

Winter Colour

For the Winter 2008 edition of *The Mulch*, I took photographs of nine different plants providing splashes of colour in my garden in late November. I thought this was fairly impressive until I visited the Smith's garden in Bassett, Southampton. On December 15th 2008, I counted more than 25 plants providing some colour interest in their garden, and not including some others which were about to flower (*Sarcococca*, *Hamamelis*) and those with colourful berries (*Myrtle*, *Holly*, *Daphne*). Here's a selection from my visit:



Clockwise spiral from top left image: *Rosa Graham Thomas*; *Viburnum tinus* 'Eve Price'; *Schizostylis Coccinea* 'Pink Princess'; *Penstemon* 'Rich Ruby'; *Coreopsis* sp.; *Tagetes* sp.; *Abelia grandiflora*; *Skimmia japonica* 'Rubella'; *Lavandula* sp.; *Fuchsia* 'Genie'; *Solanum jasminoides* 'Alba'; *Cotinus coggygria* 'Grace' leaves; *Rosa* 'Alec's Red'; *Penstemon* 'Apple Blossom'; *Lonicera x purpusii* 'Winter Beauty'; *Felicia aethiopica*; *Chaenomeles japonica* (Quince); *Magnolia stellata* 'Waterlily' buds; *Viburnum Rhytidophyllum* (Leatherleaf Viburnum); *Betula utilis* 'Jacquemontii' – bark.