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# Gardening



## Give blanket weed some proper stick

What is the best way to remove blanket weed from my pond? Tom, via email DAVID: Use a pointed stick and carefully swirl it around in your pond as though you were making candyfloss. You will find that the blanket weed will cling to the stick naturally, which you can then pull out and add to your compost heap.



# My No1 fan club for fragrant rock stars

Can you recommend some good plants for an alpine rockery garden, please?

Dominic, St Albans, Herts

DAVID: Alpine varieties of dianthus (pictured) are a great option for a rockery and also bring a lovely fragrance as well as vibrant pink flowers. And you could also try creeping thyme, sedum, sempervivum or aubrieta, which produces a carpet of pretty purple flowers.

## **TIP** of the week

Add ground-up pieces of eggshell into the soil or pots to control blossom-end rot caused by a calcium deficiency - in your tomato plants.

## **GET IN TOUCH**

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You can add a whole new dimension to your garden with delicious fragrance so shop with your nose and sniff out these winners

cented summer evenings are a thing to treasure. With the right plants, trees and shrubs, your garden will awaken your senses as you water your plants or sit and relax.

There's nothing quite like walking through the garden with the subtle scent of honeysuckle or roses.

Plants emit scents to attract pollinators such as butterflies and bees, which are vital for the garden to thrive. But it also brings sound and movement as bees bumble happily around your sweet garden.

Whether from flowers or foliage, there are lots of ways to add fragrance. So shop with your nose.

If you're looking to buy a rose plant, go in July, August or September, ensuring they are in flower so you can get a good idea of their scent.

#### **FLOWERING PLANTS**

Viburnum works hard to bring fragrance to the garden. It has beautiful, heady flowers that arrive in early spring. Try Viburnum carlesii or juddii for spectacular flowers and a sweet aroma.

For something bigger, philadelphus, known as mock orange, has hugely scented blooms. 'Belle Etoile' is one of my favourites. Or breathe in lilac, lavender and rose, planted in beds and borders.

If you are looking for scent out of season, try Daphne, which is probably one of the strongest perfumed flowering plants. It brings a lovely scent earlier in the year than most other plants.

Or get night-scented phlox. It's a small plant – I have one in my garden – that doesn't smell at all in the day. Then, in the evening, it suddenly kicks in with a very special fragrance.

### **FOLIAGE PLANTS**

Scent is not just about flowers. Foliage plays an important part, plus you get to reach out and touch a plant's foliage to get that beautiful scent.

Rosemary is an exceptional plant,







not only as a top shrub for your garden but also for its culinary uses.

Sage and oregano are also superbly fragrant herbs. Sage comes in a variety of colours, including purple, gold and the classic silvery green. And oregano blasts out the freshest scent.

Another top choice for fragrance is Perovskia 'Blue Spire', otherwise known as Russian sage. It has incredibly aromatic foliage. Or try



### MICHELIN STAR Plants in bold tyres

# Piling on the

Our brilliant community gardening campaign is in full swing but there's still time to compete for your share of £20,500 in prizes.

The winner of best Cultivation Street community project lands £5,000 - and James Slim, a councillor in Essington, South Staffordshire, has just entered.

James, 42, created Essington in Bloom earlier this year to encourage residents to work together to beautify their village. He said: "It was daunting