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Exploring your passion for plants and gardening



The BBC Gardening website has lots of information about plants and growing techniques as well as handy hints from expert gardeners.



What you need to have covered already:

- Switching on your computer
- Using a mouse
- Desktop and icons
- Using a keyboard
- What the internet is
- Searching the internet

Carol Klein

Gardening presenter



“The internet opens up a whole world of possibility to explore my favourite passion, gardening”



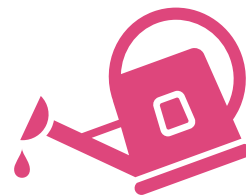
Exploring your passion for gardening using the BBC Gardening website



Keen gardeners will enjoy this simple step by step guide to using the BBC Plant Finder.



- How to use the **BBC Plant Finder** to search for information on plants, seeds and growing techniques





BBC Plant Finder

The Plant Finder can help you find detailed information about a wide range of plants and seeds. This useful interactive tool is sure to provide inspiration for your garden.



This section covers:

- How to use the **BBC Gardening Plant Finder**
- Using a website's own search engine
- Searching a database using keywords and drop down menus





BBC Plant Finder

Opening and using the Plant Finder



Open the **BBC Gardening homepage** by typing the address **www.bbc.co.uk/gardening** into your web browser.

The **Plant Finder** tool can be found on the left side of the homepage by scrolling down slightly.

It has a **search box** like all search engines.

The screenshot shows the BBC Gardening homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the BBC logo and links for News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, TV, Radio, and More. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is titled 'Gardening' and features a large image of red flowers. Below this, there are several sections: 'Gardening Programmes' (TV and Radio), 'Gardening Blog', and 'Plant finder database'. A green arrow points to the search box in the 'Plant finder database' section.



BBC Plant Finder

Opening and using the Plant Finder



To search for a plant you need to type **key words** into the search box.

Practise by typing the word 'daisy' into the **Plant Finder**.

Click on the **search** button to start your search.





BBC Plant Finder

Opening and using the Plant Finder



The **Plant Finder** will find all the plants on the database with daisy in their name.

These results will appear as a list of plants.


Click on the name of a plant to **select** it.





Plant finder


Search results


next 4 results ▾


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***Arctotis x hybrida* 'Flame'**
 African daisy
- 

***Aster laevis* 'Calliope'**
 Michaelmas daisy, Aster
- 

***Aster pyrenaicus* 'Lutetia'**
 Michaelmas daisy
- 

***Bellis perennis* 'Pomponette'**
 Bellis daisy
- 

***Brachyscome* 'Blue Mist'**
 Rock daisy
- 

***Brachyscome iberidifolia* 'Summer Skies'**
 Swan River daisy



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Opening and using the Plant Finder




Selecting a plant takes you to a new page where you can view more detailed information about the plant, including photographs, when to plant seeds and hardiness.



Plant finder

African daisy

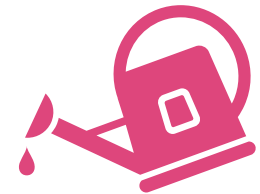


Common Name: African daisy
 Genus: *Arctotis*
 Species: *x hybrida*
 Cultivar: 'Flame'
 Skill Level: Experienced
 Exposure: Full sun
 Hardiness: Half Hardy
 Soil type: Well-drained/light, Acidic, Chalky/alkaline
 Height: 38cm
 Spread: 23cm
 Time to plant seeds: March to May

Arctotis are showy South African daisies that enjoy a good drought. In a hot sunny position on light soil, the silvery-grey bushes will be transformed into a startling show of large 10cm (4in) blooms in a vibrant colour range, from white and cream to bright red, with gold or dark centres. In dull weather and late in the day, they will close, but open again at a touch of sunshine and warmth. They deserve a prominent position and make ideal subjects for containers. Named varieties such as 'Flame', selected from among modern compact hybrids, also make excellent potplants. The Royal Horticultural Society has given it its Award of Garden Merit (AGM).

Search by name of plant

Tip: Use the singular (petunia), not plural (petunias). Enter common or Latin name. **Search Plant finder**





BBC Plant Finder


Opening and using the Plant Finder



Practise your searching skills by typing different plant names into the **Plant Finder** and have fun exploring the BBC Gardening website.

Indoor plant

Marmalade bush



Common Name:	
Genus:	
Species:	
Skill Level:	
Exposure:	
Hardiness:	
Soil type:	
Height:	2m
Spread:	

Colourful is an understatement when it comes to this bush. Its bright orange flowers are almost shocking. The flowering season is from late spring to early autumn. The plant grows up to 20cm (8in) tall.

Perennial

Bear's breeches



Common Name:	
Genus:	
Species:	
Skill Level:	
Exposure:	
Hardiness:	
Soil type:	
Height:	1.5m
Spread:	
Time to Flower:	

A statuesque architectural plant, the upright stems and bell-shaped flowers form the decorative detail. The plant adds classical elegance to the garden. The large, dark green, leathery leaves are a feature.

Trees

Norway maple



Common Name:	
Genus:	
Species:	
Cultivar:	
Skill Level:	
Exposure:	
Hardiness:	
Soil type:	
Height:	25m
Spread:	

The Norway maple is a fast-growing tree that can easily confine its spread for many years. It is a popular choice for a satisfying rounded crown and a reliable windbreak. The foliage is a vibrant green.

