

Edwin's Favourite Winter Flowering Plants:-

- *Skimmia 'Rubella'*. A compact, low-maintenance plant that grows in shade, looks good all year, has fragrant flowers and is wildlife-friendly. It has red buds in winter opening to fragrant white flowers in April and May and will cheer up any garden. Height and spread 80cm each way.



- *Iris unguicularis*. Plant these rhizomes in a dry situation, ideally at the base of a wall. They will flower from November through to March.



- *Ophiopogon planiscapus 'Nigrescens'*. These plants form clumps of leathery, narrowly strap-shaped leaves, with racemes of small bell-shaped white or mauve flowers on leafless stems in summer, followed by glossy black berries.



- *Cyclamen Coum* or *Cyclamen Hederifolium*. Both these flower at this time of year.

- *Hellibores*. Cut the leaves off at this time of year and then the flowers will be shown to their best advantage. *Hellibores* should never be allowed to dry out in the summer.



- *Viburnum Tinus*. This evergreen shrub produces white flowers between December and April.

- *Choisya Ternata* or Mexican Orange Blossom. This is an evergreen shrub with pure white scented flowers in Winter.



- *Artemesia Powys Castle*. This is an evergreen dwarf shrub of low, rounded habit, with finely divided, silvery leaves.



- *Gaultheria Procumbens* (Partridge Berry) A dwarf evergreen creeping shrub. Produces white flowers from late spring followed by the most vivid red cherry shaped berries which last all autumn/winter. Ideal anywhere in the garden, even in shade.



- *Lonicera 'Winter Beauty'* Clusters of white, tubular flowers with prominent yellow anthers cling to bare branches in the depths of winter and



fill the air with a heady fragrance. The scent from this deciduous or semi-evergreen shrub will stop you in your tracks.

- *Brunnera Macrophylla* 'Jack Frost'. This is a perennial grown for its large, heart-shaped silver leaves edged and veined with green, and sprays of small blue flowers in spring.



- *Garrya Elliptica* (Silk Tassel Bush) With its evergreen leaves and graceful catkins, *Garrya* is an excellent wall shrub and a good winter-interest shrub or informal hedge.



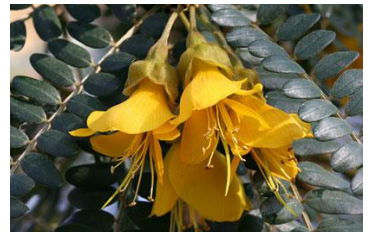
- *Hamamelis* (Witch Hazel). This a winter-flowering shrub, commonly known as witch hazel. Its spicy fragrance and spidery flowers in yellow, orange and reds make it a must for the winter garden.



- *Chimonanthus Praecox* (Wintersweet). Small, sweetly scented, sulphur-yellow flowers, stained purple inside appear on bare branches throughout the winter months.



- *Sophora* 'Sun King' A bushy evergreen shrub with pinnate leaves composed of up to 40 pairs of small oblong leaflets, and yellow pea-type flowers 5cm in length in short racemes in late winter and early spring.



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