

## Bullet proof plants

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### General

- Alchemilla mollis
- Mexican fleabane -Erigeron karvinskianus
- Grape hyacinth – Muscari armeniacum
- Ivy/hedera algeriensis 'Gloire de Marengo'
- Cyclamen hederifolium

### Bad soil

- Spiraea japonica 'Firelight' 'Shirobana'\* keep to 2/3ft high and long flowering season
- Cornus alba 'elegantissima', 'sibirica variegata'\* 4ft high - mushroom compost and plant through it. Good pink and purple autumn colour and red stems in winter.
- Physocarpus opulifolius 'diable d'or' good on wet ground. Rejuvenate by cutting out some of the old stems to give new growth space.
- Berberis thunbergii 'Rose Glow'
- Lonicera nitida 'Baggessen's Gold'
- Rosa rugosa Fru Dagmar Hastrup
- Rosa flower carpet pink or white\*- long flowering may- Nov, survive any weather conditions. Good with rosemary, lavender, sage. Tough and disease resistant
- Weigela florida variegata
- Deutzia 'strawberry fields' - need to be pruned properly. When flowers have finished cut some of the flowered stems right down to the base. Keep an open habit. Tall so can be underplanted with lower shrubs.

### Shade

- *Polystichum setiferum* - evergreen, water only occasionally. Good for under trees.
- *Buxus sempervirens elegantissima* - ?potassium deficiency
- *Mahonia japonica* - good Lilly of the valley scent. Goes red in autumn. Flowers over winter. Chop it hard back after flowering if it's a bit leggy.
- *Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle'. Cut back hard to 2-3cm or 2 buds up if new. Not too much manure or organic matter.
- *Viburnum davidii* - evergreen
- *Epimedium versicolor sulphureum*
- *Sarcococca confuse*
- *Aucuba japonica* 'Rozanne'
- *Pulmonaria* 'Blue Ensign'
- *Euonymus fortune* 'Emerald Gaiety'
- *Liriope* 'big blue' in autumn
- *Choisya white dazzler* 3-4ft, dense evergreen, flowers twice

#### Dry soils and chalk

- *Geranium Rozanne*
- *Potentilla* 'Primrose Beauty'
- *Lavendula angustifolia* 'grosso' - buy at least 2L plant or bigger if you can. Very robust English variety. More hardy than the French ones. Plant slightly higher than ground level and cover with grit or gravel. Dies most from spray on the base of the plant.
- *Brachyglottis* 'Sunshine'
- *Philadelphus* 'Belle Etoile'
- *Sedum herbstfreude* - great for bees and butterflies. Tough plant.
- *Sambucus* 'Black Lace'
- *Buddleja miss ruby*- dwarf variety, good fragrance, bees love it.
- *Crataegus monogyna* (common Hawthorne) - good fruit in autumn and blossom in spring
- *Elaeagnus* 'Quicksilver'

- *Elaeagnus x ebbingii*

#### For clay

- *Viburnum opulus roseum* - quite vigorous and unruly. So prune out some of the stems that have flowered each year.
- *Viburnum opulus*
- *Rosa rugosa hansa* - long flowering season
- *Rosa the mayflower* - outstanding fragrance
- *Rosa eustacia vye* - good cutting rose
- *Hydrangea paniculata*\* cut back to 1-2 buds above where you cut the previous year. Good for autumn display
- *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Silver Dollar'
- *Salix Mount Aso*. Can be grown in a pot and in the garden. Enjoy catkins and then cut right back as soon as they're done. Good in a vase.
- *Sorbaria sem*

#### Deer and rabbit resistant

- *Digitalis* / foxglove
- *Choisya ternata*
- *Clerodendron* 'Carnival'
- *Helleborus Connie*- cut leaves off as the flowers start to emerge to stop leaf spot as this will ruin the plant over time.
- *Daphne odora aureomarginata*. Don't like to be waterlogged.
- *Cistus x hybridus*

Note: also look on Beth Chatto Gardens website for resilient perennials.