

Lychnis - Care Guide

Caring For Lychnis

Campion, Catchfly

Few herbaceous borders are without a representative of the *Lychnis* genus. The cultivated garden forms are closely related to *L. flos-cuculi* (ragged robin) which already grows wild in so many woodland gardens flowering in late spring or early summer.

L. x arkwrightii 'Vesuvius' is a clump forming perennial with attractive hairy brownish-green leaves. These make a superb contrast to the star-shaped orange scarlet flowers in cymes of five to ten individual notched flowers which appear in June and July. Not all the flowers open at once so the effect is long lasting. We have grown in alongside *Lobelia cardinalis* 'Queen Victoria' which has even darker purplish foliage and two lipped red flowers. Both grow up to around 2ft in height.



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Lychnis coronaria &
agapanthus umbellatus