

Farmacie Isolde



Useful and Unusual Seeds
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Seeds and gardening are an integral part of an holistic lifestyle, and as with all living things there will inevitably be variations from season to season and from grower to grower. Indeed it is this diversity that inspires and compels us as gardeners and stewards.

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GERMINATING SEEDS

Most of the seeds you'll find in this catalog are easy to germinate, requiring only soil, water and light to transform themselves into tiny plants in just a matter of days or weeks. Some seeds require heat, other seeds require cooler temperatures. A few seeds require darkness. Frustratingly, seeds of several of the most interesting species require stratification, which is the simulation of a winter spent outdoors. Or, for the patient gardener, an actual winter.

Seeds can be germinated indoors using various techniques: some people germinate seeds using only paper towels and clear plastic bags. We prefer potted soil and artificial light. Containers need not be fancy; old yogurt cups and egg cartons are perfectly suitable. Full-spectrum light bulbs, even those made for your desk lamp, are now available at most hardware stores. Old cake and pie pans make fabulous trays.

If you want to be precious about anything, consider the soil. FoxFarm is our favorite for starting indoors, but whatever organic mix you can find at the hardware store is probably okay, too. If you're in the Hudson Valley or Northeast, Coast of Maine is a decent choice. Consider grabbing a quart of Neptune's Fish & Seaweed Fertilizer while you're at it.

Two important things to note: you'll want your soil to be moist before any seed comes into contact with it. Hydrophobic soil is your enemy. And whatever container you expect a plant to grow in has to have more than one drainage hole. Aim for five. Egg cartons can maybe handle three per cell. That's okay.

For many vegetable seeds the recommended sowing schedule revolves around your last spring and first fall frost. In general, you should plant your tomato seeds indoors at least six weeks before your average last spring frost. But tomatoes sown indoors in May and planted in June will produce just fine in a good hot summer. And if you've let your plants grow long and spindly in their pots, just plant them deep (up to the first set of healthy leaves) and reap the rewards of very deeply rooted plants in the heat of August. Gardening is not an exact science. There are no actual rules, only "guidelines".

All seeds require consistent moisture to germinate. In addition to this, they require some combination of specific temperature and light or darkness. Given their preferred cultural requirements, seeds also require time. The amount of time that a seed requires to germinate varies tremendously. Happily, the most common of garden vegetables are relatively rapid germinators, having been selected for this particular quality by humans over thousands of years.

Many perennial seeds are dormant and require a period of damp cold, or stratification, to simulate the winter conditions in their native habitat. This can be achieved easily by placing the pot into which they've been sown into the refrigerator for a specified amount of time, usually at least a few weeks, before returning to a warm location in bright light to germinate. Alternatively, the pot may be placed outdoors in a sheltered location in winter, allowing the seeds to germinate as they would normally: in spring after several freeze and thaw cycles. Either way the seeds and soil must be kept moist, so consider wrapping the pot, or at least the top of it, in plastic. Check frequently for germination. Some species will germinate at surprisingly cold temperatures.

Once seeds have germinated the seedlings should be given space to grow. Seeds germinated in communal pots should be carefully pricked out and transplanted into individual containers or cells once they have one or two sets of "true" leaves. Do try to sow as thinly as possible to begin with.

Seeds sown directly into the garden should be thinned to several inches apart once germination has commenced. Seedlings do not like to be crowded. Several species prefer to be sown in situ in late winter or very early spring, including poppies and violas, as well as lettuce, arugula, radishes, chervil, salsify and peas. Allium species like leeks and onions started indoors should likewise be planted as soon as the soil can be worked. Be sure to space them generously.

For most seeds listed in our catalog, explicit germination instructions are available on our website. Additionally, the incredible research of Dr. Norman Deno covers germination guidelines for over 2500 species and is available online via the USDA National Agricultural Library.

ANNUAL CULINARY HERBS

Sweet Marjoram

(*Origanum majorana*)

\$1.75

Indispensable in the kitchen, the small fragrant leaves of Marjoram are delicious both fresh and dried and are ubiquitous in several Mediterranean and European cuisines. Not to be confused with hardy *Origanum vulgare* which is fairly inedible. Marjoram must be grown as an annual. Sow successively throughout spring and summer. Harvest frequently. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Fijne Krul Chervil

(*Anthriscus cerefolium*)

\$2.25

Delicately curled ferny foliage has a magical and subtle flavor that whispers hints of sweet anise. It is one of the four Fines Herbes of French cuisine. Prefers cool, moist and semi-shaded locations. Sow seeds where they are to grow in early spring and autumn. Chervil does not like to be transplanted and typically bolts in protest. Self-sows when happy. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Glossy Epazote

(*Chenopodium ambrosioides*)

\$1.75

Magical little weed common to Mexican cuisine. One sprig will flavor an entire pot of beans. This strain is especially good. Very nice in a container. Snip frequently to discourage flowers. A single plant will go a long way. Likes sun and dry soil. Leaves are indeed "glossy". Packet contains 50 seeds.

Oaxacan Red Epazote

(*Chenopodium ambrosioides*)

\$1.75

Colorful strain of this common Mexican herb. Different from Glossy in flavor and form but probably more typical of the species. Seedlings are easily spied in the garden after they are self-sown. Charming. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Wild Fennel

(*Foeniculum vulgare piperita*)

\$3.25

Wild relative of the common bulbing fennel and superior source of fronds, pollen and seeds. An interesting substitute for dill. Especially delicious with carrots. Tall vigorous plants. Can be used by the handful as a vegetable. Makes incredible spanakopita and pasta con le sarde. Beloved by beneficial insects and butterflies. Will frequently self-sow. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Blue Fenugreek

(*Trigonella caerulea*)

\$3.75

Native to the Alps and Caucasus. Common to Georgian cuisine, where its dried leaves, flowers and seeds contribute to authentic khmeli suneli. The fresh herb colors and flavors Swiss Schabziger cheese. Technically a perennial with deep nitrogen-fixing roots. Suitable for use as a fodder crop and bee forage. Sadly undervalued in North America. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Ambrojia Dill

(Anethum graveolens)

\$3.25

Russia does dill better than anyone. This variety is extremely fragrant and flavorful. Blue-green fronds hold their flavor when cooked or dried. Great for pickles. Makes superior borscht and tzatziki. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Szmaragd Dill

(Anethum graveolens)

\$3.25

Polish selection with clear green fronds. Intense fragrance and flavor with notes of caraway and citrus. Holds up to freezing and preserving. Bunches are big and bright and great for market gardeners. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Caraway

(Carum carvi 'Konczewicki')

\$2.75

An especially vigorous and fragrant Polish selection. All parts of this plant are edible, aromatic and delicious, even the roots, which may be cleaned and roasted like carrots or boiled and mashed with potatoes and rutabaga. Snip and mince fronds as you would dill. Hardy biennial; seeds appear in the second year. Seeds are profoundly carminative, and in much of northern Europe are used to flavor savory foodstuffs, including rye bread, red cabbage, and potato salad. Sow directly into fertile garden soil in early spring. Thin to several inches and water frequently for biggest roots. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Aka (Red) Shiso

(Perilla frutescens var. crispa)

\$1.75

Dark red ruffled foliage. Common to Japanese cuisine and responsible for the color and flavor of umeboshi plums. Makes a beautiful pink syrup for sodas and pickles as well as a great vegan furikake. Suitable for containers. Frequently used as a bedding plant. Best show with moist fertile soil. Pinch often to discourage flowers. Self-sows generously. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Ao (Blue) Shiso

(Perilla frutescens var. crispa)

\$1.75

Sweetly aromatic seafoam green leaves look very much like those of coleus. Delicious in salads and summer rolls, muddled into cocktails, and tucked into jars of pickles. Wildly popular in Japan, where you will find this herb used to flavor everything from meatballs to Kit Kats. More subtly flavored than Aka Shiso. Pinch often to discourage flowers. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Kkaennip

(Perilla frutescens var. frutescens)

\$3.75

Also known as Korean shiso. This herb is very different from Japanese shiso in both flavor and stature. Large fragrant leaves are a dusky green with burgundy veins and undersides. Employed as both an herb and a vegetable. Toasted seeds may be ground for use as a spice or pressed for a nutritious culinary oil. Plants can grow to 5' or more. Very striking as an ornamental. Ideal for edible landscaping. Highly recommended. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Huacatay

(*Tagetes minuta*)

\$3.25

Common to the cuisines of Peru and Bolivia and source of the delicious Black Mint Paste found in Latin grocery stores. Huge plants may grow to 6'. Harvest foliage frequently in small gardens. Dried leaves make a fine tea. Medicinal. Useful in permaculture. Repels nematodes. Very late to bloom in northern gardens. Potential noxious weed in frost-free zones. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Anise

(*Pimpinella anisum*)

\$2.25

An ancient medicinal grown primarily for its fruits, otherwise known as seeds. These seeds produce the anise oil that flavors pastis, raki and ouzo. The crushed or whole fresh seeds produce superior Italian biscotti. Steamed milk steeped with anise seeds is a pleasant remedy for restless toddlers and grown-up insomniacs. Seeds require a hot summer to ripen. Plants are compact and attractive. White flowers. Too rarely grown. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Lemon Coriander

(*Coriandrum sativum*)

\$3.75

Very rare short-statured citrus-scented cilantro grown primarily for the uniquely delicious and unusually large seeds. Bright and lemony, the freshly ground seeds produce extraordinary coriander and contribute to flavorful curries and hummus. Best sown outdoors in spring. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Culantro

(*Eryngium foetidum*)

\$2.25

Tropical ethnobotanical with a fantastic flavor that is both similar and superior to that of common Cilantro. Leaves maintain flavor when cooked or dried. Slow from seed. Start indoors anytime. Germinates in a month or so at 85F. Seedlings are very tiny indeed. Tough and very long-lived in a small pot. A true perennial in the tropics. Flowering does not diminish the health of the plant nor the culinary value of the leaves. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Black Cumin

(*Nigella sativa*)

\$3.25

An ancient species whose black seeds have long been considered a panacea. Found in the tomb of Tutankhamen, discussed in the book of Isaiah, and revered by both Hippocrates and Dioscorides. Flavor is complex, combining notes of nutmeg, fennel and black pepper. Makes superior Garam Masala and Za'atar. Seeds may also be processed like those of sesame for qizha, an incredible alternative to tahini. Produces both essential and fixed oils that are suitable for culinary and nutraceutical purposes. Sow directly into the garden in early spring. Prefers to mature in dry soil. Do not coddle. Beautiful pale blue flowers in summer. Collect ripe seeds promptly once pods have dried. Packet contains 500 seeds.



"Fitches," *Nigella sativa*.

Bolloso Napoletano Basil

(Ocimum basilicum)

\$2.75

Our absolute favorite Italian basil. Big puckered foliage has the most wonderful flavor. Ideal for pesto and caprese. Substantial crisp texture. Not the flavorless "lettuce" basil that is typically available in the US, although the leaf size is similarly impressive. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Mrihani Basil

(Ocimum basilicum)

\$3.25

Collected from Pemba Island in the Zanzibar Archipelago in 1990 by Richo Cech. Uniquely serrated leaves. Powerful floral fragrance and flavor that is magical in coconut-based curries. Impervious to downy mildew. Green leaves are sometimes splashed with violet. Very nice in a container. Pinch often and provide some shade for best leaf texture. Packet contains 100 seeds.



Opalescent Basil

(Ocimum basilicum)

\$2.75

Selected from a cross of Opal and Mrihani basil made by Frank Morton. Glossy purple serrated foliage. Possesses a sweet fruity fragrance and flavor. Makes magenta syrup for sodas and cocktails. Unique. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Amethyst Basil

(Ocimum basilicum)

\$3.25

True Genovese type with gorgeous uniformly purple foliage. Glossy and substantial. Fantastic sweet Italian basil flavor. Makes a pretty purple pesto. Very nice with yellow tomatoes in a colorful caprese. Fabulous as an accent plant in the edible landscape. Sadly unsung. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Sasklavi Basil

(Ocimum basilicum)

\$3.25

Traditional Georgian selection. Green leaves with dusky purple bracts and pale pink flowers. Great fresh flavor, but especially impressive and perfumed when dried. Use both dried leaves and bracts in an authentic khmeli suneli (along with Blue Fenugreek). Easy to grow and unaffected by downy mildew in our garden. One of the most unique culinary basil we've grown. Not the most dramatic in appearance, but the flavor and fragrance are absolutely magical. Very rare here in North America. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Cinnamon Basil

(Ocimum basilicum)

\$1.75

Grown primarily for ornamental purposes in Mexico, this basil possesses a unique cinnamon fragrance and flavor. Best used to flavor stone fruit salads, syrups and preserves. Makes a fantastic cut flower. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Thai Basil

(*Ocimum basilicum* var. *thyrsiflorum*)

\$1.75

Narrow dusky green leaves and burgundy stems. Excellent sweet flavor is reminiscent of anise and cloves. Requisite for authentic Thai cuisine. Short stature makes it ideal for containers. Keep a pot of this basil on a sunny windowsill all year. Very striking in bloom. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Sacred Basil

(*Ocimum sanctum*)

\$2.75

Though traditionally grown for tea, this selection is suitable for culinary use, having sweet succulent leaves that do not toughen in full sun. Also known as "Tulsi", this basil is valued as an adaptogen in modern Ayurveda. Plants have a warm spicy fragrance. Brushing against them perfumes the entire garden. Both fresh and dried leaves produce delicious tea. Soft green foliage with lilac flowers and bright orange anthers. Tolerates cool damp climates. Will self-sow generously. Easy and useful and highly recommended for northern gardens and permacultural landscapes. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Mrs. Burns Lemon Basil

(*Ocimum basilicum*)

\$1.75

An heirloom basil from the American Southwest, first made available to gardeners by Native Seeds/SEARCH. Incredible lemon fragrance and flavor. Perfect for summer salads, salsas and sodas. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Lime Basil

(*Ocimum americanum*)

\$1.75

From Thailand. Amazing lime fragrance and flavor. Excellent for salsas and cucumber salad. Makes a delicious sorbet and a magical gimlet. Tastes like summer to me. Pinch to encourage branching. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Dwarf Sweet Basil

(*Ocimum basilicum*)

\$1.75

Small enough to grow in a little pot on a kitchen windowsill all winter. Diminutive leaves and compact habit with great flavor. Easy to grow and the best way to keep fresh basil on hand indefinitely. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Married Man Pork Basil

(*Ocimum* sp.)

\$3.25

What a name and what a peculiar basil. Listed as "Marri'd Man Poke" in some cookbooks. These phrases are painful to Google and we do not recommend doing so. Given to Peter Borchard by a gardener from Guyana. This basil has an incredible sweet fragrance that is actually reminiscent of some tropical dessert. Spicy and custardy and fruity. Totally unique. Difficult to describe. Apparently used to flavor savory foods including sausage in traditional Guyanese cuisine. We have grown it for years now and have done little with it besides rub it and sniff it and marvel. Reluctant to bloom and produces very few seeds. Perfect for containers and patio gardens. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Einfache Schnitt Parsley

(Petroselinum crispum)

\$3.25

German cutting parsley. Vigorous upright growth. Becoming a favorite among market growers for its ease of harvest, remarkable sweet flavor, and almost perpetually crisp texture. Recovers quickly from cutting. Can be started in flats or sown directly into the garden in early spring. Beloved by bunnies. Protect young plants. German seed. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Gigante di Napoli Parsley

(Petroselinum crispum)

\$2.75

Huge flat-leaf Italian parsley. Very vigorous growth and robust flavor. Exactly what we hope for in an Italian parsley. Makes perfect gremolata. Among the best selections for homesteaders and budding market gardeners. Start in flats before transplanting outdoors in early spring. Recovers quickly from repeated harvests. Italian seed. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Cilician Parsley

(Petroselinum crispum)

\$3.25

Truly unique, Cilician Parsley is named for the ancient kingdom of Cilicia, the remnants of which are extant in modern-day Cyprus, from whence this seed originated. More delicate than Italian parsley in both habit and flavor. It lacks the harsh metallic undertones that modern selections of parsley sometimes have and is instead magically aromatic in a way that is difficult to describe. It is obviously parsley, but different. And better. Suitable for containers. Prefers to grow in partial shade. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Moss Curl Parsley

(Petroselinum crispum)

\$1.75

The prettiest parsley. Garnish of choice among the tablecloth restaurants of my Midwestern youth. Not the most flavorful or tender, but holds up to snow better than any flat-leaf. Wonderfully nostalgic. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Festival 68 Parsley

(Apium graveolens x Petroselinum crispum)

\$3.25

The result of a Soviet-era breeding program in Bulgaria that sought resistance to Septoria. Vigorous plants have wonderful fragrance and flavor that persists when dried. Possesses the best qualities of both parsley and cutting celery. Makes fantastic soup. Ideal for homesteaders that produce their own dried herbs. Not as hardy as common parsley. Start in flats and set out around the date of the last spring frost. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Red Featherleaf Celery

(Apium graveolens)

\$2.25

New and improved cutting celery from Frank Morton. Crisp green leaves atop tons of narrow tender stems blushed with red. Excellent flavor. Vigorous and suitable for both containers and field production. Use stems like store celery in soups and the fronds by the handful like parsley. May be grown in a small pot on the windowsill all year long. Really great. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Chinese Cutting Celery

(*Apium graveolens* var. *secalinum*)

\$3.00

An especially tender yellow-stemmed selection with sweet delicate fragrance. Our favorite for arugula/pear/walnut/gorgonzola salads and for tossing into bowls of brothy soup. Can be grown a cool greenhouse or sown into flats under lights in a cold barn or basement all winter. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Summer Savory

(*Satureja hortensis*)

\$2.75

"Bean Weed" is perhaps the most appropriate common name applied to this species. Sow this annual savory between rows of bush beans to deter bean beetles. Add fresh or dried leaves to bean soup and cold bean salad. This organic selection is really excellent. Growth is dense and compact. Quite nice in small containers, too. Self-sows politely. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Rak Tamachat Cilantro

(*Coriandrum sativum*)

\$2.25

Originally collected at the namesake Permaculture & Natural Building Education Center in Thailand. Large plants with delicious fresh flavor. Obviously selected for leaf production, and our new favorite for tossing by the handful into salads and burritos. Slow to bolt. Called "cilantro as a vegetable" by the growers, and we concur. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Za'atar Oregano

(*Origanum syriacum*)

\$4.25

The wild oregano of the Levant. Traditional component of Za'atar. Small soft silvery green leaves. Powerful fragrance. Excellent flavor. No other oregano compares. Requisite for authentic Middle Eastern cuisines. Compact plants are perfect for containers. Tender perennial; must be grown as an annual in the north or overwintered indoors. Trim frequently. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Yauhtli

(*Tagetes lucida*)

\$3.75

Mexican tarragon. One of many anise-scented marigolds native to the Americas. Used extensively by the Aztecs. Preparations of the fresh plant have been used both internally and externally to treat maladies ranging from hiccups and indigestion to scorpion bites and lightning strikes. Sweet edible golden flowers in autumn. Beautiful en masse. Perfect for fallscaping. We list this species as a culinary herb only because most other contemporary seedsfolk do. Aside from the flowers, we feel it has only marginal culinary value. Still very much worth growing and experimenting with. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Fernleaf Lavender

(*Lavandula multifida*)

\$3.75

Tender perennial subshrub that must be grown as an annual in the north. Feathery foliage has unique camphorous oregano fragrance and flavor. Perhaps only marginal culinary value but worthwhile for the adventurous palate and wonderful in a container on the patio. Start early. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Pepicha

(*Porophyllum tagetoides*)

\$4.75

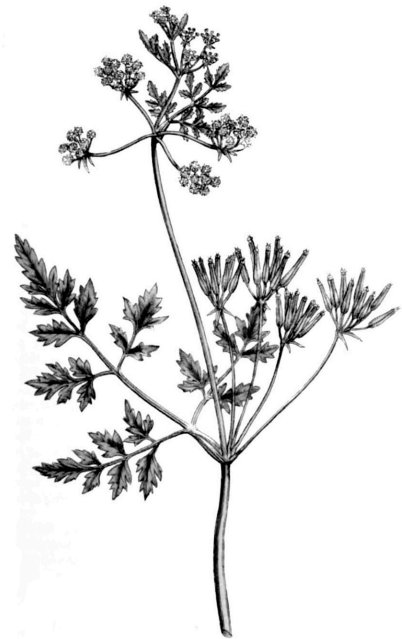
Our favorite Mexican herb, and one with an extraordinarily complex aroma: lemon, anise, marigold and mint. An explosion of flavor. Add it to tomatillo salsas and sprinkle minced fronds onto elotes. An excellent substitute for cilantro in the summer. Fragrant and attractive plants can grow to 3' and have fantastic fine texture that contrasts beautifully with other garden occupants. Just a fantastic species, truly useful and unusual and too rarely grown in American gardens. Start seeds indoors as you would marigolds. Transplant into warm soil in late spring. Aged seed germinates readily so if you like it buy a couple packets while we have it. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Radhuni

(*Trachyspermum roxburghianum*)

\$3.75

Ajmur. Common to Bengali cuisine. One of five spices intrinsic to authentic panch phoron. Often described as an inferior substitute for Ajwain, but we disagree. Not only are the seeds a worthwhile spice, the tender leaves may be used as a fresh herb and have a wonderfully unique sweet aromatic flavor. Truly a boon to gardeners in the north where the seeds may not have a chance to mature. Seeds germinate best at cool temperatures. Can be sown directly into the garden in early spring. Lovely and rare. Packet contains 50 seeds.



PERENNIAL CULINARY HERBS

Lavender Sage

(*Salvia lavandulifolia*)

\$4.25

An excellent and hardy substitute for rosemary in northern gardens. Pretty silvery foliage. Fairly similar in appearance to our common garden sage but with a narrow leaf and lavender scent and flavor. Dried leaves make a nice tea and are great with orange peel in scones and shortbread. Likes sun and dry soils. The "common garden sage" of Spain. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Casola Valsenio Sage

(*Salvia officinalis*)

\$3.75

From the Giardino delle Erbe Augusto Rinaldi Ceroni in Casola Valsenio, Italy. An old and especially fragrant selection. Subtly pubescent leaves are large and attractive and are useful for both culinary and medicinal purposes. Gorgeous purple flowers in the second year. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Golden Jubilee Agastache

(*Agastache rugosa aurea*)

\$3.75

Gorgeous glowing chartreuse selection of this Asian herb. Common to Korean cuisine. Delicious in salads, summer rolls and cocktails. Fresh leaves make a lovely tea. Deerproof. Violet nectar-rich flowers attract bees & butterflies. Perfect for edible landscaping. Self-sows politely. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Winter Savory

(*Satureja montana*)

\$2.75

Extraordinarily hardy and sturdy, this herb stands through winter beneath snow. Fresh or dried leaves are fantastic for flavoring rich creamy turnip and potato gratins, as well as bean soup. Rich in carvacrol. Fragrant and attractive little shrublets. Bees love the flowers. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Lemon Winter Savory

(*Satureja montana* var. *citriodora*)

\$4.25

Unique and rare selection with a strong sweet lemon scent and flavor. Very attractive and tidy mounding habit. Prefers to grow in hot dry soils. Best for fresh use. Extremely hardy; will stand through winter beneath snowcover. Slow from seed but worth the trouble. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Nepitella

(*Calamintha nepeta*)

\$3.75

Italian herb common to Tuscan and Sicilian cuisine. Delicate flavor is unique, with notes of both mint and marjoram. It shines brightest in the vegetarian kitchen, complimenting mushrooms, artichokes and zucchini as well as cold bean and pasta salads. Attractive plants to 1'. Beautiful little edible flowers are pale pink, lilac or blue depending on soil pH. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Lime Balm

(*Melissa officinalis* ssp. *altissima*)

\$4.75

Rare subspecies from the island of Crete. Sweet lime fragrance and flavor. Makes a magical mojito or limeade. Very nice with watermelon. Fresh leaves make a refreshing tea. Long-lived. Drought-tolerant. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Golden Lemon Balm

(*Melissa officinalis* 'Gold Leaf')

An extraordinarily ornamental selection of common Lemon Balm. Erupts from the Earth in spring a vibrant yellow. Fades to a light green by summer and makes a lovely garnish for cocktails and iced tea. Best for fresh use. Dry 'Quedlinburger Lemon Balm' for tea and medicine. Packet contains 30 seeds.

German Winter Thyme

(*Thymus vulgaris*)

\$2.75

Hardy and flavorful culinary selection. Vigorous growth in the first year. Excellent flavor both fresh and dried. Ideal for market gardeners and homesteaders that dry their own herbs. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Spanish Thyme

(*Thymus zygis*)

\$4.25

The traditional thyme of Spanish and Portuguese cookery. Native to the Iberian peninsula. Less hardy than German Winter, and more pungent. Lovely creamy white flowers top compact upright 1' plants. Makes a potent dried herb for roasted winter vegetables and white bean soup. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Tartarian Garlic

(*Allium ramosum*)

\$4.25

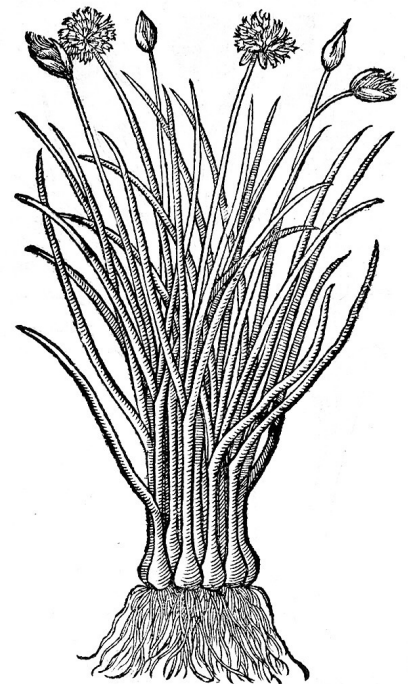
Ancient and rare. Sweetly fragrant white flowers are delicately striped with burgundy. Compact habit. Very nice in a container. Unique agricultural relic. Seeds sometimes require stratification. Try sowing indoors at 70F as well as outdoors, in a pot or the garden, in very early spring. An elegant alternative to Garlic Chives. Hardy and delicious. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Chives

(*Allium schoenoprasum*)

\$1.75

An organic selection of this beloved garden stalwart. Juicy and sublime in very early spring. Hollow stems may be used fresh or dried. Pink bell flowers are beautiful and edible and should be sprinkled willy nilly over soups and salads. Very easy, hardy and adaptable. Long-lived. Spreads politely. An excellent companion for strawberries. Packet contains 100 seeds.



Rock Hyssop

(*Hyssop officinalis* ssp. *aristatus*)

\$4.25

An unusual subspecies of this ancient herb. Compact plants are much more attractive than the species. Blue flowers buzz with pollinators. Hardy to zone 3. Excellent alternative to lavender for both landscaping and culinary purposes in cold climates. Needs sun and dry soil. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Greek Oregano

(*Origanum heracleoticum*)

\$1.75

True Greek Oregano. Not *Origanum vulgare*. Pubescent leaves with strong flavor. This is the herb that flavors pizza and souvlaki. Plants are compact and attractive. Very hardy and long-lived. Tolerates hot dry soils. Ideal for homesteaders that dry their own herbs. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Moroccan Oregano

(*Origanum virens*)

\$3.75

Also known as Spanish Marjoram. Common to Morocco, the Azores and the Iberian peninsula and frequently the culinary oregano of choice in Spanish and Portuguese kitchens. Flavorful and rich in thymol and carvacrol, but not so pungent as Greek Oregano. Grows to just over 1' in bloom. Small smooth leaves, pale green bracts and creamy white flowers. Hardy to at least zone 4. Just a lovely little herb. Sow into flats in spring. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Habek Mint

(*Mentha longifolia*)

\$3.75

Native to Eurasia and common to many Middle Eastern cuisines, this mint seems to be only rarely grown in the Americas. Soft silvery leaves are long and narrow. Fragrance in the garden is fantastic, with notes of pulegone and camphor. Dried leaves flavor traditional tabbouleh and make a nice tea for upset tummies. Plants can grow to nearly 3' in bloom and should be planted far from the garden proper to prevent them overtaking it. Ideal for natural landscaping. Best in a container in suburbia. Loves moisture and is less aggressive in dry soils. Hardy to at least zone 5. Start these tiny seeds indoors and take care to not wash them out. Packet contains 100 seeds.



PERENNIAL EDIBLES

Alexanders

(*Smyrniolus atrum*)

\$3.75

An ancient vegetable from the mountains and marshes of ancient Macedonia and named for Alexander the Great. Cultivated for millennia, and common to the gardens of medieval Europe, but now rarely grown. Mature plants are substantial, growing to around 4' in bloom. Entirely edible, the petioles were traditionally used much like modern celery. Chard buds and flowers may be tossed into soups and salads. Also known as Black Lovage on account of its large aromatic black seeds, which may be ground like black peppercorns. Best germination when sown outdoors in autumn. Appreciates moisture and tolerates salt. Biennial. Will self-sow almost indefinitely. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Buckler Sorrel

(*Rumex scutatus*)

\$4.25

Pretty little species with semi-succulent shield-shaped leaves that taste of clean bright lemon. Best in spring, but small leaf and concentrated flavor make it suitable for use as a culinary herb all season. Compact plants. Will self-sow if allowed. Packet contains 30 seeds.

De Belleville Sorrel

(*Rumex acetosa*)

\$1.75

The best strain of the most common garden sorrel. Oldest of the cultivated varieties; selected in France around 1730. Tongue-shaped lemony leaves break dormancy in very early spring. For sauce, soup and soda. Very cold hardy. Belongs in every garden. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Blood Sorrel

(*Rumex sanguineus*)

\$1.75

Green leaves with striking red stems and veins are suitable for salad in earliest spring. Highly ornamental. Very hardy. In rich moist soils the plants eventually become large dramatic clumps. Will self-sow prodigiously. We recommend cutting seed stalks in all but the most sprawling permacultural landscapes. Not the greatest culinary species but too unique and beautiful leave out. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Garden Patience

(*Rumex patientia*)

\$3.00

This species forms an impressive clump of mildly flavored and tender broad leaves. One of the first plants to break dormancy in the spring. An ancient crop, and one that is still common in Eastern Europe. Ideal for permaculture. Blanch leaves before eating. Cut seed stalks promptly to prevent unwanted seedlings. Extremely hardy and hard to kill. Tenacious roots are sweet and were once regarded as medicinal. Rarely available. Packet contains 50 seeds.



Salad Burnet

(*Sanguisorba minor*)

\$1.75

Fantastic little perennial edible with attractive cucumber-flavored fronds. Evergreen; can be harvested from beneath snowcover. An ancient plant whose virtues are myriad. Can even be trimmed into a little hedge. Tender new growth in spring makes fantastic salad. Whole sprigs are sublime in Vinho Verde. Sow in situ almost anytime. Best in full sun. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Nira Garlic Chives

(*Allium tuberosum*)

\$2.75

Japanese selection of this delicious and versatile spreading perennial edible. Broad flat foliage and white edible flowers have a delicious mild garlic flavor. Substantial enough for cooking. Essentially a vegetable. Will multiply happily in moist soils. Harvest whole plants when necessary to gift fellow gardeners. Typically germinates readily indoors or out, but best started in flats and transplanted in spring or fall. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Red Welsh Onion

(*Allium fistulosum*)

\$2.25

Not Welsh at all, actually. Probably Siberian. Common to Chinese cuisine. Hardy red bunching onions grow very quickly and will multiply with abandon. Truly perennial. Harvest throughout the year, including winter in many cases. Strong flavor is excellent fresh, roasted or braised. Shanks are as thick as leeks some years. Hollow green top growth may be used like scallions. Large patches are very ornamental. Highly recommended. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Nodding Onion

(*Allium cernuum*)

\$3.75

Hardy North American species. Attractive and edible pink nodding flowers. Pretty pink bulbs have excellent flavor and are especially delicious roasted. Long foraged by Western tribes. Rarely requires stratification to germinate. Will naturalize in almost any soil, although garden culture produces the biggest bulbs. Worth growing for purely ornamental purposes, the unique flowers and foliage are especially lovely in a bed with spring bulbs and creeping thyme. Deerproof and indestructible. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Sculpit

(*Silene vulgaris*)

\$2.25

Long foraged and cultivated for use as an herb and vegetable in Crete, Cyprus and other select Mediterranean locales. Considered a weed in much of the rest of the world. Mild aromatic flavor is agreeable and a nice accompaniment to more potent herbs in pastas and pestos. Hardy plants are very tenacious and will self-sow to an invasive degree in some regions. Best to establish this species in a wild landscape from which it may be foraged as needed. Too frequently and erroneously listed as an annual, we've learned the hard way that this plant will never die and is almost impossible to remove. Definitely not recommended for small kitchen gardens. Sow indoors or out in spring. Some lots germinate very erratically. Be patient. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Sea Kale

(*Crambe maritima*)

\$4.75

Peculiar hardy Brassica endemic to the sea coasts of Western Europe. Cultivated as a delicacy in English gardens, where terracotta cloches cover emerging spring growth. These blanched shoots are considered a delicacy. Mature plants boast huge blue undulating leaves and fragrant white flowers. Truly unusual in the genus and extraordinarily ornamental. Challenging to germinate but worth the trouble. See website for explicit instructions. Very long-lived in fertile well-drained soils. Packet contains 10 seeds.

White Camas

(*Camassia leichtlinii alba*)

\$3.75

Once a favored foodstuff of Native Americans and now marketed as a mere ornamental. This species produces starry white flowers on 3' stems that are suitable for cutting as well as large edible bulbs that are sweet and delicious when roasted. Very hardy. Seeds require stratification to germinate. Start indoors and transplant in spring or autumn. Requires around three seasons to produce large bulbs worth harvesting. Will self-sow and naturalize in moist soils. Typically blooms in late spring and becomes dormant by late summer. Spectacular en masse. Fairly deer-resistant. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Duck Potatoes

(*Sagittaria latifolia*)

\$2.25

Wapato. Hardy aquatic perennial for shallow freshwater. North American native. Forms starchy edible tubers that are a favored foodstuff of humans and ducks alike. Seeds require stratification to germinate. Work up tubers in pots before planting. Perfect for permaculture. Once established these plants will politely colonize shallow ponds like cattails. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Lovage

(*Levisticum officinale* 'Mittelgroblättriger')

\$2.25

An ancient medicinal that is also eminently edible. One plant will provide a household with nutritious and flavorful greens, flowers and seeds, and gentle expectorant and antidiyspeptic medicines. Consider it a huge incorruptible perennial soup celery. Top growth makes a fabulous soup base. Hollow stems are magical in a Bloody Mary. Aromatic roots can be candied like ginger. Hardy and adaptable but requires vernalization to maintain a perennial habit. Best for northern gardens. Highly recommended. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Scotch Lovage

(*Ligusticum scoticum* ssp. *scoticum*)

\$4.75

Native to cold rocky Atlantic and Arctic seacoasts, this species has been foraged for food and medicine for millennia. Lush stout aromatic plants grow 1'-2' and are festooned in the second and subsequent years with pretty white umbels on burgundy stems. Seeds germinate best with stratification. Prefers to grow in cool and moist but well-drained soils. Best with some shade where summers are hot. Young plants should be fertilized and mulched generously with seaweed. Very attractive and entirely edible. Ideal for permaculture and other edible landscapes in cool maritime regions. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Mitsuba

(*Cryptotaenia japonica*)

\$3.75

The delicate aromatic flavor of Mitsuba makes it suitable for use as both herb and vegetable. Hardy perennial cultivated as an annual in Japan, where it is harvested roots and all. Plants left in the ground to overwinter will promptly colonize moist shaded soils. Perfect for permaculture, but less than ideal for small gardens. Does very well situated at the edge of a woodland. Start indoors and transplant in spring or autumn. Plants grow to just about 1' tall but spread may be infinite. Hardy to at least zone 5. Propagates itself by both roots and seeds. Makes fabulous microgreens. Packet contains 200 seeds.

Hablitzia

(*Hablitzia tamnoides*)

\$4.25

Vigorous edible vining species from the Caucasus. Incredibly hardy and long-lived. Produces edible greens from early spring until frost. Slow growth initially but covers a tall fence or shed in two or three years. Best texture and flavor with some shade. Roots prefer moisture and shaded soils. Give them self-sowing annual companions like Borage and Calendula. Seeds germinate best when overwintered outdoors. Transplants easily. Keep seedlings weeded and avoid harvesting in the first year. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Winter Cress

(*Barbarea verna*)

\$2.25

Creasy greens. Delicious hardy and adaptable wild mustard from Europe that has become naturalized in much of the Northeast and is a valued cold weather crop in the South. Sow seeds into the garden in autumn or early spring. Harvest in about a month. Holds well in cold weather and in the refrigerator. Self-sows generously if allowed. Easy. Tenacious. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Blue Mallow

(*Malva sylvestris* var. *mauritiana*)

\$2.25

Perhaps the loveliest of all mallows, this species is also likely the family namesake. Most often planted as an ornamental, it was historically valued for both food and medicine. Entirely edible and nutritious. Can be used lieu of molokhia. Flowers are an anthocyanin-rich violet pink. Germinates best at cool temperatures. Sow outdoors in very early spring. Hardy, but will self-sow almost indefinitely even where they are not. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Chickweed

(*Stellaria media*)

\$3.75

Nutritious and delicious little weed. Naturalized throughout the world and foraged extensively, especially during early spring. Cooling and soothing edible medicinal that is suitable for sandwiches, salads and soups. Worth cultivating where it won't become a nuisance. We honestly don't know if it is a perennial or annual, but it will self-sow regardless. Once you have it in your garden, you will ALWAYS have it. Take care to avoid sowing it where you may not want it in the future. Sprinkle seeds where they are to grow in very early spring. Prefers moisture and some shade in summer. Typically content with the cover of other garden occupants. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Good King Henry

(*Blitum bonus-henricus*)

\$2.25

Ancient perennial potherb grown in European vegetable gardens for thousands of years. New growth may be harvested and prepared like asparagus in the spring and substantial arrow-shaped leaves like spinach through the summer. Nutritious forage for both humans and chickens. Prefers fertile soil in part shade. Seeds require stratification to germinate. Best sown in situ in autumn or late winter. Very slow to establish. Do not harvest in the first year. Will self-sow where it is happy. Unfortunately seedlings do not transplant very well. Perfect for permaculture and chicken gardens. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Spoonwort

(*Cochlearia officinalis*)

\$3.75

Scurvy grass. Native to the salty seacoasts of Northern Europe, this fleshy edible little weed was long employed as an antiscorbutic prior to the import of citrus fruits. Succulent leaves have the unmistakable pleasant pungency of all cruciferous species and make a fine addition to salads and sandwiches. Little rosettes rarely grow taller than 1' and are festooned with tufts of white flowers in the second spring. Best sown in late summer and autumn. Hardy to zone 5. Will self-sow in perpetuity. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Bronze Fennel

(*Foeniculum vulgare* var. *purpureum*)

\$2.75

Hardy perennial non-bulbing fennel with dusky bronze foliage that is actually a glowing copper when it first unfurls. Absolutely magical color and texture in the permacultural landscape or insectary border. Entirely edible. Host plant for swallowtail butterflies. Yellow flowers late in the season attract diverse pollinators. A fantastic selection. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Conover's Colossal

(*Asparagus officinalis*)

\$3.75

Supposedly discovered on Long Island. Made available to gardeners in the 19th century. Produces a reliable crop of very thick spears. Easy from seed. Vigorous growth. Start indoors in flats and transplant in spring. Harvest lightly in the second year, willy nilly in the third. Very hardy and long-lived. Provides nice floral material in summer. Requires patience, but by far the most economical way to grow lots of asparagus. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Bistort

(*Bistorta officinalis*)

\$3.75

Native to the northernmost reaches of Europe and North America. Quickly colonizes seasonal wetlands and pondsides. An ancient foodstuff of diverse indigenous peoples and among the non-native species discovered in the ruins of Pompeii. Early spring top growth is tender and eaten like Nettles. Roots are astringent and medicinal and listed in the oldest European *materia medica*. Pretty pink bottlebrush flowers atop 2' stems in summer. One of the most valuable landscape plants for damp and difficult areas. Very nice with Marsh Marigold and established stands of Cattails. Challenging to germinate but worth it. Spreads by rhizomes once established. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Wild Strawberry

(*Fragaria vesca* var. *vesca*)

\$3.25

Vigorous woodland subspecies that is most at home in cool semi-shaded environments. Delicious red fruits are conspicuously presented on arching stems above the foliage. Dried leaves make a nutritious and delicious herbal tea that is an excellent substitute for black tea, especially in combination with Betony. Stoloniferous perennials that will spread slowly by roots and seeds. To 1' in all directions in the second year. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Musk Strawberry

(*Fragaria moschata*)

\$4.75

Traditionally used to make liqueur and wine, these little berries are much more assertive in fragrance and flavor and darker in color than other wild strawberries. Hardy everbearing plants produce tons of runners. Covers a lot of ground in just a few years. Perfect for permaculture. Dioecious; be sure to grow several plants at once to ensure pollination. Best berry production in rich moist soils, but will spread just as vigorously in poor dry soils. An extraordinary little species too rarely grown. Packet contains 50 seeds.

White Delight Strawberry

(*Fragaria vesca* *alba*)

\$4.25

An unusual strain of alpine strawberry with fairly large firm white fruits that have exceptional flavor. Vigorous, hardy and runnerless long-lived plants. Productive and everbearing. Wonderful tucked in with violets along paths in the kitchen garden. Great for containers, too. Often sets fruit in the first year if started early. Our absolute favorite. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Glaskin's Perpetual Rhubarb

(*Rheum x cultorum*)

\$4.25

This beloved heirloom is remarkable for its vigor and perpetual production of tender bright red petioles. Stalks can be harvested all year long once established, from early spring through the first hard freeze. Easy from seed. Harvest only lightly in the second year. Long-lived and very hardy. Choose planting location wisely. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Champagne Rhubarb

(*Rheum x cultorum*)

\$3.75

An old English variety with excellent flavor. Champagne tends to be early to break dormancy and is suitable for forcing. Ideal for preserving and fermenting. Makes a very nice rhubarb wine. Hardy enough to overwinter in pots if you can't decide where to plant them. Harvest very lightly in the spring of the second year. Willy nilly in the third. Packet contains 30 seeds.



VEGETABLES

AMARANTH

Huauhtli

(*Amaranthus hypochondriacus*) \$2.25

Grain amaranth. An essential component of ancient Mesoamerican diet and ceremony. Still grown commercially in Mexico and Guatemala. Nutritious white seeds are easy to prepare and to digest. Plants may grow 4'-6' depending on culture. Sow directly into warm soil in spring. Space generously for best seed production. Foliage may be harvested very sparingly until plants begin to set seed. See website for the variety we have currently: 'Opopeo' is the most adapted to northern gardens and what we prefer to grow when we can get it. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Red Leaf

(*Amaranthus dubius*) \$2.25

An old world species. Selected specifically for use as "greens". Tender leaves are saturated with red and make a good summer spinach. Loves heat. Sow directly into the garden in late spring and harvest at any time. Striking red microgreens. Beautiful mature plants grow to 3'-4' but are suitable for cutting. The black seeds are not really worth eating. Packet contains 500 seeds.



Hopi Red Dye

(*Amaranthus cruentus* x *powellii*) \$3.00

Ancient North American selection for grain and food color. Not actually unique to the Hopi tribe, and rarely grown for food at all anymore, sadly. Anthocyanin-rich edible seeds and bracts possess a water-soluble dye that will color cornbread, tortillas and tamales. Nutritious seeds may also be popped or used to top homemade crackers. Grows to 4' and makes dramatic cut flowers. Distinctive and fantastic for fallscaping. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Polish

(*Amaranthus* sp.) \$2.25

This variety is new to us but it is a favorite of famed Midwestern organic farmer Richard de Wilde and maintained by Frank Morton and Wild Garden Seeds in Oregon. Seems to be grown mainly for the leaves. We are skeptical but excited to try it after years of eyeing it. We know it grows well in both the hot humid Midwest and cool Willamette Valley. Packet contains 500 seeds.

ARUGULA

Common Arugula

(*Eruca sativa*)

\$2.25

Superb organic selection from the UK. Less spicy and pungent than the dissected leaves of wild *Diplotaxis tenuifolia* but still delightfully peppery. Easy and fast. Sow throughout spring and fall. Bolted plants feature truly lovely edible flowers that are great for salads. Packet contains 2000 seeds.

Rucola Selvatica

(*Diplotaxis tenuifolia*)

\$3.00

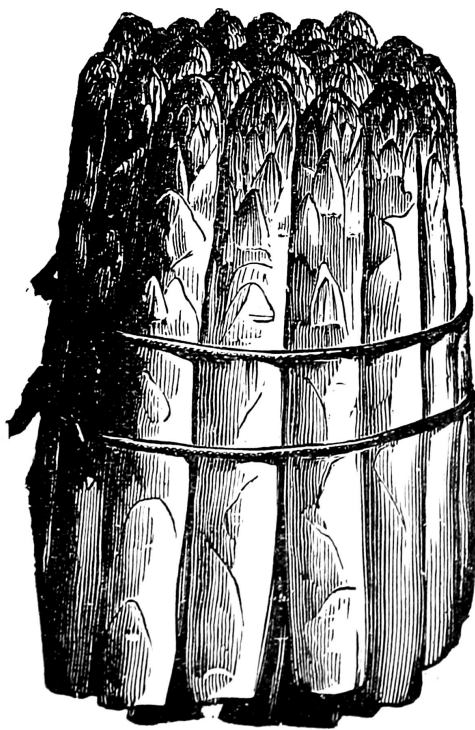
True wild Italian arugula. Dissected foliage is incredibly aromatic and peppery. Perhaps better categorized as an herb. Use sparingly in pasta and atop pizza. Best sown in early spring or autumn. Slow growing but very cold hardy. Charming bright yellow flowers. Will self-sow very generously where it is happy. Fantastic for permaculture. Packet contains 3000 seeds.

Rucola Selvatica a Foglia d'Ulivo

(*Diplotaxis integrifolia*)

\$3.00

Rare olive leaf arugula from Italy. More subtle in appearance as well as flavor, though still fantastically fragrant and delicious. Toss into pastas and soups and salads willy nilly. Makes a very nice winter pesto. Best sown outdoors in very early spring or in autumn. Cold hardy. May sow itself very generously. May cross with other wild arugulas. Packet contains 3000 seeds.



ASPARAGUS

Conover's Colossal

(*Asparagus officinalis*)

\$3.75

Supposedly discovered on Long Island. First available to gardeners in the 19th century. Produces a reliable crop of very thick spears. Easy from seed. Vigorous growth in the first year. Soak and sow seeds into flats indoors in late winter. Once soil can be worked in spring, deeply trench and amend bed with compost, greensand and rock phosphate. Harden off and transplant well-rooted seedlings around the date of the last spring frost. Space generously. Water frequently until established. Harvest lightly in the second year and willy nilly in the third. Very hardy and long-lived. Provides nice floral material in summer. Packet contains 100 seeds.

BEANS (BUSH)

Beurre de Rocquencourt

(Phaseolus vulgaris)

\$3.25

An elegant French wax bean whose virtues have been extolled by William Woys Weaver. Sturdy bush habit. Edible lilac flowers. Germinates well in cool damp soil. Reliably early and very prolific. Holds on the plant for several days. Excellent flavor. My favorite. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Adzuki

(Phaseolus angularis)

\$3.75

An ancient species with high protein and diverse uses. Immature pods may be used fresh like filet beans or snow peas. Tiny dry red beans may be used for soup, sprouting, or red bean paste. Slow-growing plants have a nice tidy bush habit and prefer to be crowded. Tolerates cool misty nights. Yellow flowers. The earliest strain that we've grown. 70 days. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Blooming Prairie

(Phaseolus vulgaris)

\$3.00

Really delicious purple filet beans on compact plants with occasional short runners. Dark pink edible flowers on burgundy stems. Gorgeous. Early and suitable for cool maritime climates. Tiny white dry beans are blushed with violet and make creamy and comforting winter soup. One of the many unique beans bred by Robert Lobitz in Minnesota. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Quickpick Pinkeye

(Vigna unguiculata)

\$2.75

Superb disease-resistant selection of the much beloved pinkeye purple hull southern pea. Suitable for northern gardens. Sturdy compact plants do not require support and hold their pods high above the foliage. Actually prefers to grow in dry neglected soils once established. Pink pods are ready to shell in about 60 days. Dry pods are ready to harvest in about 80 days. Productive! Dried beans have a rich earthy and nutty flavor. Packet contains 50 seeds.

BEANS (POLE)

Borlotto Lingua di Fuoco

(Phaseolus vulgaris)

\$3.75

The best of the Borlotti. Traditional Italian shelling beans. Requisite for authentic minestrone. Big beautiful pods are splashed with red when the fat flavorful beans are ready to shell. Rampant vines require sturdy support. Best production in a hot summer but fairly tolerant of misty nights and clay soils. Challenging in cool climates and sometimes very late to mature. Worth the wait. May be dried and prepared like any other bean but selected for fresh eating. Rarely found in American markets. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Meraviglia di Venezia

(Phaseolus vulgaris)

\$3.75

Early and delicious lemon yellow Romano bean. Long stringless meaty flat pods. Excellent fresh flavor. Vigorous and very productive over a long season. Wait to plant until soil has warmed. White seeds. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Golden Sunshine Runner

(Phaseolus coccineus)

\$3.75

Wildly ornamental. Foliage is a bright chartreuse. Edible flowers are a glowing scarlet. Beans are a beautiful coral pink at the shelling stage. Somewhat less vigorous than the standard variety. Needs some coddling but the spectacular display is worth it. Vines to 6'. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Pretzel Bean

(Vigna unguiculata var. bicontorta)

\$4.25

Rare selection belonging to an ancient family of legumes native to West Africa. Big pink flowers produce lots of plump green pods that curl in on themselves to dramatic effect. Whole pods are edible if cooked at the tender green stage. Flavor is nutty and delicious. Dried pods on long stems make fantastic floral material. Adaptable and unbothered by insects and disease. Worth growing just for the novelty value. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Trail of Tears

(Phaseolus vulgaris)

\$2.75

Historic dual-purpose heirloom pole bean named for the forced relocation of Native Americans in the 19th century. Grows like gangbusters. Pink edible flowers. Young green beans are tender and great for fresh eating and freezing. The dried black beans are perfect for soup. Produces a huge crop. Vines will grow to well over 10'. Best on a teepee. Early to bloom. Easy. Highly recommended for beginning gardeners. Generous packet to accommodate multiple attempts and failures. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Winged Asparagus Bean

(Psophocarpus tetragonolobus)

\$4.00

Native to tropical Asia. Extraordinarily tall vines with light green leaves produce beautiful clear blue edible flowers and unique winged green pods that are best eaten steamed or stir-fried when no more than 3". Starchy tuberous roots may be eaten like potatoes in autumn. Nick and soak seeds in hot water before sowing indoors several weeks before the last spring frost. Requires heat and light to germinate. Grow on at warm temperatures indoors and pot up into larger containers as necessary before hardening off and transplanting into warm garden soil after all danger of frost has passed in spring. Day-neutral selection. Blooms as early as July. Packet contains 15 seeds.



Rattlesnake Snap

(Phaseolus vulgaris)

\$2.25

In our hot humid Iowa garden these pole beans were hands down the most delicious and reliable. Long vigorous vines produce tons of large meaty purple-striped green beans. Blooms early in the season and right up until frost if kept picked. Dry beans are a good alternative to pintos in a pinch. Perfect for arbors. Pink edible flowers. Highly recommended for sweltering Midwestern summers. Tolerates deluge and drought. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Ruby Moon Hyacinth

(Lablab purpureus)

\$4.25

Exquisite selection of this tropical legume. Crazy-long twining vines have aubergine leaves that darken to practically black in autumn. Big violet-pink edible flowers are substantial and delicious. Young purple pods are also edible but we prefer them for floral arrangements. Mature beans require advanced preparation techniques to be safely eaten and we don't find them to be worth the trouble. Needs tall sturdy support and ample space. By autumn these plants can completely overwhelm close neighbors. Fantastic contrast for the edible landscape. Adaptable but prefers moist soils. Best sown indoors several weeks before the last spring frost. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Escambia Purple

(Phaseolus vulgaris)

\$3.75

This unusual pole bean came to us from Alabama by way of Glenn Drowns at the Sandhill Preservation Center in Iowa. The plants themselves are beautiful and blushed with violet and an absolute pleasure to have in the garden. Very vigorous vines require tall and sturdy support. Productive and tolerant of clay soils and extreme heat. Long purple pods are tender and delicious when picked young. Dried black beans make excellent soup. Dual-purpose and an interesting alternative to Trail of Tears. Fairly late but worth the wait. Should be more widely grown. Save your seeds. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Dolloff

(Phaseolus vulgaris)

\$3.75

An old selection of "horticultural lima" perfectly adapted to the Northeast. Broad flat meaty beans have excellent flavor freshly shelled or dried. Early and reliable. Sparse vines grow to just 5' and appreciate plenty of light and air. Best on a trellis and not a teepee or cornstalks. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Good Mother Stallard

(Phaseolus vulgaris)

\$3.75

An old heirloom made available to gardeners by Glenn Drowns and the Sandhill Preservation Center in Iowa. Beautiful round beans are swirled with maroon and cream and keep their markings after cooking. Rich meaty flavor. Very highly recommended for vegetarians especially and anyone that loves bean soup and bean salad and beans in general. Very productive vines but late. Great for fresh shelling where they have no chance to dry on the vine. Hot summers will hasten their ripening and drying. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Alabama Black Eye Butter

(Phaseolus lunatus)

\$3.75

Beloved heirloom grown for the big mature beans known as "butter beans" in the South and perfect little immature green "limas" in the North. Best in a hot humid summer. Can be freshly shelled and cooked at practically any stage of growth but is unlikely to mature and dry in a short cool season. Midwest gardeners can start these indoors and transplant. Packet contains 30 seeds.

S'oam Pawi Tepary

(Phaseolus acutifolius)

\$3.75

Ancient crop adapted to the Southwest. This variety comes to us from Native Seeds/SEARCH by way of Adaptive Seeds in Oregon and is suitable for northern gardens. Small flat golden brown seeds produced in abundance on relatively bare 4' vines that should be tied to a short trellis. Best in dry sunny soils. Do not coddle. Collect ripe pods to dry completely indoors lest they shatter in the garden. Flavorful beans keep their shape when cooked. Nutritious and flavorful and really fantastic in posole. Packet contains 50 seeds.

BEETS

Flat of Egypt

(Beta vulgaris)

\$3.75

Listed by Vilmorin in the 19th century and still one of the best beets available. Early and reliable, even when crowded. Dark blood red. Never woody. Good for juicing. Suitable for shallow rocky and clay soils. Grows almost entirely atop the soil, as illustrated. Ready in about 50 days. Packet contains 300 seeds.



Boldor

(Beta vulgaris)

\$3.25

Beautiful uniformly round golden yellow beets with crisp ringed interiors. Germinates quickly and sizes up fast. Tops are tender and sweet. Two crops in one! Ready to harvest in about 55 days. Suitable for sowing in both spring and autumn. Truly a marvel of modern breeding. As easy to grow as any hybrid. Makes the best and prettiest beet salad ever. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Bull's Blood

(Beta vulgaris)

\$2.25

Grown primarily for the shimmering saturated burgundy tops. Equally striking in the garden and the salad bowl. Roots are a washed red and more tender than we remember. This reselection by John Navazio has been improved further by Frank Morton of Wild Garden Seeds and is worth growing again if you were disappointed by this variety several years back. Among the best dual-purpose vegetables for edible landscaping. Packet contains 100 seeds.

BLITES & THE LIKE

Strawberry Spinach

(*Blitum capitatum*)

\$1.75

An improved selection of this goofy little plant. Germinates faster and more reliably than the common strain. Nutritious spinach-like leaves and peculiar swollen calyxes that resemble bright red berries. Berries are edible but flavorless and produce a good pink edible dye. Self-sows politely where it is happy. Ideal for permaculture. Packet contains 100 seeds.



Good King Henry

(*Blitum bonus-henricus*)

\$2.25

Ancient perennial potherb grown in European vegetable gardens for thousands of years. New growth may be harvested and prepared like asparagus in the spring and substantial arrow-shaped leaves like spinach through the summer. Nutritious forage for both humans and chickens. Prefers fertile soil in part shade. Seeds require stratification to germinate. Best sown in situ in autumn or late winter. Very slow to establish. Do not harvest in the first year. Will self-sow where it is happy. Unfortunately seedlings do not transplant very well. Perfect for permaculture and chicken gardens. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Magentaspreen

(*Chenopodium giganteum* syn. *album* ssp. *amaranticolor*)

\$2.25

Spectacular goosefoot. Young plants are beautiful and succulent salad fare featuring sparkling magenta farina. May be cooked like spinach or nibbled in the garden like snap peas. Nutritious and versatile and as easy to grow as any weed. Do not allow these plants to mature in a modest kitchen garden as they will make a pest of themselves if allowed to self-sow. Seeds can remain viable in the soil for decades or centuries. Can grow to 9' but best harvested at 6"-8". Sow directly into the garden in spring. Packet contains 500 seeds.

BROCCOLI

Purple Peacock

(*Brassica oleracea*)

\$3.75

Frank Morton's crazy amalgamation of broccoli and kale, presented in shades of magenta, teal and seafoam green. Definitely variable if not completely unstable but always beautiful. Especially interesting in autumn when cool weather can coax the most outrageous color. Entirely edible. Both stems and leaves are tender and delicious. Eat raw or cooked. The most fun you can have growing broccoli. Many plants produce florets for us late in the first year when planted in spring. Start seeds indoors and transplant in in early spring and again late summer. Magical and misunderstood. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Spigariello Liscio

(Brassica oleracea)

\$3.75

An old and peculiar Italian vegetable that is basically broccoli in foliage format. Long and broad sweet succulent leaves are a steely shade of blue. A truly stunning ornamental edible that produces tons of food. Use like spinach in pastas, frittatas, and spanakopita. Start indoors and transplant in spring. Great flavor and texture, even in a hot summer. Will supposedly overwinter and produce florets in mild climates. Italian seed. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Spigariello Riccio

(Brassica oleracea)

\$3.75

The wild sister of Spigariello Liscio. This selection is taller and crazier and features spectacularly dissected sweet leaves in the same steely shade of blue. Attractive enough to tuck into the flower garden. Young plants make great salad fare: sow for cutting in spring or autumn. Will overwinter and produce florets in mild winter climates. Italian seed. Packet contains 300 seeds.

BROAD BEANS

Red Epicure

(Vicia faba)

\$4.25

English selection that does fairly well in the Northeast. Sturdy 5' plants are early to produce delicious "fava" beans that mature to lipstick red and dry a deep dusky burgundy. Beautiful and rare. Packet contains 15 seeds.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Red Ball

(Brassica oleracea var. gemmifera)

\$2.75

This European selection is our favorite strain of 'red' sprouts available. Plants grow to 3' and produce tons of small sweet sprouts that darken to purple after several autumn frosts. Sprouts keep for months in the cellar or refrigerator or even an unheated barn or shed. Roasted sprouts keep their color. Packet contains 50 seeds.



Catskill

(Brassica oleracea var. gemmifera)

\$1.75

Classic selection with a dwarf habit suitable for even the smallest gardens. Easy in the Northeast. Flavor is intense but becomes mellow and sweet after several frosts. Start indoors and transplant no sooner than June. Harvest no sooner than late autumn after several frosts. Packet contains 100 seeds.

CABBAGE

Red Acre

(*Brassica oleracea* var. *capitata*)

\$2.25

An old standby and still the best early red cabbage for northern gardens. Produces small tight heads in about 75 days. Excellent storage quality. Start in flats and transplant in early spring or autumn. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Bloemendaalse Gele

(*Brassica oleracea* var. *capitata*)

\$2.75

Dutch heirloom with beautiful golden savoyed leaves. Small heads are oblong and sometimes pointed. Delicate texture and flavor. Ideal for fresh eating but can be lightly cooked like Napa cabbage. Best in autumn and surprisingly hardy. Start in flats. Transplant in late summer. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Ormskirk

(*Brassica oleracea* var. *capitata*)

\$2.75

An old English heirloom from the ancient market town of Ormskirk. Gorgeous deeply savoyed and puckered green leaves form tight heavy heads in cold late autumn and winter. Very hardy and suitable for overwintering (with protection in the Northeast). Sweet nutty flavor. Late. Start in flats and transplant in the summer or autumn. Not for Midwestern gardens. Packet contains 100 seeds.

CARROTS

Little Finger

(*Daucus carota* ssp. *sativa*)

\$2.25

Fast-growing "baby" carrot from France. Sweet and crunchy. Ready to harvest in 8 weeks. Petite and smooth roots are perfect for pickling and tucking into lunchboxes. Greens are tender and delicious. The easiest and earliest carrot we know of. Suitable for shallow imperfect soils. Packet contains 2000 seeds.

Paris Market

(*Daucus carota* ssp. *sativa*)

\$2.25

An improved selection of this historic French vegetable. Uniformly round dense roots are appropriate for rocky shallow soils that typically produce forked and idiosyncratic bottoms. Best with cool weather and consistent moisture. Rich orange color and sweet flavor. Autumn harvests keep for months. Delicious roasted. Very nice. Packet contains 1000 seeds.



Dragon

(*Daucus carota* ssp. *sativa*)

\$2.25

Selected and perfected by the late Dr. John Navazio. Vigorous Chantenay type cloaked in gorgeous violet coral skins. Gorgeous. Sweet crisp flesh with a distinctive spicy flavor and fragrance that is bred out of modern commercial varieties. Adapted to organic culture. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Violet

(*Daucus carota* ssp. *sativa* var. *atrorubens*)

\$3.75

Genuinely purple carrots with an almost black exterior. Substantial and suitable for juicing. Best sown in summer for harvest in autumn or even through winter with protection. Holds for months in the cellar. Exceptional and nutritious selection if a bit "rustic". Packet contains 500 seeds.

Kuttiger

(*Daucus carota* ssp. *sativa*)

\$4.75

Old and rare Swiss landrace. Creamy white with excellent flavor and texture. Very easy to grow and keeps for many months. Grows well in imperfect soils. Sow in late spring for harvest in autumn or winter. Packet contains 500 seeds.

CHARD

Erbette

(*Beta vulgaris* ssp. *cicla* var. *flavescens*)

\$3.00

Chard perfected. Erbette is an Italian vegetable whose glossy green leaves can be harvested repeatedly from spring through autumn and even through the winter in mild climates. Sweeter and more tender than common chard. A worthy substitute for spinach in summer. Use to stuff pastas and lasagne. Often listed as "cutting chard" in Europe. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Canary Yellow

(*Beta vulgaris* ssp. *cicla*)

\$2.25

Glowing golden stems and puckered clear green leaves on big dramatic plants that are as ornamental as they are edible. Start indoors in flats or sow into the garden in spring or late summer. Space generously and sprinkle seeds for Baby Blue Eyes all around. Beautiful. Packet contains 300 seeds.

CELERY

Pink Plume

(*Apium graveolens*)

\$3.75

Unique and beautiful dusky pink celery first offered in 1894 by Peter Henderson & Company. Recently reintroduced by Seed Savers' Exchange. Surprisingly vigorous growth. Good stalk size and texture given ample water, fertility and space. Flavor is magical: sweetly aromatic and reminiscent of fennel. An elegant vegetable. Sow indoors in flats late winter or sow in situ in spring. Germinates best at cool temperatures. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Chinese Pink

(*Apium graveolens* var. *secalinum*)

\$3.00

An extraordinary cutting celery from China that has been reselected and organically grown by Frank Morton. Crazy bright bubble gum pink petioles. May be sown directly into the garden in early spring. Some plants bolt promptly but others produce nice juicy stunning stalks. Sow into flats under lights for beautiful winter microgreens. Dried leaves and seeds contribute to delicious homemade celery salt. Truly unique. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Chinese Cutting Celery

(*Apium graveolens* var. *secalinum*)

\$3.00

An especially tender yellow-stemmed selection with sweet delicate fragrance. Our favorite for arugula/pear/walnut/gorgonzola salads and for tossing into bowls of brothy soup. Can be grown in a cool greenhouse or sown into flats under lights in a cold barn or basement all winter. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Red Featherleaf

(*Apium graveolens* var. *secalinum*)

\$2.25

An improvement of Frank Morton's 'Redpar' cutting celery. Tender narrow stems are blushed with deep dark pink. Crisp curled green leaves. Fantastic aromatic flavor. Keeps in a pot on the windowsill for months. Use stems like store celery in soups and greens by the handful like parsley. Vigorous and suitable for field production. Beautiful bunched. Packet contains 300 seeds.

CHICORIES

Variegata di Lusita

(*Cichorium intybus*)

\$3.25

Cultivated for millennia, humans have coaxed incredible morphological diversity from this humble weed. These seeds will produce one of the most extraordinary examples of our ancient relationship with this species: tight crisp heads are a pretty pale green expertly stippled in blood. Easy, early, and breathtaking. Our absolute favorite heading chicory. Start in flats and transplant in spring and autumn. Best in autumn. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Zuccherina di Trieste

(Cichorium intybus)

\$2.25

Super sweet and tender cutting chicory for salad. Fast and easy. Several cuttings may be had from a single sowing. If thinned and left in the ground to overwinter the plants will sometimes produce super sweet little rosettes in very early spring. Adorable. Italian Seed. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Rossa Italiana

(Cichorium intybus)

\$2.25

Marvelous red-stemmed Italian chicory. These wild toothed greens are often found in specialty markets labeled as "dandelion greens". Very striking in the garden, especially in bloom. Start indoors or sow into the garden for cutting. Hardy. Will self-sow if allowed. Entirely edible. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Radicchio Grumolo Rossa

(Cichorium intybus)

\$2.75

Incredibly versatile selection. Can be sown as a cutting chicory for spring salads and then thinned in summer for autumn harvests of big dramatic deliciously bittersweet red heads. Very hardy. Roots left in the garden over winter will make unbelievably beautiful burgundy rosettes that are pretty enough to wear in your hair. Italian seed. Packet contains 500 seeds.

CORN

Oaxacan Green

(Zea mays)

\$3.25

Cultivated for hundreds or maybe even thousands of years in Mexico. This heirloom dent corn is adaptable and early to mature in most northern gardens. Tall sturdy plants produce 10" ears. Suitable for sweet corn and elotes at the milk stage. Mature dried kernels are a stunning emerald green and suitable for hominy and masa. Strong stalks can host vigorous pole beans like Trail of Tears. Easy and versatile. Our absolute favorite. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Japanese Hulless

(Zea mays)

\$2.25

Fantastic dual-purpose selection that is ideal for gardens. Short 4' plants produce up to four ears each. Ears may be picked about three days after silks appear for baby corn. Yes those baby corn. You can eat the whole thing cob and all. Pickle it. Fry it. Throw it in a hot pot. Or simply marvel at how adorable it is. Mature field-dried popcorn is translucent and very tender when popped. Perfect for kiddos. Adaptable and easy. Packet contains 50 seeds.



CUCUMBERS

Carosello Mezzo Lungo

(Cucumis melo var. flexuosus)

\$3.75

Peculiar and delicious Italian selection. White wooly little cucumbers are firm and crisp with tender skin that doesn't need to be peeled. Adorable soft fuzz prevents skin from drying out and is removed easily by gently rubbing. Considered superior by many to common cucumbers for fresh eating. Never bitter. Pick when no more than 6". Do not pickle. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Mideast Peace

(Cucumis sativus)

\$2.75

An open-pollinated Persian cucumber selected by Dr. Alan Kapuler in Oregon. Smooth skin and sweet crunchy flesh and virtually no seeds if harvested promptly. Maintains its crisp texture for several days in the refrigerator. Our favorite green cucumber for fresh eating. Makes fantastic refrigerator pickles. Delicious flavor is wasted on processing. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Lemon Cucumber

(Cucumis sativus)

\$2.25

These sunny yellow globes have thin skins and sweet crisp flesh. Perfect for tucking into lunches and snacking in the garden. Ubiquitous but truly unique and charming. Compact and very productive vines can be trellised or allowed to sprawl on mulched ground. Easy and delicious. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Mouse Melon

(Melotheia scabra)

\$1.75

Also known as "Cucamelon" and "Mexican Sour Gherkin". Tiny fruits look like watermelons but taste of cucumber. Spritely and refreshing with a pleasant acidity like they have already been pickled. Fun in cocktails and pretty on a hummus plate. Delicate vines are incredibly prolific in warm weather. Suitable for containers. Requires a small trellis. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Burr Gherkin

(Cucumis anguria)

\$1.75

Wacky foodstuffs. Crazy 8' vines can produce hundreds of small bumpy green gherkins. Good tangy flavor and delightful crunch when young. Holds up to light cooking and processing. Becomes seedy if left on the vine too long. Pick frequently. Oddly testicular and lots of fun. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Painted Serpent

(Cucumis melo var. flexuosus)

\$3.25

An Armenian cucumber with stripes. Can grow to 3' and coil up like a snake, hence the name. Vines should be trellised. Best picked for eating when no more than 1'. Skin is tender and edible, and appears to have been expertly trimmed for presentation. Sweet flavor, never bitter. Technically a melon. Does not typically survive the pickling process. Packet contains 30 seeds.

CUCURBITS CONTINUED

Tinda

(*Praecitrullus fistulosus*)

\$4.25

Wildly popular summer vegetable in Northern India. Round light green fruits with a smattering of pubes on tidy 4' vines are best harvested when immature and seedless. Perfect for the vegetarian kitchen. Contributes substantial mass and surface area to curries of all kinds. An excellent vehicle for flavor with pleasant texture. Incredibly prolific in a hot summer. Gently tie vines onto a trellis and harvest regularly for best production. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Chinese Okra

(*Luffa acutangula*)

\$3.75

Not actually okra but a sweet tender edible luffa. Seriously. One of the tastiest cucurbits we've grown. Makes superior chao sigua. Vigorous vines quickly cover a 12' trellis. Yellow flowers are sweetly fragrant in the evening and perfume the entire garden. Beckons moths and other crepuscular pollinators. Extrafloral nectaries attract beneficial insects which may account for why this species seems impervious to pests. Pick fruits when young and green and remove rough outer skin before preparing like zucchini. Best production in a hot summer. Needs full sun and fertile soil. Start indoors for earliest bloom and where soils are slow to warm. Transplant into the garden after all danger of frost has passed. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Chilacayote

(*Cucurbita ficifolia*)

\$3.75

Outrageously long vines produce tons of big mottled melons that can keep for years. Unlike most of the genus these plants prefer some shade and will tolerate cool wet weather. The vines snaked through our garden and over the fence and out into the woods, littering the landscape with flowers and fruits. These rock hard ripe fruits have mild white flesh and black seeds. Known as Shark Fin Melon in much of Asia it contributes to an ethical interpretation of a traditional soup made with actual shark fins. In Spain the stringy flesh is cooked with sugar and called "cabello de angel". In Mexico chunks of flesh and seeds together are candied with piloncillo and canela and the seeds alone used for palanquetas. Fruit can be fermented in the shell to produce alcohol. Young fruits with greens and blossoms can be cooked and eaten. Incredibly useful and easy if you have the space for it. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Mango Melon

(*Cucumis melo* var. *chito*)

\$1.75

An excellent strain of this historic melon also known as the Vine Peach. Small dark yellow fruits have solid white flesh and a subtle spicy floral fragrance. Most often used for preserves or pickles in American kitchens. Employed as a vegetable like chayote in Caribbean cuisine and makes a fine addition to coconut-based curries and cooked chutneys. The raw fruit may also be balled and macerated with sugar and lemon juice. The result is magically fragrant and not-too-sweet addition to a summer cocktail with Hendrick's Gin and St-Germain or even just Lillet Blanc. Swoon. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Sicilian Serpent

(*Lagenaria siceraria*)

\$2.75

Cucuzzi. Common to Sicilian cuisine. The zucchini of the pre-Colombian Old World. Rampant vines produce big beautiful white flowers and long cylindrical fruits. Best harvested for eating when no more than 10". The little buds and tendrils of healthy plants are also quite nice sauteed with garlic and herbs and tossed into pasta. Quickly covers a trellis or tall arch. Rarely bothered by common squash pests. Start indoors in the north. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Snake Gourd

(*Trichosanthes cucumerina* var. *anguina*)

\$4.25

Not the inedible gourd of the *Lagenaria* genus, but a nutritious and delicious vegetable. Common to Indian cuisine and employed as both food and medicine. Dramatically fringed white flowers on vigorous 20' vines. Requires heat to thrive. Hard to find; unique scalloped seeds are indicative of the real thing. Worth growing for the flowers alone. Start indoors several weeks before the last spring frost where summers are cool and short. Packet contains 15 seeds.

EGGPLANT

Rosita

(*Solanum melongena*)

\$2.25

One of the most beautiful and reliable of open-pollinated eggplants. Huge plants can grow to 4' and produce a good crop of large electric lavender pink fruits. Flesh is creamy and delicious. Never bitter. Relatively early. Pick fruits just as soon as they achieve an ideal size for eggplant parmesan. Makes great baba ghanoush, too. From Puerto Rico. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Sweet White African

(*Solanum aethiopicum*)

\$4.75

Unlike most selections of this species these eggplants are not bitter. They are mild and SWEET. Known as ngogwe si chungu the fruits are harvested when immature and pure white. Texture is firm and silky and holds up to cooking. The plants can grow to around 5' high and 3' wide. Huge. Impervious to pests and disease here in the Northeast and productive even in cool wet weather. Produces tons of fruit over a long season. Fruits ripen to inedible orange. Among our most precious finds. One of the most perfect curry vegetables ever. Very limited supply of seeds for 2026. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Early Long

(*Solanum melongena*)

\$2.25

An old old variety. The progenitor of beloved heirlooms like Antigua and Tsakoniki. Beautiful thorny plants have excellent disease-resistance and produce nice long narrow fruits that are ideal for ratatouille and for slicing lengthwise, before marinating and grilling and tucking into vegan panini and bahn mi. Easy and vigorous. Ideal for cool climates. Packet contains 30 seeds.

ESCAROLE

Casque d'Or

(Cichorium endiva)

\$2.25

An old French heirloom. Sweet juicy golden green leaves are great for salad but substantial enough for braising. Best started in flats and transplanted in summer for harvest in very late autumn after several frosts. Mature plants can grow to 15" in all directions. Tie for tender hearts and to make heads easier to stack in the refrigerator or cold cellar. Packet contains 100 seeds.

"GREENS"

Erba Stella

(Plantago coronopus)

\$3.75

Peculiar perennial plantain grown as a winter vegetable in Italy. Excellent nutty flavor and crunchy succulent texture. Delicate rosettes of narrow horned leaves are best harvested young. Will hold through winter in mild climates. Substantial enough for stir-fry. Great with chicories and arugula in winter salads. As tough as any weed. Self-sows. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Jewels of Opar

(Talinum paniculatum)

\$3.75

An ornamental edible from tropical America. Overlooked or misunderstood in all but the hottest and poorest regions of the world where it is cultivated for food. Flavor and texture are excellent. Loves heat and tolerates drought. Tons of tiny pink flowers and red seed pods on long stems are suitable for cutting and do not affect the quality of the leaves. Beautiful and useful. Self-sows where it is happy. Do not overwater. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Red Malabar Spinach

(Basella alba rubra)

\$1.75

Horticulturally peculiar and fun. Vigorous climber that produces nutritious succulent glossy green leaves on striking bright magenta vines that readily climb a single pole or post. Pretty pink fruits make an edible dye. Singular and spectacular. Truly "edimental" and too rarely grown. Requires heat to thrive. Will struggle in cool summer climates. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Mibuna

(Brassica rapa var. japonica)

\$2.25

Common to Japanese cuisine and unique among Brassicas. Looks and grows like arugula. Small green leaves and succulent little stems have a mild taste and crisp texture in cold weather. Fast and nutritious. Fabulous for salad and for tossing into ramen just before serving. Extremely cold-tolerant. Best sown in early spring and late autumn. Early and easy. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Golden Purslane

(*Portulaca oleracea* ssp. *sativa*)

\$2.25

An ancient crop cultivated since at least the Early Dynastic. This attractive chartreuse variety was likely selected in France where it is still very popular. Big juicy succulent leaves have a delicious peppery tang. Crunchy texture is very welcome in summer salads. Suitable for pickling. Nutritious and easy to grow. Sow in late spring. Prefers full sun. Likes heat and will tolerate drought once established. Annual. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Red Amaranth

(*Amaranthus dubius*)

\$2.25

An old world species. Selected specifically for use as "greens". Tender leaves are saturated with red and make a good summer spinach. Heat-tolerant. Sow directly into the garden in late spring and harvest at any time. Striking red microgreens. The black seeds are not worth eating. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Empress of India Nasturtium

(*Tropaeolum majus*)

\$2.75

This ubiquitous annual features delicious and nutritious spicy flowers and greens. Perfect for salad and sandwiches and snacking in the garden. Striking blue lily pad leaves and scarlet flowers on attractive mounding plants. An impressive "edimental". Start indoors for earliest harvest. Do not coddle if you want lots of flowers. Easy and very productive. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Wrinkled Crinkled Crumpled Cress

(*Lepidium sativum*)

\$3.00

One of the easiest and most nutritious of salad plants. Germinates promptly and grows fast. Little puckered leaves are held aloft by strong stems that are suitable for bunching. Looks very much like the Normandy Garden Cress of Vilmorin. Flavor is bright and peppery. Fans of arugula and mustards will fall in love. Can be sown into flats under lights in a cold basement or barn all winter. Bred and selected by Frank Morton. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Persian Cress

(*Lepidium sativum*)

\$3.00

The parent stock for these seeds came from Iran and are thus probably as truly Persian as it gets in the modern seed trade. Long smooth strappy leaves are spicy and perfect for tossing into salad and brothy soups. Germinates and grows quickly. Bolted plants make fine floral material. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Parsley Pea

(*Pisum sativum*)

\$3.25

Among our absolute most favorite plants. This peculiar little pea is grown primarily for the abundant and adorable leafy tendrils. Makes superior salad fare. Ideal for market gardeners that sell custom salad mix. Dwarf enough for container culture and balcony gardens. Pure white flowers produce sweet snap peas. Entirely edible. Does not require support. Fun for breeding and parent of Dr. Alan Kapuler's hypertendrill varieties. Packet contains 100 seeds.

KALE

Bear Necessities

(Brassica napus)

\$2.25

Another magical amalgamation. Bred by Tim Peters using mizuna. The leaves of this colorful kale are wildly dissected. Like mizuna the young leaves are juicy and tender enough for salads. Tear the fringe from mature leaves with bare hands and toss into soups and frittatas sans implement. Gorgeous plants are shades of seafoam or spring green or dusky blue through most of the year. Pretty pinks and purples glow in cool autumn weather. Hold for nearly four seasons with some winter protection. Recommended for gardeners that typically hate kale. Easy and unique. Our favorite. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Wild Garden Lacinato

(Brassica oleracea)

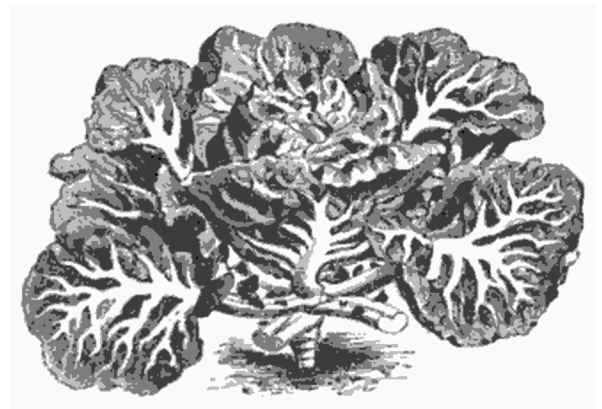
\$2.25

Superior Lacinato for four seasons. Looks like the Palm Tree Cabbage of Vilmorin. Tolerates both heat and cold. Start seeds indoors and set out in spring. Cut the tender puckered leaves as needed from the bottom of a single sturdy stem through summer, autumn and winter. Very sweet. Highly favored, especially by our very particular garden mice. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Couve Tronchuda

(Brassica oleracea var. tronchuda) \$2.25

Velvety Portuguese greens. Requisite for the famous Caldo Verde. Voluptuous plants need a lot of space in the garden. Gorgeous in the landscape but too sweet to not eat. Start in spring and harvest as needed through autumn. Less tolerant of frost than other Brassica; protect from freezing temperatures. Thick white midribs and veins. Truly gorgeous. Packet contains 100 seeds.



LEEKS

Jaune du Poitou

(Allium ampeloprasum)

\$2.75

Tall yellow leeks with uniquely delicate flavor and texture. Historic French heirloom described by Vilmorin and extolled by William Ways Weaver who introduced them to the American seed trade. Start seeds indoors in flats as early as January. Transplant into the garden in full sun as soon as soil can be worked. Best in rich fertile soil. Grows quickly given plenty of moisture and top dressings of compost. Mulch generously or grow with nasturtiums to keep the soil shaded and moist. Extraordinarily precocious and delicious. Best harvested in autumn as they are not very hardy. Packet contains 100 seeds.

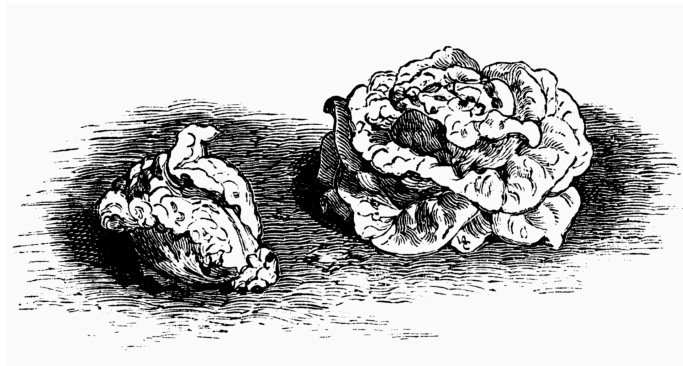
LETTUCE (AND CELTUCE)

Tom Thumb

(Lactuca sativa)

\$1.75

These seeds produce diminutive little butterheads in as little as six weeks. Great taste and texture. Happy to be crowded. Heads more reliably in spring than Tennis Ball or Gem lettuces in our garden. Sow seeds between rows of transplanted onions as soon as soil can be worked. Packet contains 1000 seeds.



Lollo di Vino

(Lactuca sativa)

\$3.25

Beautiful compact hyperfrilled heads of tender wine red leaves. Sweeter than other Lollo, this selection was actually discovered by Frank Morton as a rogue "frizzlehead" in a batch of Merlot. For spring and autumn. Impervious to downy mildew. The only red lettuce we offer. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Winter Marvel

(Lactuca sativa)

\$2.25

Sweet green butterhead famous for withstanding cold winter weather. Sow in autumn or force in a greenhouse or cold frame over the winter. Harvest heads in 50 days. Will not tolerate summer heat at all. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Guildenstern

(Lactuca sativa)

\$3.25

Sweet crisp iceberg bred by Frank Morton. Beautiful golden green leaves form small tight heads. Heat-tolerant and disease-resistant. Makes a perfect little wedge salad. Start in flats and transplant anytime. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Pink Asparagus

(Lactuca sativa)

\$3.25

Celtuce. An ancient selection. Long broad undulating leaves are substantial and burnished with bronze. Thick edible stems are blushed pink in chilly weather. Incredibly cold-tolerant and will often hold through winter even as far north as zone 6. Singular and worthwhile. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Marouli

(Lactuca sativa)

\$3.25

An old Greek strain of romaine. Medium green tight heads have a tendency to produce multiple hearts, a peculiar quality of old lettuces that has long been bred out of them but has now been patented. Adaptive Seeds in Oregon has begun a rebellion in selecting for this actually very useful and productive trait. Crunchy and delightfully bitter prior art. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Sword Leaf

(*Lactuca sativa*)

\$2.25

This odd little celtuce has smooth and crisp narrow leaves. Known as "a choy" in Taiwan, where it is a popular fresh and cooked vegetable. The unique crunchy texture and sweet flavor is fantastic in autumn and early winter. Sow in spring for thick bolted stems in summer. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Australian Yellow

(*Lactuca sativa*)

\$3.25

An Australian heirloom with big bright yellow-green puckered leaves. The most heat-tolerant lettuce we know of. Forms big loose heads at maturity. Very ornamental. Ideal for edible landscaping. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Radichetta

(*Lactuca sativa*)

\$3.25

Rustic Italian lettuce that is easy and adaptable and delicious. Long lobed upright green leaves look a bit like chicory. Flavor is good and texture is crisp. Withstands both heat and cold. Reliable. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Salad Bowl

(*Lactuca sativa*)

\$1.75

Standard leaf lettuce bred by the USDA. An AAS winner in 1952. Difficult to improve upon. Fast, easy, and the prettiest shade of spring green. Perfect in combination with edible flowers. Best in spring. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

MACHE

Vit

(*Valerianella locusta*)

\$3.25

Little rosettes of diminutive green leaves with a delicate nutty flavor. Adapted to diverse climates. Tolerates both moderate heat and extreme cold. Can sometimes be harvested from beneath snow! Best sown in autumn or very early spring. Will self-sow if allowed. Packet contains 500 seeds.



North Holland

(*Valerianella locusta* var. *oleracea*)

\$4.25

An old Dutch selection. Lives up to the common name of "lamb's lettuce" with its long pale green plush leaves. Extraordinarily soft and meltingly tender. Also very cold hardy, but not particularly tolerant of heat. Best sown in autumn for late autumn and winter harvests. Packet contains 300 seeds.

MISCELLANY

Purple Rat Tail

(*Raphanus sativus atropurpurea*)

\$3.75

These seeds will indeed produce the crazy-long purple pods of botanical lore. Crisp texture and spicy flavor. Perfect for dipping as well as snipping into salads. Plants have beautiful flouncy foliage and striking burgundy stems. Does not produce edible roots. If seed pods are not collected these plants will self-sow to magical effect. Best pod production in spring-sown plants. Space generously. Very rare seeds. Crosses easily with other radishes. Careful stewardship and seed saving is highly recommended. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Sea Fennel

(*Crithmum maritimum*)

\$4.75

Rock samphire. Perennial halophyte long wildcrafted for both food and medicine. Prepared in the mythical kitchen of Hecate. Discussed in the 17th century by both Culpeper and Shakespeare. Fleshy and succulent aromatic foliage tastes of a spicier saltier wild fennel. Fronds may be eaten fresh or pickled and served as antipasti, as is customary in Le Marche. Fresh seed pods may be prepared as capers. Dried foliage may be used to color and flavor handmade pasta. Erratic germination; best with some cold. Sow seeds directly into the garden in very early spring. Tolerates saline soils but does not like to germinate in them; start in flats and transplant. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Hara Chana

(*Cicer arietinum*)

\$2.75

This green garbanzo is eaten like shelling peas or edamame. Fuzzy little pods encase one or two sweet baby peabeans. Addictive delicious flavor when immature. A seasonal delicacy in India. Beautiful edible flowers. Compact plants. Will not typically mature in our climate, so fresh eating is all we know what to do with this selection. In northern gardens seeds can be started in flats and transplanted when soil and nights are warm. Shelled peabeans can be frozen and added to soups and curries through winter, but probably you'll eat all of them in the garden. Bring a salt shaker. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Cranberry Hibiscus

(*Hibiscus acetosella*)

\$3.75

The deeply cut plum-colored foliage of this tropical African species is reminiscent of a Japanese Maple and the plants will grow to similar proportions in just one season. They are also entirely edible. Valued as a cooked vegetable in Brazil. Somewhat sour in flavor, the cooked leaves make a great foil for churrasco. Leaves retain their color after cooking. Can be grown as an annual in cold winter climates either in the ground or in a very large container. Tolerates full sun or part shade but likes moisture. Huge rose pink flowers appear in autumn if frost doesn't appear first. Foliage alone makes this species worth growing as an ornamental in northern gardens. Germinates easily indoors at warm temperatures. Especially valuable as an alternative to poisonous Castor Bean plants. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Coffee Chicory

(Cicoria intybus)

\$2.75

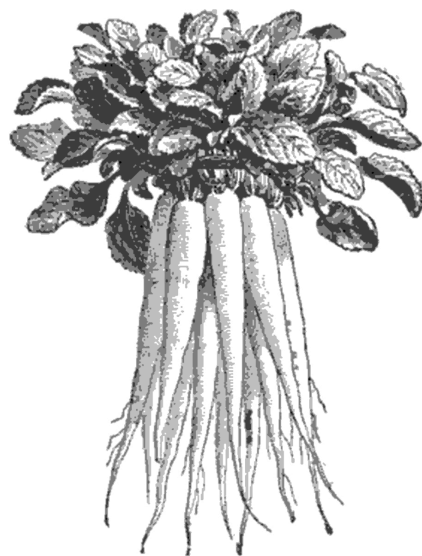
There is, and has long been, an entire industry devoted to the production of chicory root for use in extending, flavoring, and substituting for coffee. Its cultivation was once made obligatory at the behest of Napoleon as an issue of national welfare and security. The dried roots when roasted and ground have a sweet toasty flavor that both enhances and softens the flavor of coffee, as anyone that has been to a coffeehouse in New Orleans can attest. Alone, it makes a silky and healthy caffeine-free brew, especially in combination with roasted dandelion root. As easy to grow as any weed: sow directly into loose garden soil in spring and harvest in autumn. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Rapunzel

(Campanula rapunculus)

\$3.75

Made famous by the Brothers Grimm. An ancient hardy vegetable common to gardens of medieval Europe. Uniquely delicate and delicious juicy white roots. Salad-quality foliage persists through winter. Beautiful edible flowers in the second year. Makes an elegant cut flower. Very tiny seeds can be mixed with sand to facilitate judicious sowing. Mature plants will self-sow very prodigiously if unattended. Best to harvest most flowering stems. Great for permaculture but a nuisance for some neighbors. Bag stems tightly to collect seed. Packet contains 300 tiny seeds.



MUSTARDS

Golden Frill

(Brassica juncea)

\$2.75

Sweet and spicy and juicy and crunchy. The most delicious mustard greens we have grown. Stunning golden green leaves are dramatically dissected and hyperfrilled. Makes a fantastic winter salad. Suitable for sowing in flats under lights in a cold barn or basement all winter. One of the brightest stars of modern breeding. Nutritious and beautiful. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Dragon Tongue

(Brassica juncea)

\$2.75

Exquisitely colored mustard selected by Frank Morton from a cross of horned and miike mustards. Best sown in autumn. Thick crisp stems "horn" up into a vegetable for stir-fry, and the glowing green leaves are heavily painted with electric violet. So stunning. Spring sown plants will produce salad quality greens, but will not horn up nor be as colorful. Packet contains 500 seeds.

OKRA

Red Burgundy

(Abelmoschus esculentus)

\$2.25

Possibly the most ornamental of vegetables, these tall plants produce big glowing linen yellow flowers and tender burgundy pods. Prefers moist fertile soil in full sun. An excellent companion for melons in the kitchen garden. Start indoors in the north and transplant once weather warms. Mulch! Okra loves heat but requires moisture for best pod flavor and texture. Cool and dry summers hamper production. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Burmese

(Abelmoschus esculentus)

\$3.25

Our absolute favorite okra for eating and the easiest to grow for food in northern gardens. Bushy plants start producing sweet green pods almost as soon as they are transplanted and continue to produce until the first frost. Pods stay tender even as they near 1' in length. Mulch generously to maintain soil moisture. Dry soils will see the pods turn woody faster. Did very well in our compacted clay in 2025, and tolerates our cool misty nights. Amazing. Packet contains 50 seeds.



ORACH

Magenta Magic

(Atriplex hortensis)

\$2.25

Orach is an ancient food crop, probably Siberian in origin. This fabulous strain was discovered by Dr. John Navazio on an old Montana farmstead. These seeds will produce gorgeous "greens" in a stunning shade of sparkling violet-pink. Produces food over a very long season. Harvest whole young plants or individual leaves for salad and soup. Great spinach substitute in summer. Will ultimately grow to 4'. Seedheads are dramatic and ornamental. Too rarely grown, and pretty enough for the flower garden. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Triple Purple

(Atriplex hortensis)

\$2.25

The big crumpled purple foliage of this orach is super succulent and salty. Tolerates heat and sun with aplomb. Fantastic summer spinach. Orach is edible at all stages of growth. Young leaves have an almost crystalline texture that makes for fabulous salad fare. They were wildly popular when we bagged them for market. Mature plants can grow to 4', maintaining their spectacular color all the while. Truly edimental. Packet contains 100 seeds.

ONION

Rossa di Milano

(*Allium cepa*)

\$2.25

An improved American selection of this classic Italian red onion made by the late great Dr. John Navazio. Distinctive flat shoulders and tapered ends. Excellent flavor. Especially sweet and delicious when roasted. Cured properly these onions keep for several weeks longer than other open-pollinated reds. Long day. Very special and highly recommended. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Ramata di Milano

(*Allium cepa*)

\$2.75

The coppery cousin of Rossa di Milano. Distinctive flat shoulders and pretty blushed skins. Sweet flavor raw or roasted. An excellent keeper. Different from the onions commonly available to Americans and very rarely available. Imported seeds from Switzerland. Long day. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Dorata di Parma

(*Allium cepa*)

\$2.75

Another fantastic Italian storage onion with shimmering golden skins and dense white flesh. Late but generally reliable. Subjected to heat stress and drought these onions are merely smaller but still of excellent quality. When cured properly they will keep all winter. Long day. Packet contains 200 seeds.

New York Early

(*Allium cepa*)

\$2.25

The most reliable yellow storage onion for growers in much of the northern United States. Sow into flats in late winter and transplant as soon as the soil can be worked. The earliest of long day onions by a mile. Mild and juicy enough for fresh use. Well-cured onions keep for months and contribute to many pots of nourishing winter soup and stock. Packet contains 200 seeds.

PARSLEY ROOT

Berliner

(*Petroselinum crispum* var. *tuberosum*)

\$3.75

Jane Grigson calls Parsley Root the "underprivileged parsnip". Common to the cuisines of Eastern Europe and Russia but rarely grown in the Americas. Berliner is an extremely hardy selection of the old German 'Halblange'. Short fat aromatic roots may be harvested throughout winter if heavily mulched. Foliage is substantial and assertive in flavor and will often be evergreen beneath light straw mulch or snowcover. Both roots and shoots contribute to superlative winter soups. Erratic germination but best sown directly into the garden in early spring. Thin to at least 6". Packet contains 300 seeds.

Konika

(*Petroselinum crispum* var. *tuberosum*)

\$3.25

Relatively early and uniform selection from the Czech Republic. Smooth white aromatic roots may be dug in autumn of the first year. Sow seeds directly into the garden in early spring. Erratic germination may be improved by soaking seeds first. Thin plants to at least 6". Water frequently. Slightly less hardy than Berliner, the roots of Konika should be protected with straw bales if you wish them to overwinter in zone 5 and colder. Packet contains 300 seeds.



PARSNIP

Turga

(*Pastinaca sativa*)

\$3.25

Hungarian heirloom. Large dense roots have an incredible sweet creamy flavor reminiscent of coconut. Extremely hardy. Harvest heavily mulched roots throughout the winter. Sow directly into the garden as soon as soil can be worked. Short lived seed; purchase fresh each year. Packet contains 300 seeds.

PEAS

Sugar Snap

(*Pisum sativum*)

\$3.25

The absolute sweetest of garden peas. Pods are super-crisp and delicious. Fat green peas are as sweet as candy. Best picked when big and pillowy. Productive vines to 6'. Sow in early spring and late summer. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Parsley Pea

(*Pisum sativum*)

\$3.75

Among our absolute most favorite plants. This peculiar little pea is grown primarily for the abundant and adorable leafy tendrils. Makes superior salad fare. Ideal for market gardeners that sell custom salad mix. Dwarf enough for container culture and balcony gardens. Pure white flowers produce sweet snap peas. Entirely edible. Does not require support. Fun for breeding and parent of Dr. Alan Kapuler's hypertendrill varieties. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Golden Sweet Snow

(Pisum sativum)

\$2.75

Tall vines produce flavorful yellow snow peas that are excellent fresh or lightly stir fried. Pretty lilac flowers are edible and great for salads. Tolerates heat better than most peas. Pods do become a little woody when puffed with peas. Originally collected in India. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Opal Creek Snap

(Pisum sativum)

\$3.25

Bred by Dr. Alan Kapuler and named for one of the last remaining old growth forests in the Pacific Northwest. Progenitors includes both Golden Snow and Sugar Snap and the result captures many of the best qualities of both. Sweet juicy shoots and tendrils are the sweetest and most succulent that we know of. White flowers and lemon yellow pods that fade to spring green when plump with peas. Vines to 6'. Elegant and entirely edible. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Petit Pois

(Pisum sativum)

\$3.75

Tiny peas with refined texture and flavor. Requisite for French cuisine and basically anyone that really likes peas. Productive disease-resistant plants are compact and do not require support. Sow in early spring and late summer. Shell in 60 days. These peas freeze beautifully. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Blauwschokkers

(Pisum sativum)

\$3.75

An old Dutch soup pea with fragrant bi-color flowers and ornamental blue violet pea pods. Tall vines. Dried peas make an amazing pot of Snert. Not a snap or shelling pea. Unique and historic and beautiful. We know gardeners that grow these peas just for ornamental reasons. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Sugar Magnolia

(Pisum sativum)

\$3.75

Delicious purple-podded snap peas. Edible violet-pink flowers and sweet juicy hypertendrils. Unlike Sugar Snaps these pods taste best before they're plump with peas. Grows to 6'. More heat and drought-tolerant than Sugar Snaps. Still best in spring and autumn. Bred by Dr. Alan Kapuler. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Red Fox Carlin

(Pisum sativum)

\$3.75

The British answer to garbanzo beans. Flavorful burnished peas maintain their shape when cooked and are delicious in warm salads, stewed like French lentils, or toasted and seasoned like nuts. An heirloom dating to the Medieval, this peculiar pea is unique to the region historically known as Northumbria and is very rarely grown or marketed elsewhere in the world. Remarkable flowers are a dusky apricot pink. Sturdy 4' plants have tons of sweet and succulent tendrils. An absolute pleasure to have in the garden. Take care to harvest mature peas before pods shatter. Packet contains 20 seeds.

PEAS [SORT OF]

Winged Asparagus

(*Lotus tetragonolobus*)

\$4.25

Unusual "edimental" legume native to Southern Europe. Classic horticultural literature lists this as an ornamental in European gardens since at least 1596. The beautiful blood red flowers set edible winged pods. Harvest these pods for eating when no more than 1"-2". Delicate flavor. Steam or lightly stir-fry. Do not eat raw pods. Attractive compact prostrate plants are perfect in containers or spilling over walls. Unique. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Hara Chana

(*Cicer arietinum*)

\$2.75

Not a pea exactly but this green garbanzo is best eaten like shelling peas or edamame. Fuzzy little pods encase one or two sweet baby chickpeas. Addictive delicious flavor. Seasonal delicacy in India. Needs a long hot dry season to mature. Start in flats and transplant in the north. Packet contains 100 seeds.

PEPPERS

Chocolate Habanero

(*Capsicum chinense*)

\$3.75

The flavor of these gorgeous chocolate brown peppers is unlike any other habanero. Rich, earthy, smoky, sweet, and HOT. At least 300,000 SHU. Makes a great barbecue sauce, especially when roasted or smoked. Excellent in Jamaican jerk. Extreme biting heat when raw. Production can be slow and sparse in the first year if not started super early. Grow in a pot and overwinter for a huge crop in the second year. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Scotch Bonnet

(*Capsicum chinense*)

\$2.25

The habanero of the Caribbean. This selection has squat fat pleated orange pods with thick flesh. Fantastic for HOT sauce. Plants are productive and especially so when grown in pots and overwintered for a huge crop in the second year. Typically around 300,000 SHU. If you grow habaneros for sauce consider this as a more substantial alternative. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Ralph Thompson

(*Capsicum annuum*)

\$2.25

An impressive Italian heirloom. Sweet with HEAT! Decorative squat ribbed red fruits are thick and crisp and have great flavor no matter how they are prepared. Excellent fresh flavor. Perfect for stuffing. Roast with Purple Calabash tomatoes for a rich spicy sauce. Productive compact plants. Ripe fruits in 80 days. Produces reliably until frost. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Fish

(Capsicum annuum)

\$2.25

An American heirloom from Jim Crowe era Baltimore. Originally selected and maintained by black farmers for use in local oyster and crab houses. The immature white peppers could be dried to maintain that color and give "invisible" heat to fish dishes and white sauce. Seeds were gifted to the grandfather of historian William Woys Weaver by Horace Pippin. Weaver introduced this pepper to the modern seed trade which has sadly neglected to select for those white pods. Only a few plants of each seed lot that we sow features the white foliage and pods of the original. Reselection is ongoing. These seeds will produce mostly striped but some white pods. All peppers ripen to a fleshy red that makes great sambal. Moderate heat is similar to that of a good jalapeno. Very productive. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Buena Mulata

(Capsicum annuum)

\$2.25

Another pepper gifted to the grandfather of historian William Woys Weaver by artist Horace Pippin. Violet flowers produce long pods that are at first bright saturated purple, fading to lilac, then pale coral, then orange, before finally ripening to rich red. Flavor is hot and similar to cayenne. Purple pods are perfect for pickling. Fleshy ripe red peppers are sweet and make a good hot sauce. Very productive, even in a container. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Ghost

(Capsicum chinense)

\$4.00

Bhut Jolokia. Formerly one of the hottest known peppers, these now seem quite mild in comparison to many of the so-called "superhots". Still, the average pod has nearly 1,000,000 SHU. Caution is advised. Flavor of fresh ripe red pods is excellent. Makes fantastic hot sauce. Fermented sauces have a delicious sweet flavor and intense slow-burning heat. Roasted or smoked peppers have a softer darker flavor and are a nice addition to ketchup or barbecue sauces. Seeds require heat to germinate. Even with consistent heat and light these seeds may take a few weeks to sprout. Start as early as possible for fruits in the first year. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Chervena Chujski

(Capsicum annuum)

\$2.25

Candy sweet red roasting pepper from Bulgaria that is equally delicious fresh. Seriously sweet. Glossy 6" tapered fruits with thick flesh on sturdy productive plants. An unmatched multipurpose pepper. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Serrano Tampiqueno

(Capsicum annuum)

\$2.25

Superior strain of the 2nd most common pepper in Mexico. Distinctive piquant flavor. Makes fantastic salsa and hot sauce. About 10,000 SHU. Large plants grow to 3' and are incredibly productive. Early and reliable in diverse climates. Typically used green, although red fruits are squishy and sweet and charming in their own right. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Aji Cristal

(Capsicum baccatum)

\$2.25

These waxy translucent peppers from Chile are unique in that they are best eaten when immature. The unripe peppers are a very pale tea green with an incredibly juicy and crunchy texture. Flavor is bright and citrus forward with clean heat. About 30,000 SHU. Makes an amazing salsa with cucumbers and lime basil or an authentic pebre. Fruits are ready to harvest almost as soon as they appear: around 70 days from transplant. Very prolific. Produces just as well in the cool Hudson Valley as it did in the hot humid Midwest. Always the first hot pepper harvested from our garden. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Trinidad Perfume

(Capsicum chinense)

\$3.25

Incredibly fragrant yellow seasoning pepper that looks like a hot pepper but is instead completely sweet with virtually no heat. Excellent fresh flavor but especially delicious and perfumed when used in cooking. Very productive. These plants are some of the most beautiful in the garden when heavily laden with pods. Compact enough for growing in containers. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Trinidad Scorpion

(Capsicum chinense)

\$4.00

A "superhot" worth eating. Fleshy little red pods with sweet fruity flavor. Makes a genuinely good and very HOT hot sauce. Not for fresh eating unless you are a total masochist. Nearly 1,000,000 SHU. Use gloves and eye protection when handling. Seeds require heat to germinate. Even with consistent heat and light these seeds may take a few weeks to sprout. Start as early as possible for fruits in the first year. Best to grow in a container and overwinter indoors for a huge crop in the second year. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Boldog

(Capsicum annuum)

\$2.25

The easiest Hungarian paprika to grow in northern gardens. Reliably early and tolerant of cool misty nights. Long pendulous pods on productive 2' plants. Ripens to red in about 70 days. Dry ripe pods in an oven set to its lowest temperature and grind into fragrant sweet paprika. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Xochiteco

(Capsicum sp.)

\$2.25

We first acquired these seeds from Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, to whom we are incredibly grateful because these are now among our absolute favorite peppers. Beautiful plants are lightly pubescent and hardy and impervious to both drought and cold damp conditions. Almost certainly has some wild blood in its recent lineage and we dare not presume its true taxonomical identity. Unbelievably productive! Pods are about half the size of a Serrano but thick and juicy and perfect for smashing in a molcajete. Makes the best sambal that we have ever had. Fantastic flavor with mild to moderate heat. Plants grow to about 3' and in moist soil should be staked. An amazing selection that we wish we knew more about. Very highly recommended. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Biquinho Amarelo

(Capsicum chinense)

\$2.25

Tiny beaked yellow peppers with very mild heat. Ideal for pickling. The little glowing fruits look incredible packed in a jar and on a crudites platter. Nice with Mouse Melons. Plants are compact and very productive. Suitable for containers. Fun for gardening kids. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Mulato

(Capsicum annuum)

\$2.25

Hotter and sweeter than Ancho, these big fleshy Mexican peppers are dark brown when ripe and nearly black when dried. Unique delicious flavor with notes of tobacco and licorice. Around 4,000 SHU. Makes amazing mole and black bean soup. Not too productive but tolerates crowding. Can be dried easily in an oven set to the lowest possible temperature. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Pasilla

(Capsicum annuum)

\$2.25

Known as Chilaca when fresh, the dried peppers are dark and wrinkled like a raisin, hence the name. Fully ripened and dried pods contribute significantly to traditional recados and moles. Flavor is sweet and subtly smokey, having notes in common with black figs and Keemun tea. Heat is barely perceptible. Requires around 100 days for green pods to ripen to brown. Start seeds as early as possible, at least 10 to 12 weeks before the last spring frost. Whole plants can be uprooted in autumn if frost threatens. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Chilhuacle Negro

(Capsicum annuum)

\$2.75

Another delicious Mexican pepper grown primarily for drying. The dried flesh can be easily ground in to a flavorful powder and used like paprika. Pods are late to ripen but the plants tolerate cool nights and are surprisingly reliable in the Northeast most years. Allow to dry completely in the garden if at all possible or pull whole plants and hang indoors while pods ripen. Complex flavor and mild pleasant heat. Very nice. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Aleppo

(Capsicum annuum)

\$2.75

These peppers were historically grown in Syria for use as a condiment or seasoning, though ongoing circumstances have seen this pepper grown around the world in effort to satisfy the demand that cannot currently be met by Syrian farmers. Stocky elongated red pods are fleshy and fragrant. They are traditionally dried, but only partially, and then coarsely ground or crushed and sprinkled atop virtually everything. Heat is mild but the flavor is rich and sweet and slightly tangy. Best when grown in a hot summer. Fairly late to ripen and growers in cool climates or with short seasons may not get many red pods. Try growing these plants in large containers of fertile soil on a hot patio to hasten fruit production and ripening. All plants must be staked lest they collapse under the weight of heavy fruits. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Zimbabwe Bird

(Capsicum frutescens)

\$2.25

Though native to the Americas, Capsicum species are beloved and cultivated worldwide. C. frutescens is the preferred species in Africa, from whence this selection originates. Very compact attractive 1' plants produce hundreds of tiny pods that ripen from green to red. Red peppers are used both fresh and dried. Fantastic sweet and tangy flavor. Heat is between 30,000 and 60,000 SHU depending on culture. Ripens in about 90 days. Tolerates cool wet weather. Suitable for containers. Just a lovely little plant. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Orange Thai

(Capsicum annuum)

\$2.75

The Thai peppers that I have wanted to grow all my life: long thin pods with clean medium heat that can be tossed into to the wok without much more than a wash after you've lopped their little tops. Ideal for tucking into pint jars of pickled carrots or haricots verts. Easily dried. Just perfect. Compact but incredibly productive plants. Ripe pods in August. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Yellow Tabasco

(Capsicum annuum)

\$2.25

Poorly named because it is fairly unrelated to the true Tabasco but a very worthwhile little pepper. Super compact 1' plants produce tons of $\frac{3}{4}$ " fleshy golden pods over a long season. And they are HOT! Use for hot sauce or dry for seasoning. Like Zimbabwe Bird the dried pods look great in a little jar on the kitchen counter. Perfect for containers. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Chiltepin

(Capsicum annuum var. glabriusculum)

\$2.25

Wild pepper of the American Southwest. Perennial in their native habitat and perfect for containers in the north. Tiny round pods ripen to red with intense but fleeting heat. Pods dry easily. Requires consistent heat over weeks to germinate. Use grow lights and heat mats. Be patient. Long-lived once established. Top plants for best production. Packet contains 20 seeds.

PUMPKINS

Winter Luxury

(Cucurbita pepo)

\$2.75

An elegant old pumpkin that is miraculously suitable for both carving and pie. Uniformly round pale orange pumpkins are delicately netted, a trait common in other cucurbits but one which has otherwise been bred out of squash. This quality causes them to have an exquisitely blurred appearance. They are fabulously decorative. And besides being pretty to look at the flesh of these pumpkins is fine and sweet and makes an excellent pie. For gardeners too lazy for pie the seeded fruits may also be cut into palm-sized portions, doused with walnut oil, sprinkled with cinnamon sugar, and roasted in a hot oven. So good with a glass of cider or Calvados. Packet contains 30 seeds.

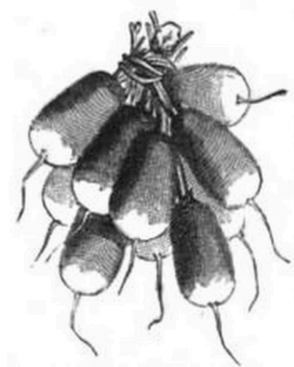
RADISHES

French Breakfast

(Raphanus sativus)

\$3.00

The classic French radish for your petit dejeuner. Charming short cylindrical red radishes with white tips. Easy and precocious. Ready to harvest in just three weeks after sowing. Sow as soon as the soil can be worked and every two weeks or so throughout the entire season. Packet contains 1000 seeds.



Shunkyo

(Raphanus sativus)

\$3.25

Superior Chinese radish with tender nutritious pink-veined greens that have no prickles. Very adaptable. Sow throughout the season in all but the hottest climates. Long crisp dark pink roots are sweet with pleasant heat. Easily sliced on a mandoline for pickles and salad. Contributes an elegant and unique coral color to fresh ferments. Our favorite. Packet contains 300 seeds.

White Icicle

(Raphanus sativus)

\$2.25

Ubiquitous little white daikon tolerates heat with aplomb and makes superb pickles, especially in combination with Aka Shiso or Opalescent basil. Easy and delicious. Sow all season. Ready in 30 days. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Green Winter

(Raphanus sativus)

\$3.25

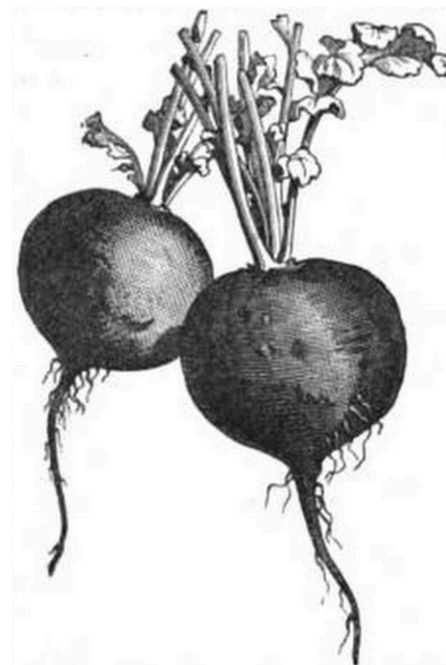
Seriously sweet Chinese winter radish with crisp juicy green flesh and very impressive girth. Has nothing in common with the spicy winter radishes in Europe. Sow in late summer or autumn. Ready to harvest in about 60 days. Keeps in the refrigerator or cellar for months. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Black Spanish

(Raphanus sativus)

\$2.25

An old European winter radish. Uniformly round roots grow to 4" in diameter. Almost impossibly black and bark-like skin encases pure white crisp aromatic flesh. Strong flavor is excellent. Really great with fresh cheese on rye bread. Spiralized and salted they make a delicious accompaniment to beer. Keeps for months packed in sand in the barn or cellar or bagged in the refrigerator. Sow in late summer or autumn. Will not produce roots if sown in the spring. Harvest in 60 days. Packet contains 300 seeds.



SALSIFY

Mammoth Sandwich Island

(*Tragopogon porrifolius*)

\$2.25

Unique biennial cultivated for thousands of years for both roots and shoots. Sow seeds in early spring. Heavily mulched plants may be harvested through the winter. Roots make an excellent vegetarian "oyster" stew. Second spring top growth is delicious. Edible flowers are a stunning blue violet. Will sow itself. Beautiful in the permacultural landscape. Packet contains 100 seeds.

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(*Scorzonera hispanica*)

\$2.25

An ancient edible biennial, the long black roots possess the delicate taste of oyster or artichoke when cooked. Sow in early spring into deep loose fertile soil. If heavily mulched, the roots may be harvested through the winter and even after flowering in the second year. Edible yellow flower buds may be pickled. Blanched greens are suitable for salad. Common to French cuisine. Roots must be peeled to eat. Delicious prepared with a simple cream sauce. Soil preparation is paramount. Worth the effort. Packet contains 100 seeds.

SHALLOT

Cuisse de Poulet

(*Allium cepa*)

\$3.75

Echalion Cuisse de Poulet du Poitou. An easy to grow French heirloom with rich sweet flavor. Blush pink and the shape of a little chicken leg. One of the few kitchen alliums that may be sown directly into the garden in spring. Keeps on the kitchen counter for many months. Packet contains 200 seeds.

SPINACH

Merlo Nero

(*Spinacia oleracea*)

\$3.00

The most delicious spinach that we have grown, but also the most finicky. Merlo Nero is a gorgeous dark green savoyed Italian variety that is super cold hardy and will overwinter easily in most northern gardens, even without protection. Does not tolerate heat or drought. Not even a little. Best sown in autumn, and even through the winter in mild climates. In regions with a long cool lingering spring, these seeds may be sown successfully in late winter or very early spring for a single harvest of baby spinach. Long puckered leaves in fall and winter hold very well once harvested. Freezes beautifully. Perfect for spanakopita, lasagna, and malai palak. Packet contains 200 seeds.

SQUASH

Black Futsu

(Cucurbita moschata)

\$2.75

Heavily ribbed and bumpy little Japanese pumpkin. Ripens from nearly black to pale buff with a white bloom. Flesh is very fine with a sweet and almost fruity flavor. Delicious raw or roasted. Edible thin skin. Not a keeper. Very productive. Suitable for cool damp climates. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Musquee de Provence

(Cucurbita moschata)

\$3.75

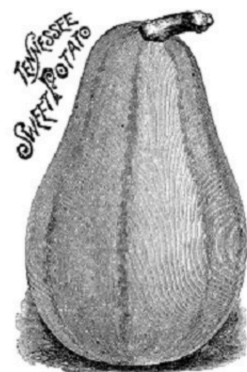
Beautiful old French heirloom. One of the best for both culinary and ornamental use. Big flat deeply-ribbed pumpkins with thick sweet orange flesh. Ripens from dark green to a handsome terra cotta with a silvery purple blush. Traditionally sold in French markets by the wedge. Adapted to the long warm summers of the Mediterranean but can be grown in northern gardens if started early indoors. Needs at least 100 days to ripen. Even more to cure properly. Long rampant vines. Be warned. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Tennessee Sweet Potato

(Cucurbita argyrosperma)

\$3.25

These peculiar and historic squash will keep for many months if cured properly. Long rampant vines produce oddly shaped off-white fruits with pale green stripes. Flesh is fine and dry. Seed Savers' Exchange calls it "The Tofu of Squashes" due to its mild flavor and light hue. An exceptional curry vegetable. Best in a long hot summer. Can overwhelm small gardens. Start indoors in the north. Packet contains 15 seeds.



Marina di Chioggia

(Cucurbita maxima)

\$3.25

Beloved Venetian heirloom with rampant and incredibly productive vines. Fantastically bumpy pumpkins are various shades of dark or washed green. Delicious dense dry yellow flesh. Perfect for gnocchi and stuffed pasta. Excellent storage quality: will keep for up to a year and become sweeter all the while. Needs at least 120 days to ripen and cure. Best to start seeds indoors in northern gardens. Italian seed. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Zeppelin Delicata

(Cucurbita pepo)

\$2.75

An old non-commercial strain that was resurrected by Frank Morton in 2001 after the commercial seed trade allowed Delicata to be crossed with a bitter desert gourd. The thick orange flesh of Zeppelin is fine and reliably sweet. Never bitter. Tender edible skin need not be removed. Perfect for roasting and stuffing. Productive vines may be trellised and produce up to six fruits per plant. Properly cured they keep for months on a cool kitchen counter. An excellent selection for small gardens. Packet contains 30 seeds.

TOMATILLOS

Purple

(Physalis ixocarpa)

\$2.25

Ripe fruits are (usually) completely purple inside and out. Makes beautiful fresh salsa. Fairly late for us but wildly productive. Grow at least three plants at once to ensure pollination. Keep plants upright with cheap tomato cages. Ripe fruits tend to drop to the ground very easily. Self-sows reliably if allowed. Nice selection for permaculture. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Acorazonado

(Physalis ixocarpa)

\$3.25

Landrace from the historic region of Malinalco in Mexico. Unique in every respect. Shape varies somewhat but in general is that of a large heart or torpedo. Ripe fruits are a creamy saturated yellow. The fragrance and flavor is delicious and complex. Fantastic fresh eating. Makes an amazing fresh salsa. Fairly early and produces consistently until first hard freeze. Productive in diverse climates. Can grow very tall some seasons and does best with a 4' tomato cage or a sturdy stake at the absolute minimum. Grow at least three plants to ensure pollination. Packet contains at least 20 seeds.

Rio Grande Verde

(Physalis ixocarpa)

\$2.25

Green husked fruits produced in abundance on compact determinate plants that rarely grow taller than 2'. Good tart flavor. Short sturdy plants are appropriate for small gardens. An excellent selection for salsa gardeners that wish to harvest and process a lot at once. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Merida Market

(Physalis ixocarpa)

\$3.25

Original seed stock was procured from a market in Merida, capital of the Yucatan in Mexico. Likely a landrace as there is notable diversity here. Most fruits ripen to purple but others are practically white. All are delicious and have that rich fragrance and flavor of Acorazonado. Grow several plants to appreciate the charms of this tomatillo. Our favorite of all the purple tomatillos so far. Adaptable. Reliably early. Unlike 'Purple' the ripe fruits hold on the plants forever so no rush to harvest. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Cisneros

(Physalis ixocarpa)

\$2.75

Big round green fruits on big indeterminate plants. Excellent tart flavor. Not so productive as Rio Grande Verde but produces over the entire season. Perfect for households that make just a weekly batch of fresh salsa verde. Use cages to keep these plants off the ground. Harvest unripe green fruits when they have just breached the husk. As with all tomatillos grow at least three plants to ensure pollination. Packet contains 30 seeds.

TOMATOES

Amber

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

Incredibly productive determinate plants set dozens of glowing amber globes, even in a cool wet season. Stout plants grow to just about 3' but may topple under the weight of heavy fruit if they are not carefully staked with a sturdy post. Uniform apricot-sized tomatoes are solid and substantial. Flavor is very good for such an early tomato. Versatile in the kitchen. There is hardly a better choice for gardeners with super short seasons or in cool maritime climates. Perfect for containers. 55 days. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Azoychka

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

Collected in Russia by Seed Savers' Exchange co-founder Kent Whealy. Big clear yellow slicers on tall indeterminate plants. Early and shockingly full-flavored. Tastes more like a good red tomato rather than a yellow. Reliable. Impervious to cool damp weather. Ideal for chilly coastal and mountain climates. First ripe fruits in 60-70 days. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Black Krim

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

Heirloom black slicer with rich salty sweet meaty flavor. Vegan bacon. Tall indeterminate plants. Easily our favorite of the big "blacks" and heirlooms in general. Ripens more easily in a cool summer than Cherokee Purple. Quite common now thanks to its ease of culture and amazing flavor. Grow a few plants close on a trellis if you want lots of fruit. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Blush

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$3.25

Bred by Fred Hemphel before his Artisan Seeds became a big deal. These unique tomatoes are borne in clusters on short wispy indeterminate plants that don't grow much more than 4'. Pale orange torpedo-shaped fruits are subtly striped and have a tiny nipple end. Pick when they develop the namesake "blush" of pink. Extraordinary flavor: clean, sweet and tropical. Early and productive over a long season. Tolerates cool misty nights. Draws attention when included in mixed baskets at market. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Cherokee Tiger

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$3.75

Dwarf 1'-2' plants with stunning bright chartreuse semi-rugose foliage. Dusky pink saladettes are striped with green that ripens to shimmering gold. Great for containers. Very productive selection of a selection made by the great tomato breeder Bill Jeffers. Good flavor generally. Fantastic flavor given enough heat. Best color in part shade. Truly beautiful and our favorite for edible landscaping. Grow en masse and plant close. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Corne de Bouc

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$3.25

An old French heirloom. Long tapered fruits curved like a goat buck's horn. Solid with very few seeds. Flavor is excellent: very sweet and rich. Makes a silky sauce. Perfect for dried tomatoes. Not especially productive and very late: around 90 days from transplant. First flush of fruits is susceptible to blossom end rot. Take care to amend soils with lots of fish bone meal and azomite. Still very much worth the trouble. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Coyote

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$2.75

Huge sprawling disease-resistant plants produce hundreds of translucent pale yellow cherries. Flavor is unique and addictive. Fruit size is small but variable depending on growing conditions. Growth habit is bonkers and totally unmanageable. Discovered growing wild in Veracruz, Mexico and gifted to Craig LeHoullier in 1990. Early and reliably productive in very diverse climates. An excellent candidate for breeding experiments. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Doucet's Plum Producer

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$2.75

True paste bred by Roger Doucet in Quebec: Quebec Q-1121. Highly recommended for cool short seasons. Compact plants produce big solid red fruits early in the season and continue until frost. May be staked but best with a small sturdy cage to keep plants from splitting under the weight of heavy fruit set. Excellent flavor sauced. Just incredible. Some variation in fruit shape but all exhibit the same solid texture and flavor. For processing and not for fresh eating. Packet contains 30 seeds.



Dwarf Lemon Ice

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$2.25

Among the most popular varieties produced by the Dwarf Tomato Project. Stout 2'-3' plants produce lots of beautiful clear yellow heart-shaped quarter-to-half pound fruits with good balanced flavor. First ripe fruits are ready to harvest in about 75 days. Perfect for containers. Suitable for cool maritime climates. Highly recommended for patio gardens. Packet contains 15 seeds

Fioletovyi Kruglyi

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$3.75

Uniformly round saladette fruits are shades of purple and brown ripening to burnished red with camo-smudged shoulders. Flesh is firm and meaty with two or three seed cells. Resistant to cracking. Fantastic rich sweet flavor. Plants are incredibly productive and have attractive grey foliage against which the ripe fruit is particularly striking. Just an absolute pleasure to have in the garden. Adaptable and reliable. 75 days. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Geranium Kiss

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

Indeterminate dwarf multiflora developed by Dr. Alan Kapuler. Produces hypertrusses of delicious one ounce heart-shaped tomatoes with a little nipple end. Sturdy plants top out just over 2'. Suitable for containers and small gardens. Tolerates cool maritime climates. Packet contains 15 seeds.

House

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

House Tomato. As in 'House Plant'. But a tomato plant. To grow in the house. An unusual Russian heirloom that is traditionally grown in a pot and overwintered indoors. Tops out at just over 1'. Small fruits have classic tomato flavor. Ideal for garden windows and patios and balconies. Start seeds indoors anytime. Trim occasionally. Blooms all year. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Kronprinz

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$3.75

Incredible variety from Russia. Introduced to American gardeners by Sylvia Davitz. Clusters of red nipples fruits with excellent flavor and texture. Suitable for both fresh eating and processing. Very similar indeed to our beloved Teton de Venus but earlier and more productive and tolerant of extreme heat. Indeterminate plants need a trellis. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Lime Green Salad

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

Dwarf plants with beautiful blue-green semi-rugose foliage. Grows to around 2'. Small slicers are bright lime green with a pretty amber blush when ripe. Flavor is excellent: sweet, spritely, and sometimes spicy. Early: 55-65 days. Bred by Tom Wagner. Suitable for cool maritime climates and balcony gardens. Best flavor for us in a container in full sun. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Maglia Rosa

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.75

Bred by Fred Hemphel and the basis for all Artisan Seeds breeding. Parent to our beloved Blush. Subtly striped pink torpedos or teardrops are juicy with sweet flavor. Semi-determinate compact plants to just 3'. Great for cool damp climates. Ripe fruits do not hold in the heat at all so harvest promptly. One of our favorites for mixed baskets in market days. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Marmande

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

To me this is THE French tomato. Elegant six-to eight ounce semi-oblate fruits are red and subtly ribbed. Flavor is rich and perfectly balanced. Texture is silky and firm. Rarely cracks. Borne early in the season on sturdy semi-determinate bushes. Expect the first ripe fruits as soon as 60 days after transplanting even in cool maritime climates. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Northern Ruby

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$2.25

Great selection of the old Heinz Paste Improved for short cool seasons. Sturdy determinate plants produce tons of solid two to three ounce fruits all at once. Perfect for processing and canning. Nice with Amber. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Orange Currant

(*Solanum pimpinellifolium*)

\$2.25

Big sprawling indeterminate plants produce hundreds of bright orange pea-to-dime sized tomatoes. Flavor is sweet and fruity. Thick skins will not split. Holds for several weeks both on and off the plant. Perfect for snacking and serving alongside ciliegine. Provides nice contrast and dimension to a basket of mixed cherries. Fantastic for kids. Packet contains 20 seeds.



Paul Robeson

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$2.25

Named for beloved American performer, football player and activist Paul Leroy Robeson, who was blacklisted in the 1950s for his vocal criticism of racism in the United States and for his communist sympathies. Bred in Russia, this beauty is among the most coveted and flavorful of tomatoes. Large dark red slicers have green shoulders smudged with black. The taste is incredible. Rich, smokey, earthy and sweet. Fairly late to ripen, requiring 80-90 days after transplant to do so. Still highly recommended. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Phil's Reisetomate

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$3.75

Fabulously fasciated plants and fruits. Indeterminate bushy plants to 18". Golden yellow fruits can be broken into individual 'segments'. Dense flesh with very few seeds. Great flavor in a hot summer. Suitable for containers. Wacky and delightful. Becoming a favorite for us. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Pink Berkeley Tie Dye

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$2.25

Tidy indeterminate vines produce big beautiful striped slicers with excellent rich flavor. Tolerates cool wet weather. Fairly early: around 70 days from transplant. Bred by Brad Gates in Napa, California. One of the few tomatoes that produces and sweetens reliably in maritime climates. Pick promptly once ripe as they do not hold for long on the plant. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Pink "Currant"

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

Huge crazy indeterminate plants produce tons of tiny juicy translucent pink fruits. Clean sweet flavor. Among the most disease-resistant tomatoes we have grown. Really fun for big gardens frequented by kids. Tender delicate skins do split easily when pulled from the calyx so snip bunches for bringing indoors or just eat by the handful in the garden. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Pocket Star

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

Discovered as a chance sport and named for the Samuel R. Delany novel 'Stars in my Pocket like Grains of Sand'. Green-fleshed fruits have sparkling skins that blush gold when ripe. Flavor is excellent: rich and sweet with a nice acidity. Different from the other green cherries we've grown. Beautiful in a mixed basket. Tall and sturdy indeterminate plants. First ripe fruit in about 75 days. Very nice companion to Rosella. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Pruden's Purple

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

Superior to Brandywine in short seasons and cool maritime climates. Vigorous indeterminate potato leaf plants produce big dark pink slicers with perfect "heirloom" flavor. Rich and sweet and tangy. Solid fruits have very few seeds. Perfect for sandwiches. Not early but very reliable. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Purple Calabash

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

The tomato as art. Purple Calabash is exceptional in both appearance and flavor. Fruits are deeply ribbed, frequently lobed, and colored in shades of red wine. Flavor is rich and intense even in the cool misty Hudson Valley. Makes a superlative pasta sauce when roasted. Plants are productive and unaffected by extreme temperatures or drought. Very old and unlike anything else available. Our absolute favorite. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Rosabec

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

Beautiful and uniform glossy pink slicers on sturdy 4' semi-determinate plants. Early: about 70 days from transplant. Excellent sweet-tart tomato flavor that lingers on the palate. Perfect on a BLT. Makes great tomato juice. Bred by Roger Doucet in 1975 at the Station Provinciale de Recherches Agricole in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. Recommended for cool maritime climates, short seasons, and minimalist kitchen gardens. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Rosella

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$3.25

This pretty cherry tomato is really good. Bred in the UK by Mark Rowland. An excellent choice for cool maritime climates. Color is a unique deep purple pink. Flavor is unusually rich for a cherry: intensely fruity with hints of ripe raspberries or blackberries rather than tropical fruit. Much more agreeable to us than the ubiquitous Black Cherry or the saccharin-sweet Sungold. Tall indeterminate plants need a trellis. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Skyreacher

(Solanum lycopersicum)

\$2.25

Very uniform and productive variety from Tom Wagner. Great for cool climates and market gardeners. Scarlet saladettes with sunny stripes on indeterminate plants. Mercifully resistant to blight. Easy peasy. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Silvery Fir

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$2.25

Another peculiar old Russian heirloom. First introduced to the trade by the amazing Russian collector and grower Marina Danilenko, who maintained and disseminated many dozens of our most cherished "heirloom" tomato varieties after the collapse of the Soviet Union. These beautiful determinate dwarf plants produce uniform scarlet fruits very early in the season. In Iowa we grew the plants just for the gorgeous foliage. Here in the Northeast we appreciate the tomatoes too: meaty and tangy and versatile. Not the best by any means but very good and very reliable. Highly recommended for short seasons and cool maritime climates and for edible landscaping purposes. Suitable for containers but best with support. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Sweet Aperitif

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$3.25

Another delicious cherry tomato bred by Mark Rowland in the UK. Tons of dime-sized candy-sweet red fruits are produced in long trusses. Becoming wildly popular thanks to its excellent super-sweet and refreshing flavor. Perfect for market growers and a nice addition to mixed baskets of cherries. Tall indeterminate plants. Somewhat later to produce ripe fruit than most cherry tomatoes. About 80 days from transplant. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Thai Pink Egg

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$1.75

Thai tomatoes get no respect. Selected for solid fruits that hold their shape when cut or cooked, Thai tomatoes might seem perpetually unripe to Americans, but they are perfect for all manner of Thai salads and curries. Small egg-shaped fruits ripen from white to pink and have dense and solid mild flesh that absorbs strong flavors. The perfect vehicle for lime juice, fish sauce, cilantro and Thai hot peppers. These seeds will produce rampant productive indeterminate plants. Ripe fruits in as little as 65 days. Different and worth growing at least once. Ornamental! Nice with cosmos. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Thai Grape

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$2.25

This is a really good grape tomato that produces very well in the Northeast. Consistently good flavor and texture even into autumn. Does not drip. Great for snacking in the garden. Holds forever. Never splits. Among the most reliable options for market growers. Just great. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Wapsipinicon Peach

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$2.25

Fuzzy pale yellow saladette fruits are exceptionally sweet. More appropriate for a fruit and cheese plate than a salad or sauce. A dessert tomato. Totally unique and especially sublime in a hot summer. Productive indeterminate plants can produce bucket loads of 2" fruit in ideal conditions. In Iowa we always had more than we knew what to do with. Packet contains 20 seeds.

White Queen

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$2.25

These ivory slicers have sweet complex aromatic flavor. One of the best of all big "white" tomatoes. First offered by Earl May in 1941. Very vigorous and productive in our Hudson Valley garden. Tolerates cool wet weather. Tall indeterminate plants produce half pound fruits that begin to ripen about 75 days after transplant and continue producing right up until frost. Mature fruits blush with pale yellow and sometimes have a subtle pink glow where the sun hits them. Still the whitest of all big slicers for those gardeners looking for a true rainbow of tomato color. Dense and meaty texture with very few seeds. Makes a good "white" pasta sauce. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Wild Galapagos

(*Solanum lycopersicum*)

\$3.25

This delicious orange cherry has intense tomato flavor. It is sweet and salty and wonderfully tangy all at the same time. It is different from every other tomato we've grown, cherry-sized or otherwise. Tough as nails, these huge sprawling plants are always one of the first to have ripe fruit, and are the last to stop producing fruit in the autumn. They will tolerate light frost without protection. Fruit quality is consistently good. Resistant to cracking. Impervious to extreme heat, drought, pests and disease. Will produce even in partial shade. Probably a spontaneous hybrid of *S. lycopersicum* and one or more wild species from the Galapagos. Very special. Packet contains 30 seeds.



TURNIPS

Boule d'Or

(Brassica napus)

\$2.25

An improved selection of this classic French turnip. Golden roots are sweet, tender and uniformly round. Perfect for "baby" vegetables. Suitable for both spring and autumn sowing. Harvest from 40 to 90 days. Roots harvested in late autumn are excellent keepers. Delicious quartered and roasted or boiled and mashed. The healthiest of comfort food. Packet contains 500 seeds.

White Egg

(Brassica rapa)

\$2.25

These round white roots have been a staple of American kitchen gardens for two hundred years. Nutritious and easy to grow. Sweet enough to eat out of hand and equally delicious when quartered and tossed into the Sunday roast. Great for pickling. Sow in both spring and autumn. Harvest roots for bunching in 30-40 days. In autumn allow them to mature for 10-20 days more for roots that will keep for several weeks in the cellar. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Noir de Pardailhan

(Brassica rapa)

\$3.75

An old French variety beloved by foodies and lionized by the Slow Food movement. Rough black skin with delicious starchy white flesh that is fluffy when boiled or roasted. One of the few black-skinned turnips listed by Vilmorin in the 19th century that is still extant. Can only be grown in the cool of autumn and winter. Sow in late summer or well into autumn and early winter in the South or coastal California. Spring sown crops will not produce roots. Winter comes too soon in the Midwest. Packet contains 300 seeds.



ZUCCHINI

Romanesco

(Cucurbita pepo)

\$3.25

Sometimes listed as "Costata Romanesco". The absolute best ever traditional zucchini we know of. Ribbed and mottled green fruits. Picked young, when no more than 6" and flowers are still attached, flesh will be solid and buttery with no seeds. Never watery or insipid. Fantastic for grilling or slicing thin for ratatouille. Also ideal for specialty market sales with flowers attached. Male flowers are large and suitable for stuffing. Big flouncy bush plants are very productive if kept picked. Plants can grow to shrub-like proportions so space generously in rich fertile soil. Italian seed. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Zapallito de Tronco

(Curcubita maxima)

\$3.75

These peculiar pumpkins from Argentina are harvested when immature for zapallitos rellenos. Flesh is creamy and green like an avocado. Compact bush plants are reliably productive. Mature fruits are dark green and turn orange in storage. Delicious always. Truly dual-purpose. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Tromba d'Albenga

(Curcubita moschata)

\$3.25

Another unique dual-purpose squash with climbing vines that look great on a trellis or arbor. Ridiculously long fruits have seeds sequestered in a bulb on one end. Solid flesh with sweet nutty flavor. Pick young pale green 1' fruits for zucchini. Allow to mature to buff for a great winter squash that looks like it has been spaghettified on the edge of a black hole. Easily peeled and cubed for soups and mixed roasted veggies. Very ornamental on an arch or trellis. Mature fruits can keep for several months. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Rugosa Friulana

(Cucurbita moschata)

\$3.25

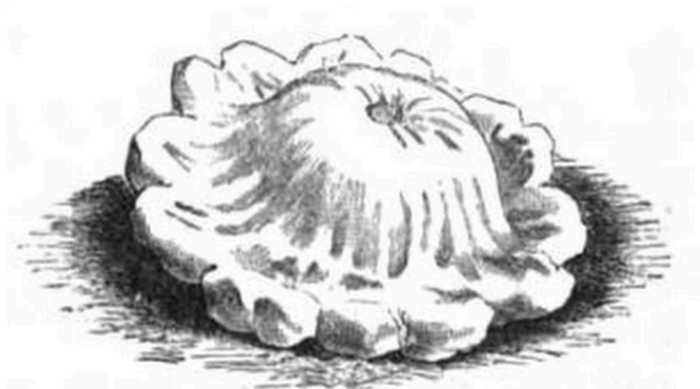
Wrinkled and warty butter yellow squash look a bit like our awful American crooknecks but the flavor and texture of this Italian zucchini is completely different and absolutely fantastic. Taste is sweet and the flesh is firm and dense, never watery or seedy. Tidy bush plants are exceptionally disease-resistant. Flowers are large and crisp and hold for much longer than other squash blossoms once picked, making them ideal for market gardeners. Early and easy. Pick frequently for best production. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Gelber Englischer

(Cucurbita pepo)

\$3.75

An extraordinary old squash worth growing purely for the sake of art. An abundance of unusual UFO shaped yellow fruits are produced on compact bush plants. Flesh is solid and creamy with a wonderful mild flavor. Great for kebabs. Beautiful roasted whole. Perfect for stuffing. Mature fruits are exquisite and strangely baroque; like hand-hewn bowls with thick golden custard overflowing in slow motion, or maybe impossibly fat chanterelle mushrooms as remembered from a fever dream. Fabulously decorative. Productive even in cool damp conditions. Packet contains 30 seeds.



"GRAINS"

Chia

(*Salvia hispanica*)

\$2.25

Common cultivated organic chia. Grown for food in Mesoamerica since at least 3500 BCE. Plants produce tons of nutritious seeds that may be used in puddings and pastries and thick gloopy beverages. Lovely little blue flowers. Fairly adaptable. Sow into warm garden soil in spring. Collect seed stalks promptly once flowers begin to fall. Allow to seeds to ripen on the cut stalks. They will release easily when ready but not before. Be patient and use a big bucket. Also suitable for chia pets. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Tarahumara Chia

(*Salvia tiliifolia*)

\$2.25

Neglected Mexican species with beautiful foliage, dark burgundy stems and small bright blue flowers. Nutritious seeds may be used like common chia in frescas and snacks. Makes an excellent vegan egg substitute in baking. Easily digested. Can be started indoors in flats or sown in situ once soils have warmed in spring. Do not coddle these plants. Best in full sun and poor dry soils. Collect seed stalks promptly once flowers begin to fall. Allow to seeds to ripen on the cut stalks. They release easily when ready but not before. Be patient and use a big bucket. Our favorite. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Texicoa Sorghum

(*Sorghum bicolor*)

\$3.25

Compact selection of this ancient African crop. Tops out at around 4' or so. Acclimated to the short seasons and cool nights of the Northeast. Best for grain production rather than syrup. White seeds mature in autumn and are suitable for popping and grinding into flour. Plants sometimes produce tillers, which only contribute to increased production given enough light. Space generously where possible. Sow into warm fertile soils in late spring. Seeds absolutely will not germinate in cool soils. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Elka White Breadseed Poppy

(*Papaver somniferum*)

\$3.75

Slovakian heirloom named for one of the few growers in the country still maintaining this excellent strain. White seeds have a sweet nutty flavor and a high oil content that makes them suitable for pressing. Huge seed pods have been selected for closed vents that keep the seeds safe and dry until harvest time. Gorgeous white-lilac flowers on 4' stems. Sow directly into loose well-drained soil in autumn or very early spring. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Huauhtli

(*Amaranthus hypochondriacus*)

\$2.75

Grain amaranth. An essential component of ancient Mesoamerican diets. Still grown commercially in Mexico and Guatemala. White seeds are nutritious and easy to prepare and digest. Annual plants have edible leaves and grow to 6'. Sow into warm soil in spring. Space generously. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Hopi Red Dye Amaranth

(*Amaranthus cruentus* x *powellii*)

\$3.00

Ancient North American selection for grain and food color. Not actually unique to the Hopi tribe, and rarely grown for food at all anymore, sadly. Once used to color traditional piki wafers, the anthocyanin-rich edible seeds and bracts possess a water-soluble dye and will color cornbread, tortillas and tamales. Soak the seeds and bracts in water overnight and use the solution to prepare dough or masa. Nutritious dark red seeds may also be popped or used to top homemade crackers. Plants grow to 4' and make fine cut flowers. Distinctive and fantastic for fallscaping. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Oaxacan Green Dent Corn

(*Zea mays*)

\$3.25

Cultivated for perhaps thousands of years in northern Mexico, this dent corn is drought-resistant and early to mature. Tall sturdy plants produce 10" ears. Young ears may be used for sweet corn and elotes. Mature ears have stunning emerald green kernels that are suitable for masa. One of the easiest and most versatile selections for the garden. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Hickory King Dent Corn

(*Zea mays*)

\$3.75

An old variety from Virginia that grows to nearly 12' and makes a fantastic support for pole beans or pretty morning glories. Mature dried ears feature big creamy kernels with delicate thin hulls that are easily removed. Makes perfect nixtamal for masa and hominy. Resistant to many pests and diseases on the East Coast. Nice tight husks. Best with heat. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Blue Mesa Maize

(*Zea mays*)

\$3.25

Amazing flint corn bred and selected in Montana. Inky violet kernels. Perfect for dry farming in cool short seasons. Less than great in a wet summer but otherwise an ideal flour corn for northern and mountain gardens. The best we have grown for grinding into fine flour. Dries easy. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Abenaki Calais Flint Corn

(*Zea mays*)

\$3.75

Beautiful flint corn originally grown by the Abenaki tribe of northern Vermont. Produces slender 10" ears in shades of maroon and gold. Matures and dries easily in the field, even in cold short seasons. Perfectly adapted to the Northeast. Great for hominy, polenta and grits. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Japanese Hulless Popcorn

(*Zea mays*)

\$2.25

Fantastic dual-purpose selection that is ideal for gardens. Short 4' plants produce up to four ears each. Ears may be picked young, about three days after silks appear, for baby corn. Mature field-dried popcorn is translucent and very tender when popped. Adaptable and fun! Packet contains 50 seeds.

"FRUIT"

CITRON MELON

d'Espagne a Confiture

(Citrullus amarus)

\$2.25

An old French selection of this ancient African species. Still grown for market. Flesh is rich in pectin and used primarily for jam. This variety produces large round fruits that keep for many months. Plants are incredibly productive and can set up to a dozen fruits per plant. Very adaptable. Thrives on neglect. Do not coddle. Packet contains 10 seeds.



ELDERBERRY

Black

(Sambucus nigra)

\$3.75

Unlike our native species the white flowers of this European species possess the sweetly fragrant edible elderflowers that flavor St. Germain. The berries are employed as a medicinal and have proven immunomodulating properties. Raw elderberries should rarely if ever be consumed but they make fine syrups and cordials. Seeds are difficult to germinate and require lengthy stratification. Best overwintered outdoors. Several plants will mature into a fragrant and useful hedgerow. See our website for more details. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Blue

(Sambucus cerulea)

\$3.75

Scrubby shrub native to western North America. Scentless creamy white flowers produce blue fruit with a white bloom. Suitable for jellies and wine and beloved by diverse wildlife. Hardy but adapted to arid climates. Self-sows prodigiously in its native habitat. Nice on the edge of a dry woodland in the Northeast. Requires stratification to germinate. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Sakhalin Red

(Sambucus sachalinensis)

\$4.75

Collected on the Russian island of Sakhalin in the Pacific. Fragrant white flowers produce glossy red fruit. May be *S. sieboldiana* but we are unsure. Said to be used for food and medicine and wine. Regardless of its food value these are attractive shrubs for hedgerows and forest margins. Beloved by diverse wildlife. Seeds require stratification. Packet contains 20 seeds.

GARDEN HUCKLEBERRY

Miltomate Vallisto

(*Solanum nigrum* var. *guineense*)

\$3.25

Monstrous 5' plants produce thousands of tiny shiny black berries. Flavor is peculiar but very sweet, with notes of blackberry and licorice. Suitable for jams and jellies. As with all *Solanum nigrum*, gardeners should be judicious in the consumption of raw ripe fruits. Totally unique. Packet contains 30 seeds.

GOLDEN BERRY

Schoenbrunn Gold

(*Physalis peruviana*)

\$3.25

Husked sweet fruits on upright 4' plants. Excellent complex flavor: guava, passionfruit, mango and citrus. Harvest when husks are completely dry. These are not ground cherries; fruit will not fall when ripe. Prolific most years, but much later than Lucie's. Yummy fresh or dried. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Lucie's Big

(*Physalis peruviana*)

\$3.75

The earliest goldenberry we've grown. Both fruits and plants are indeed "big". Vigorous 6' plants produce tons of 1" fruits beginning in July. The flavor is excellent: sweet, fragrant and juicy. Barely a trace of the sour and bitter notes other selections can have. Just amazing. Packet contains 20 seeds.

GROUND CHERRY

Aunt Molly's

(*Physalis pruinosa*)

\$2.25

The standard for generations and one of the best. Sweet fruits are borne in abundance on vigorous prostrate plants. Ripe fruits fall to the ground. Husks protect them until you can collect them. Great for snacking in the garden. Will self-sow if allowed. Suitable for permaculture. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Geltower

(*Physalis pruinosa*)

\$4.75

Brought to our attention by permaculture guru Siegfried Tatschl this selection is unique in both stature and flavor. In rich garden soil these plants are tall and open and the ripe husked fruits are easy to harvest from beneath them. Taste is sublime: subtly sweet and aromatic. There is a perfumed quality that is difficult to describe. Color is a translucent citrine. Truly an elegant fruit. Early and productive over a long season. Adaptable: plants are smaller but still produce during hot dry conditions. Packet contains 30 seeds.

MUSK MELON

Noir des Carmes

(Cucumis melo)

\$2.75

Old French cantaloupe named for the Carmelite monks that tended to it centuries ago. Scented edible flowers. Very fragrant delicious melons. Black pumpkin-shaped fruits turn orange when ripe. How kind of them. Our favorite because the worst case scenario is that it makes just a few tiny fruits when we neglect it. Add the male flowers to cocktails! Packet contains 30 seeds.

Minnesota Midget

(Cucumis melo)

\$2.75

Bred for short northern summers at the University of Minnesota St. Paul in 1948. Compact vines produce a good crop of perfectly round 5" fruits with thick sugary sweet flesh in just 60 days. The earliest melon you can grow. Works in containers of fertile soil in full sun. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Jenny Lind

(Cucumis melo)

\$2.75

Wildly popular in the late 19th century Northeast. Among the most easily recognized of the "early green-fleshed" melons of that era due to its unique and peculiar little knob on the blossom end. Small like Minnesota Midget but requires a few more weeks to ripen. Excellent flavor in a hot summer. Fairly adapted to the Northeast but best when coddled. If you have never grown a melon with green flesh this is the one to try. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Golden Gopher

(Cucumis melon)

\$3.75

Another old variety from the University of Minnesota. Ideal for the short seasons of the upper Midwest and Mountain West. Disease-resistant vines produce fragrant 6" melons that slip easily when ripe. Must be harvested promptly lest they split but worth the trouble. Packet contains 30 seeds.

POCKET MELON

Queen Anne's

(Cucumis melo var. dudaim)

\$1.75

Diminutive striped melons named for Queen Anne, who is rumored to have kept them about her person to the effect of perfuming the air around her. Scandalous. One of these sweetly fragrant melons will indeed perfume an entire room. Edible although flavor is insipid. Best for fragrance and display. Can be trained onto a single post or pretty trellis. Packet contains 15 seeds.



STRANGE MELON

Mango Melon

(Cucumis melo var. chito)

\$1.75

An excellent strain of this historic melon. Also known as the Vine Peach. Small deep yellow fruits have solid white flesh and a subtle spicy floral fragrance. Historically used for preserves or pickles in American kitchens. Employed as a vegetable in Caribbean cuisine and makes a fine addition to coconut-based curries and cooked chutneys. The raw fruit may also be balled and macerated with sugar and lemon juice. The result is magically fragrant and absolutely exquisite in a cocktail with Hendrick's Gin and St-Germain or more simply with Lillet Blanc. Swoon. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Sakata's Sweet

(Cucumis melo var. makuwa)

\$2.25

Sweet crisp softball-sized white melons with edible rind. Very productive in hot weather. Vines can be trained onto a trellis. Old Japanese selection of this typically Korean melon. Very special and easy. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Piel de Sapo

(Cucumis melo var. inodorus)

\$2.25

We can barely grow this melon in the Northeast as it requires a long hot summer to ripen. But this is by far the most beloved selection of Spanish casaba and features a cool wrinkled and warty skin that we find charming. Ripe fruits keep for months so that you might enjoy a crisp slice of summer in the middle of January. Best in warm arid regions with irrigation but perhaps worth the challenge elsewhere. Packet contains 30 seeds.

RHUBARB

Champagne

(Rheum x cultorum)

\$3.75

An old English variety with excellent flavor. Champagne tends to be early to break dormancy and is suitable for forcing. Makes a nice rhubarb wine. Easy to germinate indoors. Seed grown plants may be harvested lightly in the second year. Very hardy and nearly indestructible. Plants can live for many decades. Choose planting location wisely. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Glaskin's Perpetual

(Rheum x cultorum)

\$4.25

This rhubarb is remarkable for its vigor and perpetual production of tender bright red petioles. Stalks can be harvested all year long once established. Easy from seed. Harvest lightly in the second year. Extraordinarily hardy and long-lived. Choose planting location wisely. Packet contains 30 seeds.

STRAWBERRIES

Golden Alexandria

(*Fragaria vesca aurea*)

\$4.25

An exceptionally ornamental alpine strawberry with bright chartreuse foliage and tiny delicious red berries borne over a long season. Delicate and somewhat less vigorous than the species. Best color in bright shade. Runnerless. Ideal for edible landscaping. Fantastic in containers. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Musk

(*Fragaria moschata*)

\$4.75

Traditionally used to make liqueur and wine, these little berries are much more assertive in fragrance and flavor and darker in color than other wild strawberries. Hardy and disease-resistant. Dioecious; grow several plants to ensure pollination. Lots of runners. Everbearing. Perfect for permaculture. Packet contains 50 seeds.

White Delight

(*Fragaria vesca alba*)

\$4.25

An unusual strain of alpine strawberry with fairly large firm white fruits that have exceptional flavor. Vigorous, hardy and runnerless long-lived plants. Productive and everbearing. Wonderful tucked in with violets along paths in the kitchen garden. Great for containers, too. Often sets fruit in the first year. Our absolute favorite. Packet contains 50 seeds.



WATERMELON

Black Tail Mountain

(*Citrullus lanatus*)

\$2.75

Bred by Glenn Drowns when he lived in northern Idaho. Productive vines are tolerant of cool nighttime temperatures. Round 6-10lb. dark green melons have candy sweet scarlet flesh. Easy and early. 70 days. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Early Moonbeam

(*Citrullus lanatus*)

\$3.75

Icebox watermelon with sweet yellow flesh. Short vines produce round 5lb. fruits that ripen in just 70 days. Ideal for small gardens and short growing seasons. Tolerates cool damp weather. One of the prettiest little watermelons ever. Selected by Dr. Alan Kapuler in Oregon. Packet contains 30 seeds.

PLANTS FOR TEA

Bodegold Chamomile

(*Matricaria chamomilla* 'Bodegold')

\$3.75

This superior strain has the sweetest fragrance and flavor of any chamomile we know of. Makes the best cup of tea. Easy to grow: scatter seeds over loose garden soil in spring and water daily. Once established, plants prefer neglect. Harvest fully open flowers on sunny mornings. Check for tiny insects and dry thoroughly before storing. The plants make a nourishing mulch or biodynamic fertilizer with yarrow and nettles. Super useful. Packet contains 2000 seeds.

Greenthread

(*Thelesperma filifolium*)

\$3.75

Navajo tea. The threadlike leaves of this American Southwest native make a unique and delicious brew. Harvest, bundle and dry foliage before flowering commences. Crush and steep as needed for tea. Flowering plants make a nice yellow or orange dye. Yellow composite flowers attract pollinators. Requires full sun and dry soil. Seeds may need stratification. Sow outdoors in very early spring. Hardy if given well-drained soil. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Sacred Basil

(*Ocimum sanctum*)

\$2.75

This annual species has a sweet spicy fragrance and flavor. Brushing against the plants perfumes the entire garden. Sublime. Both fresh and dried leaves produce delicious tea. Soft green leaves with lilac flowers and bright orange anthers. This selection is especially nice for culinary use as it has sweet succulent leaves that do not toughen in full sun. Happily tolerates cool damp climates. Self-sows very generously in our gardens. Easy and recommended. The only basil we can recommend for permaculture. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Lemon Catnip

(*Nepeta cataria* ssp. *citriodora*)

\$3.75

This fantastic lemon-scented catnip is mercifully ignored by cats and makes a much more flavorful tea than true catnip. Grow in full sun and dry soil. Harvest leaves before plants begin to flower. Hang or bag to dry thoroughly before storing in an airtight tin. Very soothing and calming and excellent in combination with lavender and chamomile before bed. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Quedlinburger Lemon Balm

(*Melissa officinalis* 'Quedlinburger')

\$3.75

The most fragrant of any lemon balm from seed, Quedlinburger is rich in essential oil and makes an attractive tidy mound of green leaves that resists flowering well into the summer. Makes an excellent tea both fresh and dried. Fresh sprigs make a wonderfully fragrant edible garnish for lemonades and cocktails. Sweet enough to include in fruit or cucumber salads. Long-lived perennial. Very hardy in well-drained soils. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Greek Mountain Tea

(*Sideritis syriaca*)

\$4.25

Striking silvery foliage and yellow flowers. Widely considered a panacea both internally and externally. Makes a truly delicious tea. Seeds should be sown indoors at least 8 weeks before the last spring frost. Gently scarify seeds to hasten germination. Some lots need light stratification. Plants prefer full sun and warm well-drained soils. Harvest flowering plants at any time and dry thoroughly for tea. Hardy in zone 6 and warmer given good drainage. May be grown as an annual in most gardens. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Balkan Mountain Tea

(*Sideritis scardica*)

\$4.75

Endemic to the central Balkan peninsula. Like Greek Mountain Tea, the foliage of this species is downy and attractive, although the leaves are more narrow and the chartreuse bracts are more tightly packed. All parts of the flowering plant may be dried for use as tea or tincture. Valued as a daily tonic in its native range. Lightly scarify seeds for best germination. Some seeds also require light stratification. Very much worth the trouble. Hardy in zone 6 and warmer given good drainage. May be grown as an annual in most gardens. Will self-sow where it is happy if allowed. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Lemon Dragonhead

(*Dracocephalum moldavica*)

\$3.25

This easy annual will tolerate deer and drought and has strikingly beautiful bright blue edible flowers. Fragrant lemony serrated green leaves will hold their flavor for several months once dried. Beloved by bees and butterflies. Wildly ornamental and just a pleasure to have in the garden. Grows to about 18". Requires full sun but tolerates most soils. An ancient medicinal known to Gerard, but now too rarely grown. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Wild Strawberry

(*Fragaria vesca* var. *vesca*)

\$3.25

Vigorous woodland subspecies that is most at home in cool semi-shaded environments. Delicious red fruits are conspicuously presented on arching stems above the foliage. Dried leaves make a nutritious and delicious herbal tea that is an excellent substitute for black tea, especially in combination with Betony. Stoloniferous perennials that will spread slowly by roots and seeds. To 1' in all directions in the second year. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Betony

(*Stachys officinalis*)

\$2.75

One of the first and most consistently documented medicinals in known literature. Dried leaves and pink flowers make an excellent herbal substitute for black tea. Grows happily in almost any habitat. Competes favorably with most other species once established, even grass. Sow indoors or out in early spring. Germinates most reliably with some stratification. Very hardy and adaptable. Will grow anywhere but the tropics. Nice companion for Wild Strawberries both in the garden and in the tea cup. Mature leaves produce a nice chartreuse dye for natural fibers. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Lemon Bee Balm

(*Monarda citriodora*)

\$2.25

The most fragrant of the bee balms. Sometimes listed as Lemon Bergamot. Features pink, lilac or white flowers that are surrounded by dramatic white or pink bracts occurring in whorls atop 30" stems. Native to open habitats throughout the United States and Mexico. All parts are powerfully lemon-scented. Dried flowers will scent black tea, and dried or fresh leaves and bracts make a wonderful herbal tea. Long used for both culinary and medicinal purposes by Native Americans. Easy annual. Best sown outdoors or in flats in early spring. Will self-sow where it is happy. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Sangria Agastache

(*Agastache mexicana*)

\$4.75

Beautiful tender perennial that just happens to make the most amazingly fragrant herbal tea. An outstanding ornamental, plants grow to 4' and are topped with stunning pink blossoms and bracts that flower from summer through late autumn, right up until the first hard freeze. Ideal for fallscaping. All parts of this plant are powerfully fragrant and make a superlative tea both fresh and dried. Seeds are hard to come by. My plants yield very few. Deserves to be more widely grown. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Early Hibiscus

(*Hibiscus sabdariffa*)

\$2.75

Bright red hibiscus calyxes make a gorgeous and delicious tea. Unfortunately, because most selections are day length sensitive, flowering will seldom begin until autumn in northern gardens, by which time the plants may be decimated by frost. These seeds produce plants that will begin flowering and producing calyxes as early as July if started indoors in early spring, even at northern latitudes. Germinates easily at 75F. Beautiful plants will grow to 5' in a single season. Leaves make nutritious greens! Packet contains 15 seeds.

Pineapple Weed

(*Matricaria discoidea*)

\$4.75

An American chamomile. Traditionally employed as a medicinal by Native Americans, particularly in cases of pediatric illness with fever. Plants are diminutive, and ray flowers are conspicuously absent. Disc flowers are indeed pineapple scented and make a very sweet fruity tea, especially fresh. Should you somehow have the misfortune of living where this self-sowing little weed does not, these seeds should be sprinkled along driveways, in sidewalk cracks, and upon any old compacted soils that happen to be in your immediate vicinity. Ephemeral for us, plants usually disappear by July. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Sweet Fennel

(*Foeniculum vulgare* var. dulce 'Berfena')

\$3.25

An ancient medicinal. Gentle enough for babies with tummy troubles and for nursing mothers. This superior strain has been selected for distillation. Rich in antethole. Makes superlative teas and tinctures. Mildly estrogenic and ideal for treating symptoms of dysmenorrhea and peri-menopause. Compact plants are entirely edible. Blooms and ripens earlier than common strains. Very productive. Large seeds. Just fantastic. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Coyote Mint

(*Monardella odoratissima*)

\$4.75

Native to the hot dry mountains of the North American West and utilized by indigenous peoples of that region in the same way as *Monarda* species in the East. The dried leaves and flowers produce a pleasant infusion or decoction that is safe for use with children. Lightly pubescent fragrant plants have tubular violet flowers and grow to about 1' in all directions. Difficult to establish outside of their native habitat but worth the trouble. Germinates best with a few weeks of cold. Best sown into a pot and placed outdoors in late winter to endure several freeze and thaw cycles. Do not use heat. Once seeds have germinated grow on in bright light at warm temperatures and avoid overwatering. Transplant into sharply drained warm soil in full sun and water very sparingly. Hardy to zone 5 at least but hates humidity. Nice in an alpine or herb garden with early morning sun. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Pennyroyal

(*Mentha pulegium*)

\$2.75

Maligned by modern herbals due to its ancient use as an emmenagogue but the namesake pulegone is only abortifacient in doses obtained from the essential oil. Preparations of the fresh or dried herb for tea present little danger to most people. Only children and pregnant women that wish to stay that way should avoid Pennyroyal tea. Used historically as a culinary herb and known as "pudding grass". Makes a lovely fragrant ground cover, wafting its sweet aroma whenever it is trodden upon. Prefers moist soils but is charming in the dry soil between pavers where foot traffic is heavy. We love this species and wish gardeners would give it more attention. Easy to germinate and to grow. Harvest for tea any time before the plants bloom. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Holy Basil

(*Ocimum tenuiflorum*)

\$3.75

The "tulsi" basil common to containers in India and elsewhere in Asia. Very nice uniformly green selection with sweet clove fragrance and flavor. Becomes woody quickly and can be pruned to shape. Leaves become leathery in hot full sun. Long-lived little subshrub that overwinters easily indoors. Snip whole sprigs for tea. Start seeds indoors under lights. Packet contains 100 seeds.



DYE & FIBER

Japanese Indigo

(*Polygonum tinctorium*)

\$4.25

An easy annual indigo for northern gardens. Foliage can be harvested several times throughout the season. Fresh leaves will produce a nice spectrum of blue, green and yellow dyes. Best started indoors and transplanted. Harvest above the first few nodes to allow for regrowth. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Dyer's Chamomile

(*Anthemis tinctoria*)

\$3.75

Also known as "Golden Marguerite", the flowers of this ancient chamomile yield an excellent and easily procured warm yellow dye. Safe and sweetly fragrant, it is especially appropriate for use with children. Sow seeds directly into the garden in spring and water. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Greenthread

(*Thelesperma filifolium*)

\$3.75

Native to the American Southwest, this multipurpose species may be used for both tea and dye in a single season. Harvest for tea just before plants bloom. Dried flowers or whole flowering plants may be used in a dye bath. Produces warm yellows and oranges. Flowers alone produce clearer more saturated color than whole plants. Plants require full sun and dry soil. Seeds may require stratification to germinate. Sow outdoors in very early spring. Quite hardy given good drainage. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Indigo

(*Indigofera tinctoria*)

\$4.25

An historic dye plant. Though a tender perennial, this species can be grown with some success as an annual in the north. Gently scarify seeds before starting indoors around twelve weeks before the last spring frost. Transplant young plants into larger pots as necessary while taking care to avoid disturbing the roots. Plants can grow up to 6' where they are happy. Strip leaves for dye just as the plant comes into flower. Dispose of stems. In the south sometimes several harvests may be had each season. Packet contains 30 seeds.



Woad

(*Isatis tinctoria*)

\$3.75

The use of this species as a dye dates to the Neolithic. Along with weld and madder, woad was a staple of the Medieval dye industry. Woad is non-toxic and safe for use with children. Plants will grow to 3' in all directions and can provide multiple harvests of leaves throughout the growing season. Do not grow near other crops as woad is potentially allelopathic and may hamper the growth of other species. Easy to grow. Sow seeds indoors or out in spring. Biennial. Blooms in the second year if you let it. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Weld

(*Reseda luteola*)

\$2.25

An ancient species that produces a superior yellow dye. Flowering tops are particularly rich in lutein. Fibers dyed with weld can be top dyed with woad to achieve good greens, including the famous Lincoln Green. Makes excellent lightfast inks and lakes. Plants will grow to 4' in the second year, setting inconspicuous but very sweetly fragrant flowers on long stems erupting from a large basal rosette. The most important thing to know about growing weld is that you must cut or carefully bag flowering stems before they set seed. Volunteer plants are deeply taprooted and difficult to remove. Sow seed very sparingly indoors or out in spring. Space plants at least 1' apart. Harvested top growth may also be dried for future use. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Hopi Red Dye Amaranth

(*Amaranthus cruentus* x *powellii*)

\$3.00

Unique North American selection for food and dye. Not actually unique to the Hopi tribe and rarely grown for food at all anymore. Anthocyanin-rich edible seeds and bracts possess a water-soluble dye that will color most natural fibers using a vinegar or iron mordant. Produces beautiful shades of pink and wine. Not particularly lightfast. Stunning plants grow to 4' and make fine cut flowers. Distinctive and fantastic for fallscaping. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Dwarf Red Dyer's Coreopsis

(*Coreopsis tinctoria*)

\$2.25

Wonderfully compact and very nearly uniformly red selection of this North American native. Fresh or dried flowers produce good water-soluble color ranging from egg yolk yellow through burnished red, depending on pH. Seeds can be sown directly into the garden in spring or started in flats. Annual, but will self-sow where it is happy. Very easy in rich soil and a perfect companion in the kitchen garden. Recommended. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Madder

(*Rubia tinctoria*)

\$3.25

Roots of this hardy perennial have been harvested for rich lightfast red dye, as well as inks and lakes, for many thousands of years. Large vigorous plants will colonize rich moist soils as easily as mint. Best in isolation, and not in the garden proper. Harvest in the second and subsequent years, leaving a few roots in the soil to propagate. Clean roots may be cut and dried for future use. Not an attractive plant in the least. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Soapwort

(*Saponaria officinalis*)

\$2.25

Also known as 'Bouncing Bet' or 'Latherwort'. Natural source of soap-like water-soluble saponins. Both the roots and shoots produce a gentle cleanser than can be used with all botanically-dyed fabrics and removes centuries-old grime from various organic textiles. Stoloniferous hardy perennial. Adaptable to diverse soils and climates. Very long-lived. Found here in the Northeast alongside creeks adjacent colonial homesteads. Established stands can be cut several times per season and produce tons of wash water. Germinates best with some cold. Sow in autumn or very early spring. Will self-sow indefinitely if allowed. Pale pink flowers. Grows to 2'-3'. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Flouncy Soapwort

(*Saponaria officinalis rosea plena*)

\$3.75

Just as useful as the species for soap, this strain has the added bonus of producing fragrant flouncy double flowers on long stems. Germinates best with some cold. Sow outdoors in autumn or very early spring. Beautiful and useful stoloniferous perennial to 3'. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Flax

(*Linum usitatissimum*)

\$3.25

An ancient fiber species cultivated since at least the neolithic. The retted stems produce linen and the seeds are nutritious fodder for both humans and chickens. Easy to grow in the garden: broadcast seeds thickly into loose thawing soil in early spring. Crowded plants produce the longest fibers for spinning. Thin plants for seed production. Beautiful sky blue flowers in late spring. Among the most useful plants in nature and a genuine pleasure in the garden. Packet contains 2000 seeds.



MEDICINAL & RITUAL HERBS

Marshmallow

(*Althaea officinalis* 'Erfurter')

\$3.25

What we call 'marshmallows' were originally a medicinal confection for ailing children and invalids procured from the pulverized roots of *Althaea officinalis*. Native to European marshland and collected for medicinal use for thousands of years. Powerfully anti-inflammatory. Suitable for both internal and external use. An excellent alternative to Slippery Elm which is lately being decimated by disease and unethical wildcrafting. Pretty pink flowers may be candied. Produces a great vegan alternative to egg whites. Gentle enough for use with children. Germinates best at around 50F. Slow and erratic: sow seeds several weeks before the last spring frost. Plants grow to 4'-5' and prefer rich moist soils in full sun. Perennial. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Yarrow

(*Achillea millefolium* 'ProA')

\$2.75

An improved tetraploid rich in proazulene. Superior strain for medicinal use. Pure white flowers are suitable for cutting. Indispensable in the biodynamic garden. Attracts beneficial insects. Makes a fantastic mulch and fertilizer. Powerful wound healer. Prefers poor dry soils in full sun. Very hardy. Deerproof. Plant it everywhere. Easy and useful. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Ashwagandha

(*Withania somnifera*)

\$3.75

Commonly prescribed in Ayurveda to men suffering from impotence and general debility. Mildly sedative; potentially useful for anxiety and insomnia. Mildly toxic as well; contraindications include pregnancy and thyroid dysfunction. Research is recommended. As easy to grow as tomatoes. Requires little more than heat and full sun. One of the most easily prepared medicinal herbs. Harvest roots prior to first frost. Dry thoroughly. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Milk Thistle

(*Silybum marianum* 'Sylbina')

\$3.75

Beautiful enough to be grown for its ornamental value alone. Entirely edible and profoundly medicinal, especially in cases of liver dysfunction. May help counter the hepatotoxicity of some pharmaceutical and herbal treatments. Potentially imperative in extreme weightloss regimens. Employed as an antidote in cases of phalloidine poisoning. Big beautiful flowers may be eaten like artichokes. The highest concentration of silymarin is found in the flowers and seeds. To harvest seeds: bag flowers, dry seed heads completely, and thresh. Seeds should be thoroughly crushed just before use. Best sown directly into garden soil in spring. Thin plants to at least 3' apart, in rows at least 6' apart. Fast-growing. Mature plants are prickly and painful. Give yourself plenty of space to maneuver at harvest time. Hardy to zone 6 but may be grown like an annual elsewhere. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Clary Sage

(*Salvia sclarea*)

\$3.75

The ancient Muscatel Sage. An old world medicinal that is still grown on an industrial scale for its valuable essential oil. This strain boasts vigorous growth, dramatic lilac flowers, and persistent rose pink bracts. Historically added to alcoholic beverages to produce uniquely euphoric intoxicants. Fresh flowering tops may be used to create syrups and candies imbued with the same mildly narcotic qualities. Long used in the treatment of amenorrhea and dysmenorrhea and menopause. The young green leaves are fleshy and edible. Decoction of the seeds contains a unique mucilage that has been used for millennia to clean the eyes, a practice for which the species is named. Easy to grow. Blooms on 3' stems in the second year. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Arnica 'Arbo'

(*Arnica montana* 'Arbo')

\$4.25

European ethnobotanical. Hardy perennial with golden flowers on 1'-2' stems. Long used as a topical analgesic. Dried flowers macerated in oil produce a concentrated and effective topical ointment that may be used to expedite the healing of bruises and sprains and to alleviate most types of joint pain. Extremely toxic: not suitable for internal use. Do not apply to broken skin. Best sown indoors 8 weeks before the last frost. Sparse blooms in the first year. Second year plants produce buckets of flowers. This selection has bigger flowers and is more adaptable. Tolerates basic soil. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Schizonepeta

(*Schizonepeta tenuifolia*)

\$2.25

Japanese catnip. Unique sweet fragrance and flavor. Employed as an anti-viral in TCM. Tea is made from the fresh leaves and flowers. Sun-dried bracts are used to make medicinal teas and tinctures. Rarely grown in American gardens, likely due to its pulegone content. Pulegone is a constituent of Pennyroyal, another plant eschewed by many Western herbalists. But pulegone is present in much of the mint family. It is only dangerous in the high doses obtained from essential oils. Teas made from the aerial portions of this species possess virtually no dangers. Only children and pregnant women that wish to stay that way should refrain from imbibing. Beautiful plants grow 3'-5' and blush dusky pink in autumn. An absolute pleasure. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Baical Skullcap

(*Scutellaria baicalensis*)

\$4.75

Prescribed for thousands of years in Traditional Chinese Medicine. Roots are antioxidant, hepatoprotective, powerfully antibiotic, and probably antiviral. Recent studies indicate that specific isolated components may inhibit HIV infection. This seed is from plants bred specifically for medicinal use. Plants will contain a high concentration of baicalein. Easy to grow. Stunning deep blue flowers on attractive 1' plants. Sow seeds directly into the garden in spring or start indoors several weeks before the last frost. Perennial. Hardy to zone 4. Requires sun. Not picky about soil. Very highly recommended for budding medicine-makers. Still rare in the US. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Calendula 'Erfurtur'

(*Calendula officinalis* 'Erfurter Orangefarbige')

\$3.75

Superior strain cultivated commercially in Europe. Astringent, vulnerary and anti-inflammatory. An ancient and gentle remedy for dermal wounds and irritation. Safe for use with children. Flowers macerated in oil produce an effective topical ointment. The bright orange double flowers also produce a lovely golden yellow dye. Edible but resinous in flavor. Use Radio Calendula for non-medicinal purposes. Annual. Incredibly easy to grow. Sow directly into the garden in early spring. Best in cool weather. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Queen Anne's Lace

(*Daucus carota* ssp. *carota*)

\$3.25

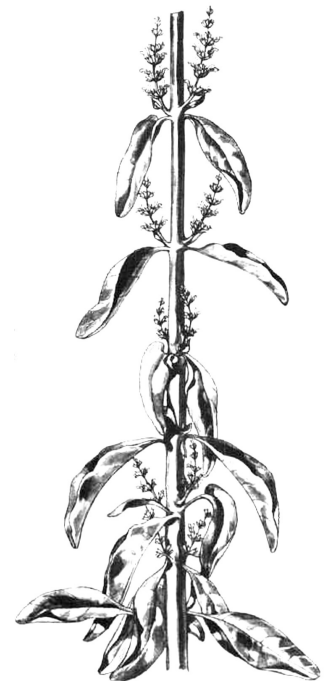
Often considered a wildflower, or even a weed, this species is in fact an ancient edible and medicinal. Progenitor of our modern garden carrots. From Appalachia to India the wildcrafted seeds have long been employed as a postcoital antifertility agent. Fresh flowers and unripe seeds are fragrant and sweet and have myriad culinary uses. Germinates best with stratification. Blooms in the second year. Self-sows to form large stands. Deerproof and drought-tolerant. Magical and sadly undervalued. Packet contains 500 seeds.

White Sage

(*Salvia apiana*)

\$4.25

Sacred ethnobotanical with several culinary, medicinal and ritual uses among Western Native American tribes. Unethical wildcrafting and fire has devastated the wild population of this species in California. If you wish to burn traditional White Sage for ritual purposes the only truly ethical way for non-Native individuals to acquire it is to grow it. This prospect is made more complicated by the cultural requirements of the species. Full sun and sharply-draining soil will suffice in the west but is not hardy in the north and rots in the damp south. It may be grown successfully as an annual in some regions and is suitable for large containers. As an easier alternative, for smudging especially, consider White Prairie Sage. Packet contains 100 seeds.



White Prairie Sage

(*Artemisia ludoviciana*)

\$2.75

This species grows wild throughout North America. It is a suitable and ethical alternative to true White Sage for all ritual purposes. Used extensively by diverse North American tribes for myriad purposes ranging from foot odor to nightmares and to "smoke the ponies when they have the distemper". The species epithet commemorates its "discovery" by Lewis and Clark as they explored land then known as the Louisiana Purchase. Elegant spires of silvery white foliage grow to just over 2'. Stolonerous plants are vigorous and indestructible and create a large stand in just a few years. Hardy and drought-tolerant. Requires little more than full sun. Ideal for natural landscaping. Particularly nice with hardy blue Salvias but sometimes overwhelms them. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Willowherb

(*Chamaenerion angustifolium*)

\$3.25

Beautiful circumboreal species that quickly colonizes cleared landscapes. Historically used by Native Americans as a foodstuff and sweetener. Edible flowers contain copious nectar and are excellent bee forage. Fermented dried leaves are used to brew the infamous Ivan Chai in Russia. As a medicinal it is powerfully anti-inflammatory both internally and externally and commonly employed in the treatment of urological dysfunction in men. Extremely hardy perennial to 4'. Surface sow. Potentially invasive! Packet contains 500 seeds.

Catnip

(*Nepeta cataria*)

\$3.25

Catnip is an incredibly variable species. Consistent among morphologically diverse plants is the terpenoid nepetalactone, for which most cats are bananas. This strain of Catnip is potent and suitable for medicinal use and cat toys. Plants should be clipped regularly to inhibit flowering. Clippings not used for tea or tincture are useful in the garden as they seem to repel cabbage moths and even squash bugs and vine borers. Flowers are white with pink or purple stippling. Leaves are a soft and fuzzy grey-green. May be grown successfully in a terracotta pot. Fresh or dry leaves may be used for tea. Tincture of freshly dried leaves may relieve insomnia and migraine headaches. Research is highly recommended for use in infants with colic. One of the oldest and most gentle of herbal medicines this species has a well-documented history of use as an anodyne, antispasmodic and carminative. Start indoors in late winter or sow outdoors in very early spring. Germinates best with light stratification. Plants require full sun and dry soil to overwinter. They will also require protection from cats. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Elecampane

(*Inula helenium*)

\$2.25

Powerfully medicinal and extraordinary in stature. This ancient species is also extremely hardy and easy to grow from seed. Prefers moist soils and some shade. Elegant flowers on 7' stems. Long broad leaves contribute tons of green matter to the compost heap. Harvest roots in the autumn of the second year. Nature's most gentle and effective expectorant. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Comfrey

(*Symphytum officinale*)

\$4.75

Possibly the most important plant in the garden. Leaves contain more nitrogen, phosphorus and potash than most commercial fertilizers, and twice the potash of manure or compost. Large leaves can be used in their entirety as a mulch, brewed into an incredible liquid fertilizer, or added to the compost heap where they are an invaluable "activator". Profoundly healing and recommended for use in topical preparations or to wrap closed wounds (such as sprains, strains and blunt trauma) in the field. Hepatotoxic. Please do not use internally. Plants will spread aggressively via roots and self-sown seeds and should be planted well away from the garden proper. Seeds sometimes require stratification to germinate. Sow in situ in autumn or refrigerate potted seeds for four weeks before returning to room temperature in bright light to germinate in another 2-4 weeks. Worth the trouble. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Hyssop

(*Hyssopus officinalis* 'Blankyt')

\$2.25

An ancient herb long employed in the treatment of cough and catarrh. Maceration of top growth produces powerfully medicinal syrups and lozenges. This German selection boasts large attractive plants with uniformly blue flowers that are beloved by bees and butterflies. Best in dry soils and full sun. Long-lived hardy perennial. Easy from seed. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Yauhtli

(*Tagetes lucida*)

\$3.75

One of many anise-scented marigolds native to the Americas. Used extensively by the Aztecs for medicinal and ritual purposes and common to contemporary brujeria. Preparations of the fresh plant have been used both internally and externally to treat maladies ranging from hiccups and indigestion to scorpion bites and lightning strikes. Juice of fresh leaves is considered aphrodisiac. Dried leaves are entheogenic. Golden flowers in autumn are edible and sweet. Beautiful en masse. Perfect for fallscaping. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Heartsease

(*Viola tricolor*)

\$2.25

Historically employed as a curative in diseases of the heart, hence the common name of 'Heartsease'. Natural source of salicylic acid. Useful as a topical for eczema and acne. Gentle enough for babies with cradle cap. Tincture may help alleviate insomnia and prevent night terrors in adults. Very easy to grow and entirely edible. Adaptable to most gardens. Flowers the first year if started early indoors, otherwise biennial. Will self-sow. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Feverfew

(*Tanacetum parthenium*)

\$2.25

The value of this species in treating migraine headaches should be common knowledge by now. One of our most ancient and effective remedies. The dose of a single fresh leaf is enough to effect physiological change. This superior selection contains higher concentrations of parthenolide and caffeoylquinic acid than common varieties. Research is highly recommended. Easy to grow. Perfect for container culture. Hardy perennial. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Kessu

(*Nicotiana rustica*)

\$3.75

Very nice selection from Finland. Easily grown in cool northern gardens. Adaptable to diverse soil types. Soft fleshy leaves and lovely little yellow flowers. Grows to just 2'-3' in bloom. Suitable for containers. Erroneously thought to be "wild" this species is actually an ancient hybrid cultigen. Cultivated for ritual and recreational use in Eastern North America for thousands of years prior to European conquest. Dried leaves contain very high concentrations of nicotine. Research and caution is advised for uses other than ornamental. Start indoors with the tomatoes. Transplant into warm soil in spring. Packet contains 100 seeds.



Siegesbeckia

(*Siegesbeckia pubescens*)

\$3.75

Commonly prescribed in TCM this species has proven useful in the treatment of inflammatory and autoimmune diseases, especially those affecting the joints. This strain has been selected for kirenol content and is appropriate for medicinal use. An easily grown annual in most gardens. Sow directly into the soil in spring. Plants grow to about 5'. Harvest aerial portions just prior to flowering. Dry for use in teas and tinctures. Packet contains 100 seeds.

True Motherwort

(*Leonurus cardiaca*)

\$3.75

An ancient medicinal traditionally used to treat cardiac dysfunction and, according to King's 1909 American Dispensatory, "pains peculiar to females". Mildly sedative and anti-inflammatory. It is a gentle but effective nervine. Per Maude Grieves there is "no better herb for strengthening and gladdening the heart." Historically employed as an 'emmenagogue'. Not recommended for use in pregnant women that wish to stay that way. An excellent post-partum tonic. Highly recommended for symptoms of peri-menopause. New spring growth is incredibly rich in minerals and is ideal for making a nutritious infused vinegar. Flowering plants grow to nearly 5' by late summer and may be cut and dried at that time for use in tinctures. Easy to grow. Germinates readily at 70F indoors or out. Self-sows generously. Potentially invasive. Very hardy, to at least zone 3. Profoundly healing. Packet contains 300 seeds.

'Grobbebol' Motherwort

(*Leonurus cardiaca* 'Grobbebol')

\$4.25

Ornamental selection of this ancient medicinal. Ruffled and lobed foliage is especially attractive in early spring. Ideal for natural landscaping. Otherwise identical to True Motherwort in all medicinal and nutritional applications. Great for herbal nursery sales. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Nettles

(*Urtica dioica*)

\$2.75

This very hardy species nourishes both humans and gardens. New growth in early spring may be carefully harvested with gloves for use as a cooked vegetable or dried for medicinal use. Subsequent growth should be harvested just before plants flower for use as mulch, in compost, or to brew a potent liquid fertilizer with yarrow, chamomile and comfrey. Nettles spread by both seeds and rhizomes. Plant as far as possible from the garden proper. Plants will tolerate some shade as well as hot dry soils. Potentially invasive, especially in moist soil. Plant mindfully. Contact with the fresh leaves can cause temporary pain in sensitive individuals. Heating and drying will deactivate the irritating compounds contained in the trichomes of the stems and leaves and render the plant safe for consumption and handling. The long tough stalks of mature plants contain a strong fiber that may be processed like flax and dyed. Makes a fine paper. Decoction of the leaves may be used as a vegetarian alternative to rennet to curdle milk for cheese. Germinates best with some cold. Unfairly maligned and truly one of our most valuable native species. Metaphysically it demands that we be present and pay attention. Healing may be found where we least expect it. Packet contains 500 seeds.

California Poppy

(*Eschscholzia californica*)

\$2.75

Is this a medicinal? This orange wildflower contains isoquinoline alkaloids and other useful compounds unique to the species, including californidine and eschscholzine. In much of Europe preparations are considered mildly sedative, anxiolytic and analgesic, and are commonly used to treat "restlessness" in children. How European. In Native American tradition the flower petals were strewn beneath the beds of children to help them sleep, poultice of the fresh roots and seedpods were applied the breasts of mothers wanting to dry their milk, and bits of fresh root were tucked into cavities to relieve toothache. There is little if any evidence to suggest that Native Americans used this species internally. But no matter because these are beautiful plants that are very easy to grow and if it suits you to make medicine from them go for it. These seeds are from plants selected for medicinal use in Europe. Scatter into loose garden soil in spring. Thin to 3" or so. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Echinacea purpurea

(*Echinacea purpurea*)

\$3.75

Indigenous to North America, at least three species of *Echinacea* were used extensively by diverse Native American tribes. In recent years the focus has been primarily on this species after studies in Germany using high quality extractives found evidence of its powerful immunomodulating potential. These seeds are from plants selected and produced in Germany for pharmacological use. Easy to grow. Sow indoors or out. Germinates rapidly at 65F in bright light. Vigorous growth in the first year. Harvest in the first or second autumn. Both tops and bottoms are utilized in contemporary herbalism. Hardy, adaptable and deerproof. Fantastically ornamental. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Echinacea pallida

(*Echinacea pallida*)

\$3.75

In contemporary herbalism this pretty species from the American Midwest lives in the shadow of *Echinacea purpurea*, but the truth is that *Echinacea pallida* was used far more extensively by Native Americans and has perhaps more significant medicinal value. Herbalists determined to use *Echinacea* as a prophylactic should consider this species. Roots contain echinacoside, a unique pharmacologically active phenylethanoid glycoside that possesses demonstrable neuroprotective, anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidant, anti-osteoporotic, and anti-viral properties. Ethnobotanical uses speak to the extreme importance of this plant to tribes of the Great Plains. Decoction of the whole plant was used in the treatment of rheumatism and arthritis, as well as viral illnesses such as measles and mumps. Poultice and decoction of the fresh root was used to soothe and heal burns and to treat venomous snake and spider bites. Fresh roots were chewed to treat oral and pharyngeal pain. In the wild this species is adapted to dry sunny prairies but these seeds are from plants selected and grown in Germany for pharmacological use. These seeds will produce plants that are accustomed to field production and they will produce roots with a higher concentration of echinacoside as compared to their wild counterparts. Easy to grow. Sow indoors or out. Germinates readily at 65F in bright light. Harvest in the second year. Stunning en masse. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Spilanthes

(*Acemella oleracea viridis*)

\$2.25

An attractive annual herb for borders and containers. Native to Brazil and now utilized worldwide for edible and medicinal purposes, particularly as an antimalarial. Adorable all-yellow gumdrop flowers contain spilanthal, an analgesic that effectively numbs a toothache. Leaves are nutritious and eaten fresh in salads or cooked as greens. Easy to grow. Start indoors but do not cover seeds as they require light to germinate. Nice as bedding but we grow these plants in pots. Blooms all season until frost. Packet contains 100 seeds.

St. John's Wort 'Topas'

(*Hypericum perforatum* 'Topas')

\$2.75

Superior strain selected specifically for medicinal use. Historically used to treat insomnia, melancholy and anxiety. Internal use is now rarely advised due to potential phototoxicity. Careful research is highly recommended. Unopened or barely opened fresh flowers and young green shoots may be macerated in oil to produce a powerfully healing red ointment for bites, burns, wounds, lesions, and even myalgia. Seeds germinate easily but erratically. Start indoors in late winter. Plants are very hardy and will spread rapidly by roots and seeds in moist soils. Choose planting location carefully. Do not plant where livestock may graze. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Valerian

(*Valeriana officinalis*)

\$4.25

One of the most ancient of herbal medicines. Easily grown in most gardens. This superior strain has been selected specifically for large roots with a high concentration of essential oil and valeric acid. Appropriate for all medicinal applications. Flowers are pink and sweetly scented. Growth will typically be to no more than 3-5'. Harvest root in the first or second autumn. Fresh roots are appropriate for tea. Whole dried roots are very fragrant and best used for capsules and tinctures. Research is recommended. Overuse of this very potent plant is not advised. Potentially useful in the treatment of chronic insomnia and anxiety. Start indoors 8 weeks before setting outdoors on or around the date of the last frost. Perennial. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Spotted Bee Balm

(*Monarda punctata*)

\$2.25

Rich in thymol and a powerful febrifuge, a weak hot or cold infusion of the leaves may be used both topically and internally in the treatment of fever and headache. This same preparation is also gently antiemetic and soothing to upset tummies. The Meskwaki of the Great Lakes employ this species as a medicinal snuff, although we don't necessarily recommend this. Attractive plants grow to around 2' in all directions and prefer rocky well-drained but fertile soils in full sun. Exquisite subtly spotted white or yellow flowers with striking white or pink bracts in the second year. Beautiful short-lived perennial. Deerproof. Germinates at 70F. Sometimes self-sows. Packet contains 100 seeds.



Maral Root

(*Leuzea carthamoides*)

\$4.75

Extremely hardy and ornamental medicinal native to Siberia. Attractive deeply cut thistle-like foliage grows to 2' in all directions. Tall 5' flower stalks are topped with exceptionally large pink flowers. Prefers moist loam soils in part sun. Will tolerate full sun at high elevations. Employed as an ergogenic in Russia. Potentially anabolic. Excellent for use in the recovery stages of illness or physical trauma. Roots may be harvested in the autumn of the second year. Seeds may be used in lieu of roots and are much easier to harvest. Germinates best at cool temperatures. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Angelica

(*Angelica archangelica*)

\$3.75

An ancient species whose native range includes the northernmost reaches of Scandinavia. Foraged and cultivated for both food and medicine for thousands of years. Dispersed across the northern hemisphere by Vikings in the latter half of the first millennium. All parts are fragrant and edible. Petioles may be harvested and prepared like rhubarb. Roots may be dried for medicine or candied. Leaves and seeds may be used for tea and various magical ferments. Extractives are antispasmodic and cholagogue and are employed in the treatment of dementia, alcoholism and lead poisoning. Not biennial exactly but monocarpic hemicryptophytes: these plants die after setting seed in the second or subsequent years of growth. Self-sowing stands may sustain themselves in perpetuity but fresh seeds are usually reluctant in the extreme to sprout. Our seeds will sprout readily given light stratification and even fairly successfully at a consistent temperature of 55F indoors or out. We prefer to sow seeds in a pot of moist soil overwintered outdoors. These will germinate during the first warm days of late winter. Transplant seedlings into the garden as soon as soil can be worked. Vigorous plants produce large roots fast. Harvest in early spring of the second year just before or just as plants begin to break dormancy, or in late autumn after foliage dies back. Big beautiful plants are perfect for natural landscaping. Cut flower stalks to prolong life. Very hardy and requires vernalization to maintain a perennial habit. Appropriate for gardens in zones 3-7. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Tibetan Gentian

(*Gentiana tibetica*)

\$4.75

Gentian root is one of our most ancient and valuable medicinals. The species most common to Western herbal medicine is *Gentiana lutea*, which we find difficult to germinate and to cultivate. This is a traditional medicinal species from the Himalayas and is easily grown in most gardens. Tincture of the dried roots produces a valuable bitter tonic. Treats damp heat, dry constipation and jaundice in TCM. Flowers are valued in Tibetan traditional medicine as an antipyretic and analgesic and in the treatment of afflictions including wounds, arthritis, pulmonary tuberculosis and hepatitis. Extractives of the flowers contain unique triterpenoides, gentiopicroside, ursolic acids and daucosterol. Possibly the superior medicinal Gentian. Also the very fine soot of this species was valued in the production of inks used for painting traditional Tibetan thangkas. No part of this useful plant need go to waste! Seeds germinate over the course of a few weeks at cool room temperature in bright light. Hardy perennial to at least zone 4 given good drainage. Space 1' apart. Blooms on 2' stems in the second year. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Hungarian Gentian

(*Gentiana pannonica*)

\$3.75

Beautiful and hardy species that is easier for us to grow than *G. lutea* and just as suitable for making small batch bitters and tonics. Whorls of spotted dusky purple flowers atop 1'-2' stems that erupt from a rosette of plantain-like leaves. Adapted to prairie type habitats and competes well with other species including grass. Big mature roots are easily dug for medicinal use. Seeds germinate best (but still erratically) with light stratification. Worth the trouble. Best with good drainage and some shade where summers are hot. Long-lived and useful and truly beautiful. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Evening Primrose

(*Oenothera biennis*)

\$2.75

Biennial species native to North America. Long valued as both a vegetable and medicinal by diverse indigenous tribes. It is extraordinarily hardy, surviving winter temperatures as cold as -40F. All parts of these plants are edible and nutritious, and the seeds in particular are rich in unique fatty acids. These seeds are from plants grown for pharmacological purposes in Europe and will feature seeds that ripen earlier and more uniformly than common selections. Sow seeds directly into the garden in early spring while soils and nights are still quite cold. Seeds will begin to germinate as soils warm. Thin seedlings to at least 1' apart. Plants produce a large rosette of rough leaves in the first year and dramatic 3'-5' flowering stems in the second year. Yellow flowers are fragrant and edible and open in the evenings, attracting hawkmoths and other crepuscular creatures. Roots are large and starchy and may be boiled or roasted like potatoes. The young greens may be boiled and drained and cooked like spinach or amaranth. New tender stems may be peeled and eaten raw or cooked. The flower buds, petals and seeds are all edible. The seeds are tiny indeed but a single plant can produce many tens of thousands of them. Whole plants may be used for tea, tincture or poultice. Perfect for permaculture, this species will sow itself in perpetuity. Seeds can remain viable in the soil for decades. Once you have this species in your garden you will always have it so plant mindfully. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Bitter Candytuft

(*Iberis amara*)

\$3.75

Fragrant annual whose white flowering tops produce a tincture employed in the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders ranging from dyspepsia to colon cancer. The active ingredient in the popular Iberogast which we would never recommend due to the inclusion of hepatotoxic Celandine. Make your own! Sow into warm soils in spring. Grows to just about 1' in bloom. Harvest flowering tops before seeds form. Do not use ripe seeds for medicine! Best performance in basic soils. Amend with lime in the Northeast. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Centaury

(*Centaureum erythraea*)

\$3.75

Dried flowering plants are an ancient beloved bitter that can be used for tea or tincture. Lovely little biennial with pretty pink flowers to 15" or so. Not particular about soil. Will self-sow indefinitely where it is happy. Sow in spring or start in flats at 60F. Do not cover seeds. Packet contains 500 seeds.

PERENNIAL FLOWERS

Althaea Cannabina

(*Althaea cannabina*)

\$4.75

The tall wiry stems of this spectacular perennial mallow are practically invisible save for the profusion of delicate pink flowers that appear to float magically in the landscape. Blooms from summer until frost. Suitable for cutting. Unusual and rarely available. Prepare for inquiries. Fresh seeds may require stratification. First sow indoors at 65F. If no seeds germinate in two weeks or so begin stratification process. Established plants can grow to 10'. Best in rich and moist but well-drained soils. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Yellow Fumitory

(*Corydalis lutea*)

\$3.75

Charming little weed native to the Alps of Italy and Switzerland. Beautiful delicate ferny foliage with exquisite bright yellow flowers that can bloom for months. Tolerant of most soil and light conditions. Self-sows in the most random and magical ways. Ants are perhaps participant in this mysterious process. Volunteers are easy to remove but why would you want to? Hardy to at least zone 5. Germinates best at cool temperatures. Even better with warm-cold-cool stratification. Or sow outdoors in autumn. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Golden Feverfew

(*Tanacetum parthenium* 'aureum')

\$2.75

Spectacular strain of this ancient herb. Bright chartreuse foliage comes true from seed. Very ornamental; outstanding dynamic color and texture. Ideal for natural landscaping. Deerproof and drought-tolerant. Self-sows. Perfect for containers. Perennial. Easy. One of our favorites. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Rusty Foxglove 'Gigantea'

(*Digitalis ferruginea* 'Gigantea')

\$3.25

Beautiful perennial foxglove with truly unusual pale golden flowers veined in shades of rust. Flowers are numerous and densely arranged along sturdy 6' stems. Blooms over several weeks in summer. Exquisite cut flowers. Start indoors 10 weeks prior to the last frost. Germinates best in bright light at 60F. Transplant well-rooted plants into average garden soil in sun or bright shade. Will self-sow where it is happy. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Corsican Violet

(*Viola corsica*)

\$4.75

Native to the islands of Corsica and Sardinia, this unique perennial violet can tolerate moderately dry soil and more sun and heat than common *Viola* species. Edible flowers are a saturated bright blue or purple (depending on soil pH) with a tiny yellow eye and subtle whiskers. Blooms all summer long. Start seeds indoors in late winter. Usually germinates readily around 70F. Transplant into the garden in spring. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Labrador Violet

(*Viola labradorica*)

\$4.75

This entirely edible diminutive hardy violet has beautiful leaves in shades of aubergine-forest-green and flowers in a pretty violet violet. Stunning with Golden Alexandria strawberries in dappled shade. Suitable for containers and will usually overwinter in them happily. Germinates best at cool temperatures and may require stratification. Start indoors as early as possible at cool room temperature. If no germination in three weeks begin stratification. Erratic germination: check frequently. Do not use heat. Prefers to grow in moist soil and bright dappled shade. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Carthusian Pink

(*Dianthus carthusianorum*)

\$3.25

Sleeper European species named for the Chartreuse Mountains. Long strong mostly bare stems to 2' topped with clusters of dark pink flowers. Has a nice grasslike effect in the landscape and is ideal for Piet Oudolf inspired design. Easy to grow. Start in flats at 70F. Fertilize seedlings to encourage root development. Transplant in spring. Best en masse. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Pine Leaf Pink

(*Dianthus pinifolius*)

\$3.75

Rare dryland species native to the Balkans. Clusters of ruby red flowers with purple pollen top wiry 1'-2' stems. Elegant but incredibly tough and drought tolerant. Fantastic with Grosso Lavenders. Lightly scented. Excellent for cut flowers. Butterfly magnet. Start indoors 8 weeks before the last spring frost. Germinates easily at room temperature. Slow growth initially. Moderately deer resistant. Requires very well drained soil to overwinter. We love to grow this species with lavenders. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Fringed Pink

(*Dianthus superbus*)

\$3.75

Incredibly fragrant species, even within the very fragrant genus of *Dianthus*. Dramatically fringed lilac or pale rose flowers on long stems arising from a tidy evergreen mound of blue-green foliage. Exquisite cut flowers. Fragrance is sweet and not at all subtle. Prefers full sun and dry soil. Hardy to zone 3 but requires sharply drained soil to overwinter. Slow growth initially but otherwise easy from seed. Germinates easily at 70F. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Sulphur Pink

(*Dianthus knappii*)

\$3.75

An obscure species with yellow flowers. Inconspicuous during the day, these flowers literally glow during the crepuscular hours, beckoning moths and insects and the odd curious human. Ideal in a moon garden with *Helichrysums* and *Artemisias*. Sow indoors at 70F. Very slow-growing initially but vigorous and resilient once established. Hardy in zone 5 but requires good drainage to overwinter. Moderately deer-resistant. Flowers are edible but not fragrant. Still very unique and worth growing. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Pink Pussy Toes

(*Antennaria dioica* 'Rubra')

\$3.25

Pussy Toes nestle themselves into every crack and cranny in the exposed shale on our New York property. Flowers are soft and welcoming, especially in comparison to their chosen environs. Highly recommended for green roofs, abandoned cattle yards, shale outcrops and scree, as well as carefully managed rock gardens. Thrives in poor acidic soils. Stoloniferous plants have pale grey-green foliage that makes for beautiful contrast with the wine red to pale pink blossoms. Attracts pollinators. Nice alternative or addition to low spreading sedums. Hardy and easy. Perfect for xeriscaping. Surface sow indoors at 70F in bright light. Do not wash out tiny seeds. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Lychnis viscaria

(*Lychnis viscaria atropurpurea*)

\$3.75

An ancient companion plant that contains high levels of brassinosteroids. These plant hormones contribute to health and disease resistance in several species commonly found in kitchen gardens. Lovely habit with 12"-18" stems arising from a tidy little mound of foliage. Cut stems are suitable for small bouquets. Pink flowers are fragrant in the evening and attract pollinating moths. Sticky purple stems may function as a trap for aphids. Plant amongst vegetable crops or use to brew an aqueous extract for fertilizing. Easy to grow. Sow indoors or out in spring. Will self-sow. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Maximillian Sunflower

(*Helianthus maximiliani*)

\$2.25

Hardy perennial sunflower native to the Great Plains of North America. Initial slow growth from seed gives no indication of the virtually indestructible architectural wonder it will become. Sturdy 10' plants withstand wind and drought. Will spread aggressively by rhizomes in moist fertile soil. Seeds are edible, though tiny. Rhizomes are edible as well. Not to be confused with *Helianthus tuberosus*. Flowers are suitable for cutting. Excellent choice for the insectary border. Seeds may require stratification. Germination rate is never great. Sow generously. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Creeping Thyme

(*Thymus serpyllum*)

\$3.25

An easily grown spreading thyme that is appropriate for the awkward space between stepping stones and for steep rocky hillsides that you'd rather not mow. Plants grow to just 4" tall. The flowers are a pretty pink and attract all manner of pollinating insects. It can substitute for culinary thyme in a pinch. Easy. Start indoors: sow into 72 cell flats in late winter. Transplant well-rooted plants as soon as soil can be worked. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Joe Pye Weed

(*Eutrochium maculatum atropurpureum*)

\$3.75

An incredible selection of this statuesque deerproof American native. Huge clusters of fragrant rosey purple flowers on 5'-7' burgundy stems. Blooms in late summer through autumn. Butterfly magnet. This lot of seeds requires no special treatment and will germinate promptly. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Achillea millefolium 'Cassis'

(*Achillea millefolium* 'Cassis')

\$3.75

Truly beautiful ornamental yarrow to 2'. Flowers open a deep dark wine and fade first to magenta and then lavender. Best color of any *A. millefolium* cultivar grown from seed. Makes fantastic long-lasting cut flowers. Prefers sun and dry soils. Finely cut foliage is nearly evergreen and spreads over time to make a great weed-suppressing groundcover. Will self-sow if allowed. Very highly recommended. Sow indoors at 70F. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Achillea clypeolata

(*Achillea clypeolata*)

\$2.75

An amazing yarrow from the Balkans with soft silvery foliage and glowing yellow flowers. Shorter in stature than the more popular *A. Filipendulina* and easy to tuck in almost anywhere in the landscape to provide stunning contrast even before blooming. Deerproof and drought-tolerant. Needs sun and well-drained soil. Germinates easily indoors at 70F. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Cupid's Dart

(*Catananche caerulea*)

\$3.75

Native to the south of France and so named for its inclusion in an ancient philtre or love potion. Pretty periwinkle flowers on long 30" sprawling threadlike stems. Tidy rosettes of basal foliage are easily tucked amongst shrubs and other perennials. Short-lived but easy from seed and not fussy about soils. Sow indoors or out in early spring. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Russian Hollyhock

(*Alcea rugosa*)

\$3.75

Reliably perennial hollyhock with big clear yellow papery flowers on 7' stems. An excellent candidate for the informal border. Attracts pollinators, especially bumble bees. Unaffected by rust. Best in full sun. Adaptable to diverse soils. Tolerates drought once established. Seeds require stratification to germinate. The toughest hollyhock we know of. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Foxglove 'Berggold'

(*Digitalis purpurea* 'Berggold')

\$2.75

An incredible selection of this ancient species. Tall sturdy plants grow to nearly 5' and have big bold deep dark pink flowers. Reliably perennial and will self-sow. Very probably the best strain available for natural landscaping. Magical on the edge of a woodland. Unique also in that it is cultivated for pharmacological use in Europe. Digitalin content is exceptionally high. Do not consume any portion of this plant. Herbalists have long abandoned attempts to prepare this species for medicinal use and for good reason. We present these seeds for ornamental use only. Germinates readily at cool room temperature. Can also be sown directly into the garden around the date of the last frost. Adaptable but loves rich soils in dappled shade. Packet contains 1000 seeds.



Chimney Bellflower

(*Campanula pyramidalis*)

\$3.25

This Balkan native has been a beloved cottage garden perennial for many generations. Subtly fragrant stars of periwinkle blue on statuesque stems to 5'. Stunning en masse. Suitable for cutting. Tolerates diverse soils in full sun or part shade. Best with moisture. Sometimes short-lived but will self-sow generously in most soils. Typically blooms the first year from an early sowing. Can also be sown in summer and transplanted in autumn for bloom in the second year. Germinates readily at 70F. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Spotted Bellflower

(*Campanula punctata*)

\$2.75

This lovely stoloniferous species is one of the most vigorous in the genus. Plants spread quickly even in their first season. Blooms in the second and subsequent years with a magical profusion of large pendulous white tubular bells delicately spotted with violet. Prefers to grow in moist soils in full sun. Where they are happy the plants will grow to nearly 3' in all directions and in time spread by both roots and seeds to form massive colonies. Seeds germinate erratically at cool temperatures and some lots may need some light stratification. If no germination at 60F in three weeks pop the pot into the refrigerator for four weeks before returning to cool room temperature in bright light. Worth the trouble. Packet contains 100 seeds.



Milky Bellflower

(*Campanula lactiflora*)

\$2.75

One of the biggest bellflowers. Not so tall as Chimney Bellflower typically, but broader, with dozens of branching stems. More of a small shrub, really. Hundreds of lightly fragrant pale flowers bloom May through June and into July. Most floriferous given consistently moist soil and cool weather. Very difficult in the Midwest but easy in the Northeast. Hardy to at least zone 3. Germinates erratically at cool temperatures. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Fairy Thimbles

(*Campanula cochlearifolia*)

\$4.25

Diminutive but magical. This species is found wild throughout the Pyrenees, Alps, and Carpathians, and like most of the genus is very adaptable to garden culture. Adorable "ear-leaf" foliage slowly spreads to form an attractive green carpet in shale, scree, and along gritty garden paths. Perfect for the rock or alpine garden. Erupts with dozens of tiny blue bells in early summer, blooming over several weeks, and even longer where summers are cool. We love it with cowslips and tiny Chocolate Soldier Columbine. Requires very sharply drained soil to overwinter successfully. Given drainage it is very hardy, to zone 3 at least. Germinates best with stratification, but at least some seeds will sprout at around 60F. Do not use heat. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Mellow Yellow Columbine

(*Aquilegia vulgaris* 'Mellow Yellow')

\$3.75

One of the most easily grown deerproof foliage plants. New spring growth is a bright glowing chartreuse. Flowers in spring are suitable for cutting. Fantastic with spring-blooming bulbs and an excellent alternative to *Heuchera* where deer pressure is high. In the garden these plants prefer some shade. Very adaptable and tolerant of diverse environs. Color is most vibrant in early spring and will darken to a soft green in the heat of summer. Given shade the brighter tones will persist. Ideal for a landscape that receives full sun in early spring and dappled shade in summer. Hardy to at least zone 3. Germinates best at cool temperatures. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Goldentuft

(*Aurinia saxatilis* 'Sulphureum')

\$3.75

Species belonging to this genus are often the first plants to bloom in spring, providing valuable forage for hungry pollinators. Prefers to grow in full sun and dry soils. This selection grows to around 1' in all directions. Unique light grey-green foliage persists all season. Unlike the common varieties, 'Sulphureum' has flowers in a very pretty shade of soft pastel yellow. Hardy to at least zone 3. Deerproof. Reliably perennial. Start indoors 4-6 weeks before transplanting in spring or fall. Best germination with some cold and lot of light. Easy peasy once established. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Creeping Goldentuft

(*Alyssum serpyllifolium*)

\$3.75

Unique and rare hardy ground cover for hot sunny soils. Tiny bright yellow flowers on persistent stoloniferous silvery foliage that forms a broad weed smothering mat over time. Use like creeping thymes. Germinates easily at 70F but grows very slowly. Start indoors and be patient. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Monarda pectinata

(*Monarda pectinata*)

\$3.75

Rare bee balm native to the western plains of North America. Mature plants grow 1'-2' and feature fragrant white to pale pink or violet spotted flowers and attractive dusky violet calyxes. According to literature the narrow leaves of this species were used by indigenous peoples as an herb to season meat. The fragrant flowers were infused to produce a perfume. Cold infusion and poultice of the whole plant were employed as a treatment for colds and flu with fever. Fairly easy to germinate indoors at room temperature. Hardy to zone 6 at least. Stoloniferous plants prefer poor acidic soils. Great for natural landscaping in the Northeast. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Scented Penstemon

(*Penstemon palmeri*)

\$2.25

The most spectacular in the genus: sturdy 6' spires of pink snapdragon flowers that waft a sweet scent. Attracts humans as well as hummingbirds and other pretty pollinators. Tolerates hot dry soils and in the Northeast will do well where little else of this stature will grow. Seeds germinate best with light stratification. Hardy to zone 3 given drainage. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Roman Chamomile

(Chamaemelum nobile)

\$3.25

An ancient Chamomile that had been cultivated for thousands of years throughout the old world and beyond before being given the incorrect moniker of "Roman" in the 19th century. Derived from the Greek "chamai" and "melon" meaning "on the ground" and "apple". Chamomile is the name for several species but Roman Chamomile most likely inspired the name, as both the low growing foliage and flowers are distinctly apple scented. No other chamomile smells as sweet save for the tiny Pineapple Weed. Foliage is a fluffy tufty true green. Diminutive daisy flowers on 5" stems. Small stature and politely spreading habit make it useful for pathways. Gardeners have been known to go to the trouble of creating sublimely scented "chamomile lawns" using these seeds. Use the plants between garden rows to prevent weeds and erosion. Tea made from Roman Chamomile flowers is considered useful in the treatment of chronic nightmares and night terrors in adults and we concur. Easy to grow. Start indoors in flats and transplant well-rooted plants in spring. Tiny pots of these plants are charming on a windowsill. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Tartarian Aster

(Aster tataricus)

\$3.75

Fantastically architectural species from Siberia. Hardy plants grow to 6', and sometimes much taller given plenty of moisture. Beautiful lavender pink petals with yellow eyes. Blooms for several weeks in autumn. Beloved by bees. Over time the medicinal roots spread to form a large stand. Excavate unwanted roots in autumn and dry completely for medicinal use. Ideal for permaculture, natural landscapes and expansive fallscaping. Somewhat deer-resistant, but not so much as our native Asters. These seeds germinate without any special treatment, but somewhat erratically. Be patient. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Salvia argentea

(Salvia argentea)

\$3.75

One of the most unique in the expansive and diverse genus of Salvia, this species features a huge rosette of soft and silvery fuzzy foliage. Individual leaves are comically large and covered with a thick layer of down. Tall candelabra-like white flowering stalks may appear in the second or third year. Remove flowering stems promptly to preserve integrity of the foliage. If allowed to bloom this plant will self-sow and then typically die immediately afterward. Easy to grow. Start seeds indoors at least 8 weeks before the last spring frost. Germinates fairly easily at 70F. Seeds require light to germinate. Transplant in early summer into very well-drained soil in full sun. Plants will rot in soggy soils. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Bush's Poppy Mallow

(Callirhoe bushii)

\$3.25

An overlooked but superior species of Wine Cups with upright stems and tons of glowing magenta flowers that bloom through the hottest days of summer. Provides a welcome pop of color to expansive naturalistic landscapes. Competes well with diverse species in hot dry sunny soils. Mature plants are flouncy enough to drape themselves over walls and walkways. Requires stratification or hot water treatment to germinate. Best en masse. Will not tolerate heavy wet soils. Requires sharp drainage to overwinter. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Orange Horned Poppy

(*Glaucium flavum* var. *aurantiacum*)

\$3.75

Striking silvery blue foliage is dramatically lobed and pleated and contrasts beautifully with the big bright orange flowers. Needlelike seed pods can grow to nearly 1'. Prefers full sun and dry soil. Deerproof. Truly peculiar and an excellent choice for xeriscaping. Sometimes incorrectly listed as a biennial because it will rarely bloom in the first year if not sown early. Best to sow in situ in very early spring. Can also be started indoors. Seeds require two to four weeks of cold before germinating at 70F. Only marginally hardy here in zone 5b. Considered invasive in some jurisdictions. The seed pods are potentially injurious and are no fun to walk on. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Mountain Mint

(*Pycnanthemum muticum*)

\$3.75

Determining where in our catalog to list this Mountain Mint is a challenge. Our native mints are more subtle in their fragrance and flavor, and were historically used primarily for medicinal applications rather than culinary. The stature of this species, too, makes it more suitable for an expansive landscape rather than a typical herb garden. The showiest of all "mountain mints", and the one least likely to occur in mountains, this species prefers damp open woodlands and grasslands. Bunches of tiny tubular flowers in late summer are surrounded by large silvery bracts. En masse, plants appear to be dusted with glittering snow. Wonderful for natural landscaping. Completely deerproof. Spreads politely by both seeds and stolons. Beloved by native bees and butterflies. Infusion of the fresh crushed leaves produces a pleasant medicinal tea traditionally employed by Eastern tribes in the treatment of headache, fever and upset tummies. One of our most inexplicably undervalued native species. Germinates at room temperature. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Echinacea tennesseensis

(*Echinacea tennesseensis*)

\$4.25

Beautiful species that was once nearly extirpated from its native habitat. An extraordinary example of the valuable work done by humble conservation and horticultural professionals. Fantastic ornamental that we prefer over any modern hybrid; plants are vigorous and floriferous with perfect perky pink petals that hold for several weeks. Adaptable and tolerant of neglect once established. Grows to just over 2' in bloom. Seeds germinate best with some stratification. Young plants look sad in their pots but grow quickly after being transplanted in spring or fall. Recommended! Packet contains 30 seeds.

Echinacea paradoxa

(*Echinacea paradoxa*)

\$4.25

The paradox is that this "purple" coneflower has yellow flowers. Petals are reflexed like those of *E. pallida*. Native to a few isolated stands in the Ozark Mountains, this species is now becoming a popular alternative to *Rudbeckia* and *Ratibida* in modern meadow landscapes. Blooms May through July. Slower to grow than other *Echinaceas* but just as tough once established. Ultimately grows to around 3'. Seeds require stratification to germinate. Probably medicinal but we grow it as an ornamental. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Maltese Cross

(*Silene chalcedonica*)

\$2.25

These almost offensively red flowers were practically verboten for some years in garden design publications, but I saw them at the fantastic Rotary Botanical Garden in Wisconsin last year and fell in love. They are amazing! The perfect foil for the monochromatic blur of cottage and prairie garden occupants. Perks up the vegetable garden with aplomb. Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies and glows in the midday sun when almost everything else is washed out. Just fantastic. Who cares what garden designers think. Short-lived perennial that is easy from seed and will self-sow. We start seeds indoors but they may also be sown directly into the garden in spring. Prefers full sun and rich garden soil but competes well in a prairie landscape given enough moisture. Native to Siberia and hardy to zone 3. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Altai Dragonhead

(*Dracocephalum rupestre*)

\$4.25

Chinese Betony. Native to the rocky scree and forest margins of the Altai Mountains in Russia, Mongolia and China. Beautiful rhizomatous plants grow to no more than 6"-8" and feature big blue edible flowers. Plants require sharply drained soils in full sun or part shade. Very susceptible to slug damage. Hardy perennial, but sometimes short-lived. Collect and start seeds annually. Germinates best at cool temperatures in bright light. Among the most rare and valued species in the genus. Harvest leaves and flowers for tea anytime (if you can bring yourself to do so). Packet contains 30 seeds.

Spanish Catmint

(*Nepeta tuberosa*)

\$3.75

Native to the Iberian peninsula and an excellent choice for container culture. Soft silvery foliage and spikes of densely packed bright violet flowers along 2' stems. Fragrant and beloved by pollinators and other beneficial insects. Adaptable to diverse soils and climates thanks to its large tuberous root. We grow this species in containers and overwinter indoors because it is not hardy for us. Often germinates easily at cool room temperature but might do better with a little cold. If germination is poor pop them into the refrigerator for a few weeks before trying again at room temperature. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Monkshood

(*Aconitum napellus*)

\$4.75

Among the most deadly plants in nature but a gorgeous hardy perennial worth growing. Dramatic deep blue hooded flowers atop 5' stems arising from mounds of elegantly cut basal foliage in late summer and autumn. Employed for many millennia as a medicinal and ritual and homicidal agent. Every part of these plants contains the alkaloid aconitine, long used as an arrow poison throughout ancient Eurasia. Do not handle with bare hands. These seeds require extended warm-cold-cool stratification that is best achieved by planting into a pot of soil kept at room temperature for two weeks and then placed in a sheltered location outdoors to overwinter and allowed to germinate naturally in the first nice days of spring. Seeds can germinate at very cold temperatures and should be checked regularly. Best grown in moist sunny soils. Avoid growing where children and animals forage. Hardy to zone 3. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Clematis stans

(Clematis stans)

\$3.75

Herbaceous shrubby perennial from the forest margins of Japan. Handsome foliage and delicate scented pendulous pale blue flowers in late summer. Best in cool semi-shaded locations with mostly moist soil. Grows to around 3' in all directions and up to 4' in bloom. Flower stems may be cut and are fabulous for unique floral arrangements. Seeds germinate best with at least a few weeks of cold. Limited growth in the first year: mulch and coddle young plants. Very vigorous growth in the second year. May be pruned hard to the ground each autumn but seedheads provide winter interest. Self-sows very politely where it is happy. Just a lovely species that we seldom see in local nurseries. Nice in the cool misty pockets of the Hudson Valley. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Clematis integrifolia

(Clematis integrifolia)

\$3.75

Little Eurasian species common to damp sunny meadows and diverse riparian areas. Pendulous blue or lavender bells spring through summer on 2' stems that are sturdy enough for cutting. Over time the plants spread and sprawl and cover a lot of ground creating their own ideal habitat by shading the soil. Very nice en masse or with hardy geraniums. Germinates best with stratification. Sometimes we have a limited supply of 'Blue Ribbons' on the website, which features bigger and bluer blooms. Packet contains 30 seeds

Marsh Marigold

(Caltha palustris)

\$4.25

Ancient hardy species native to freshwater marshes and damp woodlands of the northern hemisphere. Erupts in a profusion of huge glowing golden flowers in early spring. An important seasonal source of nectar for diverse beneficial insects. Nice at pond side with other native aquatics like cattails and wapato. Spreads politely by both rhizomes and seeds. Seeds require at least 8 weeks of stratification to germinate. Best overwintered outdoors in our experience. Slow and erratic but worth the trouble. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Chinese Lantern 'Gigantea'

(Physalis alkekengi var. franchetii 'Gigantea')

\$3.75

The preferred selection of this species for cut flowers. Big bright orange papery husks on long stems to 3'. Plants are hardy spreading perennials that rarely bloom in the first year. Inedible fruits. Grow for floral material. Unlike most solanums these seeds germinate best with some cold. Start indoors under lights at around 60F or pot up to refrigerate for a month before placing under lights at room temperature. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Viperine de Russie

(Echium russicum)

\$4.25

Long spikes of washed red flowers with peculiar blue pollen. Adapted to the dry steppe of Eastern Europe and Western Russia and absolutely fantastic with Lavenders. Strong stems to 2'-3'. Nice alternative to the Veronicastrums and Lysmachias beloved by Piet Oudolf. Usually germinates easily indoors under lights. Water frequently to establish but ultimately is happiest when grown in hot dry sunny soils. Rare and fabulous. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Giraffe Foxglove

(*Digitalis laevigata*)

\$3.25

Elegant species with tawny to yellow copper flowers with a subtle white lip all along 2' stems. Barely survives winters in zone 5 but is otherwise a very reliable perennial adapted to poor soils in sun or shade. Germinates best with some cold. Can be sown directly into the garden in late winter or very early spring. Self-sows very politely where it happy. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Grecian Foxglove

(*Digitalis lanata*)

\$2.75

Beautiful biennial that self-sows to such a degree that it may as well be a perennial. In the second year these plants throw up a dramatic 3' spike of sandy flowers veined in rust with a white lip. Looks very similar to *Acanthus* and is suitable for cutting. Just fabulous. Germinates easily indoors or out at cool temperatures. Considered invasive in some states so please research carefully before planting. Incredibly toxic as well. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Red Valerian

(*Centranthus ruber* var. *coccineus*)

\$3.25

Pretty Betsy. An ancient species commonly cultivated and occasionally foraged in Europe, where it grows in poor chalky soils and along old garden walls. In spite of its name it has no medicinal value but is a superior ornamental for poor alkaline soils. Crimson flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds and hawkmoths. Requires no attention once established and will sometimes self-sow to an invasive degree if allowed. Germinates most easily with a few weeks of cool temperatures. Hardy to at least zone 5. Packet contains 50 seeds.



ANNUAL FLOWERS

Radio Calendula

(*Calendula officinalis*)

\$2.25

First available in the 1930s and named in celebration of modern radio broadcasting. Exquisite quilled orange petals surrounding a sunny orange disc. Edible petals have a pleasant non-resinous flavor and hold their color in baked goods. Grows to just over 1'. Easy. Sow indoors or out. Tuck in amongst the vegetables. Will self-sow. My favorite. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Golden Emperor Calendula

(*Calendula officinalis*)

\$2.25

Big double golden yellow flowers on vigorous 2' plants. Suitable for use as food, medicine, cut flowers and dye, but most of all as an easy ornamental annual. Blooms all season. Performs better in cool maritime climates than marigolds. Will self-sow generously where it is happy. An exquisite selection. Packet contains 100 seeds.



Bird's Eye Gilia

(*Gilia tricolor*)

\$1.75

California native featuring pollen in the most unlikely shade of bright turquoise blue. Chocolate-scented flowers are a pretty pale purple with white eyes. Sow directly into the garden in spring. Prefers to grow in full sun and dry soil. Attractive to pollinators. Best amongst zinnias and other sturdy-stemmed plants. Unique and too rarely grown. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Tall Sweet Alyssum

(*Lobularia maritima*)

\$1.75

Tall fragrant unimproved species native to the coastal regions of the Mediterranean. Grows to 1' with a nice loose habit that spills out of pots over raised beds beautifully. Sweet fragrance wafts throughout the garden. Attracts predatory insects and is a perfect companion to lettuce. Sow directly into the garden or start indoors in flats. Very easy from seed. Plants will tolerate light frost. Tiny white flowers are edible. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Bowle's Black Viola

(*Viola cornuta*)

\$3.75

Nearly black in color with a haloed yellow eye, this historic viola is best appreciated growing and self-sowing politely amongst the lettuces. Blooms the first year if started early indoors and transplanted, otherwise in the second year. Flowers are edible. Especially charming in a small terracotta pot. Does best in cool weather and can disappear in summer. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Virginia Stock

(*Malcomia maritima*)

\$1.75

Superior mix of one of the absolute easiest and most sweetly fragrant annuals available. Saturated deep dark pink, rose, and white flowers to just under 1'. Sow in spring. Blooms in just 6 weeks after sowing. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Tall Verbena

(*Verbena bonariensis*)

\$2.25

Technically a perennial in zone 7 and warmer but grown as an annual in the north. Tiny lilac pink flowers clustered atop tall wiry stems that can grow to 6 in rich moist soils, but more often they top out at just 4'. Attracts diverse pollinators and especially butterflies. Some lots are tricky to germinate. Best with some cold. Sow into the garden or in flats indoors or out in late winter. Slow and erratic but worth it. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Moss Verbena

(*Verbena tenuisecta*)

\$1.75

Bright pinkish purple flowers bloom all season on sprawling semi-prostrate stems with finely dissected foliage. Wonderful along garden paths. Spills beautifully out of containers. Butterfly magnet. Valuable insectary for the vegetable garden. Great with Tall Sweet Alyssum. Start indoors at 70F. Germination can be erratic but is reliable. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Verbena 'Bampton'

(*Verbena officinalis* var. *grandiflora* 'Bampton')

\$3.75

Named for the public garden in which it was discovered in Devon, United Kingdom, this unique airy plant features tiny lavender pink flowers all along wiry burgundy stems. The effect is magical and cloudlike. Fabulous in containers. Blooms all season. Germinates best at cool temperatures or with stratification. Moderately deer resistant. Rare. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Blaue Gefüllte Bachelor Button

(*Centaurea cyanus*)

\$1.75

Dwarf plants to 18". Bright blue edible flowers. Easy. Sow indoors or out in spring. Stature works well in the salad garden. Marvelous in combination with Radio Calendula. Perfect for botanical "sprinkles". Packet contains 500 seeds.

Sunset Hibiscus

(*Abelmoschus manihot*)

\$3.25

This tropical species is in fact more closely related to Okra than to common Hibiscus, although they are both members of the expansive Malvaceae family. Big beautiful yellow flowers with a red eye on branching 7' stalks. Blooms July until frost. Very striking in the landscape. Marginally edible: greens are nutritious when cooked. Adaptable to diverse soils but appreciates regular water early in the season. Perennial in frost free zones. Easy as an annual if fairly slow to germinate. Start early indoors. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Aztec Marigold

(Tagetes erecta)

\$1.75

Mesoamerican flor de muerto. Ceremonially significant to the Aztecs but now universally beloved as a garden ornamental. Sturdy 3' plants with 3" blooms all season in yellow and gold and orange. Flowers hold on and off the plant for weeks and make beautiful garlands. Petals are edible but very potent. Suitable for dye. Sow indoors or out in spring. Deerproof and tolerant of drought and abuse once established. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Frances' Choice Marigold

(Tagetes patula)

\$2.75

Selected by Dr. Alan Kapuler of Peace Seeds and named for avid seed saver Frances Hoffman. Both contributed significantly to the modern seed trade and this beautiful marigold is a worthy testament to their work. Bushy 3' plants produce tons of flowers over the entire season without need for deadheading. Opens deep mahogany with thick gold picotee. Fades to gold with a brushstroke of red. Fantastic fragrant cut flowers. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Lemon Gem Marigold

(Tagetes tenuifolia)

\$2.25

Tiny luminescent lemon yellow flowers are fragrant and edible with a flavor that is reminiscent of anise seed and lemon. Easy to grow. Start indoors 8 weeks before the last frost. Pinch to encourage branching. Deerproof. Blooms all season. Grows to 1'. Loves sun and dry soil. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Tangerine Gem Marigold

(Tagetes tenuifolia)

\$2.25

Subtly painted sherbet orange edible flowers have a light flavor reminiscent of orange peel. Finely filigreed foliage has a strong sweet citrus fragrance. Easy. Deerproof and drought tolerant. Requires sun and dry soil. Excellent with dwarf tomatoes in a mixed container. To just 1'. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Tithonia

(Tithonia rotundifolia)

\$2.25

Mexican sunflower. Large dramatic multi-branched plants can grow to 6' and have gorgeous deep orange flowers that glow in the landscape like no other flower we know of. Attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies. Tolerates drought and minor deer browsing once established. Start indoors at 75F and transplant after the last spring frost. Packet contains 100 seeds.

'Yellow Torch' Tithonia

(Tithonia rotundifolia 'Yellow Torch')

\$3.25

Amazing selection. Big beautiful bushy plants with dozens of saturated yellow flowers summer through autumn. Always covered with bees and butterflies. Grows to around 5' tall and 5' around by seasons end. Spectacular. Start seeds indoors at 75F and transplant after the last spring frost. One of the best and easiest of annuals for dramatic fallscaping. Packet contains 30 seeds.

California Poppy

(*Eschscholzia californica*)

\$2.75

This most ubiquitous of California wildflowers is among the easiest annuals to grow. Bright golden orange flowers fairly glow in the landscape in early summer. Typically grows to just over 1'. Fantastic with Baby Blue Eyes and Bird's Eye Gilia. Sow into the garden in spring. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

White California Poppy

(*Eschscholzia californica* 'alba')

\$2.25

An elegant selection of this easy annual. Flowers open a pale butter yellow and fade to creamy white. Beautiful. Sow outdoors into well-drained soil in full sun in spring. To just over 1'. Self-sows. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Yellow Tufted California Poppy

(*Eschscholzia caespitosa*)

\$2.75

Slightly smaller than its more common cousin, this species has grassy foliage and subtle but saturated pale yellow flowers that are lightly fragrant. Sold in Europe sometimes as 'Sundew'. As easy to grow as *E. Californica*. Actually our favorite of the genus. Charming in its own way. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Baby Blue Eyes

(*Nemophila menziesii*)

\$1.75

Small flowers in an arresting shade of blue with a pretty white eye. Sow directly into the garden in spring. Germinates and blooms promptly. Grows to just 9" and is perfect amongst spring blooming bulbs and California poppies. Longest bloom in cool weather. Will self-sow. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Black Mallow

(*Alcea rosea nigra*)

\$2.75

An ancient cultivar. Gorgeous saturated burgundy-black flowers all along tall 6' spires. Edible and nutritious, these striking flowers are rich in both anthocyanins and soothing mucilage and produce a fine water-soluble purple food dye. Though the species is common to informal cottage gardens this selection is regal and more suitable for cutting and landscaping. Grown by Thomas Jefferson at Monticello. Blooms in the first year if started early indoors, otherwise in the second. Occasionally behaves like a perennial. Like all annual hollyhocks it will self-sow very reliably where it is happy. Germinates best at cool temperatures. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Red Leaf Dahlia

(*Dahlia x pinnata*)

\$2.75

Compact plants with beautiful burgundy and bronze foliage. Flowers in diverse colors and styles. Grows just 2', but still suitable for small bouquets. Blooms early in summer and right through light autumn frosts. Produces cute edible tubers that can be dug for food or for overwintering. Easy from seed; sow indoors 6-8 weeks before the last spring frost. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Empress of India Nasturtium

(*Tropaeolum majus*)

\$2.75

This ubiquitous annual is appropriately listed with the salad greens, but its profound ornamental value makes it worth listing here as well. Striking blue lily pad leaves and scarlet flowers on attractive mounding plants. Perfect for containers. Really great among with leeks in the kitchen garden. Blooms all season. Entirely edible and tasty.

Easy to grow. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Cherry Rose Nasturtium

(*Tropaeolum majus*)

\$2.75

Beautiful clear green leaves with pretty pink papery flowers. Entirely edible and delicious. Dresses up salads and cocktails. Compact plants grow to just 1' and can be tucked in all over the in the vegetable garden. Packet contains 30 seeds.



Sweet William

(*Dianthus barbatus*)

\$2.75

Our own mix of this sweetly fragrant biennial species. Includes a broad range of flower form and color. Mostly singles with some spectacular doubles. Solids ranging from white to burgundy and several bicolors with dramatic "eyes". We hope gardeners will select their own preferred forms from this collection. Will sometimes bloom in the first year if started early indoors in flats and transplanted. Or sow directly into the garden in early spring or autumn for flowers in the second year. Once blooming pull the plants you do not want and allow the preferred forms to self-sow. They will colonize your garden with a custom mix over time. Green plants to just over 2'. Packet contains 300 seeds.

Blood Red Sweet William

(*Dianthus barbatus atrosanguineus*)

\$3.75

Velvety blood red flowers are borne in broad clusters atop 20" stems. Intense fragrance is sweet and clove-like. Hardy biennial but behaves like an annual if started indoors and transplanted in early spring. Edible flowers. Makes an impressive bouquet. Foliage is an elegant bronze in cool weather. Charming and gothic and too rarely grown. Will self-sow. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Petunia integrifolia

(*Petunia integrifolia*)

\$1.75

The mother of all garden petunias. Color is an almost impossibly saturated magenta with a dark purple throat that gives impressive dimension to this relatively small flower. Habit is rambling and wild; long stems will snake through garden companions in the most unexpected and intriguing ways. Excellent in mixed containers. Easy from seed but a bit slow initially. Start indoors with the peppers. Precocious bloomers. Pinch to encourage branching. Will self-sow politely in most gardens. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Sir Cedric Morris Poppies

(*Papaver rhoeas*)

\$2.25

Painter Sir Cedric Morris was particular about poppies. His paintings are testimony to an obvious preference for subtle muted tones, which is what you'll find in this exquisite mix, originally selected by the artist himself. Sow outdoors in autumn or very early spring. Likes to germinate in cool wet soils but bloom in hot sun and dry soil. Most plants will grow to around 24". See website for explicit cutting instructions. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Amazing Grey Poppies

(*Papaver rhoeas*)

\$2.75

Selected out of Sir Cedric Morris and now wildly popular with flower farmers. Pale papery petals are washed with lavender or mauve and often stippled or stained by dramatic dark violet grey. Mostly singles but some doubles. Some off types but in general these are worth the hype. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Artist's Glory Poppies

(*Papaver croceum*)

\$3.75

Big papery flowers on 18" stems. Includes a broad spectrum of color including custardy shades of coral, butter and salmon. Elegant and feathery blue-green basal foliage. Very nice. Similar to Iceland Poppies but bigger in every way. An open-pollinated alternative to the popular hybrid "Bubbles" series beloved by flower farmers. Cutting instructions online. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Black Peony Poppy

(*Papaver somniferum* var. *paeoniflorum*)

\$2.25

Fully double and ruffled dark burgundy flowers appear nearly black in the garden. One of our favorites for cutting. Blooms are ephemeral but incredibly dramatic. Persistent seed pods are attractive for several weeks. Sow outdoors in autumn or very early spring. Requires full sun and well-drained soil. Grows to around 2'. Easy and opulent. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Elka Poppy

(*Papaver somniferum*)

\$3.75

Slovakian heirloom with sweet white edible seeds contained in big ventless seed pods. White petals brushed with violet are beloved by our bees and stand taller than any other poppy we grow. Listed in the "grains" section of our website because these plants really do produce a ton of delicious nutty seeds and even though we do not consider poppy seeds much more than bagel decor in the United States they are still grown for filling pastries and pressing for oil in Eastern Europe and Russia. Super useful and beautiful. Packet contains 1000 seeds.



Vanilla Ice Sunflower

(*Helianthus debilis* ssp. *cucumerifolius*)

\$2.25

Native to the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of North America. Very different from *Helianthus annuus*, this species features many branching stems to 5' or more. Blooms all season without need for deadheading. Perfect for casual cut flowers and a valuable addition to the garden landscape. Pale yellow to white flowers glow during the twilight hours. As the species epithet suggests the seedlings are rather delicate and should be coddled until established. This beautiful pale selection is sold as "Italian White" and "Ice Cream" among other things. We prefer the inadvertent ode to a certain rapping plagiarist, baby. Start the seeds indoors at 70F in early spring. Be patient. Best performance in the garden with heavily mulched or moist soil in sun. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Soraya Sunflower

(*Helianthus annuus*)

\$2.25

This old All American Selections winner is an excellent choice for cutting. Tall sturdy plants produce lots of long branches. Sherbet orange petals with dark chocolate centers. Not entirely pollenless but very nearly. Sow outdoors in spring. Day neutral but fairly late: blooms around 90 days after sowing. Absolutely ideal for fallscaping and autumn decor. Packet contains 30 seeds.

Mongolian Giant Sunflower

(*Helianthus annuus*)

\$3.25

These sunflowers should really be in the "Grains" section due to their huge delicious 1" seeds but they are also absolutely stunning in the flower garden: huge 12"-15" flowers on 8'-12' stalks. Towers over everything else and an excellent support for pole beans and morning glories. Sow directly into the garden in spring. Space very generously. Use a ladder to carefully cut ripe heads before the birds and squirrels get them. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Giant Scarlet Zinnia

(*Zinnia elegans*)

\$3.75

Spectacular large fully double deep red flowers on branching 4'-5' stems. Fairly impervious to powdery mildew. Blooms from summer into autumn right up until the first hard freeze. Ideal for cutting: stripped stems hold in a vase for over a week. Stunning saturated color in the autumn garden. All Benary's Scarlet Giant in 2026. The best ever. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Zinnia peruviana

(*Zinnia peruviana*)

\$3.75

The yellow form of this rare wild species. Unlike its cousins this species has not been terribly "improved". Perhaps because it can hardly BE improved. It is a perfect little plant, producing elegant if petite flowers all season long without need for deadheading. Attracts bees and butterflies and withstands both torrential rain and drought in a wide variety of soils. Not susceptible to powdery mildew. Holds well as a fresh cut flower and dry flower. Perfect. Grows to 3'-4'. Start seeds indoors and transplant. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Nolana paradoxa

(Nolana paradoxa)

\$3.50

Fantastic uniform selection of this Chilean native. Bright blue flowers with white throats on sprawling prostrate stems. Perfect for xeriscaping. Fleshy inconspicuous foliage can tolerate a great deal of abuse. Will cascade nicely over the sides of walls and containers. Very nice alongside its cousin, *Petunia integrifolia*. Start indoors with the peppers. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Miss Jekyll Nigella

(Nigella damascena)

\$2.25

An improved selection of this beautiful annual named for beloved British garden writer and designer Gertrude Jekyll. Dark sky blue flowers and delicate fennelly foliage. Suitable for cutting. Grows to about 2'. Softens the edges of informal borders and is a nice companion in the spring salad garden. Cottage garden favorite for centuries. Sow directly into the garden in early spring. Self-sows reliably in rich garden soils. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Nicotiana glutinosa

(Nicotiana glutinosa)

\$2.75

South American native with peculiar salmon or coral pink bells all along sticky stems that can grow to almost 3'. Reminds of a diminutive gladiolus! Very unique and fun and easy to grow. Blooms all summer. Sometimes listed as "Peach Screamer" because why not I guess. Best with part sun and moisture but we had it in dry shade one year and it did alright. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Nicotiana langsdorffii

(Nicotiana langsdorffii)

\$2.25

An interesting little tobacco from South America. Long tubular green flowers with bell ends are borne in abundance on bare 2'-3' stems that are suitable for cutting. Fabulous in bouquets. Adaptable. Softens sunny informal borders and brightens shady corners. Attracts hummingbirds. Very charming. Self-sows politely. Start indoors with the tomatoes. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Fairy Bouquet Toadflax

(Linaria maroccana)

\$1.75

These charming little plants produce a flurry of pretty snapdragon flowers in a playful rainbow of colors. Grows to just 1' or so. Best grown en masse. Loves sun and will bloom all season given rich moist soil. An unexpected and fun companion in the kitchen garden. Start early, sowing several seeds per pot or cell. Do not thin. Transplant in spring. Packet contains 1000 seeds.

Rubenza Cosmos

(Cosmos bipinnatus)

\$2.75

Tidy 3' plants with flowers that are at first a velvety burgundy red before fading to an attractive antique rose. Blooms continuously from spring until frost. Attracts butterflies and beneficial insects. Suitable for cutting. Easy. Sow into the garden in late spring or start indoors 6-8 weeks before setting out. Best show in fertile and well-watered soils. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Jasmine Tobacco

(*Nicotiana alata*)

\$2.25

The best selection of this fragrant annual we have ever grown. Tall bouffant floriferous plants sometimes grow to nearly 5' and bloom from early summer through autumn. Big white flowers waft their sweet jasmine fragrance in the crepuscular hours and attract loads of hawkmoths. Start indoors with tomatoes. Space generously in rich moist soils. Self-sows. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Woodland Tobacco

(*Nicotiana sylvestris*)

\$1.75

Dramatic species for natural landscaping. Plants grow to at least 5' and often much taller in rich fertile soils. Stunning en masse. Huge pendant clusters of long white tubular flowers. Flowers perk up and release their subtle perfume just after sunset. Ideal for moon gardens. Packet contains 500 seeds.

Dreadlocks Amaranth

(*Amaranthus caudatus*)

\$2.75

An exceptional ornamental that can be grown as a dramatic single specimen in the kitchen garden. More impressive to our eyes than 'Love Lies Bleeding', these plants likewise have long pendulous "seedheads" but instead of graceful uniform strands Dreadlocks features dense knotted imperfect saturated magenta locks that seem almost unreal. Grows 4'-5' by fall. Gets better and better all season and should never be cut. Easy and amazing. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Scarlet Sage

(*Salvia coccinea*)

\$2.25

Native to Texas and Mexico and sometimes listed as "hummingbird sage". Bright glowing scarlet red flowers filled with nectar along 2'-3' stems. Easy to grow as an annual in the north: start early indoors at 70F. Best with heat and late to bloom where nights are chilly but worth the wait. Perfect for fallscaping and paints the late summer vegetable garden with dramatic color. Like Maltese Cross this species is too seldom grown by gardeners that think they hate reds. Try again. The hummingbirds will thank you. Packet contains 200 seeds.

Dahlberg Daisy

(*Thymophylla tenuiloba*)

\$2.25

Another species from Texas and northern Mexico that we now see fairly often falling out of hanging baskets at our local nurseries. This charming little prostrate annual tolerates dry soil and hot sun and blooms all season in a profusion of yellow daisies. Rather than hanging baskets we like it along the edge of beds with Moss Verbena. The whole plant is lightly fragrant and pleasant to brush against. Start very early indoors. January preferably. Packet contains 500 seeds.



White Moonwort

(*Lunaria annua albiflora*)

\$3.75

This biennial species was beloved by Medieval and Victorian gardeners for its dramatic seedpods and is deserving of a resurgence in popularity given the newfound appreciation of naturalistic gardens festooned with dried seedheads. This incredible selection has pure white flowers that bloom in the spring of the second year. Allowed to self-sow these plants are seemingly perennial. The dried seedpods are translucent flat circles that make for stunning floral material. Sow into the garden in spring or fall. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Mourning Bride

(*Scabiosa atropurpurea*)

\$2.75

Sweet Scabious. Once commonly used to produce funerary wreaths in Europe. Pincushion flowers in a pretty shade of burgundy on 2'-3' stems. Vigorous and floriferous selection that is perfect for cutting. Beloved by butterflies. An easy annual to grow in the kitchen garden for impromptu bouquets and just general pleasure. Sow into the garden in spring or start early in flats and transplant around the date of the last spring frost. Hardy. Prefers coolish weather and puts on the best show for us in early summer and autumn. Given moist soil and late afternoon shade they will bloom all season including through winter in mild maritime climates. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Starflower

(*Scabiosa stellata*)

\$3.75

Easily overlooked in bloom, these humble washed out flowers becomes the literal star of the garden after they have gone to seed. Grown primarily for use as a dried cut flower and among the most interesting everlastings on Earth. Fractal spheres of papery open seed pods with star shaped calyxes. Easy to grow but takes some time to figure out when to cut. See our website for specific harvesting instructions. Packet contains 50 seeds.



ANNUAL CLIMBERS

Blue Butterfly Pea

(*Clitoria ternatea*)

\$4.25

An extraordinary little tropical legume. Flowers are surprisingly large and an arresting shade of bright clear blue. A single fresh flower muddled in a glass will contribute a magical color to cocktails. Both leaves and flowers may be dried for tea. Easy as an annual in the north. Soak seeds in hot water before sowing indoors several weeks before the last spring frost. Germinates best at 80F. Plants are best grown in a container. Provide a pretty trellis for delicate pea-like foliage and tendrils. They like heat but not too much sun. Sparse blooms in cool maritime climates. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Canary Creeper

(*Tropaeolum peregrinum*)

\$3.75

This climbing nasturtium is a weed common to cornfields in Peru. Diminutive though vigorous, with beautiful lobed leaves and fringed yellow flowers that resemble canaries in flight. Can grow to nearly 20' where they are happy. Tender perennial grown as an annual. Start indoors a few weeks before the last spring frost. Likes some afternoon shade in hot summer regions. Blooms late summer through fall in the Northeast. Floriferous in a greenhouse through winter. Packet contains 15 seeds.



Cardinal Climber

(*Ipomoea x multifida*)

\$2.25

Bright red tubular trumpet flowers attract a multitude of hummingbirds and butterflies. Finely cut emerald green foliage. Plants climb upwards of 12', sometimes even more in a hot wet summer. Suitable for large patio containers. Typically needs full sun and decent moisture to bloom prolifically but even emaciated vines bloom a little. Whether in the ground or in a pot, plant where you can appreciate visiting wildlife. Nick and soak before sowing indoors under lights. Loves heat. Packet contains 20 seeds.

Giant Moonflower

(*Ipomoea alba*)

\$2.25

Huge fragrant white flowers unfurl magically in the evening and often stay open through the morning hours on cloudy days. Fragrance wafts a great distance on hot humid nights. Plants love heat but require part shade in the hottest climates. Attracts moths and other crepuscular and nocturnal species. Start indoors around four weeks before transplanting into warm soil. Nick and soak seeds before sowing. Vigorous climber to 20'. Will climb almost anything, including wood siding and downspouts. Day length sensitive; flowering begins in late summer in northern gardens. Worth the wait. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Pearly Gates Morning Glory

(*Ipomoea tricolor*)

\$1.75

Pure white flowers on vigorous 12' vines. Best grown in combination with Giant Moonflower. Blooms from dawn through late morning, and well into afternoon on cloudy days. Flowers appear much earlier in the season than those of Moonflower, so your garden space won't go to waste. Nick and soak seeds before sowing indoors (which we recommend) or out in spring. Self-sows in most gardens, which can be a nuisance. Choose planting location wisely or commit to frequent weeding. Packet contains 15 seeds.

Pink Coral Vine

(*Antigonon leptopus*)

\$4.75

Corallita or Cadena de Amor in Mexico. Like a vining begonia for hot sun. Considered invasive in frost free zones but a fast floriferous annual in hot northern summers. Produces a profusion of bright pink blossoms that are actually battered and fried in tropical Asia. We do not necessarily recommend this. Do not eat raw blossoms. Seeds absolutely require consistent HEAT and moisture to germinate. We have great luck germinating them at 85F using a heat mat and warm grow lights. Grown in warm soil in full sun the plants can grow to about 10' in a good hot summer. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Chilean Glory Vine

(*Eccremocarpus scaber*)

\$3.00

Perennial in its native range, this Chilean Glory Vine can be grown like an annual in most climates with warm summers. It is especially happy on south-facing walls and chimneys, and will quickly cover a fence or dilapidated shed in a hot Midwestern summer. Gorgeous tubular flowers in various shades of orange bloom until the first frost. A nice alternative to the invasive Trumpet Vine, and is just as attractive to hummingbirds. Start indoors at least TEN weeks before the last spring frost. Germinates best at cool room temperature in bright light. Do not cover seeds. Germination is slow and erratic, but at least some of the seeds will germinate within three weeks or so. Be patient. Seedlings are tiny! Packet contains 50 seeds.



CURIOSITIES

Kenilworth Ivy

(*Cymbalaria muralis*)

\$3.25

Common to old English castles, this dainty little plant thrives in dry shade and features one of the most unique flowers in nature: initially phototropic, this little flower pushes itself into dark nooks and crevices once fertilized, thus increasing the chances of germination and proliferation. Its tiny leaves are succulent and high in vitamin C. Flavor is variable depending on culture but is comparable to cress. Best as a novelty edible, or by the handful in the unlikely event of imminent scurvy. Easy and fast from seed. Plants have a delightful trailing habit and pretty purple snapdragon-like flowers. Potentially invasive, but not here in zone 5. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Tree Basil

(*Ocimum gratissimum*)

\$3.25

An African native and one of the most beloved plants in India where it is known as Ram Tulsi. The wood is carved into beads for the sacred Tulsi Mala. Myriad medicinal and ritual uses. Substantial fuzzy foliage on a single upright stem. In most frost-free zones this plant will become a long-lived little tree or shrub and may be pruned to shape. Quite happy in a container. Suitable for bonsai. Start seeds indoors anytime. Germinates within a few weeks at 70F in bright light. We have grown out several chemotypes of this species and love this Peter Borchard selection best. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Cranberry Hibiscus

(*Hibiscus acetosella*)

\$3.75

The deeply cut plum-colored foliage of this tropical African Hibiscus is reminiscent of a Japanese Maple, and its effect in the landscape is just as profound. Can be grown as an annual in cold winter climates either in the ground or in a large container. It can take full sun or part shade but prefers plenty of moisture. This species can grow to tree-like proportions in a single warm season. Huge rose pink flowers appear in autumn if frost doesn't appear first. Foliage alone makes this species worth growing as an ornamental in northern gardens. All parts of this plant are edible, if somewhat sour in flavor, and the leaves in particular are a popular cooked vegetable in Brazil. Easy to germinate indoors. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Costmary

(*Tanacetum balsamita*)

\$3.75

An ancient herb once valued in clearing, flavoring and preserving beer. Common to ancient tavern and kitchen gardens but now very rarely grown. Beautiful greyish green leaves are powerfully scented and maintain their sweet fragrance once dried. They make wonderful bookmarks, especially in old musty books. Bundle with lavender and place in closets alongside cedarwood. In 1636, Gerard suggested that a sweet conserve of Costmary "doth warm and dry the braine and openeth the stoppings of the same", so there is that. Start indoors at 70F. Hardy and long-lived in dry soils. Packet contains 50 seeds.

Sea Kale

(*Crambe maritima*)

\$4.75

Big ancient perennial Brassica with broad blue leaves and white honey-scented flowers in summer. Hardy and long-lived and most commonly blanched beneath a terra cotta cloche in very early spring for eating like asparagus. Single specimens are useful and fun in the kitchen garden but these plants can also be grown en masse for their ornamental value. Plants in bloom are covered with bees and other beneficials in summer. Seeds require stratification to germinate and still they germinate erratically. Best overwintered outdoors but the hulls can be removed stratification done indoors if necessary. Pot up seedlings into larger containers as necessary before transplanting into well amended soil in full sun in early spring or fall. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Sea Holly

(*Eryngium maritimum*)

\$3.75

Eryngo. An ancient medicinal prescribed by Dioscorides as an antitussive and expectorant. The candied root was historically available tinned like a Smith Bros' and its effect probably just as trivial. The flavor of the root is indeed unique and pleasant and probably worth a forage should you find yourself on a British shore with cough, but this is a truly lovely ornamental species and rare enough in the trade that a gardener dare not lift it. Stunning blue plants with spiny bracts. Grows to just over 1' in bloom. Violet flowers in late summer and autumn attract lots of bees and butterflies. Native to the seacoasts of northwestern Europe and best in moist but sharply drained soils in full sun. Salt-tolerant and deerproof. Hardy to at least zone 5 but will not overwinter in wet soils. Seeds germinate very erratically even with stratification. Be patient. Worth the trouble. Packet contains 10 seeds.

Glass Gem Corn

(*Zea mays*)

\$4.75

An incredible feat of amateur breeding. Glass Gem was bred by Oklahoma farmer Carl Barnes and stewarded by Native Seeds/SEARCH. A genepool selected from various strains of "Indian" corn that produces a broad spectrum of colors that exhibit an unbelievable opalescent translucence. A flint corn that can be ground for meal. Some kernels will pop but its culinary value pales in comparison to its beauty. Best grown for ornamental use. Be sure to sow into fertile nitrogen-rich soil and allow ears to dry completely in the field before harvesting. Dry ears will keep for years. Packet contains 100 seeds.

Nicotiana glauca

(*Nicotiana glauca*)

\$2.25

Subtropical tree tobacco. Considered an invasive noxious weed in many states; research carefully before planting. We love this species as an easily grown container specimen. Pendant clusters of narrow tubular yellow flowers beckon butterflies and hummingbirds. Plants are very precocious and will bloom in a nursery pot when just 1' tall. All parts of this plant are toxic. Contains virtually no nicotine but is very rich in anabasine. Do not smoke it. Though it will overwinter indoors we find the second year plants less than charming. Best as an annual. Sow seeds indoors at 75F. Packet contains 100 seeds.

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