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| 16. CAHERHURLEY PLANTS NATIVE TO IRELAND   Educated long ago as a qualified botanist, I love and understand wild plants. Already as a 9 year old boy I had a plot in my parents garden where I grew my own wild plants. Now 63 years later I still grow them.  It is nice to add some native species to a garden, but in my view it would be a mistake to create a garden or bed with exclusively wild native species. If you want to create a feature for biodiversity, I advise to mix in some native Irish species with other Caherhurley plants. Native Irish species alone wouldn’t be sufficient to support foraging insects and other wildlife.  Many plants from other countries that feel at home in Ireland have, over the course of many decades, sometimes centuries, found a niche here in our ecosystem for themselves.  All Caherhurley varieties, including the non-non-native Irish plants, originated from species growing in the wild somewhere in Europe, or sometimes further afield, in a climate and with other conditions similar to Ireland. They are close to the original species, showing their natural appearance and subtle beauty. Caherhurley plants blend well with Ireland’s vegetation and landscape. If a plant feels happy here, then grow it.  Gert Stam, grower at Caherhurley Nursery. | | | | | |
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| Perennials: | |  |  |  |
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| Allium ampeloprasum babingtonii | | | |  |
| Agrimonia eupatoria | | |  |  |
| Cardamine pratensis | | |  |  |
| Dipsacus fullonum | |  |  |  |
| Fragaria vesca | |  |  |  |
| Galium odoratum | |  |  |  |
| Geranium sanguineum | | |  |  |
| Geum rivale | |  |  |  |
| Inula helenium | |  |  |  |
| Lychnis flos-cuculi | |  |  |  |
| Primula veris | |  |  |  |
| Primula vulgaris | |  |  |  |
| Silene dioica | |  |  |  |
| Smyrnium olusatrum | | |  |  |
| Stellaria holostea | |  |  |  |
| Tanacetum parthenium | | |  |  |
| Tanacetum vulgare | |  |  |  |
| Veronica chamaedrys | | |  |  |
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