

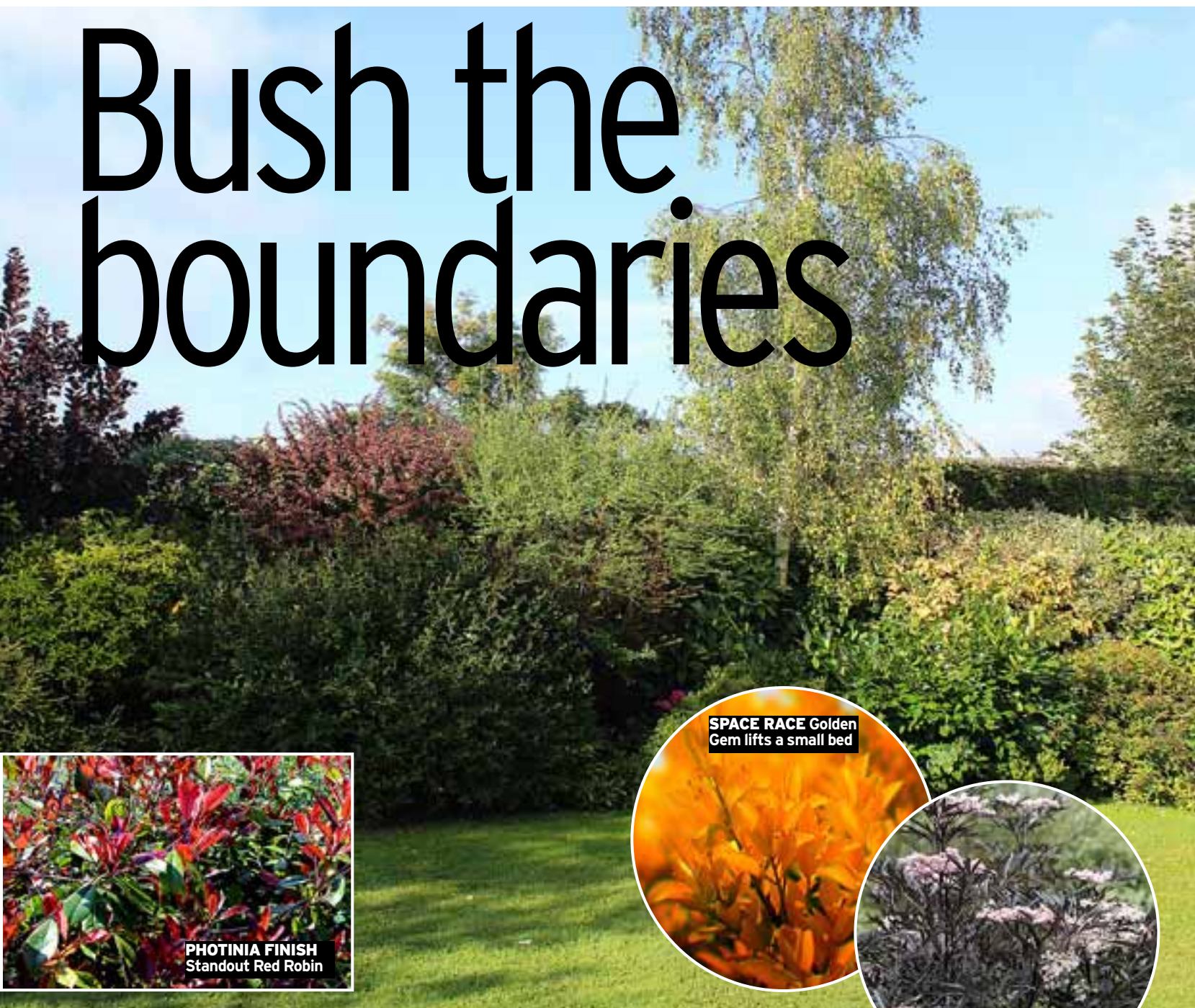
# club



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# Bush the boundaries



**PHOTINIA FINISH**  
Standout Red Robin



**SPACE RACE** Golden Gem lifts a small bed



**GO GOTH** Black Lace's dramatic pink sprays



## OFFER of the week

We are delighted to offer a wonderful selection of patio and conservatory bougainvillea. A common sight throughout southern Europe, it is becoming a must-have summer shrub in Britain. They are ideal for growing in large pots and containers where their elegance and charm catch the eye. Flowering in summer and well into autumn - bring indoors in October. We have four exciting colours. Supplied as 9 cm pot plants. Free delivery within 14 days. You can buy one for only £11.99 and choose from (a) Pink (b) Orange (c) White or (d) Lilac as illustrated. Or get all four colours for half-price: Bougainvillea Collection £23.98.

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feature once the plant loses its greyish-green variegated leaves. The crimson stems are at their best in full sun against an evergreen backdrop.

### **Cotinus coggygria** **'Royal Purple'**

This large deciduous shrub makes a focal point of any border. Commonly

referred to as a "smoke tree" thanks to its sprays of feathery flowers that appear against the brooding burgundy leaves. Try it in sun or partial shade.

### **Ilex crenata** 'Golden Gem'

This low-growing shrub is a great choice for smaller gardens, where its happy, bright yellow foliage should

help to make your space feel larger. It's an unfussy plant that requires only plenty of sun and a little room to spread.

### **Weigela** 'Looymansii Aurea'

Also bringing pretty pale pink flowers from spring onwards, this weigela has golden yellow leaves that appear lime

green when shaded. It's incredibly easy to grow in any soil type or aspect, and will even brighten up a very shady corner of your garden - although it can grow in full sun as well.

### **Sambucus nigra** 'Black Lace'

This large shrub is a most unusual choice, with its gothic deep purple foliage that resembles the intricate details of a black lace gown. Fantastic sprays of pink flowers are offset by the dramatic foliage in spring, shortly followed by clusters of edible dark fruit. You'll also be rewarded with a rich red autumn display - try it in full sun in moist but well-drained soil.

### **Salix integra** 'Hakuro-nishiki'

Also called the flamingo willow, this aptly named deciduous shrub or small tree has flamboyant foliage that first emerges pink, transforming over time to a dappled pink and white with speckled green. The leaves will gradually green through summer, before they drop in autumn and reveal orange red stems. Give this spectacular plant a sunny spot with plenty of room.

## inspire our gardening envoys



Enter our brilliant Cultivation Street competition for your chance to win a share of the £20,500 in prizes for winners and runners-up.

Cultivation Street ambassador Graham Bicker describes the role he has taken on as "really rewarding".

He said: "I really enjoy the moment when you see a child has grasped how their food is grown. It's nice to see how they feel inspired."

Graham, 72 - pictured left with local schoolchildren - is assistant plant area manager at Littleheath Garden Centre in Bromsgrove, Worcs



- part of the Garden Store group. He said: "We've been working on themed, permanent displays.

"We hope to add sections over time - fragrant garden plants, plants for wildlife, plants for food, etc. I'd urge people to come and find the different ways we use our gardens.

"We want to help make gardening accessible, so we created a library of simple and cheap project ideas for

schools and families to download and enjoy for free from our website."

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Dad-of-three Graham added: "Not all children will develop an interest in gardening - but you'll often be surprised by the ones that do."

Our champion garden centre ambassador will win £1,000, second prize wins £500, third £300 plus 12 runners-up will each receive £100.

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## GADGET



### All set for relaxation? Get in the swing of it

Don't forget, the garden is not just a place for hard work - it should be somewhere you can rest and recharge your batteries.

And what better way than by swaying gently in a hammock on a warm day? This double garden salsa hammock from Vivere really is a little bit of luxury.

It'll take two adults and, best of all, you don't need trees - the stand comes with it. You can even move it indoors if the weather turns. I found it for £133.99 at [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk).