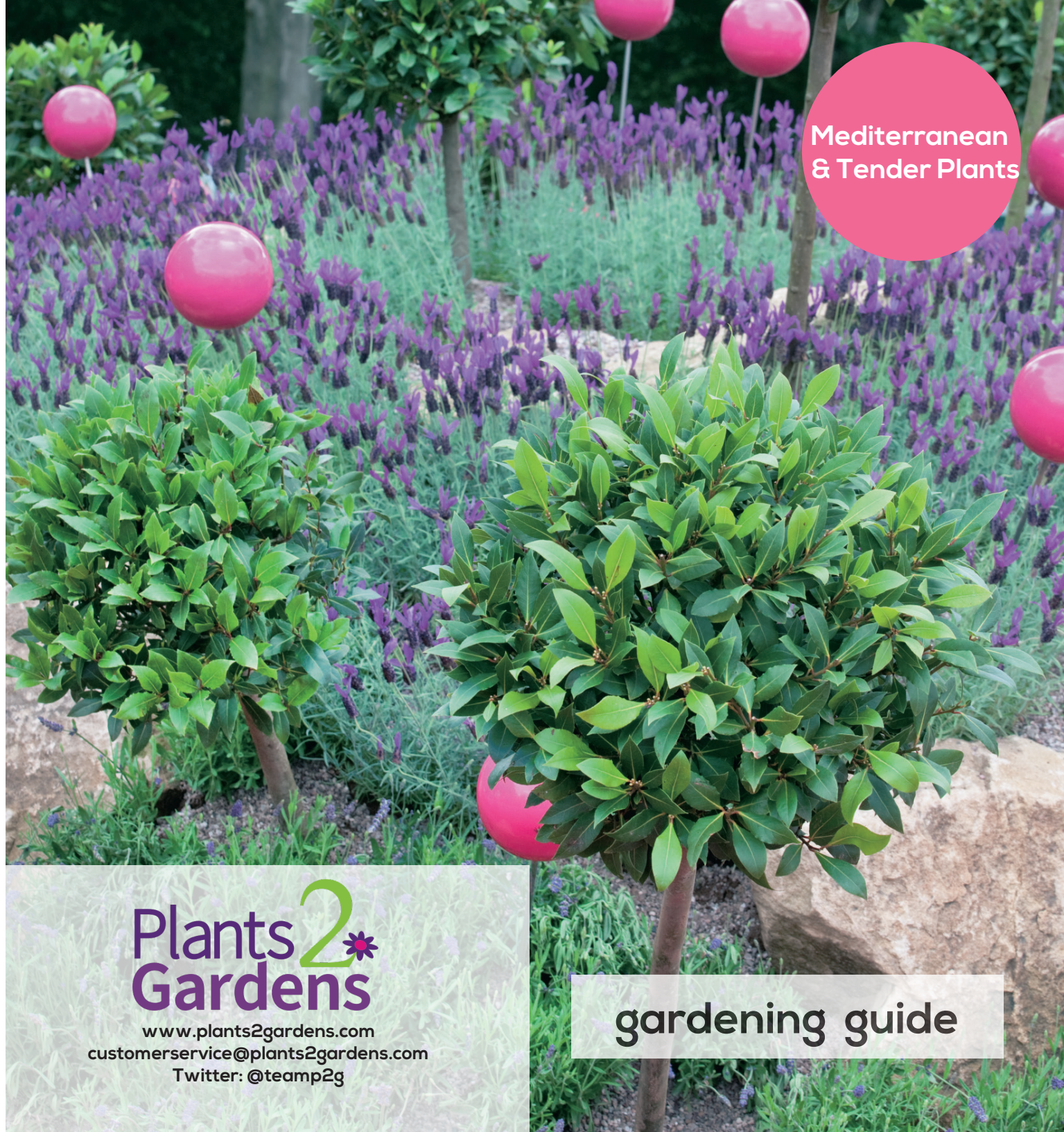


Other Mediterranean and Tender Shrubs

- Plant out in a sunny, sheltered spot.
- Water and feed regularly during the growing season.
- Whilst hardy, these plants will require some winter protection during extreme spells of cold weather. Ideally, protect plants using a layer of fleece or by placing in an unheated greenhouse if possible.
- Ensure plants are kept watered during the winter - do not allow compost to dry out.
- These plants are generally very slow growing and only require a little pruning to shape.



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Unpacking Instructions

Remove plants from the box immediately upon receipt. Remove the plastic bag from around the base of the plant /pot. These plants can be planted out immediately. Water before planting. If you do not wish to plant immediately ensure they are kept well watered.

Planting out

- Water the plant thoroughly before you start.
- Dig a hole that is slight wider than the pot. Planting holes should be the same depth as the pot to ensure that plants can be planted to the same depth as they are in the pot. Dig or fork over the bottom of the hole to loosen the soil.
- Enrich the soil you have dug out with a slow release fertiliser such as Bone Meal. Place a 5cm (2in) layer of this enriched soil in the bottom of the planting hole.
- Remove the plant carefully from its pot and if possible gently tease some of the roots away from the edges.
- Place the rootball in the planting hole, so that the plant is at the same depth as it was originally growing, and gradually fill in the space around the rootball with more enriched soil, pressing down gently as you go.
- Tread down gently around the plant to ensure firm planting.
- Water in well.
- Mulch the soil to preserve soil moisture and keep down weeds.

Planting out in a container

- Use a good quality potting soil with organic matter, not ordinary garden soil. Plant the palm at the same level that it was in its original pot.
- Feed plants regularly from May to September using a liquid feed.



Top Tip

Place in a sheltered position and in full sun to help survive harsh UK winters

Palms

Our hardy palms will survive all but the very harshest of UK winters. It is a good idea when planting these palms to select a sheltered position, out of strong winds, in full sun or partial shade

Aftercare

- Water and feed plants regularly during the growing season.
- Water palms sparingly during the winter ensuring plants are not left to dry out but are not water logged
- The lower palm leaves will die back in the Spring. At this point they should be cut back, as close to the main stem as possible.

Olives

Olives are hardy plants but will be damaged by temperature below -10C. Plants should therefore be protected from extreme cold. Olives should be placed in a sunny, sheltered position.

Aftercare

- Water and feed regularly during the growing season. Don't forget to water during the winter too, do not allow plants to dry out..
- Whilst hardy, these plants will require some winter protection during extreme spells of cold weather. Ideally, protect plants using a layer of fleece or by placing in an unheated greenhouse if possible
- Olives are slow growing and so do not require much in the way of pruning. Simply prune to shape but it is important to remember that fruit is produced on the tips of the previous year growth and so excessive pruning will effect fruit production.

