

Special plants *Pat Mansey*

Alstroemeria 'Ligtu Hybrids'

These tuberous summer flowering perennials give a beautiful range of colours. On two foot high stems they bear small lily-type flowers, sometimes as many as twenty, in a head of glorious colours, from pale peach through orange, coral, to deep pink, all with freckled deep red markings. Each stem of flowers has its own colour, but when planted in a mass, the colours vary through this wonderful range. *Alstroemeria* 'Ligtu Hybrids' make very good cut flowers.

A native of Chile, growing in dry scrub land, this plant emerges in spring with twisted grey green leaves up a stout stem. It can be grown from seed which is freely produced, or it increases slowly from its fleshy tuberous roots. A. Ligtu Hybrids stand out as the most beautiful among all the new alstroemeria cultivars recently produced.



Deutzia setchuensis var. *corymbiflora* AGM

This is a deciduous upright shrub, reaching six feet when mature, with interesting peeling pale brown bark. Its leaves are grey green, lance shaped, and the flowers, produced in summer in domed corymbs, are star shaped and brilliant white. The flower buds are an attractive feature, making small greeny white balls in various sizes. This *Deutzia*, with such an off-putting name, is an easy plant, enjoying a warm sunny site, and it can be readily propagated from cuttings.