To obtain early flowers the bulbs should be potted or planted in boxes and plunged out-doors or in a cold frame. Those varieties marked * should be brought into warmth about the second week in December; those marked t about the end of the third week in December, and those marked § early in January, when the temperature should be maintained at 65° to commence with being gradually raised to 75°. These Extra Early Tulips generally flower within a fortnight from the time they are brought into warmth.

**Extra Early Single Tulips.** 100 doz.

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