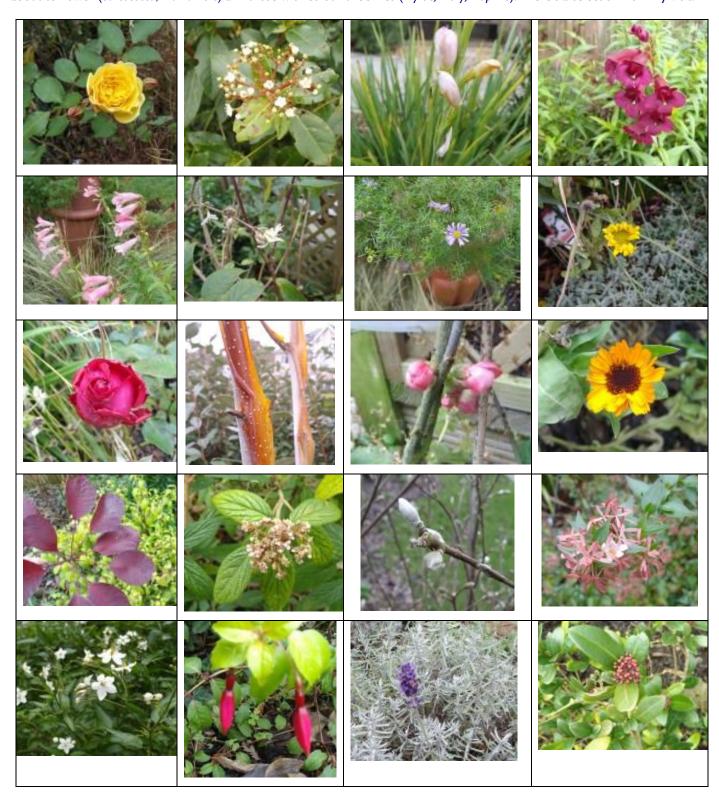
Winter Colour

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.