

## 8. *Ceratostigma willmottianum*



*Ceratostigma* can be evergreen or deciduous shrubs or herbaceous perennials, with simple leaves which usually colour well in autumn, and short terminal or axillary spikes of salver-shaped blue flowers in late summer and autumn. *C. willmottianum* is a small deciduous shrub with lanceolate leaves to 5cm in length, turning red in autumn. Flowers 2.5cm in width, rich blue, in dense terminal clusters.

## 9. *Ligustrum lucidum*



The *L. lucidum* or Chinese privet at Uppark draws comment every year. It is classified as an evergreen shrub/small tree, with simple, entire leaves and panicles of small, often unpleasantly scented white flowers in spring or summer, followed by black or deep purple berries.

### Do you agree with our choices?

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## Welcome to the garden at Uppark



**September** – enjoy the late season flowering perennials and shrubs as the growing season draws to an end.

### 1. *Hydrangea aspera* 'villosa group'



This upright deciduous shrub with ovate velvety leaves and deep pink/purple flowers in flattened corycombs up to 25 cm across is at its best. The shrub grows to 3 metres and can be seen in the island beds and close to the entrance to the tea garden where the deep red leaves of **1.a *Cotinus coggyria* 'Grace'** (below) close by intensify the colour.



### 2. *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Kyushu'



'Kyushu' is an upright deciduous shrub with slightly glossy ovate leaves. Slender, conical flowerheads with many creamy-white sterile florets appear from late summer to mid autumn.

### 3. *Clerodendrum trichotomum*



Close by in the peripheral bed between the large copper beech tree and the newly planted restoration bed is a large shrub with ovate dark green leaves and white star shaped flowers which are beautifully fragrant. In October these flowers will be followed by bright blue berries. Sometimes known as the glory tree it prefers full sun and is fully hardy.

### 4. *Anemone huphensis* var. *japonica*



These tall Japanese anemones produce large clumps of tall pale pink and shining white open flowers with 3-palmate basal and mid stem leaves. They have been in flower for some weeks providing good late flowers in the island beds and along the dairy border.

### 5. *Aster novae-angliae* 'September Ruby'



These plants provide great late season colour in the autumn months and form a bushy clump, bearing loads of small daisy flowers. This is a tall-growing selection with deep ruby-red blooms. Pinch plants before July to reduce height, or plan to give support with stakes.

### 6. *Caryopteris x clandonensis* 'Heavenly Blue'



Excellent for cutting. Most asters will be troubled much less with powdery mildew when grown in a moist, rich soil. Divide plants every two to four years to maintain vigour.

In front of the café and in the dairy border is this delightful small aromatic shrub with grey green toothed leaves and clusters of blue flowers. Avoid pruning it in the winter to provide a little more protection from the elements and prune in spring.

### 7. *Perovskia atriplicifolia* 'Blue Spire'



A delicate plant with silver/grey white leaves and stems and tubular violet-blue flowers in panicles up to 30 cm long. See these in the scented garden and dairy bank borders.