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Press Release

Delicious Desserts

All good meals are enjoyable followed by a dessert and if this can be included as part of a healthy diet of '5 A Day', then a little indulgence can be appreciated without any guilt.

For years, soft fruits have been added to summer puddings, or cooked and added to pies. The only exceptions to this are raspberries and strawberries and, in more recent years, blueberries, all of which can be picked, washed and eaten straight from the plant.

New for 2009, Thompson and Morgan is introducing more succulent soft fruits to its already extensive fruit collection, which can be eaten fresh from the plant as deliciously tempting desserts.

Blackcurrant Ebony New 2009 is 'the sweetest ever Blackcurrant!'

Ebony is an outstanding dessert variety with a Brix sweetness measure of up to 15. Normal blackcurrants only have a Brix measure of between 8 and 10. Biting into one of Ebony's sweet berry fruits gives a taste experience similar to eating a sweet black cherry.

Ebony has been specially selected for gardeners as the bushy plants have a slightly open, spreading habit, making harvest easy. The plants additionally have good mildew resistance, another home gardener benefit.

Ebony will be ready to harvest from early-mid July and will produce heavy crops of large, firm fruit up to twice the size of normal blackcurrants. Ebony's deliciously sweet flavoured fruits are superb eaten fresh in a fruit salad or as a tasty snack.



Blackcurrant
Ebony



Gooseberry
Xenia

Gooseberry Xenia New 2009 is one of the best new gooseberry introductions in recent years. Xenia is a very heavy cropping dessert gooseberry with gorgeous, large deep red skinned fruits with an exceptionally sweet flavour when fully ripe towards the end of June.

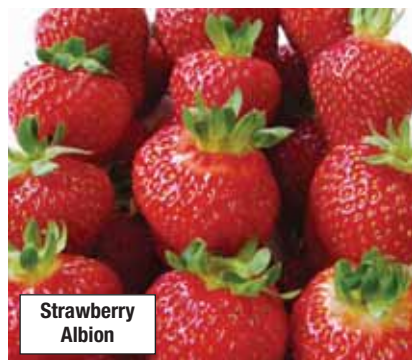
Xenia is sweet enough to eat either fresh from the plant or delicious in a pie. It is sure to become a gardener's favourite because the strong upright bushes have almost spine free stems making harvesting a pleasure. Xenia also has excellent mildew resistance.

Strawberry Albion New 2009 is the latest breeding in ever-bearing strawberries.

Strawberries are no longer just a treat at Wimbledon, since Albion starts producing fruit as early as June continuing through to October in several flushes. Each plant is capable of producing 450g (1 lb) of mouth-wateringly juicy fruit each year!

Albion is ideal for planting in strawberry beds or in containers on the patio where a plentiful supply of deliciously sweet, large, dark red berries will be ready to harvest throughout the summer.

The link to our website for more fruit information and to order on-line is: www.thompson-morgan.com/fruit. Alternatively to order by telephone call the order line: 01473 695225. To obtain a free copy of the 2009 Thompson & Morgan Seed Catalogue call 01473 695224. To locate your nearest stockist call: 01473 688821 or visit our website.



Strawberry
Albion

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