



### **Acer palmatum Serio.**

Acer palmatum is best pruned when fully dormant (November to January), as maples bleed sap from pruning cuts at other times, weakening the tree. However, pruning is still best kept to a minimum as the most graceful shape comes from a tree that has been allowed to develop fairly naturally. Can be pruned to limit size if wanted.



### **Abelia grandiflora**

Deadhead regularly to prolong flowering. In autumn after flowering, lightly trim back the flowered shoots to retain a neat and tidy shape. Remove any dead or damaged wood in April.



### **Aster divaricus Eastern Star**

Cut back to the ground in March, or in late autumn if you don't like the seed heads.



### **Astrantia major Large White**

Deadhead to encourage more flowers. Remove all dead foliage after it has been frosted.



### **Box Ball**

Trim back on a dry day in summer, Derby day is traditional in early June, but it is far more important to choose a day that is not humid or damp to help prevent Box Blight getting into the cut stems. To allow the ball to grow bigger just tidy up new growth rather than cutting all the way back to mature foliage.