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Bypass secateurs with a Teflon-coated, high carbon steel blade and a forged aluminium body. Ideal for smaller hands

VERDICT These bypass secateurs are very small. I found them extremely comfortable to use, and they were very well made – especially when you take the price into account. The blades cut cleanly and precisely, while the locking mechanism was simple to use and worked effectively. A good choice.

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Ratchet Pruner

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Anvil secateurs with a Teflon-coated carbon steel blade, a ratchet action and tough nylon fibreglass handles.

VERDICT I wasn't sure about the ratchet mechanism, but it soon proved its worth, cutting through stems with little effort. The secateurs are comfortable and lightweight. I'm not a massive fan of the locking catch between the handles, but it did the job.

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