

Plant Stalwarts at Kilcoan

All plants benefit from being deadheaded – remove all blooms once they have gone over (except decorative seedheads such as astilbe and grasses).

Front garden

Geranium Rebecca Moss, pale pink, long flowering and great in a shady spot

Geranium sylvaticum alba – a lovely white early flowering for shade

Persicaria Red Dragon – great foliage plant

Dianthus carthusianorum A great see through plant, magenta pink, long flowering

Rosa Bonica, an easy disease free rose, long flowering, can be kept small or trained into a small climber

Diascia vigilis – long flowering, great front of border plant

Cottage Garden

Penstemon Just Jayne (cerise pink) the best penstemon, strong growing and long flowering

Lychnis coronaria – pink and white, easy to grow with silver, felt like foliage

Assorted dahlias – great for filling a gap left by earlier flowering perennials

Various phlox – Doghouse Pink, White Admiral – can be “Chelsea chopped” by cutting off 1/3 to ½ of the height in late May.

Luma apiculata Glanleam Gold – variegated evergreen myrtle with lovely cinnamon bark

Geranium Rozanne – very long flowering with large flowers (Purple and white)

Shady Garden

Brunnera Jack Frost – great in shade with blue flowers in spring, followed by great foliage all summer.

Lamium Beacon Silver – another good plant for shade with pink flowers that the bees love.

Euphorbia Silver Swan

Orchard

Rose Ispahan & Belvedere – both great old roses, pale pink and longer flowering than other old roses

Bupleurum fruticosum – lovely evergreen shrub with yellow flowers

Herb Garden

Oregano, thyme and lemon balm, angelica archangelica, eupatorium purpureum all great for bees

Prunella grandiflora Altenberg Rosea – great groundcover with pink flowers

Verbena Bampton – dainty purple flowers

Upper Garden

Euonymus planipes – lovely red and orange fruit in autumn with lovely foliage colours (dingle dangle tree!)

Anemanthele lessoniana – pheasant grass – a great grass with airy flowers / seedheads

Pittosporum eugenioides variegatum – lovely large leaved evergreen

Nepeta Walkers Low (in front of blue seat) great lavender substitute loved by bees and butterflies. Lovely planted under roses or at the front of the border.

Pittosporum Irene Patterson – lovely small pittosporum that doesn't need pruning

Tree – liquidambar Worplesdon – wonderful autumn colours on foliage

Prairie Border

Grass hordeum jubatum, the foxtail / barley grass – self seeds among plants without being a nuisance.

Grass anemanthele lessoniana (pheasant grass)

Crocsmia – many varieties – good yellow varieties include Golden Fleece & Honey Angels

Kniphofia Mango Popsicle

Achillea Cloth of Gold, long flowering flat yellow flowers, suitable for a wild garden – easy from seed.

Autumn Borders

Penstemon Sour Grapes, another great penstemon

Various achillea grown from seed (summer berries & Colorado)

Various astilbe – useful for its pretty foliage (Purplelance a good variety) and decorative seedheads in addition to the flowers

Anthemis Sauce Hollandaise – also great for “Chelsea chopping” lemon flowers and pretty foliage, gets quite big

Veronicas (Red Fox small for front of border) – useful vertical spires to contrast with the mounds of other plants

Monarda Prairienacht – bright pink medium height late summer flowers

Persicaria Taurus – long flowering and loved by bees

Stone Raised Beds

Polemonium Stairway to Heaven – lovely variegated Jacobs Ladder

Dicentra luxuriant – very long flowering

Primula Appleblossom

Crocsmia Dusky Maiden – lovely bronze foliage

Crocsmia Mars – large orange flowers

Geranium Bill Wallis – small flowers but lots of them! Flowers really well in May to July and then if cut down, flowers again late August to September

Roses along hawthorn hedge

Blush Noisette – lovely dainty clusters of pale pink flowers and long flowering

Maigold – flowers in May and then again in late summer

American Pillar vigorous growing bright pink rambler – good in the rain

Bobbie James – semi double white flowers – very vigorous (not suitable for small gardens)

The great shrub (large shrub/small tree) that I mentioned – physocarpus – varieties include Lady In Red, Diablo, Darts Gold and the compact variety Chameleon

Rose hedge – rosa virginiana – a useful hedging rose with healthy foliage, lovely autumn colour and great hips

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