

Sun Perennials

NEW *Agave virginica* ‘Spot’ – Spot Agave – Z6

A.k.a. Rattlesnake Aloe. Succulent leaves, up to 16” long, are covered with countless plum-purple spots. Spotting may not be present on young plants but will become more prominent with age. Eventually a towering, 4-6’ spike topped by clusters of fragrant, white-green flowers will be produced. Supposedly attracts hummingbirds. Great as a potted plant and requires full sun and good drainage. - 4 pt \$25

NEW *Allium karataviense* ‘Ivory Queen’ – Turkistan Onion – Z4 - What makes this onion so unusual are its thick, broad, gray-green foliage which can get to 4” wide. In spring, large, dense, ivory-white umbels rise 6-8” above the foliage. Great for massing in a sunny well drained garden bed. - 4 pt \$12

NEW *Allium senescens* ‘Glaucum’ – Circle Onion – Z4

The flat, twisting, blue-green leaves are what make this onion so striking. In summer, umbels of dark pink, chive-like flowers rise above the foliage. At only 12 inches it will add interest to sunny rock gardens having good drainage. - 4 pt \$12

Amsonia hubrichtii – Arkansas Blue Star – Z5
This adaptable plant has light-blue, star-like flowers in May and narrow, feathery foliage that turns spectacular, gold-yellow in fall. Native to the southern United States, this 2-3’ plant should be sited in full sun in well-drained soil. Great for massing or as a companion to broad-leaved plants. - 4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18

Amsonia x ‘Blue Ice’ – Blue Ice Blue Star – Z4
Discovered in a block of *A. tabernaemontana* at White Flower Farm in Litchfield CT., this unique compact plant has yet to be determined if it is a hybrid or species. Bright green leaves circle 12-15” stems topped with dark-blue, star-like flowers in spring. As with other *Amsonia* the leaves turn bright yellow in the fall. In full sun to light shade this drought tolerant perennial is sure to be a favorite. - 4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18 (summer)

NEW *Arum dioscoridis* – Disco Arum – Z6
In October, glossy, green leaves emerge from their summer dormancy, remaining green through the winter. In late spring an unusual flower, consisting of a purple-spotted spathe and

purple spadix, is produced, filling the air with a foul odor. Sun to part sun. 12” - 4 pt \$12

Asclepias sp. – Milkweed, Butterfly Weed
When one thinks of *Asclepias*, butterflies frequently come to mind. Named after the God of healing, *Asclepias* was once used for its medicinal properties by Native Americans. Additionally, the young leaves were cooked and eaten as a vegetable. Plants are a great source of nectar and valuable food source for the Monarch butterflies larval stage. Some species adapt to moist conditions while others are accustomed to drier sites. With a wide range of flower colors and foliage textures these beneficial perennials are an asset to any garden.

exaltata - Poke Milkweed – Z3 -
Named for its resemblance to common pokeweed, *Phytolacca americana*. From June-August, creamy-white flowers, tinged with lavender or green, hang in loose umbels from the leaf axils. This native thrives in rich woodlands. Grows 2-5’ feet and benefits from light to medium shade. - 2 gal \$18

purpurascens – Purple Milkweed – Z3
- This species is listed as “special concern” in Connecticut. Tight, spherical inflorescences consist of many deep, reddish-purple flowers. New growth emerges with a slight maroon cast and the 2-4’ tall plants are clump forming. - 2 gal \$18

NEW **tuberosa** – Butterfly Weed – Z3 - The common name says it all. In mid-summer, butterflies cannot resist the brilliant orange to orange-red flowers that explode atop 2’ stems. Narrow, green leaves are tightly arranged along the fuzzy stems and are cherished by Monarch caterpillars. Prefers well-drained, nutrient poor soils and full sun. Not easily transplanted due to its thick fleshy root system, so best planted in a permanent location. - 4 pt \$12

Baptisia sp. – False Indigo – Z3
A diverse group of plants native from the Great Plains of the west to the open woods of Maine. *Baptisia* was once used as a dye substitute for true indigo, *Indigofera* sp. The 2-5’ tall clump-forming plants produce racemes of pea-like flowers that typically rise above the blue-green foliage. These trouble-free plants grow best in full sun and tolerate many soil types.

australis var. minor – This dwarf blue wild indigo is nearly half the size of *Baptisia australis* making it an outstanding choice for gardens with limited space. Like the species, this variety has rounded, blue-green foliage and

lavender-blue flowers. – **4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$20 (summer)**

x ‘Anne’ – This hybrid of *B. sphaerocarpa* and *B. alba* was acquired from our friend Brian McGowan. This impressive drought tolerant plant produces soft-yellow flowers that top lovely blue-green foliage. Give this beauty a prime spot in the middle of the perennial garden. 3’x 4’ – **2 gal \$25**

x ‘Purple Smoke’ – This 3-4’ tall plant produces numerous dusky purple flowers atop gray-green leaves that are carried on charcoal-colored stems. An outstanding cultivar introduced by the NC Botanical Garden. – **4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$20**

NEW *Beschorneria* x ‘Ding Dong’ – False Red Agave – Z7

This unusual Plant Delights selection has thick, broad, iris-like leaves. In spring the 3’ mature plants will launch impressive 7’ flower stalks crowned with numerous red and green bell shaped flowers. Plant in full sun and moist soil. - **4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$18**

NEW *Campanula glomerata* ‘Caroline’ – Caroline Clustered Bellflower – Z3 - Large clusters of pale lavender blossoms are born atop 2’ purple stems making them ideal candidates for floral arrangements. Individual petals appear as if the tips were dipped in lilac. The classy plants put on a display for weeks during the summer months. - **1 gal \$15**

NEW *Campanula poscharskyana* ‘Camgood’ PP 13161 – Blue Waterfall Bellflower – Z4 - This is a great plant for the edge of a border, gracefully flowing over a rock wall or brimming over a decorative pot. Trailing stems are smothered with purple buds that open up to lavender-blue, star-shaped flowers. Plants will grow 4-6” tall by 2’ wide in full sun to part shade with good drainage. - **4 pt \$12**

NEW *Caryopteris divaricata* ‘Pink Illumination’ – Pink Illumination Mist Shrub – Z6 - A fine sun loving shrub-like perennial forming sizeable clumps to 5’ in height. In late summer pastel pink flowers dance atop the sturdy stems. Yellow margined foliage provides added appeal throughout the growing season. – **3 gal \$35 (summer)**

Caryopteris divaricata ‘Snow Fairy’ – Bluebeard – Z5
This exceptional herbaceous Japanese bluebeard sports fuzzy green leaves marked with irregular,

bright white edges. In August, dainty, cobalt-blue flowers shimmer atop the foliage. Plants are drought tolerant and deer resistant; performing best in full sun in average soil. - **4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$25 (summer)**

Cassia marilandica – Southern Wild Senna – Z3
An impressive 4-6’ plant in the pea family, having blue-green pinnate foliage similar to *Baptisia*. The five-petaled, yellow flowers are held in clusters in the upper leaf axils. By summer the ensuing bean pods should be trimmed to keep the plant from flopping and prevent seed dispersal. Excellent for large borders or screening. Grows well in sun to part shade and moist to dry soils. – **2 gal \$18; 3 gal \$35 (summer)**

Delphinium exaltatum – Tall Larkspur – Z4
Native to moist woods and slopes that are limestone enriched. This species forms large, vigorous clumps of gray-green palmately-lobed leaves. Late summer blooms of pale blue-violet flowers form on upright stems. Plant in part sun in moist, lime-rich soils. – **24 fl oz \$10; 4 pt \$15 (summer)**

Echinacea sp. – Coneflower – Z4
Native to the eastern and central United States, this popular plant is the source of the extract used in some cold remedies. Recent hybridization has resulted in an amazing range of colors and habits. All require full sun and are drought and heat tolerant. As an added bonus they are butterfly magnets in the summer and a source of bird food in the fall.

NEW *purpurea* ‘Green Jewel’ PP 18678 – After getting inundated with so many bright colored cone flowers it’s nice to discover, as Piet Oudolf did, one with a little more subtle elegance. ‘Green Jewel’ produces shimmering light green petals that surround a dark green cone. The fragrant flowers open on a stylish 24” plant. A great plant for those who need a break from the bright, loud colors of other selections. – **4 pt \$18**

purpurea ‘Pink Double Delight’ PPAF – One of the many exciting recent introductions with vigorous well-branching stems whose double pink blooms last for months. Deadheading is recommended for continual flowering from July-autumn. – **4 pt \$18**

NEW x ‘Tiki Torch’ PP 18839 – Brilliant orange depicts yet another of Terra Nova’s introductions. Spicy scented, 4” flowers cover 36” tall clumps. – **4 pt \$18**

NEW x 'Tomato Soup' PP 19427 – Mm, mm, good! The intense red color on this new Terra Nova introduction is hard to resist. Strong 32" stems are covered with masses of blooms from summer till frost. – 4 pt \$18

NEW *Eryngium bourgatii* – Sea Holly - Z5 Warning! Resist the temptation to touch the attractive silver-veined, dark green leaves of this sea holly. If you don't you will quickly learn how sharp and painful they can be! In the summer, gray-green thistle-like flowers form on 1-2' silvery-blue stems. Well-drained soil in full sun will benefit this drought tolerant plant. - 4 pt \$12

NEW *Eryngium planum* 'Jade Frost' PP 17370 – Jade Frost Sea Holly – Z5 - An unusual variegated form of sea holly. Beautifully scalloped, blue-green basal leaves have white margins that turn pink in cooler weather. In the summer, spiny flower heads top 30" stems. Will tolerate dry conditions and poor soils. – 4 pt \$15

NEW *Eryngium yuccifolium* – Rattlesnake Master – Z5

This sea holly has thick, long, strap-like leaves with small prickles along the edges that resemble *Yucca* leaves. In late summer, 1-3" spherical, white, thistle-like flowers are produced on 3' tall stalks. Flower heads darken to dull brown providing winter interest. 36-42" – 24 fl oz \$10; 4 pt \$15

Eupatorium sp. – Joe Pye Weed, Boneset

These giants of the late season perennial gardens are easy to grow. The coarse, whorled foliage, depending on species and/or cultivar, develops on green or purple hollow stems. By late summer and fall they are topped by large flower heads, in colors ranging from white to mauve to red-purple. A magnet for butterflies and bees.

dubium 'Phantom' – Z4 - Another compact form of Joe Pye Weed at just 4' with purple stems surrounded by whorls of dark green leaves. Lavender flowers appear in mid-summer lasting for weeks. Plant in full sun to part shade with sufficient moisture. – 4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18 (summer)

rugosum 'Chocolate' – Z4 - Rich, deep-purple foliage and 3-4' shiny stems make a bold statement in the perennial border. Creamy-white flowers open in late summer through fall and create a sparkling contrast with the dark foliage. – 2 gal \$18

Geranium x 'Rozanne' PP12175 – Rozanne Cranesbill – Z5

The large, violet-blue flowers of this exceptional hybrid bloom continuously from June to October. In the fall the dark green foliage turns a rich, brownish-red on plants that grow 20-24" wide. A Blooms of Bressingham introduction. - 4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18 (summer)

NEW *Hemerocallis* x 'Secured Borders' – Secured Borders Daylily - Z3 - In spring, this plant forms neat clumps of showy variegated leaves. The narrow green leaf centers are edged in creamy white. The variegation slowly disappears to green as the weather warms and the clumps become topped with short stalks of cheery bright yellow flowers into mid-summer. 14" x 20" – 4 pt \$25; 2 gal \$35

NEW *Iris pallida* 'Aureo-variegata' – Gold Variegated Sweet Iris – Z4 - Striking gold-yellow variegation runs lengthwise along the 18-24" sword-like leaves. Very much like the typical bearded iris, fragrant lavender-blue flowers appear in early summer. Plant in full sun with good drainage. Be careful not to plant the rhizome too deep! - 4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$18

NEW *Knautia macedonica* 'Thunder and Lightning' PPAF – Thunder and Lightning Field Scabiosa – Z4 - From the oval basal leaves to the lobed stem leaves this new *Knautia*'s grey-green foliage has stunning white margins. The double, magenta, pincushion flowers put on a vivid display. Requires well-drained soils in full sun. 12-15" – 4 pt \$12

Lillium formosanum – Formosa Lily – Z5 Last year this lily impressed us with its magnificent display of fragrant, trumpet-shaped flowers in August. In the ground, plants will reach 4-6' tall and average a dozen flowers per stem. After flowering, the seed pods dry and turn upward for added seasonal interest. Requires a rich, moist soil in sun to part shade for optimum growth. – 2 gal \$18

Lobelia cardinalis – Cardinal Flower – Z3 Native to wet meadows and stream banks, this striking member of the bluebell family produces 2-4' tall spikes of showy crimson-red flowers. Blooming in late summer and fall, the brilliant flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Plant in full sun or part shade with constant moisture. – 2 gal \$18

Meehania cordata – Creeping Mint – Z4 As a groundcover for the shaded woodland this mat-forming native is invaluable. Long trailing stems with petite, heart-shaped leaves are

covered with lavender-blue, snapdragon-like blossoms in mid-late spring. - **4 pt \$10**

***Phytolacca americana* 'Variegata'** - Variegated Pokeweed – Z5

Slow to emerge in spring this variegated form of the native pokeweed is stunning when it finally shows its white-splashed foliage. The white flowers are present from July to autumn on long, narrow, pinkish-red stemmed racemes. The copious crops of purple-black berries appear from August to September. Plants will come somewhat true from seed with variable variegation patterns from plant to plant. This 3-4' tall plant is drought tolerant and does well in sun to part shade. – **4 pt \$12**

Sarracenia sp. – Pitcher Plant

These unique plants take advantage of the harsh growing conditions of acidic, nutrient-poor bogs by using insects to supplement their diet. The pitchers are actually modified leaves, which have colorful patterns that mimic flowers. The leaves are covered with nectar to help lure insects to them. The beautiful flowers hang down from tall, thick, curved stems. These plants are easy to grow under sunny, bog-like conditions and make intriguing container subjects. Depending on the species, *Sarracenia* ranges from Canada to Florida. Thanks to the hybridizing efforts of North Carolina's Rob Gardner and Larry Mellichamp, many exciting selections are now available.

***leucophylla* 'Tarnock'** – Z5 – A selection of white-topped pitcher plant whose hoods are netted with red veins. Flowers are unique in having an extra set of showy sepals. Awesome! - **24 fl oz \$15; 4 pt \$25**

'Mardi Gras' – Z5 – Vigorous 12" tall clumps develop upright pitchers that resemble giant cobra heads highlighted with white and maroon netting. Very stunning! Great for bog gardens! – **24 fl oz \$15; 4 pt \$25**

Sedum sp. – Stonecrop

If you need a perennial for heat and drought resistance, sedums are at the top of the list. These succulents have thick, fleshy leaves. Star-shaped flowers in a variety of colors including white, yellow, pink, and red, appear in late summer and fall. Typically used in rock gardens, many new species and cultivars also make great border plants. A must perennial for low maintenance gardens and fall interest.

'Matrona' – Z3 - A classic sedum that still remains at the top of its class for durability and seasonal interest. Each 18-24" clump

showcases brilliant maroon stems cloaked with thick, gray-green leaves. In late summer plants are topped with star-shaped, pink flowers that remain attractive throughout the harvest season. Looks especially nice when massed with black-eyed susans and ornamental grasses. - **2 gal \$18**

***rupestre* 'Angelina'** - Z3 - Simply put, 'Angelina' is one of the finest groundcover type sedums available to gardeners! The durable plants are showy throughout the growing season with bright, golden-yellow foliage that resembles thick, succulent needles. In autumn, the evergreen foliage takes on rich copper and burnt orange tones. Makes an excellent groundcover in any full sun, well-drained location. Also an excellent candidate for use in the growing greenroof industry! - **1 qt \$6; 4 pt \$10 (summer)**

NEW ***sieboldii*** – October Daphne – Z3 - Of all the stonecrops this is among our favorites. The combination of round, thick, blue-gray foliage with a dark-rose margin on low arching stems is stunning. In fall the dark pink flower complement the leaves of this 12" mounding plant. Great as a container plant or in a sunny rock garden; will need good drainage. – **1 qt \$6; 4 pt \$10 (summer)**

NEW ***Solidago rugosa* 'Fireworks'** – Fireworks Goldenrod – Z4 - This goldenrod introduced by the North Carolina Botanical Garden tends to be less aggressive than the native species. The plants grow to a height of 3-4' and in late summer there is an explosion of long arching, bright gold panicles. Will grow in full sun as well as part shade; drought tolerant, and is a magnet for bees and butterflies. - **4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18**

***Solidago sp.* 'Wichita Mountain'** – Wichita Mountain Golden Torch – Z4 - Originally discovered in the Wichita Mountains of southwestern Oklahoma this clump former is a magnet for bees and butterflies. Each spike-like inflorescence consists of hundreds of bright yellow flowers. Once established plants are very drought and heat tolerant. 30" x 30" - **4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18**

***Symphytum x uplandicum* 'Axminster Gold'** – Axminster Gold Russian Comfrey – Z4 -This extraordinary perennial features 8-10" soft, hairy, basal leaves edged with wide, yellow margins. In late spring, tubular flowers in shades of pink to white emerge on 24-30" stems. – **4 pt \$18; 2 gal \$25**

NEW *Vernonia lettermanii* 'Iron Butterfly'

– Iron Butterfly Ironweed – Z4 - Not anywhere near the size of its northern counterpart *V. noveboracensis*, this ironweed will only reach 24-30". Upon looking at the neat narrow foliage it is easy to mistake it for *Amsonia hubrichtii*. However, by the time the purple flower heads appear in fall the leaves of *A. hubrichtii* are turning golden-yellow. A great foliage plant for the sunny border and once established is very drought tolerant. – **4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$18 (summer)**

NEW *Yucca filamentosa* 'Golden Sword' – Variegated Yucca – Z5 – Large strap-like yellow leaves with dark green edges are more narrow and upright than *Y. f.* 'Color Guard'. Will produce a 6 foot stalk topped by nodding, fragrant, white, bell-shaped flowers. Grows best in well-drained soils and full sun. - **24 fl oz \$12; 4 pt \$20**

Yucca nana – Dwarf Yucca – Z5

A compact plant slowly forming a 12" x 12" clump with numerous exfoliating, white, twisting hairs on its dark green foliage. When mature, 3' spikes of white, bell-shaped flowers emerge. Requires full sun and well-drained soils. - **4 pt \$15**