

Primula bulleyana.

Aethionema armenum.

Primula denticulate.

Lilium lancifolium 'Flore Pleno'.

Phyteuma scheucheri.

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Phacelia sericea.