

*Welcome to Simon's Garden Nursery*

the home of Kelmscott Dahlias

## **Ordering & Cultural notes for first release of 2022 Bedding Dahlias**

These are mostly new releases to the market following trials of other Bedding Dahlia varieties of 2020 & 2021.

These former varieties will be available as pot grown tubers from first- or second-year tubers and will be released as they develop.

They are mostly the 2021 varieties depicted on the website Dahlia section 'Our Plants' PDF 'Border & Bedding Dahlias' – that list will be re-issued shortly.

There are also earlier releases of more Border & Bedding varieties that may be available from stock plants, again that list will be released shortly.

The First Release for 2022 listed above are available in limited quantities as 'Tube' plants @ \$6.00; Small 10cm pot @\$9.00 and a larger 14cm pot @ \$12.00. There are also 4 Cell large punnets (single variety only) @\$24.00

## **Recommendations for purchase:**

For country orders by post – only the Tubes and 10cm pots may be safely packed and posted – Select Australia Post on your order.

For country orders by Courier (your choice of Courier) either 14cm (8 to a cradle) or 10cm pots (12 to a tray); or 4 Cell large punnets (16 Cells/4 x4 punnets per tray – Select Pick up/Courier.

For Home Delivery in Perth Metro area – as country orders - 10cm or 14 cm pots – Select Home Delivery, fixed price \$9.50.

ALL OF THE ABOVE HAVE AN AUTOMATIC 10% WHEN ORDERED ON-LINE.  
CASUAL PICK UPS AT STANDARD PRICE

## Cultural Notes

Our Border & Bedding Dahlias are produced from vegetative virus free cuttings; or micro, mini or pot tubers.

They are sold in Tubes approx. 5cm wide x 8cm deep; small 10cm pots, 14cm pots or a pack of 4 cm 8cm cell punnets. This is to suit variety of delivery and re-planting options.

In all cases check potting mix moisture status (by finger or moisture meter) and water to moist condition if required.

The potting mix is a free draining nutrient enriched mix containing Pearlite for best drainage – if repotting (recommended for Tubes and Small pots) and use a similar quality mix.

If re-potting in a much large sized pot increase the proportion of Pearlite and add some Coir, chunky composted bark (Orchid mix) or similar, to increase moisture/nutrient retention and drainage.

Only repot when roots are showing through the drainage holes but not 'root bound'

For a final pot at 30cm+ is recommended.

Plant to same depth or a little lower, if a bit lanky (tall and long spaces between laterals a lower pair of leaves may be removed and then planted just up to the next set of leaves. This applies to both planting in pots, or garden beds.

For planting out, choose a good sunlit area but provide for afternoon shade, never in an area that is wet or has poor drainage.

There are lots of options for initial and on-going feeding, choose what you are familiar with, some adjustments to PH are sometimes required, Dahlias prefer slightly on the acid side but also improve with Lime or Dolomite/Gypsum.

Watering – always water in well then allow to drain. For plants that have not formed tubers water the whole plant. As tubers develop (as they usually do at some stage) keep watering away from the centre, or 'crown' of the plant and water more to the natural dripline of the leaves.

The tubers form roots, sometimes quite long ones, to absorb moisture and nutrients.

Mulch before hot weather.

Apply foliar feed and slow release, and a high Potassium based fertilizer (Rose food or Tomato feed is fine).

There will be further notes on plant management, maintenance, etc later in the season, and further releases of Border and Bedding Dahlias, as well as the taller 'Standard' Dahlias

If you have questions about Dahlias drop me an email at [kelmescottdahlias@gmail.com](mailto:kelmescottdahlias@gmail.com)

Happy gardening and Dahlia growing.

Cheers, Simon