LIBERTO'S SEEDS AND BULBS

GARDEN SEEDS 2018/2019

Here is a selection of seeds collected from my gardens,

Please scroll to the end of the catalog for sowing and ordering instructions.

Listings of orange color, are new items in the 2018/2019 list.

Acacia cognata 3€/20seeds. A small tree with an interesting weeping form and a light canopy that is very playful with the sun above.

Acacia greggii 3€/20seeds. Small deciduous tree with small leaves that gets covered with yellow flowers in late spring.

Acacia karoo $4 \in /2$ oseeds. Slow in the beginning but as soon as it anchors itself onto the ground it creates an umbrella like tree with sweet scented late spring flowers and most importantly 10cm white spines that will protect it from giraffes (if you have them!) and are very ornamental nevertheless.

Acacia mearnsii 4€/20seeds. A nice medium sized tree with ferny foliage and pic panicles of soft lemon flowerheads in late spring. Don't plant in areas where there is a danger of becoming invasive.

Aechmea recurvata 'Big Mama' 3€/20seeds. One of the best (and biggest) recurvata selections that colors up in pinks and oranges when in flower and then goes back to green when in fruit.

Aethionema grandiflorum 3€/20seeds. Tough and long lived Aethionema that takes summer drought excellent. Gets covered in pink in spring.



Alyssoides utriculata 3.30€/20seeds. Perfectly suited to screes and rocky soils on a big rock garden or equally at home at a Mediterranean drought tolerant border with good air circulation, this useful shrublet has both vibrant yellow flowers and peculiar round seedpods in short stems above the leaves.



Amsonia tabernaemontana 3€/20seeds. Long lived perennial with sky blue flowers in spring and linear leaves that turn yellow in autumn

Anisacanthus quadrifidus ssp. wrightii 3€/10seeds. Tough and drought tolerant shrub from Texas that gets covered in red in the summer. I like to cut it back hard every year.



Anisacanthus quadrifidus ssp. wrightii 'Pumpkin' 3.5€/10seeds. As above but with pumpkin yellow flowers.

Anthyllis barba-jovis 3€/20seeds. A drought tolerant small shrub with shiny silver lacy foliage and soft yellow flowers in spring. I like to cut it back every 3-4 years to enhance the fresh foliage effect.

Antirrhinum hispanicum 3€/20seeds. A short-lived perennial or annual snapdragon with interesting big pink flowers with yellow markings.

Antirrhinum mole 3€/20seeds. A smaller long-lived beauty forming small mats of (very brittle) stems and many small light pink flowers.

Antirrhinum pulverulentum 3.50€/20seeds. Creating a small brittle mat of green leaves, this is adorned almost all spring and summer long with light yellow flowers. It needs protection and a place where you can view it.

Aquilegia chrysantha 'Denver Gold' 3€/20seeds. The offspring of this well-known tough columbine all make great perennials that can withstand sun and drought better than any other Aquilegia. Up to 1m tall in flower.

Aquilegia vulgaris white form 3€/20seeds. I am kind fond of this pure white form of Aquilegia vulgaris, it just lights perfectly a semi shaded spot filling it with its white 'butterflies' in spring and early summer. Easy to grow and will self-seed easily. Grown separately from other forms to maintain the color but the occasional purple may occur.



Argemone pleiacantha 3€/20seeds. If you can stand its spiny leaves, this is a true beauty for the dry garden. Big white poppies with yellow centers.

Armeria maritima 'Glory of Holland' 3€/20seeds. This is a quick growing variety with large pink flowerheads, great for a more substantial impact.

Asarina erubescens 3€/20seeds. A short lived (or annual if you prefer) climber that grows fast in spring and bears small pink trumpets for a long time in summer.

Asarina procumbens 3€/20seeds. The creeping snapdragon, can create small mats of healthy looking sticky leaves from which emerge white/yellow snapdragons. Tough and hardy.



Asclepias curassavica $3 \in /2$ oseeds. A classic semi-tropical milkweed that can turn a bit weedy in a watered garden but seeds itself in the right places.

Asclepias speciosa 3.5€/20seeds. A western US and Canada native, this is a very architectural looking milkweed with hairy gray leaves and dusk pink fleshy flowers.

Asphodeline liburnica 4€/20seeds. An evening flowering species with branched flower spikes of yellow flowers.



Ballota hispanica 3.30€/20seeds. Soft aromatic foliage, no running habit, tough and drought tolerant but looks better with a bit of water throughout summer.

Ballota nigra 3€/20seeds. A bit weedy but looks at home at any Mediterranean situation.

Ballota pseudodictamnus $3.30 \in /2$ oseeds. Beautiful subshrub with upright stems of rounded grey felty leaves and small flowers that are surrounded by huge lime green bracts. Use the dry calyces as lamp wicks floating on oil as people in the Mediterranean have done for a long time.

Bartlettina sordida 3€/30seeds. A late winter/spring flowering shrub that can grow to small tree porpotions in a favourable climate, this requires regular watering and feeding to produce good flower crop. Frost sensitive, although it will regrow from base after frost damage.

Beschorneria yuccoides 3.30€/20seeds. Known as red yucca, this is a very beautiful architectural plant, with big red stemmed inflorescences for a long time in spring and summer. Takes drought well. Make sure to order early for 100% germination success. It drops down after a couple of months.

Brachychiton bidwillii 5€/10seeds. Either grown as a potted specimen or a garden small tree, this early flowering Brachychiton has rich red flowers on its bare stems in early spring. Frost sensitive.

Brachychiton populneus red form 5€/10seeds. This popular small upright tree looks better when the flowers are of red colour instead of the classic white/light pink and those seeds were collected from a very dark red cultivar so you'll have better chances of growing one!



Brassica cretica ssp. aegea 3.50€/20seeds. I do believe this is one of the most beautiful Brassicas you can grow! Thick grey leaves that look like a succulent. Slowly forms a xeric shrub with big spikes of yellow flowers. Keep it as dry and sunny as possible in rocky soil for the best effect.



Bulbine narcissifolia $3 \in /2$ oseeds. This is a rhizomatous succulent with a bunch of long succulent grey leaves and 50cm spikes of light yellow flowers. I keep the plants almost completely dry during winter and they regrow beautifully in spring.

Bupleurum fruticescens 4€/20seeds. A smaller relative of the well known Bupleurum frutescens, in the family Apiaceae. Great as companion to your Santolinas and Cistuses.

Calliandra californica 4€/10seeds. An everflowering shrub from California with red flowers that attract hummingbirds. Takes some frost.

Campanula carpatha 4€/50seeds. Excellent rock garden plant, this perennial campanula is endemic to the island of Karpathos in the southern Aegean and has performed excellent in a dry garden situation.

Campanula hagielia $4 \epsilon / 5$ oseeds. A biennial or short lived perennial species from the Aegean and Turkey, this is a more natural looking alternative to the familiar Campanula medium. It is perfectly suited for a drought tolerant garden, able to go completely dormant underground during the hot summer months.



Carex muskingumensis 3€/20seeds. An American native sedge from the Midwest, this has beautiful ferny foliage and requires moisture in the ground to grow well.

Carlina tragacanthfolia 4.20€/10seeds. If you like spines, you're going to love this shrubby spiny beauty from the Dodecanese on top of which sit big fat yellow daisies in the summer.

Cassia artemisioides 3€/20seeds. Well known xeric shrub but I enjoy its airy effect in the dry garden.

Cedronella triphylla 4€/20seeds. A curiosity from the Canary Islands, with aromatic foliage and short spikes of pink flowers

Centaurea clementei 3.50€/10seeds. There 's lots of good looking Centaureas out there, but this xeric species with its big grey leaves and fat soft yellow flowers stands out.



Centaurea scabiosa 3.30€/10seeds. This species has performed well in my xeric garden with a good flower show on late spring and early summer.

Centranthus ruber 'Coccineus' 3€/20seeds. The classic Mediterranean native but in a darker pink/red form. Adapts easily everywhere.

Cephalaria ambrosioides 3€/20seeds. A very architectural plant with basal dissected leaves and stems that can reach 3m in cultivation topped by light yellow Scabiosa like (but rounded) flowers.

Ceratotheca triloba 3.50€/20seeds. A relative of Sesame, that you can actually use as a summer flowering foxglove. Needs summer water.

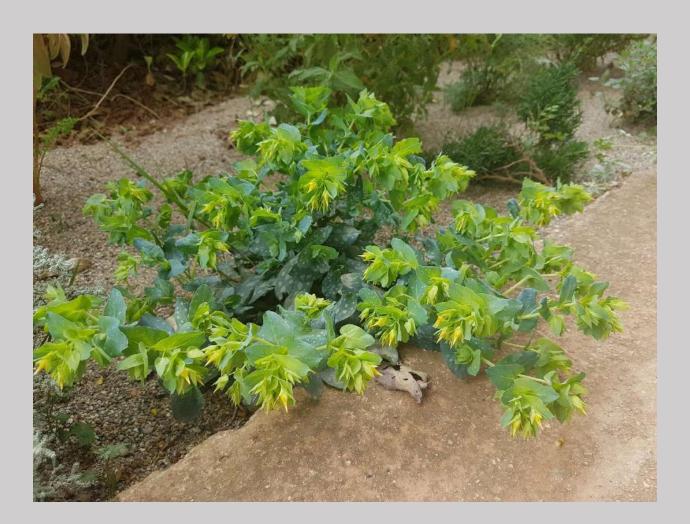
Cerinthe major all yellow form 5€/20seeds. A new addition to my Cerinthe range, this has the most beautiful pure lemon-yellow flowers with very heavily speckled foliage.

Cerinthe major var. purpurascens 3€/30seeds. Classic Cerinthe variety with purple bracts surrounding the purple flowers. Very fashionable and very easy to grow as a winter annual. In fact, this and all Cerinthes will self-sow in your garden easily.

Cerinthe major white form/purple base 4€/20seeds. One of the many forms of C.major, green leaves with silver dots, and white flowers dipped in purple, surrounded by green bracts.

Cerinthe major yellow form/purple base 4€/20seeds. Similar to the above but with yellow flowers.

Cerinthe minor 4€/20seeds. Not the most exciting in flower, but the foliage of this biennial Cerinthe is outstanding and resembles a good form of Pulmonaria.



Cerinthe palaestina $5 \in /2$ oseeds. My favorite (if I had to select). Great branching, good stature and the most vibrant white flowers and purple bracts.



Cerinthe retorta 4€/20seeds. Everyone who sees this species in the Peloponnese, falls in love with it. Grow it and find out!

Chilopsis linearis purple form 3€/20seeds. A good purple form Chilopsis linearis with repeat flowering all summer long.

Cistus monspeliensis 3€/30seeds. A medium size shrub with myriads of small white flowers and very sticky leaves that can capture all the unwanted insects in your garden (or visitors if you place it near a path!)

Cleome hirta 3€/20seeds. A rather different looking Cleome, with butterfly like flowers with intricate patterns.

Collinsia heterophylla 3€/50seeds. An amazing winter annual from California, this is an all purple form of the species. Easy and self-seeds.

Cynoglossum creticum 3.30€/10seeds. A Boraginaceae member with bas felty leaves and give rise to 1m tall stems with dropping blue/purple flowers.

Delphinium staphysagria 3€/20seeds. An annual delphinium that suits a Mediterranean garden as it is a winter annual flowering in late spring. Self-sows.



Dianthus fruticosus ssp. carpathus 3.50€/20seeds. Quite the most breathtaking shrubby pink, with dark green dense foliage and big clusters of large pink flowers. Excellent for the xeric garden.

Dianthus fruticosus ssp. fruticosus 3.50€/20seeds. Similar to the above, but this subspecies creates a bigger shrub and the flowers are smaller but born profusely over the entire plant.

Dianthus giganteus $3 \in /3$ oseeds. From a small tuft of leaves rise tall upright stems with magenta flower on top. Excellent filler in the garden.



Dianthus carthusianorum 3€/20seeds. Similar to the above but shorter, that in time will form a small dome with its flower stems.

Dianthus longicalyx (syn. D.taiwanensis) 3€/20seeds. This one needs a bit of extra water but forms a great ground covering pink for a sunny or semi shady situation. Feathery petals that beg for attention.



Dianthus serratifolius ssp. serratifolius 3.50€/20seeds. An endemic to central Greece, this should be an excellent rock garden plant.

Dianthus sp. compact pink species 3.50€/20seeds. A very compact sp. with foliage only 2-3cms high and solitary flowers on 10cm stems. Perfect for gravel or rock gardens and takes summer drought without problems.



Digitalis cariensis subsp. ikarica 4€/20seeds. A rare foxglove from the island of Ikaria, this is a small species with multiple stems around 40cms long and yellow/brown flowers. Good for sun or shade.

Digitalis lutea 3€/50seeds. A relatively small foxglove with yellow flowers. It will self-seeds easily in your garden.

Dodonaea viscosa 'Purpurea' 3€/20seeds. A classic Australian shrub that I like for its purple winter color. Easy to grow from seed.

Eriogonum fasciculatum $3 \in /2$ oseeds. An easy shrub from California, covered in white flowers in late spring and summer that slowly change to brown as they age. Let it grow big or cut it back as soon as you like, it will take everything.

Dracocephalum moldavicum 3.20€/20seeds. An easy annual Dracocephalum with blue flowers during spring and early summer.

Dracocephalum multicaule 3.30€/20seeds. A perennial with thyme like grey leaves and big white flowers.

Dracocephalum renati 3.30€/20seeds. A small perennial with white flowers all summer long.

Dracocephalum ruyschianum 3€/20seeds. Hyssop like foliage and lots of big azure blue flowers.



Dracocephalum wendelboi 3.30€/20seeds. I love this big flowered species in rounded spikes with rounded leaves on red petioles.

Dyckia green leaved varieties 3€/20seeds. From my collection green/grey leaved varieties, here 's a chance to produce your own variety.

Dyckia red leaved varieties 3€/20seeds. From my collection of red and purple leaved varieties, here 's a chance to produce your own variety.

Echium fastuosum dark blue form 3.5€/20seeds. If you are frustrated from growing light colored forms of this popular plant, I offer seeds from a dark blue form – and that's the only one I have, so your chances are good. Flowers from the second year with big fat flower spikes.

Echium gentianoides 4€/20seeds. A small shrubby Echium from the Canary island of La Palma, with beautiful branched spikes of deep blue flowers.

Echium wildprettii 3.30€/20seeds. The well-known and mesmerizing pink tower Echium from Tenerife. Monocarpic and it will take 2-4 years to reach flowering size. Should be straight E. wildpretii because I don't grow E. pininana with which it easily crosses.

Eremophila nivea $3.5 \in /20$ seeds. An Australian bush with very characteristic almost white leaves and stems, on which the purple flowers just glow in spring. Takes complete summer drought easily, but also withstands watering. Just don't overdo it.



Eremostachys laciniata $4 \in /2$ oseeds. A curiosity from the middle east this Lamiaceae member has ferny foliage and upright hairy spikes of soft yellow flowers with a maroon dot. Will go completely dormant in the summer if not watered

Erodium pelargoniflorum 4€/20seeds. A short lived perennial species, that can also been grown as an annual or biennial, this fast growing plant has a very long flowering season, starting in late winter in a Mediterranean climate. Requires good drainage.



Erysimum rhodium 4€/20seeds. A species endemic to Rhodes, this forms small bushes that are covered in clear yellow blooms all spring long. Can very drought tolerant in well drained soils. Best replaced from seed or cuttings every 2-3 years. Grown alone to avoid crossing with other species/cultivars.



Galvezia juncea 3.30€/20seeds. Wiry stems with long red flowers loved by hummingbirds on this xeric small shrub.

Glaucium flavum 3€/30seeds. The yellow horned poppy that will produce its ephemeral flowers for a long period during spring and summer. Very drought tolerant.

Glaucium hybrids 3€/30seeds. As above, but this will be a mixture of hybrids between red and yellow species, resulting in all shades of colours in between. Self-seeds easily.

Globularia trichosantha 4€/20seeds. Amazing mat forming species with compact foliage that stays close to the ground and short stems that terminate in blue flowers. Amazingly drought tolerant.

Helichrysum orientale 3€/20seeds. A beautiful silver leaved shrub from the eastern Mediterranean, that transforms in gold when the spring flowers appear.



Helichryshum stoechas 3€/20seeds. Similar to the above but with green leaves and smaller flowers.

Helleborus argutifolius 3€/20seeds. A hellebore for a more Mediterranean climate, this beauty from Corsica and Sardinia will provide evergreen foliage and big lime green flowers in a semi shady spot. Limited, if any, summer water.

Helleborus foetidus 3€/20 seeds.. Known as the stinking hellebore and native to central and southern Europe, I like the green color of the species and its free self-seeding habit.

Hermannia coccocarpa 3.30€/20seeds. A south African curiosity, this Malvaceae member has trailing stems that produce for along time small hanging pink flowers.

Hesperaloe parviflora 3.30€/20seeds. The 'red yucca' will take a while to flower from seed but you can just plant it and forget it and it will never fail to produce its red flower stems for years on end.

Hibiscus trionum 3.5€/20seeds. Small lemon yellow Hibiscus flowers with a dark center are born for a long time on this small species as long as it has a bit of summer water.

Hymenoxys scaposa 3€/20seeds. A beautiful small thing from western US, this has compact green foliage over which yellow daisies are born for a long time in spring and summer. Survives summer without water.

Hypericum empetricifolium $3 \in /2$ oseeds. A small shrub from the Mediterranean, with upright stems covered with thyme like leaves and short stems of intenste small yellow flowers in late spring. Very drought tolerant.

Hypericum triquertifolium 3€/20seeds. Of the few Mediterranean plants that will keep on flowering all summer long without water, because of its underground tuber.



Hyssopus officinalis ssp. aristatus $3 \in /2$ oseeds. Daintier than your classic hyssop, this is a smaller plant with an airier appearance.

Iberis gibraltarica 3€/20seeds. A light purple/pink small Iberis that doesn't live for years but it will reseed itself in all the right (and wrong) spots but you'll have to resist to the idea of letting all the seedling survive.



Impatiens bicolor $4 \in /2$ oseeds. For a semi shady situation with summer water, this annual will keep on flowering for a long period of time and will only stop with high heat.

Justicia candicans 4.50€/20seeds. If you think that Justicias don't really fit the Mediterranean landscape, think again. This very upright species with small red flowers is drought tolerant and adds just a little bit of red in your xeric plantings from autumn to spring.

Kniphofia uvaria 'Nobilis' 3€/20seeds. One of the biggest red hot pokers, this has spikes that reach 2m when grown well. Flowers tend to wilt in a very hot climate.

Lablab purpureus 3€/20seeds. Fast and easy climber to cover an ugly feature within 'minutes'. Easy as an annual.

Lallemantia canescens 3.50€/20seeds. Small Lamiaceae member with pansy like leaves and purple flowers. Tough plant, great in gravel.



Leonotis nepetifolia 3€/20seeds. I love this annual Leonotis for its upright habit and late flowering... orange always looks best during autumn! Will self-seed.

Liatris ligulistylis 3€/20seeds. The mother of all Liatris! I believe this is the tallest member in the genus and a mature clump of it is quite breathtaking. Takes heat better also than does the classic L. spicata.

Lilium candidum 3€/20seeds. The classic Madonna lily, there's a million reason why you should grow this Mediterranean native lily, but the scent is good enough. Takes summer drought!

Lotus creticus 3€/20seeds. Small Fabaceae shrub, usually growing on sand naturally, this can make beautiful mats of grey foliage dotted by yellow flowers.

Lunaria annua 'Alba Variegata' 3€/25seeds. A different take on the classic honesty, this has white flowers and white edged leaves. Use it in the 'wild' part of your garden as it will self-sow easily.

Lunaria annua 'Chedglow' 3€/25seeds. Another honesty but with burdundy leaves and dark purple flowers. The burgundy effect will be more visible in colder climates instead of a Mediterranean one.

Malabaila aurea 3€/20seeds. I'm thrilled with this winter annual Apiaceae since I first collected it 5 years ago. Tall branched flowering stems of up to 1m with multiple scapes of brilliant yellow flowers that are followed by the most attractive seeds.

Marrubium incanum 3€/20seeds. Marrubiums are a cool group of Mediterranean herbs, usually with great foliage effect in the winter before the flower show in spring. This one has striking silver leaves that are highlighted by the whorls of white flowers.



Marrubium peregrinum 4€/20seeds. Not the greatest Marrubium in flower, but the silvery white young leaves all through spring make it an outstanding plant. Easy with not or little summer water.

Marrubium supinum 3.30€/20seeds. Greeinish grey felty leaves and multiwhorled stems of light purple flowers.

Marrubium velvetissimum 3.30€/20seeds. Similar to the above but with leaves of an apple green colour.

Marrubium vulgare 3€/20seeds. This is a laxer plant compared to all of the above, but the grey leaves are quite spectacular.

Matthiola fruticulosa ssp. fruticulosa. 3.30€/20seeds. How about a small shrubby stock with thin leaves and myriads of greenish or light purple flowers that can fill you garden with their scent at night for months on end? All of these on a xeric plant that requires no summer water!



Melianthus comosus 3€/10seeds. A much more refined version than M.major, this has greener leaves and bears the flowers between them. Individual flowers are orange and black and as is common in the genus drip black nectar.

Micromeria juliana 3€/50seeds. You're going to love tiny shrub with, as its name in greek suggests, tiny parts be it tiny leaves, tiny flowers. Very elegant for a gravel area. Takes summer drought.

Michauxia campanuloides 3.50€/50seeds. A Campanula relative, with branched stems more than a meter high that carry a profusion of starry flowers. In a Mediterranean climate it requires some watering but it will go dormant in the summer during the drought.



Minuartia juniperina $4 \in /2$ oseeds. A tough as nails plant, this creates a lightly spiny rounded globe, which is covered in late spring with a million white flowers.



Molucella laevis 3.5€/20seeds. Known as Bells of Ireland, this is a very different but easy summer annual in colder climates, or winter annual in a Mediterranean climate.



Moluccella spinosa 4.50€/20seeds. Great winter annual for a Mediterranean climate, and with very peculiar whorls of flowers with big spiny calyces. \

Nemesia fruticans, wild form. 3€/20seeds. Much simpler and smaller than your typical hanging basket Nemesias, but this one will live forever by reseeding itself regularly in your gravel garden and it blends perfectly in a more natural garden. Requires summer water and will flower pretty much all year long.

Nepeta caerulea 4€/30seeds. An attractive nepeta with greyish leaves on upright stems and a multitude of purple flowers.

Nepeta curviflora 3€/30seeds. Tough, xeric, early flowering, this amazing nepeta has upright stems (in full sun) up to 2 meters high. My substitute for Perovskia in my tough climate.



Nepeta kubanica 3€/30seeds. This species has characteristic fat flower spikes with purple hooded flowers and darker calyces but needs water in the summer to perform well.

Nepeta mussini 3€/30seeds. This goes around but various names but it is an excellent low nepeta, suitable for groundcovering and with a weekly watering will look excellent even during prolonged droughts.

Nepeta nepetella ssp. aragonensis $4 \in /2$ oseeds. I've only grown this for a year but I'm in love already. Shiny silver leaves and pure white flowers all summer long, aromatic foliage, but most importantly it will produce all of this without summer water.

Nepeta nuda 3€/30seeds. From higher elevations of mountains in the Balkans and Anatolia, this herbaceous perennial can adapt to more lowland conditions with some summer water. Full sun necessary.

Nepeta sibirica $3 \in /3$ oseeds. I like to combine this herbaceous perennial with small shrubby salvias as it is kind of lax and the purple-blue flowers combine well with the purples and pinks of the salvias.

Nepeta trachonitica 3.50€/10seeds. Very distinctive species from Spain, having few upright stems and fat spikes with magenta flowers. Even the seeds are extra fat, being many times larger than other Nepeta species.



Nepeta tuberosa 3€/20seeds. A drought tolerant plant, this Iberian species will form in time big clumps of upright stems and will go dormant right after flowering in the high summer.

Nicotiana sp. From Brazil 3.50€/100seeds. An annual or short-lived perennial that gets up to 1m high and flowers continuously summer and autumn with long tubed flowers loved by moths as they will stay open up until the first morning hours (or longer if it is a cloudy day)

Oenothera acaulis 3€/20seeds. A ground covering evening primrose with white flowers that turn pink with age. In a Mediterranean garden it will go completely dormant in summer.

Oenothera macrocarpa 3€/20seeds. I'm usually not a fan of Oenothera as many are way too weedy for my taste but this one is special. I will form tight clumps from its fat roots and provides low green/grey foliage and huge lemon-yellow flowers all summer long. Do not overwater.



Origanum acutidens 3.50€/20seeds. A scabrum type Origanum from Turkey, the combination of grey foliage, lime yellow bracts and pink flowers make this an excellent candidate for the rock garden.

Origanum microphyllum 3.50€/20seeds. My favorite scent of all Origanum foliage, this tiny leaved beauty forms airy little shrublets with dangling purple flowers in the summer. In its homeland Crete, it is used as a infusion.

Pandorea pandorana 'Golden Showers' 3€/20seeds. A Bignoniaceae fast growing climber that is covered in spring with small tubular flowers that are yellow with a pinkish tip. Magnificent when well grown.

Papaver rhoeas 3€/100seeds. The classic red annual poppy that you find around Greece in spring – they do seem to be larger flowered than others but who knows!



Paracaryum racemosum 3.8€/20seeds. Tight mounds of green leaves that in spring the explode into hundreds of flowering stems with azure blue flowers. Very drought tolerant but usually short lived.

Pavonia hastata 3€/20seeds. I am simply amazed but the free flowering habit of this shrubby species. With regular summer water it covers itself with white, dark centered flowers that make a great companion for Salvias almost all year long.



Pavonia praemorsa 3€/20seeds. A rounded shrub with light yellow flowers that performs equally great in a dry garden situation or at a regularly irrigated spot. Cut back to half during winter to maintain shape.

Penstemon eatonii 3€/50seeds. A very drought tolerant species with upright stems of tomato red drooping flowers in late winter and spring.

Penstemon grandiflorus 3€/20seeds. Upright succulent stems and purple flowers on this xeric species.

Penstemon palmeri 3€/100seeds. An imposing species that performs best in a very sunny situation with no summer water, which will actually lead it to death especially when mature. All the penstemon I list are drought tolerant plants perfectly adapted to a Mediterranean climate with no additional irrigation in the summer except an occasional watering in newly established plants.

Penstemon parryi 3€/50seeds. This is a favourite for its upright stems and airy purple flowers. Perfect for filling small spots in your xeric garden.

Penstemon pseudospectabilis $3 \le /5$ oseeds. Hundred of magenta purple flowers all throughout spring and early summer but give this one space as it will attain a width of up to 1m.**Penstemon strictus** $3 \le /5$ oseeds. Neat basal foliage that forms little mats and upright stems loaded with blue flowers. Can exhaust itself from flowering.



Penstemon superbus pink form 3€/50seeds. I love this species for its grey foliage and the big vibrant light pink flowers.



Phlomis aurea 3.50€/20seeds. I enjoy this species for its huge flowerheads of dark yellow flowers. Very drought tolerant and perfect for the dry garden. as all the Mediterranean species of Phlomis I list here.

Phlomis bovei ssp. marocanna. 4€/10seeds A plant very similar in habit with Phlomis samia, but the very big light pink flowers really distinguish it. Very drought tolerant, as almost all Mediterranean Phlomis.



Phlomis chrysophylla 3€/20seeds. As the name suggests, this species has golden leaves especially in their dormant stage in summer and produces typical yellow flowers in spring.

Phlomis (x) cytherea 3.30€/20seeds. This cross between P. fruticosa and P. cretica found on the Island of Cythera south of the Peloponnese where both species occur together is in my opinion an excellent plant and better than both parents. Stays compact, rich grey foliage and intense yellow flowers.

Phlomis italica 3.3€/20seeds. A gray leaved shrubby and suckering species with light pink flowers in spring.

Phlomis italica 'Alba' 3.3€/20seeds. Similar to the above but with pure white flowers. You can never have enough Phlomis!

Phlomis lanata 3.50€/20seeds. Many times listed as P. cretica (which in fact is a different species more similar to P. fruticosa) this small very branched beauty has olive green leaves with a yellow ting and small whorls of yellow flowers. Forms small rounded shrubs and takes clipping to maintain its shape.



Phlomis leucophracta 3.50€/20seeds. A special species not only for its cream edged long leaves but also for the rusty orange flowers, not a common color in this mainly yellow genus.

Phlomis longifolia 3€/20seeds. A very adaptable species forming big rounded shrubs that are very long lived (my original plant is now 10 years old and once in a while I prune it severely because it always sprouts well from the base. Greener leaves and takes summer watering well (not many shrubby Phlomis do in a hot summer Mediterranean climate).

Phlomis lychnitis 3.50€/20seeds. A smaller species from Spain, this forms clumps of evergreen long golden grey leaves and 30cm stems of whorled yellow flowers.

Phlomis monocephala 3.3€/20seeds. I love this species for its silvery/golden foliage in summer, compact slow growing stature and yelllow flowers with a tint of pink in spring.

Phlomis x '**Orangette**' **4**€/20seeds. A hybrid, but it does produce viable seed. One of the most amazing colors for Phlomis, having a clear orange 'hood' on each flower.



Phlomis purpurea 3.30€/20seeds. Tough and going completely summer deciduous in my dry garden, this shrubby species has dusty pink flowers in spring. Couldn't live without it!

Phlomis samia 3€/10seeds. Similar to the above but coming from Morocco and having movre vibrant pink flowers.

Phlomis viridis 3€/20seeds. A small shrubby species, with olive green leaves and bright yellow flowers in spring. Foliage stays fresh all summer long without any water.

Plectranthus herreroensis 3€/20seeds. A fast-growing South African species, this will form bushes within one growing season that explode in a multitude of blue flowers during autumn. Needs summer water.

Prasium majus 3€/20seeds. An interesting Mediterranean shrublet for a sunny or shady situation that has rich green foliage and white labiate flowers in spring. Loved by bees.

Prunella vulgaris 3€/100seeds. Weedy if in the wrong position but useful in a dry shady situation where little else will grow. I wouldn't plant it outside of its native range.

Ptilostemon chamaepeuce 3€/20seeds A Mediterranean shrub that should be more widely used, this 'low pine' as the name suggests has needle leaves on a medium size shrub that form a mound and from which rise 1m flowering stems that end in purple Centaurea like flowers. Very drought tolerant

Pycnanthemum muticum 3€/30seeds. As above but with interesting silver-grey bracts near the white flowers.

Pycnanthemum pilosum 3€/30seeds. I enjoy these American mints for their rich foliage fragrance, rather confined growing habit and airy white flowers.

Ratibida columnifera red form 3€/100seeds. A western US prarie species, this short lived perennial has clouds of brown red flowers for a long time in late spring and summer.

Reichardia ligulata 4€/20seeds. A Canary island native, this looks like an oversized dandelion – actually much better. Try it in a dry spot so that it stays compact.

Reseda alba 3€/20seeds.A classic Mediterranean winter annual that will flower for a long time in spring and early summer with its spikes of white flowers that are highly attractive to wildlife.

Rumex vesicarius 4€/20seeds. An impressive annual or short lived perennial, with fleshy spinach like leaves and inflated seedpods that develop pink and red colourations when stressed. Grow it on the dry side (or pure sand!) and let the sun bake it.

Satureja thymbra 3€/20seeds. A small Mediterranean shrub that is both good looking and useful. The fragrance reminds one of oregano and in fact in many parts of Greece it is used as such (even on the classic greek salad!)

Scabiosa (Lomelosia) crenata ssp. dallaportae 3.80€/20seeds. There are quite a few really stunning scabiosas in Greece (especially those that were previously placed in the genus Lomelosia) and this is certainly one of them. Forming 5cm tall carpets of dissected leaves that are covered with pink scabious flowers on short stems and followed by attractive seedheads. You want more? It will flower all summer long without water. A must have for xeric gardeners.



Scabiosa (Lomelosia) cretica 3€/20seeds. Similar to Scabiosa hymettia with minor leaf and flower differences. But you got to have them all!



Scabiosa farinosa 3.5€/20seeds. Creates a low dense growing shrub with dark green thick foliage above which rise small pink flowerheads.

Scabiosa (Lombelosia) hymettia 3€/20seeds. An excellent xeric shrub, this mounding shrubby Scabiosa flowers in late spring and early summer which are followed by very ornamental seed heads that stay on the plant for a long time. Endemic to central Greece.

Scabiosa (Lomelosia) minoana 3.8€/20seeds. Another of the ex Lomelosias, this Cretan species is taller than the above reaching a height of half a meter and spreads quite a bit. The flowering season is centered around late spring. Very drought tolerant.

Scabiosa ochroleuca 3.20€/20seeds. A long flowering low glaucous leaved perennial with creamy lemon flowers all summer and autumn long. Can take drought.

Scabiosa (Lomelosia) variifolia 5€/20seeds A rare, taller shrubby species with flowers more blue rather than the typical purple of other shrubby Lomelosias, endemic to the Dodecanesse and Crete, this could prove a great ornamental shrub if cultivated.

Scirpus (Schoenoplectus) maritimus 3€/20seeds. A wetland rush, for saline soils or not, this makes an imposing water edge feature.

Scirpus (Schoenoplectus) tabernaemontani 3€/20seeds. A smaller species, again for wet soils.

Scrophularia vernalis 3€/50seeds. This genus takes a while to appreciate as the flowers are usually small and inconspicuous but this particular species is quite attractive and a bit similar to Alchemilla when in flower.

Scutellaria alpina, **blue variety** 3.30€/20seeds. Small groundcovering perennial that likes winter cold and some watering throughout summer to perform best. This particular one has blue and white flowers.

Scutellaria alpina, yellow variety 3.30€/20seeds. Same as above but with yellow and white flowers.

Scutellaria altissima 3€/20seeds. A small upright perennial that flowers in late spring with cute spikes of blue and white flowers. In time makes good clumps and will self-sow so better in a 'wild' garden setting.

Scutellaria diffusa 3.50€/20seeds. Aren't scutellarias addictive? Here's another small one with grey leaves and light blue flowers. Forms nice little clumps and takes some drought.

Scutellaria suffrutescens 3.30€/20seeds. Quite the star of the hardy scuts as the magenta red flowers distinguish it in a sea of blue and purple species. Very long lived and a heavy flowerer.



Senecio petasites $3 \in /3$ oseeds. Grown equally for its big felted leaves or big inflorescences of yellow daisies, this magnificent perennial does great in a semi shady spot and requires regular water. I like to prune it to the ground after flowering or otherwise it can grow huge.

Seseli gummiferum 3.50€/20seeds. A very attractive and architectural Apiaceae that you can grow for the foliage alone. It is monocarpic and will form a small trunk after the 2nd or 3rd year before it decides to flower. Extremely drought tolerant.

Sideritis candicans 3.30€/20seeds. One of the Canary Islands Sideritis, this small shrub has attractive greyish green leaves and upright spikes of white flowers. All the Macaronesian Sideritis tend to look better with a watering once in a while during summer drought even though they'd still survive without one.

Sideritis cypria $4 \in /3$ oseeds. This endemic of Cyprus is so fashionable that all of your visitors will want to take home a cutting. It forms a tight small bush covered in very fuzzy almost white leaves that are a bit curly and in spring they take off when the 1m tall long spikes of yellow flowers with vibrant green calyces rise above the foliage and form the perfect contrast.

Sideritis dasygnaphala 3.5€/20seeds. A Canarian species, this is actually one of the more compact species. Amazing white foliage and lime yellow flowers.

Sideritis dendro-chahorra 3.5€/20seeds. A more substantial Canarian species that creates a rounded shrub covered in spring with lime green flowers. Takes summer drought better than most Canarian Sideritis I've tried.

Sideritis euboea 4€/20seeds. A very attractive small shrub with round grey leaves contrasting with the short fat spikes of pastel yellow flowers (a staple color for all high elevation green species). I have found this otherwise rare species from only a couple of mountains on the island of Evia to be the most adaptable to a xeric situation in the garden, surviving without a hint of summer water.

Sideritis hirsuta 3€/20seeds. A small shrub from Spain, this tough cookie has dark green leaves and bicolor white and yellow flowers. Goes through a dry summer unscathed. It could easily fit in the larger rock garden.

Sideritis lotsyi 3.30€/20seeds. A Canary Islands species looking more like a Phlomis when in leaf but the upright spikes of brown lipped white flowers give it away.

Sideritis montana 3.30€/30seeds. A Balkan and Anatolian species, this behaves as an annual or a short lived shrublet and the show of lime green calyces and bracts in spring make it a perfect backdrop for smaller plants in your xeric border.

Sideritis orotenerrifae 3.5€/20seeds. Another white leaved Canarian species. It is really fun growing all the different species, just to see their differences and similarities!

Sideritis perfoliata ssp. athoa 3.50€/20seeds. A native of northern Greece and nearby areas in Turkey, this has very peculiar flower spikes with big bracts surrounding the whorls of flowers. Very drought tolerant.

Sideritis pisidica 3.8€/20seeds. A Turkish species, with spreading spikes of flowers surrounded by very big bracts. Drought tolerant and good for tea.

Sideritis romana 3€/20seeds. A small annual species with white flowers in late spring and early summer. It self-seeds easily so I let it grow between other shrubs in the dry garden.

Sideritis romana ssp. purpurea 3€/20seeds. Similar to the above but with purple flowers and a more trailing habit.

Sideritis stricta 3.50€/20seeds. My new favorite species, this has low silver leaves and tall upright spikes of lime green flowers with big calyces. They make a perfect duo with Nepeta tuberosa.

Sideritis syriaca 3.30€/20seeds. One of the 'mountain teas' of Greece, this Cretan endemic has long grey leaves and lemon-yellow flower spikes in spring (or summer at a higher elevation). Takes drought well.



Sideritis tragoriganum 3€/20seeds. The 'goat origano' as the name suggests forms a nice rounded shrub that gets covered in spring with white and yellow flowers. Likes xeric situations.

Sideritis unknown sp. 3.50€/20seeds Upright shrubby from Spain. In a genus with so many members and many looking similar it is easy to lose track of names! So, here's an attractive species from Spain with light green leaves and short spikes of whitish yellow flowers in spring. Forms nice little shrubs in time.

Silene armeria 3€/20seeds. A nice little annual that establish and reseeds easily. Just let it go wild in your garden.

Silene armeria 'Aphrodite' 3€/20seeds. A white/light pink form of the above.

Silene asterias 3€/20seeds. Quite a different species, this has low foliage but 1m tall rounded flower heads of an magenta pink color.

Silene chalcedonica 3€/20seeds. Reaching 1m or more in height, this short lived perennial has heads of intense fire red flowers. Great with ornamental grasses.

Silene fabaria ssp. domocina 3.30€/20seeds. A fantastic Greek native biennial or short-lived perennial with exquisite green and gray leaves with marble like markings during the first year before the upright stems of dropping green flowers form.

Silene fruticosa 3.50€/20seeds. A really attractive Mediterranean species forming tight small bushes that in spring get covered by big pink flowers (alas, they only flower from dusk to the next morning – unless the day stays cloudy).



Silene gigantea ssp. hellenica $3 \in /2$ oseeds. The giant of the genus forms beautiful dark green pinwheel rosettes sometimes up to 30cms wide which transform into 1-2m high flowering stems with dropping green flowers. Magical and airy.

Silene viscaria 3€/20seeds. A well known smaller species, great for a sunny or semi shady situation with abundant pink flowers in spring.

Sinningia tubiflora 4€/100seeds. A tuberous perennial with dropping tubular flowers that are greatly scented at evenings in spring and summer.

Sisyrinchium angustifolium 3.5€/20seeds. A classic blue eyed grass, that is covered with flowers in spring. Doesn't mind summer drought.

Sisyrinchium californicum 3.5€/20seeds. A yellow flowered species, that requires more wet soils.

Sisyrinchium palmifolium 3€/20seeds. A rather different looking Sisyrinchium, not only for its big branched inflorescences with many intense yellow flowers that open simultaneously but also for its late afternoon flowering habit!

Solanum quitoense 3€/20seeds. A tropical plant requiring summer water that is grown for its beautiful leaves with spines on both sides and also for its attractive orange fruit.

Sphaeralcea parviflora 3.30€/20seeds. A delightful subshrub from the southwest USA, with grey leaves and shiny orange flowers. Very drought tolerant.

Stachys candida 4€/20seeds. Spectacular when even just in leaf, this makes a small groundcover of silvery white leaves that look great all year round and with very little summer water. White flowers in spring make it 'shine' even more! Great in a rock garden.



Stachys canescens 3.50€/20seeds. Stachys is my passion in Lamiaceae after Salvias so you'll find here a good selection of species, including quite a few of the greek endemics. This particular species, endemic of the western Peloponnese, has dark green leaves and spikes of big white flowers. Its chasmophytic habit indicate that it should have excellent drainage and has indeed perform excellent in my dry garden.

Stachys cretica ssp. cretica $3 \in /2$ oseeds. This linear leaved species forms small mats of leaves near the ground and in spring transforms into a small cloud of hairy white flower stems and pink flowers. Very drought tolerant.



Stachys cretica ssp. salviifolia 3€/20seeds. Similar to the above but a much bigger plant with rounder, bigger leaves. Flowerstems reach a meter or so.

Stachys mucronata 3€/20seeds. A 'deadly 'small beauty from Southern Aegean because it is covered in big spines. Small plant with white flowers in spring and going completely dormant in summer.

Stachys parolinii 3.50€/20seeds. An excellent plant for a semi shady situation, taking irrigation or no if you prefer and forms running clumps topped with lemon yellow flowers in spring.

Stachys plumosa 3.50€/20seeds. A hardy herbaceous perennial with low leaves and 1m stems covered with white flowers in late spring. Very well behaved in the dry garden and I enjoy the fact that it will stay upright till the end and won't flop.

Stachys spinosa 4.50€/20seeds. A southern Aegean endemic forming tight bushes covered in white spines (you hardly see any leaves) between which hide white flowers in late spring. Great form.

Stachys spinulosa 3€/20seeds. A winter annual plant with quickly growing upright and sprawling stems that cover any available space and show off big white flowers in spring.

Stachys spreitzenhoferi ssp. virella 4.20€/20seeds. One of the most attractive crevice species, this endemic of the area of Monemvasia in the Peloponnese, usually growing on the walls of the castle town, makes the perfect small mounds of rounded leaves and short spikes of white flowers. Has performed well in the garden only in well drained spots with perfect drainage and a cool root run.

Stachys swainsonii subsp. swainsonii 3.50€/20seeds. This endemic of Central Greece is a chasmophyte that performs equally as well in a well-drained spot in the garden and forms small mats of leaves topped by white and pink flowers in spring.



Tabebuia impetiginosa 5€/20seeds. A semi tropical tree but well adapted to a Mediterranean garden, covered in pink trumpet flowers in spring.

Tanacetum densum subsp. amani 4€/20seeds. A drought tolerant Turkish species, with feathery white foliage that is highlighted by button like yellow flowers in spring.



Tecoma 'Sunrise' 3€/20seeds. Propably the largest flowered of all the Tecomas I list here and with an unstoppable flowering season, spring to fall. Requires summer water to perform well.

Tecoma alata 3€/20seeds. A late flowering species, mainly in fall and winter in a Mediterranean climate with the occasional flower in the summer. Can be pruned back hard any time.

Tecoma stans var. angustata 3€/20seeds. A much finer form than regular T. stans with very thin leaves and smaller pure yellow flowers produces unstoppably spring through fall. A much smaller plant too, here reaching a max height of 2 meters.

Teucrium asiaticum 4€/20seeds. An endemic of the Balearic Islands, this small subshrub has aromatic green leaves and spikes of baby pink flowers in late spring.

Teucrium betonicum 3.80€/20seeds. A big impressive Madeiran species with abundant leaves and purple flowers in spring. Very impressive and takes a while to believe it's a Teucrium! Very drought tolerant but performs better with some summer water.

Teucrium brevifolium 5€/20seeds. One of my favorite Teucriums, this Mediterranean shrubby native, has light purple flowers from fall to spring. No water in summer or very little if you have to.

Teucrium chamaedrys 3.50€/20seeds. A ground covering species with tiny oak like leaves (the specific epithet in Greek means low oak) and pink flowers in late spring. Perfect for the xeric garden and takes some shade too.

Teucrium chamaedrys 'Flocon de Neige' 4€/20seeds. A white version of the above.



Teucrium creticum 3.5€/20seeds. A small shrub with olive like small leves and upright spikes of pink flowers in late spring.

Teucrium divaricatum 3€/20seeds. Taller than the above with somewhat upright stems forming a small round bush covered in purple flowers in spring on this eastern Mediterranean species.



Teucrium flavum 3€/20seeds. Another candidate for full sun or some shade this has light yellow flowers in spring. Survives with no summer water.

Teucrium fruticans 'Quarzazate' 3.50€/20seeds. Similar to the well-known T. fruticans with silver leaves but on this variety are dark purple/blue as this is supposed to be the darkest form of the species. More compact too.



Teucrium heterophyllum 5€/20seeds. A bushy species with silvery white leaves and hidden orange flowers, this Canary island native is equally drought tolerant to its Mediterranean relatives.

Teucrium hyrcanicum $3 \in /3$ oseeds. An herbaceous perennial species dying to the ground in late fall and returning with upright stems and Veronica spicata like purple spikes. Makes a great display when massed. Self-seeds freely.

Teucrium lamiifolium 3.50€/20seeds. A small Turkish species for a semi shady dry position, this has white flowered spikes on 10cm stems.



Teucrium montanum 4€/20seeds. A carpet forming montane/alpine species with light yellow flowers in summer. Great for a gravel or rock garden.

Teucrium orientale 3.50€/20seeds. A small herbaceous perennial species that goes almost completely dormant in the summer but returns with short stems covered in big blue flowers.

Teucrium procerum 3.50€/20seeds. Very similar to the above but a slightly bigger plant.



Teucrium pseudochamaepitys 3.50€/20seeds. Another short herbaceous perennial going dormant in the summer but coming back with multiple stems of about 30cm covered with big white flowers.

Teucrium scorodonia 3€/20seeds. A taller species with spikes of lime green flowering contrasting the dark green leaves.

Teucrium subspinosum $4 \epsilon / 2$ oseeds. As its names suggest not very spiny, this species creates small rounded shrubs which are covered in purple flowers in spring. Beware, protect it from your cats, as they can destroy a mature plant in seconds as they are greatly attracted to it!

Thymbra capitata 3.5€/20seeds. A classic Mediterranean herb, used in cooking and favoured by beekeepers as from it a great quality honey is produced. Very drought tolerant and flowering in late spring and summer when the 'dry garden' goes dormant. It is really a hassle to take the seeds out of the calyces so I'll just send them mixed and sowing the whole thing has the same results.

Townsendia incana 4€/10seeds. Creates small mats and relatively big pink daisies all summer long. For gravel or rock garden.

Trachelium caeruleum 'Hamer Pandora' 3€/50seeds. Similar to the beloved species, but with leaves with a purplish hue and darker flowers. Let it self-seed in your garden.

Tulbaghia comminsii x violacea 3.5€/20seeds. If you think T.violacea is too vulgar of a plant for you, try this hybrid which has an overall smaller size with thin, grass like leaves and the same free flowering habit – actually even more than the society garlic.



Tulbaghia ludwigiana 5€/20seeds. A much different, winter dormant species with wide leaves and dropping orange flowers that are nicely scented at evening.

Tulbaghia 'Purple Eye' 3.5€/20seeds. As T.comminsii x violacea but carrying white flowers with a purple eye!

Tulbaghia violacea 'Pallida' 3€/20seeds. Similar to T.violacea but with pure white flowers.

Tulbaghia violacea var. maritima 5€/20seeds. One of my favorite Tulbaghias, this variety has low ground hugging foliage and stems with upright purple flowers. Great looking on gravel.

Urospermum dalechampii 3.5€/20seeds. I call it the Mediterranean Gerbera as it has a Gerbera like appearance with its big lemon yellow flowers but on a drought tolerant Mediterranean shrub!

Vellea spinosa 5€/20seeds. From Spain, this spiny beauty creates rounded small bushes that are covered in spring with yellow flowers. Very drought tolerant once established.

Verbascum arcturus 3.50€/50seeds. A Cretan endemic species growing as a chasmophyte all throughout the island and especially in the gorges. It was performed excellent in the dry border, although proving a bit shorter lived.

Verbascum bombyciferum 3€/50seeds. A well-known species with very silver and felty leaves and impressive inflorescences with lemon yellow flowers.

Verbascum macrurum 3€/50seeds. A big golden leaved species with very upright flowering stems of dark yellow flowers in the summer.

Verbascum phoeniceum 3€/30seeds. A biennial or short live perennial, and one of the few purple flowered species in a genus of yellows. Actually this will produce a mixture of pink to purple offspring.

Verbena bonariensis 3€/30seeds. The classic filler plant giving height and perspective to any perennial planting. Self-seeds easily and requires summer water to look great.

Zinnia grandiflora 3€/20seeds. This excellent little perennial is covered all throughout summer with yellow flowers without supplemental water.



Ziziphora capitata 3€/20seeds. This small Lamiaceae annual is grown rather as a curiosity but it does look beautiful in a way with its tiny leaves and flowers.

How to sow for best results? My usual answer on this question is 'grow it as it would in nature'. If a plant comes from a Mediterranean area, then it will most likely sprout in autumn with the first rains. If a bulb grows in a very sandy soil then you should definitely try to imitate that free draining effect in your pot.

I generally do my sowing during fall, although people in colder climates would sow in spring. There are Mediterranean species though that have smaller sprouting rates if sown in spring. I like my soil media to be well drained, so I place a 2-3cm of perlite on the bottom of the pot, then a mixture of one part of very fine seed compost (I sieve it if necessary) and one part of coarse river sand or vermiculite. I water, then sow, then cover with a fine layer of the above mixture and at the end I sprinkle with some sand (or more sand for winter growing bulbs), then water carefully again. Try to maintain a good level of moisture for germination but not too wet or too dry.

South African bulbs tend to sprout best when there is a big difference between day and night temps (10 degrees is good) during autumn. Other plants are less demanding. There are bulbs that take 5 days to sprout and others that take 1 or 2 months, there are salvias that appear in 3 days and others that need all winter before they decide to do so. There is no general rule for sowing. It has to do with your skills, your climate, your available space and conditions, when you want to do it, what can you provide in terms of protection from cold and a million other things. The best you can do are two things. Experiment and research. Go online, find all the information you can about where a plant comes from, what other people have tried, what went wrong, etc. and then keep on trying! The more you sow, the more successful you'll be at the end, this is a fact. Providing specific instructions of how I get my success in Athens, Greece is quite irrelevant for a person who tries to do the same in London, UK. There are annuals that you grow during winter in the Mediterranean or as summer annuals in northern Europe. There are summer dormant bulbs that people successfully grow as summer growers in the UK. There are alpines that sprout without needing cold winter temps here and consider our winter their spring but one shouldn't even consider starting them during autumn in northern Europe.

The one universal fact about better results is fresh seed. The fresher the seeds the higher (and more uniform) the sprouting. All the plants listed here are growing in my collection and I collect seeds of all species and varieties every year, so that's your first ticket to success. And that doesn't guarantee that an individual seed is viable or destined to live. The fun is up to you! But if you believe that you've done everything right and nothing appeared, do not hesitate to contact me and we'll find a solution together.

Will it come true from seed? I believe that all plants in my collection are true to name. That doesn't mean that there is the odd case of owning a plant wrongly named, but I can provide you with pictures of everything that is listed here if you have a doubt for a particular species. On the other hand, my plant collection is quite big and my space is limited. That means that many different species of the same genus are grown together. And as all plants are grown outside and are naturally pollinated, there is the chance that a hybrid might occur. If you're like me, getting excited with new things, you'll probably will be happy about it, but if you're a pure species kind of person then you should probably be seeking wild collected seeds.

How to order? That is quite simple. You make a list of what you want (use listing codes, or full botanical names, whatever you prefer). You send them to my email eldaebay@yahoo.com. I'll get back to you as soon as possible with availability for your order and then you can send your payment exclusively through PayPal (eldaebay@yahoo.com).

There is a minimum of 5 packs of seed per order and a shipping and handling cost of 2 Euro per order worldwide, or 5 Euro if you want your order tracked (best option for non-EU orders). Orders to Greece are shipped for free. Orders are packed in paper envelopes with bubble wrap in order to arrive safe, or small boxes for bigger orders. You are responsible for getting your order through your country's customs so if there is a specific procedure or paperwork that I should fill, please let me know in advance and I'll be happy to do so. If you live in a country where specific plants are not allowed, then please refrain from ordering them.

Orders usually take 2-7 working days to reach destinations within Europe, and 5-15 working days for the rest of the world. Of course, in a worldwide shipping network, delays and problems could arise. Please cooperate and let me know if there is any problem with your order.