

# Special plants *Pat Mansey*



## *Canarina canariensis*

This is a winter flowering perennial and a deciduous climber, producing soft orangey-red pendulous bell shaped flowers with recurving petal tips. The flowers, which appear from September to March, are held at the ends of hanging branches, making a very gracefully shaped plant.

*C. canariensis* leaves are triangular with toothed edges and are a soft shiny green. The plant, being deciduous, dies down and disappears completely during the summer; it should be kept dry until new growth appears, when watering is once again required.

*C. canariensis* is best kept under glass when flowering, although the leaves will survive a minimum of  $-2^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The winter flowering characteristic makes it a great joy during the dark months when there is little else around.

## *Linaria genistifolia* subsp *dalmatica*

This linaria, a member of a large family of cottage garden flowers, has two-lipped, sharp lemon flowers and makes a lovely fresh coloured splash among other plants. It grows happily in my scree garden among blue irises and makes a pretty display. *Linaria dalmatica* grows with upright stems of flowers to about three feet, is a fully hardy perennial which flowers for many months and is easily grown from seed.



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