

Featured plants for February



A *Betula var utilis*
'Grayswood Ghost'
We hold a National Collection of all the *Betula utilis* varieties across The Royal Landscape.

E *Salix 'Yelverton'*
Willows are ideal for damp locations and provide dramatic impact, particularly when planted in a sunny spot.



C *Galanthus caucasicus*
A large flowered snowdrop with a green horseshoe-shaped mark at the bottom of the inner petals.

H *Acer griseum*
A small tree with attractive peeling papery bark. An excellent choice of tree for year round interest.



Narcissus grandiflora
'Paper White'
This plant never fails to impress. Large clusters of pure white flowers generate an intense perfume.

Later in the year



June 2012 marks H.M the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and here at The Savill Garden, we will be displaying a fitting floral tribute in the Queen Elizabeth Temperate House.



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Plants of Interest January to February 2012

at The Savill Garden

The Winter Beds, with their concentration of bright colours and glorious scent, challenge the conventional view of January and February being a barren time in a garden. Whether it be the striking willows reflecting on the water's edge, the unashamed radiance of the dogwood stems or the clove-scented flowers of the Himalayan *Daphne bholua* 'Jacqueline Postill', there certainly is a lot to enjoy at this time of year.

With so many witch hazels currently in flower, we have chosen to feature some of the distinctly coloured hybrids in the Garden. *Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Pallida' is particularly renowned for its bright colour and sweet perfume. As with colour, scent can also vary greatly amongst witch hazels.

The Queen Elizabeth Temperate House offers a relaxing spot, even on cold and wet days, where cyclamen, hyacinths and narcissi fill the air with uplifting perfume.

Bark is another theme in our plant selections this month. There are a surprising array of textures and colours to be seen during the winter months ranging from the polished mahogany-look of the *Prunus*, the 'jungle camouflage' appearance of the *Stewartia pseudocamillia*, to the characterful craggy bark on the oak trees

The extensive plantings in Summer Wood forge ahead with promise of brimming new displays of hydrangeas. This ambitious new planting scheme will reinvigorate this part of the Garden, with the first flush of displays expected in August 2012.

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B *Helleborus argutifolius*
An imposing hellebore with dramatic evergreen foliage. A very adaptable plant that thrives in sun or shade.

D *Hamamelis 'Aphrodite'*
A quite rare variety with very distinct burnt orange flowers.



G *Hamamelis x intermedia 'Diane'*
A large shrub, with an open habit, that should be grown in full sun or partial shade.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Pallida' **F**
Witch hazels are the supreme winter flowering plants and this cultivar, with its striking primrose colour, also has the most delicious sweet fragrance.



The Savill Garden



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KEY:

- Plants of Interest
- Numbers relate to finger post signs, provided to assist orientation around the Garden.
- Yellow path denotes wheelchair and child buggy access.

Head Gardener's Notes

Winter can be an extremely busy time when developments in the Garden can proceed without the distractions of summer maintenance. There is always much planning and preparation work for the coming year.

- To achieve the most dramatic winter stem colour from your willow display, cut the plant to the ground in early March. This technique is known as coppicing.
- Washing the stems of your white birches with warm water and a soft brush dramatically enhances their appearance, particularly through the winter months.
- Enhance your witch hazel displays by pruning back the new growth in late spring. This pruning will lead to a greater density of flowers later in the year.

Harvey Stephens, Head of The Savill Garden

Enjoying The Savill Garden

The Savill Garden is a place of enjoyment, relaxation and education for all.

The gravel path provides a wheel-chair and push chair friendly route right around the garden - just follow the map.

Children of all ages are welcome to The Savill Garden, where they can revel in the freedom it provides and the inspiration it can give them.

In order that all of our garden visitors enjoy their visit in safety, we ask that:

- Children are supervised at all times.
- They avoid going too close to water areas, where the banks may be slippery.
- You avoid all garden equipment and machinery as the Garden is a working environment.
- Respect is given to all plants and wildlife in the Garden.

Picnics are not allowed in the Garden itself. Please enjoy our superb picnic and children's play area beside the Obelisk, which is just to the right of the Savill Building as you exit. There is also a large expanse of grass here for ball games, which are not permitted in The Savill Garden.

For your convenience, there are toilets in the Savill Building.