



A. s. 'Gold Kobold'

***Aurinia saxatilis* 'Gold Kobold'**

Aurinia saxatilis (syn. *Alyssum saxatile*) includes a whole range of useful, tried-and-tested varieties that delight gardeners in spring, and are a popular source of nectar for bees, butterflies and other insects. It is on the RHS 'Plants for Pollinators' list. *A. saxatilis* has been a gardener's staple in UK rockeries and rock gardens since the 18th century. An early spring bloomer, it is one of those plants whose bright flowers tempt us back out into the garden after the dark days of winter.

Jelitto's breeding team has developed a new compact variety called *A. s.* 'Gold Kobold', the earliest to flower, without the need for vernalisation. It was the best performer in their trials, which included new cultivars such as *A. s.* 'Summit' and *A. s.* 'Gold Rush'.



C. t. 'Flore Pleno Mix'

Two of Jelitto Seeds' highlights for 2021

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It has abundant golden-yellow flowers from March to May, and again in September to October, with a compact growth, the flowers held only 12cm above the vigorous, silvery foliage. It is very different from the traditional varieties, and blooms in the first year after a late spring sowing. It is very hardy, tolerating harsh winters.

The company have named it 'Gold Kobold' because of its bright flowers in spring and autumn, and its compact form ('kobold' means gnome or sprite – a mischievous creature in German folklore). It can be sown in spring for autumn flowering. *A. s.* 'Gold Kobold' thrives with good drainage and full sun and, if given what it likes, should reward you with long seasons of golden-yellow flowers.

***Campanula trachelium* 'Flore Pleno Mix'**

This is a double version of the nettle-leaved bellflower: *Campanula trachelium* 'Flore Pleno Mix'. An upright, sturdy plant, it is well adapted to a range of conditions. Tolerant of dry summers and light soils, it loves the sun, but still feels at home in partial shade. In the garden, it competes with weeds, fills empty spaces and looks good in a cottage-garden style. The second ring of petals making up the double flower give it an appearance of porcelain in close detail. Flowering from July to September, a mass planting of this mix should be a beautiful sight. 🌸