



Dictamnus albus
var. purpureus

oured flowers on long thin stems.

Crambe maritima

This is primarily a foliage plant with thick wavy leaves somewhat like cabbage. They form a loose open clump and in early summer stout flower stems arise to bear wide heads of creamy white flowers. It grows naturally in seashore shingle so appreciates a well drained site in full sun.

Height 60cm Spread 50cm

Teucrium scorodonia
'Crispum Marginatum'

Forget the flowers, this low growing carpeter has attractive suede textured foliage with finely crinkled edges to the leaves; the colour is green overlaid with fine white hairs. It grows in sun and partial shade and accepts drought.

Height 30cm Spread 40cm

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These slow growing plants require a warm sunny site and appreciate high levels of calcium in the soil. The dramatic flower spikes of large flowers in a shade of soft mauve are decorated by purple veining and these go on to form attractive seed heads. In the heat of summer the plants give off aromatic vapour that can be ignited by a flame when the air is still; it has never worked for me.

Height 80cm Spread 40cm

Achillea 'Summer Wine'

One of many low growing achilleas for weaving into planting schemes, Achillea 'Summer Wine' is tough and reliable making low mounds of grey green leaves and sporting numerous ruby red flower heads. Others to consider are A. 'Fanal', 60cm, red fading to yellow, A. 'Hella Glashoff', 80cm, pale yellow, A. 'Terracotta', 80cm, orange brown and A. 'Walter Funcke', 70cm, orange red

Height 70cm Spread 60cm

Eryngium × tripartitum

Sea hollies are at home in steppe conditions. This reliable hybrid makes low spreading clumps of tough wiry stems and dark green leaves that cover themselves in late summer with small bright blue thistle like round spiky flower heads.

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Achillea 'Fanal'



Euphorbia - Anthemis - Asphelodine - Sedum - Stipa

This scheme has a fresh, clean appearance with silver grey foliage and yellow flowers setting the tone. Stipa grasses are typical for steppe conditions needing the open, sunny and well drained conditions they offer. Recent changes in nomenclature mean that the familiar species used in this scheme is now to be called *Nassella tenuissima*.

- 2 × 1 *Euphorbia myrsinites*
- 2 × 3 *Anthemis tinctoria* 'Lemon Maid'
- 1 × 2 *Asphelodine lutea*
- 2 × 1 *Sedum telephium* subsp. *ruprechtii*
- 1 × 1 *Nassella tenuissima* (Syn. *Stipa t.*)

Complementary plants

Stachys byzantina 'Primrose Heron', *Nepeta tuberosa*,
Eschscholtzia californicum.

