

# Plants for the Beekeepers Garden

## Handout for talk by Andy Willis

### BBKA Spring Convention – April 2014

| Order | Common Name                          | Latin Name                        | Habitat                 | Characteristics  | Flowering Period | Suppliers (p4) | Comments   |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|----------------|--|
| 1     | Loquat                               | Eriobotrya japonica               | Full sun / Well drained | Large Leaf evergreen shrub                                       | Oct / Nov        | 1,10           | Mediterranean fruit ripens in May/June, ornamental leaves. Needs dry summer to flower and mild winter following for fruit. |
| 2     | Winter Cherry / Autumn Cherry        | Prunus x subhirtella 'Autumnalis' | Full sun / part shade   | Specimen Tree. Small deciduous with good autumn colour in leaves | Nov to Apr       | 9              | Supplies pollen, long season interest. Expensive to buy as grafted, takes a few years to grow.                             |
| 3     | Mahonia                              | Mahonia Japonica – not aquifolium | Full sun / part shade   | Upright Evergreen Shrub  | Nov to Mar       | 3,9            | Scented flowers, edible berries, trouble free, prickly leaves  |
| 4     | Winter flowering shrubby honeysuckle | Lonicera fragrantissima           | Full sun / part shade   | Small shrub, semi evergreen                                      | Nov to May       | 9              | Sweetly scented, very long season of interest and easy to care for, easy to propagate                                      |
| 5     |                                      | Lonicera x purpusii               | Full sun / part shade   | Small shrub, semi evergreen                                      | Nov to May       | 9              | As above, nothing to choose between these two  |
| 6     | Fatsia or false castor oil plant     | Fatsia Japonica                   | Summer shade            | Large Leaf evergreen shrub                                       | Nov / Dec        | 9              | Shrubby ivy relative, easy and carefree  |
| 7     |                                      | Viburnum Tinus                    | Full sun / part shade   | Evergreen shrub  | Jan to May       | 9              | Long season interest, unpleasant smell in summer   |
| 8     | Rosemary                             | Rosmarinus Officinalis            | Full sun                | Evergreen scented herb   | Dec to Apr       | 9              | Useful in kitchen all year round   |

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| 9     | Winter Heliotrope                     | Petasites fragrans                                      | Full sun / part shade                | Semi evergreen herbaceous with creeping rhizomes | Nov to Mar       | 10,11          | Can become invasive, Highly scented flowers related to coltsfoot.                   |
| 10    | Winter / Spring Heather               | Erica Carnea  | Full sun / part shade                | Small densely branched bushy shrub               | Jan to Apr       | 9              | Tolerates alkaline soil. Trim after flowering.                                      |
| 11    | Scented European tree heather         | Erica lusitanica  | Sun, Acid Soil, well drained         | Evergreen shrub                                  | Dec to May       | 10             | Easy care Free, long season of interest, not common                                 |
| 12    | Christmas Box                         | Sarcococca  | Full sun / part shade                | Evergreen low growing shrub                      | Jan to Mar       | 9              | Scented, easy, care free, can be boring for rest of year                            |
| 13    | Snowdrop                              | Galanthus Nivalis (single not double)                   | Woodland. Sun/Part Shade, moist soil | Early bulbs                                      | Jan to Mar       | 4              | Plant in the green, need a lot for show   |
| 14    | Ornamental Japanese Quince 'Japonica' | Chaenomeles Cathayensis; Chaenomeles 'Crimson and Gold' | Shade / Sun                          | Deciduous Shrub                                  | Dec to May       | 3,9            | Edible Fruit i.e. for jelly   |
| 15    | Hellebores / Lenten Rose              | Helleborus –any, but not Niger (Xmas Rose)              | Full sun / part shade                | Herbaceous mostly evergreen                      | Jan to May       | 2,9            | Best out of cold winds. Horticulturally in vogue 'must have'                        |
| 16    | Winter aconite                        | Eranthis Hyemalis                                       | Full sun / part shade                | Herbaceous corms                                 | Jan to Mar       | 4              | Plant in the green, need a lot for show   |
| 17    | Lung wort                             | Pulmonaria (any type but not longifolia)                | Full sun / part shade                | Herbaceous semi evergreen, spotted leaves        | Jan to May       | 9              | Will seed and spread, long season of interest                                       |
| 18    | Creeping comfrey                      | Symphytum grandiflorum                                  | Full sun / part shade                | Evergreen herbaceous                             | Jan to May       | 9              | Shade tolerant, ground cover, spreads easily  |
| 19    | Mimosa, Cootamundra Wattle            | Acacia Baileyana 'Purpurea'                             | Sun/Sheltered from Wind              | Evergreen Tree                                   | Feb to Apr       | 6,9,10         | Fast Growing (6ft a year) all year round interest, easy from seed. Not fully hardy. |

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| 20    | Wild Crocus Species;<br>Winter Crocus | Crocus chrysanthus,<br>Crocus sieberi &<br>Crocus speciosus                 | Full sun / part shade                    | Earlier & more dainty than large flowered hybrids | Feb to Mar       | 5,9            | Easy care free, need a lot for a show – no nectar                       |
| 21    | Cherry Plum                           | Prunus cerasifera;<br>Prunus cerasifera Pissardii & Prunus cerasifera Nigra | Full sun / part shade                    | Small deciduous tree                              | Feb to Mar       | 1,3            | Edible Fruit, First true spring blossom/ purple leaved ornamental forms |
| 22    | Flowering Currant                     | Ribes sanguineum  | Sun/Part Shade                           | Deciduous, early flowering shrub                  | Mar to Apr       | 9              | Unpleasant smell in summer  |
| 23    | Almonds & Apricots                    | Prunus dulcis & Prunus armeniaca  | Full sun                                 | Small deciduous trees                             | Mar to Apr       | 1,3,7,8        | Give good crops with newer varieties                                    |
| 24    | Darwins Barberry                      | Berberis Darwinii   | Full sun / part shade                    | Evergreen Shrub                                   | Mar to Apr       | 3,9            | Edible Berries, prickly leaves  |
| 25    | Mimosa, Owen's Wattle                 | Acacia Pravissima   | Full sun / part shade                    | Weeping Evergreen                                 | Mar to Apr       | 6,10           | Global warming has helped get established, easy from seed               |
| 26    | Evergreen Clematis                    | Clematis Armandii 'Apple blossom'   | Shelter Full sun                         | Evergreen vigorous climber                        | Mar to Apr       | 9              | Sweetly scented, grows 16ft +, needs support and shelter                |
| 27    | Red & White currants / Gooseberries   | Ribes Rubrum / Ribes uva-crispa   | Full sun / part shade                    | Well known soft fruit bushes, easily trained      | Mar to Apr       | 1,3,5,7,8,9    | Edible crop. Mildew and prickles on gooseberries                        |
| 28    | Hyacinth                              | Hyacinthus orientalis   | Full sun / part shade                    | Well known spring bulb                            | Mar to Apr       | 5,9            | Feed well. Lift and divide clumps every few years.                      |
| 29    | Corylopsis                            | Corylopsis pauciflora   | Part sun / part shade, shelter from wind | Small densely branched deciduous shrub            | Mar to Apr       | 9              | Cowslip Scented flowers, neat & tidy shrub                              |
| 30    | Cherries and Plums                    | Prunus avium & Prunus domestica   | Sun/Partial shade                        | Small-medium size deciduous tree                  | Mar to Apr       | 1,3,7,8,9      | Net for bird protection, cherry trees get big                           |

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