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	<p><b>Echium aculeatum</b>          Low compact, woody, branching shrub with very narrow, lance shaped, spiny, leathery leaves.</p> <p><b>Type: Shrub    Colour: White    Height: 1.2m (4ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; background-color: yellow;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM001</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium amoenum 'Red Feathers'</b>          An architectural plant with straight, russet red flower spikes from May to first frosts, maturing to shades of pink and purple, produced from dark green foliage. Drought tolerant once established, surviving on almost total neglect. A short lived species so leave some flower spikes intact towards the end of the season for re-seeding if desired.</p> <p><b>Type: Biennial    Colour: Red    Height: 30cm (1ft)</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium angustifolium (Narrow-leaved Bugloss)</b>          A rarely cultivated showy annual to biennial with a flat, basal, dark green leaf rosette that produces attractive silvery branching stems with pale pink flowers, fading to lilac blue with age.</p> <p><b>Type: Biennial    Colour: Pink    Height: 20-40cm (8-16in)</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium asperrimum</b>          A rarely cultivated showy biennial with a flat, basal, dark green, coarsely hairy leaf rosette and a broadly pyramidal shaped multi branching inflorescence with pale lilac-red flower tubes.</p> <p><b>Type: Biennial    Colour: Pink    Height: 30-60cm (1-2ft)</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium boissieri</b>          A rarely seen tall bristly biennial. A specimen plant which makes an impressive rosette and usually a single spike of funnel – shaped, icing pink flowers with red filaments.</p> <p><b>Type: Biennial    Colour: Pink    Height: 60 – 250cm (2 -8 ft)</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium brevirame</b>          A strongly branching, low woody shrub with narrow, lance shaped spiny, leather like leaves. Makes compact flower stem with many pure white, narrow flowers.</p> <p><b>Type: Shrub    Colour: White    Height: 30-100cm (1-3ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; background-color: yellow;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM003</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium candicans (Pride of Madeira)</b>          A sub erect, woody shrub with large, broadly lance shaped, smooth leaves and intensive blue flowers in a cylindrical inflorescence.</p> <p><b>Type: Shrub    Colour: Blue    Height: 1.5-2m (6ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; background-color: yellow;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM004</b></p>

	<p><b>Echium decaisnei</b>  A much- branching, woody, low shrub . A very robust species with dome shaped inflorescence and white flowers with slightly pink tinge. The light green leaves have spiny hairs above and on the underside they are limited to the middle and edges of the leaf, only.</p> <p><b>Type: Shrub      Colour: White      Height: 1-2m (3-6ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM005</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium fastuosum</b>  A beautiful, branching perennial, easily grown in the cool greenhouse or conservatory, with soft, white, hairy leaves and large, dense panicles of deep blue, bell-shaped flowers - each one a gem.</p> <p><b>Type: Shrub      Colour: Blue      Height: 1-2m (3-6ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM006</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium gentianoides</b>  From this rare plant, beautiful brilliant blue cup-shaped flowers emerge from pink buds. It has smooth, broadly lance shaped leaves with blue-silver foliage, only slightly hairy underneath.</p> <p><b>Type: Shrub      Colour: Blue      Height: 70cms – 1.5m (2.5- 5ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM007</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium italicum</b>  A rarely seen species that produces a slightly branching, pyramidal inflorescence with pale blue to white flowers above a basal, flat rosette of dark greyish green, coarse leaves. The flowers have long protruding stamens with translucent filaments.</p> <p><b>Type: Biennial      Colour: Pale blue/White      Height: 1 - 1.5m (3 – 5ft)</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium nervosum</b>  A compact, low woody shrub with broad cylindrical to egg shaped inflorescences of pale blue to pale bluish-rose (rarely pure white) flowers above narrow, densely hairy, silver green leaves.</p> <p><b>Type: Shrub      Colour: Blue      Height: 1 – 1.5m (3 – 5ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM008</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium onosmifolium</b>  This species has narrow, blackish green, spiny leaves that form into an interesting cylindrical shape.  The plant produces many narrow-tubed, perfectly white flowers in dense, cone shaped spikes.</p> <p><b>Type: Shrub      Colour: White      Height: 1m (3ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM009</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium pininana ‘Blue Steeple’ –(Tree Echium, Tower of Jewels)</b>  This truly magnificent eye catching species initially produces a palm tree-like rosette on a thick woody stem. A year or two later, the centre, shoots upwards, producing thousands of jewel like flowers that are a magnet for bees and other pollinators.</p> <p><b>Type: Biennial or Triennial- Monocarpic      Colour: Blue      Height: 4m (13ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM010</b></p>

	<p><b>Echium pininana 'Pink Fountain'</b>  A cross made between the fabulous <i>Echium wildpretii</i> with its four foot, fat red spike and the giant blue <i>Echium pininana</i>. The result can be up to a 15 inch wide, tapering tower of delicate pink flowers. A real talking point of any garden!</p> <p><b>Type: Biennial or Triennial - Monocarpic</b>      <b>Colour: Pink</b>      <b>Height: 2 -3m (7-10ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM012</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium pininana – 'Snow Tower'</b>  This amazing species produces a large rosette of leaves on a thick 'trunk' eventually reaching up to full flowering height after 2-3 years when the plant becomes covered in a cascade of snow white flowers in late spring/early summer. This eye catching plant produces thousands of jewel like flowers that are a magnet for bees and other pollinators.</p> <p><b>Type: Biennial or Triennial - Monocarpic</b>      <b>Colour: White</b>      <b>Height: 3 -4m (10 – 13ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM011</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium russicum</b>  This is one of the most attractive biennial <i>Echiums</i>. A native of eastern European countries this species should tolerate temperatures up to minus 20°C making it ideal for mixed borders in the UK. It produces a rosette of narrow bristly leaves and a spike of deep- red flowers .</p> <p><b>Type: Hardy Biennial</b>      <b>Colour: Burgundy Red</b>      <b>Height : 50cm (20in)</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium sabulicola (Sand bugloss)</b>  A creeping species native of rocky sites and sand dunes near by the sea in the Mediterranean region. It produces showy, dark purplish-blue flowers on elongating stems with dark green leaves.</p> <p><b>Type: Biennial</b>      <b>Colour: Blue/Purple</b>      <b>Height: 20-30cm ( 8-12in)</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium simplex – Pride of Tenerife</b>  Makes a perfectly white inflorescence and this species is excellent for growing in a container. The plant has large, smooth leaves which form a magnificent dense and broad rosette up to 1.2m (4ft) in diameter. Definitely a showstopper!</p> <p><b>Type: Biennial / Triennial - Monocarpic</b>      <b>Colour: White</b>      <b>Height: 2-4m (6-12ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM013</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium strictum</b>  A middle sized plant with large, smooth dark green leaves and candle like spires of many delicate pink flowers. It makes a good species for its compact growth, dark green leaves and brilliant flower colour.</p> <p><b>Type: Biennial/Short lived perennial shrub</b>      <b>Colour : Pink/Blue</b>      <b>Height: 70 - 120cm (2-4ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM014</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium tuberculatum</b>  A swelling, spreading mound of rough stems is smothered with a summer-long succession of delicately marked, deep rose pink tubular flowers.</p> <p><b>Type: Half hardy perennial</b>      <b>Colour: Pink</b>      <b>Height: 50 -100cm (2-3ft)</b></p>



	<p><b>Echium Virescens</b> A multi-branching woody shrub with lance shaped silvery green and soft hairy leaves. It bears pink or bluish flowers on several spikes.</p> <p><b>Type: Shrub    Colour: Pink    Height: 1.5 – 2m (5-6ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM015</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium vulgare (Common Vipers' Bugloss)</b> This bristly species produces a rosette of narrow leaves and spikes of funnel shaped flowers that attract bees and other insects. Excellent plant for a wildlife garden and mixed borders. Will readily self-seed under good conditions. Can survive cold conditions up to minus 20°C.      Excellent bee plant!</p> <p><b>Type: Hardy Biennial    Colour: Blue/Purple    Height: 30-90cm (1 – 3ft)</b></p>
	<p><b>Vulgare 'Blue Bedder'</b> A beautiful plant, bushy and compact. Dark green leaves and bearing in Summer, dense spikes of exquisite violet-blue flowers that become tinged with pink as they age. Bees and pollinators love them!</p> <p><b>Type: Annual    Colour: Blue    Height: 30 – 60cm (1-2ft)</b> <b>Flowering : June, July, August</b></p>
	<p><b>Vulgare 'Pink Bedder'</b> A delightful partner to 'Blue Bedder' with similar bushy compact form. Flower spikes are shades of warm pink. Very rare in cultivation.</p> <p><b>Type: Annual    Colour: Pink    Height: 30 – 60cm (1-2ft)</b> <b>Flowering : June, July, August</b></p>
	<p><b>Vulgare 'White Bedder'</b> Another companion of 'Blue Bedder' with dense spikes of white flowers.</p> <p><b>Type: Annual    Colour: White    Height: 30 – 60cm (1-2ft)</b> <b>Flowering : June, July, August</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium webbii</b> A beautiful and easy species from sunny spots in open rock crevices in the pine forest of La Palma. Similar to Echium virescens, yet inflorescence narrower with brilliant violet blue flowers and broader deep green leaves.</p> <p><b>Type: Shrub    Colour: Blue    Height: 1 -1.5m (3-5ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM016</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium wildpretii - Tower of Jewels, Taginaste roja</b> A magnificent and fantastic showy plant which produces narrow lance shaped, silver hairy leaves in a dense rosette up to 1 metre (3ft) in diameter. Several thousands of funnel shaped red flowers, emerge from a stunning single spire which are arranged in arching circles. This plant is a symbol of Tenerife.</p> <p><b>Type: Half-hardy monocarpic perennial    Colour: Red</b> <b>Height: 2 – 3m (6 – 10ft)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>National Plant Collection® EM017</b></p>
	<p><b>Echium vulcanorum</b> A very rare woody, perennial bush that has leathery, silver-green leaves. Large, cone-shaped clusters of pearly white flowers , just under 1 inch long, with streaks of blue emanating from the centre. Echium vulcanorum is a long-lived species that blooms well for many years given the right conditions. Very rare.</p> <p><b>Type: Shrub    Colour: White    Height: 2m (7ft)</b></p>