

Garden UPDATES

Keep the birds happy and healthy this autumn, plant colourful perennials, then turn over for your September garden to-do list

Plant OF THE MONTH

Add a contemporary feel to borders, rockeries, and pots with the arching *Festuca* 'Sunrise' ornamental grass. Plant it in full sun and watch as the beautiful orange-red flowers from late-summer turn a magnificent warm copper-orange as autumn arrives. A robust perennial, the *Festuca* 'Sunrise' can survive in even the coldest of British winter temperatures. It doesn't need feeding or much watering, just a trim once in a while, making it the perfect low-maintenance evergreen to add year-round interest to your garden. Priced at £14.99 from Thompson & Morgan.



Blown away

Keep your garden tidy as the leaves start to fall with this VonHaus leaf blower. Compact and lightweight, it has a shoulder strap for added comfort and a 35L collection bag so you can drop the leaves straight onto your compost heap. The VonHaus 3-in-1 Leaf Blower is priced at £49.99.



PICK OF THE BUNCH

Whether you're gathering the last of your tomatoes to bring inside and ripen for chutney or foraging for blackberries to turn into a crumble, this practical and durable willow trug will let you do so in style. Once your harvest is in, you can press it into service as a rustic vessel to display your favourite dried flowers. The Large Manor Buff Willow Trug is priced at £30 from Gone to Seed.



HELPING HAND

Give garden friends a nice place to perch as they prepare for the colder winter months with this stunning copper bird seed dish from Dibor, priced at £21. Got a seventh anniversary coming up? Add a hanging tag with an engraved personal message for a beautiful copper wedding anniversary gift.



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