

Highlights of Margaret's Garden Year

The exact time of bloom or harvest will depend on the weather that year



January	Garrya Elliptica dangles its catkins in the Eastern corner of the front garden. Viburnum Bodiensis "Dawn" displays pink vanilla scented blossom in the back garden. Snowdrops create a white stream in the 'mini-wood' on the western boundary at the back
February	Snow drops continue in the back garden. Pale yellow primulas, which may have been flowering spasmodically since November or earlier become more conspicuous in the front garden. Leeks add variety to winter vegetables.
March	Hellebores, purple, pink and white, flower by the path in the front garden. The early daintier daffodils herald the coming of Spring.
April	Late daffodils and mid-season tulips welcome Easter. Early bees visit cherry, plum and pear blossom.
May	Pink and white apple blossom looks down on scented narcissi. Tall fluted tulips rise from a sea of blue forget-me-nots. The first lettuces. The last leeks. A black bird sings from the tip of a holly tree.
June	Rosa 'Buff Beauty' flaunts fragrant blossom on the front garden's Western boundary. Allium 'Star of Persia' parades gigantic purple globes above now fading forget-me-nots. Allium Purple Sensation stands to attention. Delphiniums declare summer is here and so do Strawberries.
July	Crimson Crocosmia 'Lucifer' followed by its still taller but more orange relative Crocosmia masoniorum stands out against the greenery of lawn and shrubs. Hanging baskets of surfinias grace the back wall of the house For the kitchen garden runner beans and courgettes provide their first produce smug in the knowledge they will last to the end of October. Tomatoes in the greenhouse will carry on to November. For fruit we have loganberries, the first flush of Raspberry JoanneJ and the intense taste of black currants.
August	The first Dahlias come into bloom. Until the first severe frosts Dahlias will remain the mainstay of the garden. yellow correopsis towers above them. Now its fruit galore. Plums and damsons, the first apples and thornless blackberries.
September	Dahlias are now in their prime Michaelmas daisies add variety. Mid-season apples fall to the ground Peppers hang red and yellow in the green house.
October	Yet more Dahlias and spiny Pyreantha with startling orange fruit. The second flush of JoanneJ raspberries will continue into November
November	Stately Mahonia Japonica creates a spectacle with fanning yellow blossom. Late eating apples promise to store until strawberries ripen next year.
December	The first fragrant flush of Viburnum Bodiensis "Dawn". Dangling twigs of the birch tree glow orange in the low winter sun. Blackbirds have left alone the red cotoneaster even if they have gobbled up the more decorative holly berries intended to decorate the hall
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