

## LIGULARIA 'THE ROCKET' - GOLDEN GROUSEL

Bold and striking! The Rocket boasts huge arrowhead shaped leaves and golden yellow flower spikes that reach for the sky in midsummer. Ligularia performs best situated in consistently moist soils rich in organic matter and partial shade. It is superb for the back of the border and makes an unusual centerpiece in a container. Ideal for marshy low-lying areas, around ponds, alongside streams, in woodlands and sheltered locations. Plant en masse at the waterside for a truly dramatic statement. The foliage is deer resistant and the blossoms attract butterflies.

Cold Hardiness Zones: 2-9 - Height: 180 cm (72")

## LILIUM ORIENTAL - ORIENTAL LILY

Stop and smell the Lilies! Oriental Lilies are among the most rewarding perennial bulbs that any gardener can grow. Their huge, fragrant blooms in shades of pink, white, and crimson are spectacular. Oriental lilies are hardy, easy to grow, and require minimal care. They enjoy full sun to partial shade locations, temperate moist summers, and will adapt to a variety of soils, although they grow best in loose, well drained sandy loam. Remove spent blooms, but avoid cutting off more than a third of the stalk, as this feeds the bulb in the ground below for the next season. When planted in the spring or fall, they will flower in late summer. They make for ideal focal points in flower beds, mixed borders, and large containers.

Cold Hardiness Zones: 3-9

Select From:

'Casablanca' – **fragrant**, pure white 10" blooms. Height 180 cm (6')  
 'Stargazer' – **fragrant**, magenta blooms with white edging and dark pink speckle. The most popular Oriental Lily ever!  
 Height 100 cm (40")

## PAEONIA - GARDEN PEONY

Classic - fragrant - Fabulous! Peonies lend an air of nostalgia and charm to any garden. They are available in a range of colours from red, pink, white and yellow. They enjoy full sun to partial shade location in well draining sandy soils. Once established, they are quite drought tolerant. Peonies don't like to be moved and are exceptionally hardy, tough plants that can live for 100 years or more. They are ideal as a focal point in the early summer garden or in mixed borders. Peony blooms make wonderful cut flowers with their sweet scent and their foliage is relatively pest free and deer resistant. Take care to plant peonies at the proper depth, 1-2" below the soil surface with the eye buds pointing up, or they will struggle to bloom.

Cold Hardiness Zones: 2-9

Select From:

'Karl Rosenfield' – **fragrant**, double red peony  
 'Sarah Bernhardt' – **fragrant**, double cotton candy pink

## RUDBECKIA 'GOLDSTURM' - BLACK EYED SUSAN

One of the most popular and best border perennials! Award winning *Perennial Plant of The Year in 1999*. 'Goldsturm' forms clumps of upright sturdy stems that carry a profusion of brown-eyed, golden yellow daisies. Blooming from midsummer through fall, it performs best in full sun and well draining, moist soils, but will adapt to heavier soils. A long-lived perennial, once established it is drought tolerant and requires minimal care. Striking in mass plantings, 'Goldsturm' is also a great companion plant in mixed borders or containers, contrasting beautifully with Ornamental Grasses, Sedum, and Perovskia. Relatively free from pests and disease, the foliage is also deer resistant. 'Goldsturm' attracts butterflies, and can be deadheaded through the season to stimulate continuous blooms. In the fall leave the dried seed cones for winter interest and to attract wild birds.

Cold Hardiness Zones: 2-9

## SEDUM 'AUTUMN JOY' - STONECROP

Endures and thrives in formidable garden conditions! 'Autumn Joy' is appreciated for its texture and form in early summer, sporting light grey-blue green succulent foliage with soft rounded toothy edges. In mid summer, massive flowerheads of pink to garnet red form and bloom in late fall. Sedum are sun-loving, easy to grow and drought tolerant once established. Sedum tend to grow among stones, in poor dry soils and is great in mixed borders, containers, and rock gardens. Attractive to bees and butterflies, it is a wonderful dried flower and offers winter interest in the garden with beautiful mahogany flowerheads. Sedum is pest and disease resistant, also deer and rabbit resistant. A classic perennial to enjoy for many years!

Cold Hardiness Zones: 3-9

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It's not always easy choosing the right perennial for your garden even when you're an experienced gardener, and if you're new to gardening, the choices in plant selection can be overwhelming. There is so much to consider like light, soil moisture, pest and disease resistance, location and hardiness, let alone size and colour. But thankfully, decision making comes easy with

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**ASTILBE - FALSE GOAT'S BEARD**

A popular choice for shady gardens! Astilbes lighten up darker areas with long blooming plume-like flowers held above airy foliage. Astilbe plants require rich, moist soil in part to full shade location. Try astilbes in containers to add textural contrast to Hostas. Cold Hardiness Zones: 3-9.

Select From:

- 'Bridal Veil' – *fragrant* bright white plumes. Height: 70 cm (28")
- 'Fanal' – *fragrant* red plumes, bronze foliage. Height: 60 cm (24")
- 'Peach Blossom' – *fragrant* salmon pink plumes. Height: 60 cm (24")

**BRUNNERA 'JACK FROST' - SIBERIAN BUGLOSS**

A fabulous shade plant! Jack Frost has clusters of petite blue blooms and dark green leaves with a silver overlay. Brunnera 'Jack Frost' is ideal for accents and edging and loves a cool shade area that is moist. A well behaved, versatile and undemanding perennial.

Cold Hardiness Zones: 3-9 - Height: 35 cm (14")

**DICENTRA SPECTABILIS - BLEEDING HEART**

Dicentra spectabilis is a true garden classic! Plants form large mounds of medium green foliage and produce arching sprays of dangling pink and white heart shaped flowers.

**DICENTRA SPECTABILIS - BLEEDING HEART CONT'D**

Dicentra love well draining moist soils in a part shade area, protect from hot afternoon sun. Ideally situated in mixed borders and woodland settings. Shear the plant back to 6 inches tall after flowering to rejuvenate the foliage. Plants often go dormant in midsummer only to return again the following spring. Cold Hardiness Zone: 3-9 - Height: 35 cm (14")

**ECHINACEA PURPUREA 'MAGNUS' - CONE FLOWER**

Voted 'Perennial of the Year in 1998' by the Perennial Plant Association! 'Magnus' produces an abundance of blooms of magenta pink petals surrounding a coppery brown cone from midsummer through fall. This vigorous grower is ideal for attracting bees and butterflies and in the fall leave the dried out cones to provide seed for finches. Echinacea perform best in a full sun area in any well-draining garden soil. Echinacea are Deer Resistant and once established Magnus is mildly drought tolerant.

Cold Hardiness Zones: 3-9 - Height: 90 cm (36")

**GERANIUM 'JOHNSON'S BLUE' - CRANESBILL**

One of the best geraniums for the perennial border! The Royal Horticulture Society (RHS) gave Johnson's Blue the Award of Garden Merit. This variety forms sprawling mounds of medium green foliage and covers itself with large saucer-shaped periwinkle blue flowers. Johnson's Blue is loves a full to part sun location and is great in containers, rock gardens, woodland and cottage style gardens where perennials often blend and mingle. Drought tolerant once established. Cut back hard after flowering to encourage fresh new growth. The bold green foliage turns to orange and red tones with the fall.

Cold Hardiness Zones: 2-9 - Height: 50 cm (20")

**HEMEROCALLIS - DAYLILY**

Easy to grow! Daylilies form dense clumps of grass-like foliage with upright stems of trumpet shaped flowers. The varieties chosen for the "Now & Forever" collection, Re-Bloom from from late spring through fall. Daylilies perform best in full sun to part shade locations. Spent flower stems can be trimmed back and old foliage removed in the fall. Hemerocallis are tough and adaptable plants and are often considered the perfect garden perennial as they are suitable for all types of landscapes, surviving conditions other perennials cannot tolerate such as polluted city environments, slopes, poor and dry soils, roadside soils receiving winter salt runoff and even under black walnut trees. They adjust to various conditions and are drought tolerant once established. Cold Hardiness Zones: 2-9

Select From:

- 'Pardon Me' – *fragrant* 3" ruby red blooms, Re-Blooms. Height: 45 cm (18")
- 'Stella D'Oro' – *fragrant* 2" canary yellow blooms, Re-Blooms. Height: 35 cm (14")

**HEUCHERA 'PALACE PURPLE' - CORAL BELLS**

Amazing foliage plants! Voted 1991 *Perennial of the Year*; *RHS Award of Garden Merit*. Palace Purple forms large dense bronze-maroon mounds of maple shaped leaves that produce clusters of small creamy white flowers in early summer. They thrive in moist, well-draining soil and prefer part shade conditions. Plant them in mixed borders, tubs, containers, and their low mounding habit makes them great edging plants. Easy to grow, just clip them back hard in early spring. In mild climates, they may keep their foliage year round. Deer and slug resistant.

Cold Hardiness: 4-9 - Height: 50 cm (20")

**HOSTA - PLANTAIN LILY**

Show-Stopping Foliage! Hostas have an extraordinary range of display with various leaf shapes, textures, sizes, and colour combinations in shades of green, blue, white, and gold with blooms in colours from white to lavender. After flowering, simply clip away the flower stalks. Hosta thrive in moist well draining soils and perform best in partial to full shade, though some varieties are more sun tolerant. Hosta are unequaled for their beautiful foliage, low care, and many landscape uses. Eye-catching when massed, Hosta also compliment other plants in mixed borders and make excellent container specimens.

Cold Hardiness Zones: 2-9

Select From:

- 'Frances Williams' – *slug resistant*, thick, heavy blue green corrugated foliage with wide yellow edges. *RHS Award of Garden Merit*. Height 70 cm (28")
- 'Guacamole' – *fragrant flowers, sun tolerant*, large corrugated light green foliage with dark green margin, *vigorous*. *Hosta of The Year 2002*. Height: 60 cm (24")
- 'Patriot' – slightly wavy dark green foliage with crisp white margins; *good sun tolerance*. *Hosta of The Year 1997*. Height: 60 cm (24")

**LIATRIS SPICATA - BLAZING STAR**

Attracts Honeybees & Butterflies! Liatris form low clumps of grassy foliage and bear tall stalks of bright magenta-purple fuzzy flowers beginning in mid-summer. Liatris is unique, it starts blooming at the top of the flower stalk, and proceeds downward. This very low maintenance perennial and thrives in well draining soils in a full sun location. Once established Liatris is heat and drought tolerant, as well it is free from pests and disease. Ideal for garden bouquets, mixed borders and containers. Cold Hardiness Zones: 2-9 - Height: 90 cm (36")

