

My Garden

Making it *Lovely* 



Flowers
& Foliage

Sarah Bernhardt Peony



Heady fragrance and delightful color combine to make this a cottage garden favorite. Huge blossoms are double and delicately colored in pale apple-blossom-pink. Fragrance demands they be used for cutting or planted close to outdoor living spaces. Big bushy plants make fine landscape specimens and fillers for borders. Well-drained soil. Full sun. Rapid growing to 2½ feet tall and up to 3 feet wide.

Botanical Name: Paeonia

Time of Flowering: Spring

Height: 2.5'

Width: 3'

Hardiness Zone: 4 - 8

Water Needs: Needs regular watering - weekly, or more often in extreme heat

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Growth Rate: Fast Growing

Care Instructions: Follow a regular watering schedule during the first growing season to establish a deep, extensive root system. For a neat appearance, remove old foliage before new leaves emerge. Divide clumps every 2 to 3 years in early spring.

Cost: Free (came with the house)

Pixie Meadowbrite Coneflower



Extremely prolific, snappy pink flowers with an orange center and horizontally held petals can appear 20 or more on one plant! Densely spaced, compact flower stems create a mass of color and reappear when spent stems are removed.

Botanical Name: Echinacea 'CBG Cone 2'

Time of Flowering: Pink flowers throughout summer.

Avg. Landscape Size: A compact grower only 18 - 20" tall, 24" wide.

Hardiness Zone: 4 - 9 (Minimum temperatures of -30 to -20°F).

Water Needs: Water regularly, when top 3" of soil is dry.

Sun Exposure: Full to partial sun.

Care Instructions: Follow a regular watering schedule during the first growing season to establish a deep, extensive root system. Feed with a general purpose fertilizer before new growth begins in spring. Purine old flower heads to encourage more blossoms.

Design Styles: This smaller version of the native coneflower is better suited to limited spaces seeking a wild garden look, an all-native landscape, wildlife friendly habitat or just a beautiful flower garden. This is a valuable late season bloomer for the traditional perennial border. Makes a super injection of color for tired foundation planting. Equally well suited to casual country gardens along picket fences or in mixed borders. Exotic orange coloring also works nicely in tropical plantings and crisp form can be surprising in spare, modern compositions.

Cost: \$12.99 (McAdams)

Ruby Star Coneflower



'Ruby Star' bears carmine-red, horizontal petaled, daisy-like flowers surrounding a gold cone on a sturdy stems above dark green leaves. Drought tolerant.

Botanical Name: Echinacea Purpurea 'Rubinstern'

Time of Flowering: June - August

Height: 36"

Spacing: 24"

Hardiness Zone: 4 - 9 (Minimum temperatures of -30 to -20°F).

Water Needs: Needs regular watering - weekly, or more often in extreme heat

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Wildlife: Hummingbird and Butterfly attractant.

Care Instructions: Plant in average, moist, well-drained soil in full sun. Light shade will enhance the richer colors in hot weather. Remove old foliage after frost or before new growth emerges in the spring. May reseed. Divide every 3-4 years.

Select Site: 'Ruby Star' is best used in the back border, in naturalized areas or as cut flowers. This variety features a deeper color than other varieties of Echinacea.

Design Styles: Coneflowers are ideal for the middle of the perennial (from *Monrovia*) border. They grow quickly to fill out foundation plantings and break up long fence lines. Particularly charming against split rail fences, they are a country garden staple. These plants are remarkably drought resistant which makes them compatible with many grasses for a mixed meadow or prairie composition. Their breeding also makes these prime cutting flowers. As North American natives they are great choices for meadow and wild garden perennial color.

Cost: \$5.99 (Home Depot)

Purple Coneflower 'Magnus'



The Echinacea 'Magnus' Coneflower, *Echinacea purpurea*, also known as Purple Coneflower, Hedge coneflower, and Black Sampson, is an easy to grow flower that produces beautiful deep purple daisy-like flowers, a bit larger than the rest of its family. Blooming from July to October and a major attractor to butterflies and bees and deer resistant, it is a must for any perennial gardens. Echinacea is known for its large flower heads that turn to seed in the fall. A great choice for cut flowers, adding a wilderness look to your garden, it is a definite must.

Botanical Name: Echinacea purpurea

Time of Flowering: Midsummer to autumn.

Height: 48"

Spacing: 24"

Hardiness Zone: 3 - 8

Water Needs: Dry to moist.

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Care Instructions: Very tough and durable. Cut off faded flower stems to prolong flowering. Avoid winter wetness.

Select Site: A reliable solution for hot, windy locations where nothing else can grow. Great for backgrounds, naturalized plantings, and cutting gardens.

Cost: \$5.99 (Home Depot)

Pink Double Delight Coneflower



Pink Double Delight is a vegetatively propagated selection that is compact and free flowering. Flowers are consistently double and are double right away upon blooming. The stems are sturdy and numerous, for a full appearance in containers and in the garden. We've been very impressed with this double and think it is an easy sell at retail! Shorter than Razzmatazz and Double Decker, and blooms sooner with double flowers from the start.

Botanical Name: Echinacea purpurea 'Pink Double Delight' PPAF

Time of Flowering: Summer - Late Summer

Height: 24 - 28"

Spread: 24 - 30"

Hardiness Zone: 5

Water Needs: Moist, Average, Dry

Sun Exposure: Full Sun, Morning Sun/Afternoon Shade, Part Sun

Growth Rate: Medium

Wildlife: Butterfly attractant

Design Styles: Mass planting, wildflower garden, border, rock garden

Cost: \$12.99 (Lurvey's)

Drumstick Allium



Intriguing novelty flowers turn from green to burgundy as they mature. Unique garden flower that grows almost anywhere! Long-lasting blooms will add excitement to any bouquet!

Botanical Name: Allium sphaerocephalon

Form: 4 - 5 cm Bulbs

Sun Exposure: Shade/Partial Shade/Full Sun

Height/Habit: 20 - 24"

Spread: 2 - 4"

Spacing: 2 - 4"

Hardiness Zone: 3 - 8

Foliage Type: Linear, medium green, basal leaves

Flower Form: Ovoid umbels 1" across of up to 40 tightly packed bell-shaped flowers.

Flower Color: Green to burgundy

Flowering Date: Early Summer

Planting Requirements: 3" deep and 2 - 4" apart

Soil Requirements: Loosen soil about 10" and water well after planting.

Growth Rate: Moderate

Unique Characteristics: Novelty flower which stands out if it is in a garden planting or in a cut flower arrangement. Also wonderful in dried arrangements.

Pruning: Let foliage die down naturally allowing the bulb to store energy for next year's blooms.

Additional Information: Leave the mulch on during flowering season if desired.

Cost: 6 / \$4.99 (Michigan Bulb Co.)

Pink Mist Scabiosa



Bright blooms attract butterflies!

This compact perennial blooms from spring through fall, producing pink double-flowering pompons of color. An ideal addition to your cut-flower or dried arrangements.

Botanical Name: Scabiosa columbaria 'Pink Mist'

Form: Herbaceous perennial.

Sun Exposure: Partial Shade/Full Sun.

Height: 12 - 15"

Spread: 12"

Spacing: 12 - 15"

Hardiness Zone: 3 - 9 (-40°)

Foliage Type: Basal rosette in medium green.

Flower Form: Single, pincushion like center. 2-1/2" blooms.

Flower Color: True soft pink (deeper in cool weather).

Flowering Date: Spring to Fall

Planting Requirements: Protect from excessive winter moisture. Good drainage is important.

Soil Requirements: Well-drained, light, fertile soil.

Growth Rate: Moderate.

Unique Characteristics: Pink companion to 'Butterfly Blue'. Neat and compact. So floriferous that tiny plugs are sometimes covered with blooms. Delicate beauty, trouble free. Superb flowering up to frost.

Pruning: Remove spent flower heads to encourage more blooms and tidy up the plants.

Additional Information: Patent #PP8957. Bred in Ireland. PP #08957 per J.F. 7-20-98

Cost: \$5.99 (Michigan Bulb Co.)

Firewitch Cheddar Pinks



The Dianthus 'Firewitch', *Dianthus gratianopolitanus*, is a beautiful pink flower that can be somewhat lacy and fringed. With its grassy blue-gray foliage and profuse blooming time, 'Firewitch' is one not to miss.

'Firewitch' bears raspberry-red blooms over gray-green leaves. Plants are low growing and form neat mounds.

Botanical Name: *Dianthus gratianopolitanus* 'feuerhexe'

Time of Flowering: May, according to Hampshire Farms. Midsummer to early fall according to Nature Hills.

Height: 6"

Spacing: 12"

Hardiness Zone: 3 - 8

Water Needs: Low (drought-tolerant). Needs well-drained soil.

Sun Exposure: Full Sun.

Care Instructions: Dianthus will bloom from mid summer to early fall. In order for a longer bloom time, deadhead the blooms continuously throughout the summer. Dianthus needs a sunny site with well-drained soil, but will tolerate some shade in the afternoon and humidity. Amend soil with ground limestone for best results.

Design Styles: These fragrant, spicy dove like flowers look wonderful as a border plant, rock gardens, along walks or paths, for edging and a definite in cottage gardens.

Cost: \$3.33 (Home Depot)

Shooting Star Cheddar Pinks



'Shooting Star' produces masses of delightfully fragrant magenta-flowers from spring to summer. Handsome, compact clumps of blue-green foliage are perfect for edging and in rock gardens.

Botanical Name: Dianthus x 'devon starling' PP16,431

Time of Flowering: May - September

Height: 6 - 7"

Spacing: 6 - 8"

Hardiness Zone: Hardy to -30°F

Water Needs: Moderate - Dry. Drought-tolerant.

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Wildlife: Hummingbird and Butterfly attractant.

Care Instructions: Plant in fertile, moist, well-drained soil in full sun. Shear plant after flowering to promote reblooming.

Select Site: Dianthus is best used in the perennial border, rock gardens, or as edging. It is well-suited for pots and window gardens and is excellent when spilling over walls.

Cost: \$5.99 (Home Depot)

Sweet Dreams Coreopsis



Compact-growing perennial makes a lovely accent, border or container plant. The Coreopsis 'Sweet Dreams' is a wonderful new variety to the Coreopsis family. The dark green thread-like foliage makes a great contrast with its tipped white flower bleeding into a dark raspberry center, blooming from June through October. 'Sweet Dreams' is extremely drought tolerant with a plant height of 18" and a spread of 18-24". With cool autumn weather, the flowers make an even more outstanding color scheme. 'Sweet Dreams' should be planted in full

Botanical Name: Coreopsis rosea 'Sweet Dreams' PPAF

Time of Flowering: June - October

Avg. Landscape Size: 15 - 18" tall, 1 - 2' wide

Hardiness Zone: 5 - 8 (-20 to -10°F)

Water Needs: Moist - Dry. Extremely drought-tolerant.

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Care Instructions: It is drought-tolerant and tough but does need well-drained soil. It should be cut back in early and late summer to extend the bloom period.

Design Styles: Coreopsis 'Sweet Dreams' looks great with any type of grass, in borders or mass plantings in sunny gardens.

Cost: \$12.99? (Lurvey's)

My Notes: Prolific flowers, but they all flopped over after a heavy rain. Staking is probably required.

Threadleaf Tickseed



The Coreopsis 'American Dream', *Coreopsis rosea*, has a rosy pink daisy-like flower with a yellow center. In the Tickseed family, the dark green fernlike, thin and delicate foliage makes a great contrast to any garden.

Botanical Name: *Coreopsis rosea* 'American Dream'

Time of Flowering: Summer - Fall

Average Landscape Size: 8 - 16" tall, 20" wide

Spacing: 20"

Hardiness Zone: 3 - 9 (-40 to 20°F).

Water Needs: Medium, drought-tolerant

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Care Instructions: It is drought-tolerant and tough but does need well-drained soil. It should be cut backing early and late summer to extend the bloom period.

Select Site: *Coreopsis* 'American Dream' looks great with any type of grass, in borders or mass plantings in sunny gardens. It is very effective in naturalized areas, rock and cottage gardens, ground cover or wild gardens. No garden should be without it.

Cost: \$7.99 (Home Depot)

My Notes: Prolific tiny flowers, plant remained short.

False Dragonhead



Also known as Obediant Plant and Pink Dragonflower.

Deep pink, snapdragon-like trumpets decorate 18-36" spikes. Pink Dragonflower will brighten the landscape from late summer into fall. Great in any garden, showy in the border, pretty in bouquets. Watch for the butterflies!

Botanical Name: Physostegia virginiana

Form: Perennial.

Sun Exposure: Partials Shade / Full Sun.

Height: 18 - 36"

Spread: 12 - 18"

Spacing: 12 - 18"

Hardiness Zone: 3 - 9 (-30 ° F)

Foliage Type: Medium green - lanceolate to 5" long.

Flower Form: Terminal Spike.

Flower Color: Purple-red to rose pink.

Flowering Date: Mid to late summer and into fall.

Planting Requirements: Full sun to partial shade.

Soil Requirements: Grow in reliably moist soil.

Growth Rate: Fast.

Unique Characteristics: Somewhat slender perennial with erect stems featuring floral spikes loaded with small snapdragon like blooms. Nice addition to cut flower arrangements. Sometimes called False Dragonhead or Obedient Plant because the flowers can be moved to different positions and remain that way and will continue to grow.

Pruning: Remove spent flower spikes.

Time of Pruning: After flowering.

Cost: \$8.99 (Lurvey's)

Purple Dome Aster



The Aster 'Purple Dome' has beautiful vivid purple daisy-like flowers that cover the plant. It is a definite showstopper. 'Purple Domes' bloom in early fall till frost, and is a butterfly and bird attractor. 'Purple Domes' look great in borders and mass plantings. The effect is indescribable. Makes an excellent container plant or front of the garden feature and looks great with ornamental grasses.

Botanical Name: Aster novae-angliae

Height: 18 - 24"

Spread: 18-24" according to Spring Hill, 24 - 36" according to the plant tag.

Bloom Time: September - October

Mature Form: Mounding

Soil Type: Widely Adaptable

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Water Needs: Moist, well-drained soil.

Growth Rate: Fast.

Flower Color: Purple.

Fall Color: Green.

Foliage Color: Dark Green.

Care Instructions: Aster 'Purple Dome' does require full sun, but can take some afternoon shade, in a moderate soil range with good drainage that does not become extremely dry during the summer.

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Cost: \$12.99? (Lurvey's)

Sage



The Salvia Pink Friesland, *Salvia nemorosa* 'Pink Friesland', may just challenge its cousin, East Friesland, as one of the best perennials of all time. It has dark red stems loaded with pink flowers that bloom from June to September. After the flowers fade little seed pods appear making this a truly unique variety. Stays in excellent compact form.

Botanical Name: *Salvia nemorosa* 'Pink Friesland' PPAF

Bloom Time: Spring - Summer

Height: 12 - 18" tall, 12" wide

Spacing: 12" according to the plant tag, 18 - 24" according to Nature Hills.

Hardiness Zone: 4 - 8

Water Needs: Low. Needs moist, well-drained soil.

Sun Exposure: Full Sun.

Soil Type: Normal, Sandy, Clay.

Mature Form: Mounding.

Growth Rate: Fast.

Flower Color: Pink/Deep Rose.

Fall Color: Green.

Foliage Color: Green.

Wildlife: Butterflies, bees, hummingbirds.

Care Instructions: Pink Friesland should be planted in full sun in a moist well-drained area. To increase bloom time, it should be cut back after the first bloom. Pink Friesland is a magnet for butterflies, bees and hummingbirds and is deer-resistant. It is hardy for container gardening and provides excellent cut flowers.

Cost: \$7.99 (Home Depot)

Gayfeather



The Liatris 'Kobold Gayfeather', *Liatris spicata*, has tall, lilac-rose spike-shaped flowers with a fluffy appearance and dark green foliage. The flowers open from the top down and bloom from June to September.

Botanical Name: Liatris spicata

Form: Upright

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Height/Habit: 2'

Spread: 12 - 18"

Hardiness Zone: 4 - 8

Foliage Color: Deep Green

Flower Color: Purple

Fall Color: Yellow

Flowering Date: June - September

Planting Requirements: Plant in full sun in a well-drained area. It does prefer a bit more moisture than most Liatris, but do not over water.

Soil Requirements: Normal to Sandy

Growth Rate: Fast

Design Styles: Liatris 'Kobold' looks great as a perennial background, with grasses or white blooming flowers such as Physostegia 'Miss Manners'.

Additional Information: Butterfly and bee attractor.

Cost: \$12.99 (Lurvey's)

Autumn Joy Sedum



The Sedum 'Autumn Joy', Sedum 'Herbstfreude', is one of the finest of all upright Sedums. The umbrella-like flower heads are pink and change to a rosy red in the fall and make a wonderful contrast with its green foliage.

Botanical Name: Sedum 'Herbstfreude'

Form: Mounding

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Height/Habit: 18"

Spread: 18 - 24"

Hardiness Zone: 3 - 9

Foliage Color: Light Green

Flower Color: Pink to Rosy Red

Fall Color: Yellow

Planting Requirements: Sedum 'Autumn Joy' needs to be planted in full sun in well-drained soil. It will tolerate most soil types and is drought resistant.

Soil Requirements: Widely Adaptable

Growth Rate: Fast

Additional Information: 'Autumn Joy' is a great choice for beds and borders and excellent as cut flowers. It is also a great butterfly and bee attractor and is disease resistant.

Cost: Free (from neighbors and family)

Tall Phlox



This pretty, easy-care perennial deserves a place in every garden! Perfect in borders or as an anchor for an island bed. Tall Phlox covers itself with clusters of brilliant blooms

Botanical Name: unknown variety

Form: Herbaceous perennial

Sun Exposure: Partial Shade/Full Sun

Height/Habit: 24 - 40" depending on variety

Spread: 18 - 24"

Spacing: 18 - 24"

Hardiness Zone: 4 - 9 (-30° F)

Foliage Type: 2 - 5" long, lanceolate, dark green

Flower Form: Individual, flared trumpet-shaped flowers form dense pyramidal panicles ranging from 5 - 8" in size.

Flower Color: Pink

Flowering Date: Mid summer onwards

Planting Requirements: Plant firmly, set the buds 1" - 2" deep and water thoroughly. If potted, set at same level it is in the container. Firm soil and water thoroughly.

Soil Requirements: Well drained. Many Phloxes tend to be susceptible to mildew, so plant in a sunny, airy location with good air circulation. Watering should be done in the morning.

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast once established, which takes approximately 3 - 4 weeks.

Unique Characteristics: Bright colors, spicy fragrance, tall varieties make great background plantings. Enjoy indoors in cut flower arrangements.

Pruning: Remove spent flower heads. Trim back to 2 - 4" if mildew is a problem.

Time of Pruning: After flowering.

Additional Information: Most varieties benefit from being divided every 3 - 4 years or when their flower production drops.

Cost: Free (from Rosemary's garden)

Black Eyed Susan



Multitudes of large, golden, daisylike flowers with glistening black centers start blooming in midsummer. One of the few perennials to remain in bloom until frost stops them. Hardy, easily grown plants multiply fast.

Botanical Name: Rudbeckia

Form: Herbaceous perennial

Sun Exposure: Partial Shade/Full Sun

Height/Habit: 18 - 30" tall, upright and bushy

Spread: 18 - 24"

Spacing: 18 - 24"

Hardiness Zone: 4 - 9 (-30° F)

Foliage Type: Coarse, dark green lanceolate to ovate, 3 - 6" long, almost bract-like

Flower Form: 1 - 2" petals encircle a nearly black cone of disk flowers

Flower Color: Golden-yellow with nearly black centers

Flowering Date: Mid summer

Planting Requirements: Prefers full sun, but will do well in partial shade. Will benefit from watering in extreme drought.

Soil Requirements: Well drained but not overly rich soil.

Growth Rate: Fast once established which takes approximately 8 - 12 weeks.

Unique Characteristics: A bold long blooming perennial that is easy to grow and requires little care. Noted for its solid mass, almost a carpet effect of blooms that grow to a uniform height and last for months. Very long lived and tolerant of clay soils and mild drought conditions.

Pruning: Remove spent blooms to encourage repeat blooming.

Time of Pruning: After flowering.

Additional Information: Provides winter interest if seed heads left on. Also, dried flower heads become a food source for small birds. The Perennial Plant Association's 1999 Perennial Plant of the Year.

Cost: Free (from Rosemary's garden)

Pink Chintz



Deep olive evergreen foliage showcases pretty salmon-pink flowers in summer. Perfect for filling in between pavers, along a garden path or covering a dry slope. Use in entryways or patios to enjoy fragrance.

Botanical Name: Thymus praecox “Pink Chintz”

Time of Flowering: Summer.

Height: 2”

Hardiness Zone: 4 - 9 (Minimum temperatures of -30°F).

Water Needs: Low. Provide some moisture in summer and good drainage. Drier conditions promote better growth.

Sun Exposure: Partial to Full Sun. In warmer climates, plant will require more shade; Colder climates more sun.

Care Instructions: Step on regularly to keep compact. Use a liquid fertilizer in spring and autumn.

Design Styles: This smaller version of the native coneflower is better suited to limited spaces seeking a wild garden look, an all-native landscape, wildlife friendly habitat or just a beautiful flower garden. This is a valuable late season bloomer for the traditional perennial border. Makes a super injection of color for tired foundation planting. Equally well suited to casual country gardens along picket fences or in mixed borders. Exotic orange coloring also works nicely in tropical plantings and crisp form can be surprising in spare, modern compositions.

Cost: \$25 for a flat? (Lurvey's)

Hostas



Hostas are herbaceous perennial plants, growing from rhizomes or stolons, with broad lanceolate or ovate leaves varying widely in size by species from 1-15 in (3-40 cm) long and 0.75-12 in (2-30 cm) broad. Variation among the numerous cultivars is even greater, with clumps ranging from less than 4 in (10 cm) across to more than 2.5 ft across. Leaf color in wild species is typically green, although some species (e.g., *H. sieboldiana*) are known for a glaucous waxy leaf coating that gives a blue appearance to the leaf. Some species have a glaucous white coating covering the underside of the leaves.

Natural mutations of native species are known with yellow-green (“gold”) colored leaves or with leaf variegation (either white/cream or yellowish edges or centers). Variegated plants very often give rise to “sports” that are the result of the reshuffling of cell layers during bud formation, producing foliage with mixed pigment sections. In seedlings variegation is generally maternally derived by chloroplast transfer and is not a genetically inheritable trait. The flowers are produced on erect scapes up to 31 in (80 cm) tall that end in terminal racemes. The individual flowers are usually pendulous, 0.75-2 in (2-5 cm) long, with six tepals, white, lavender, or violet in color and usually scentless.

Botanical Name: various

Form: Mounding, Clump

Sun Exposure: Partial - Full Shade

Height/Habit: varies

Spread: varies

Hardiness Zone: 3 - 9

Foliage Color: Variegated Green and White

Flower Color: White - Lavender

Flowering Date: July - August (most)

Soil Requirements: Moist

Growth Rate: Fast

Cost: Free (from various neighbors and family)

Lily of the Valley



Unforgettably fragrant! Clusters of dainty, white bells on 8-10" stems grace the garden in mid to late spring, and they make wonderful corsages. Lily of the Valleys thrive in teh shade, where it spreads rapidly to create dense clumps of emerald foliage for an elegant summer ground cover. Remarkably long-lived.

Botanical Name: Convallaria majalis

Form: Perennial

Sun Exposure: Shade/Partial Shade

Height: 6 - 12"

Spread: 6 - 12", 2" deep

Spacing: 6 - 12"

Hardiness Zone: 2 - 8 (-40 °F)

Foliage Type: Dark green, glossy, elliptical leaves

Flower Form: Pendant white, waxy, sweetly fragrant, fragile looking, 1/4" bell shaped flowers with a scalloped edge.

Flower Color: White

Flowering Date: Mid to late spring

Planting Requirements: Can use as a ground cover in a shaded woodland area.

Soil Requirements: Moist, humus rich soil

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast

Unique Characteristics: Wonderfully fragrant petite, white nodding bell shaped flowers are surrounded by deep green oval leaves. Spreads nicely as a ground cover for a shaded area or woodland setting.

Pruning: None Necessary

Additional Information: Tends to go dormant or die back in late summer or early fall, sometimes even before the first frost.

Cost: Free (came with the house)

Trees
& Shrubs

Eastern Redbud



Beautiful landscape tree valued for its timing; the rosy-pink flowers appear on bare branches bridging the gap between winter and spring! Showy yellow foliage in fall.

This round headed deciduous tree is native to the eastern United States and Canada. It is a member of the pea family, bearing the signature flower shape. It was introduced in 1730 and assigned the genus of the Middle Eastern redbud, *C. siliquastrum*.

Botanical Name: *Cercis canadensis*

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Height: 30'

Spread: 25 - 35' wide

Growth Habit: Round

Growth Rate: Moderate

Hardiness Zone: 5 - 9

Flower Color: Pink

Bloom Time: Early spring

Foliage: Green, heart-shaped leaves

Watering Needs: Regular watering - weekly, or more often in extreme heat

Pruning Time: Winter

Care Information: Follow a regular watering schedule during the first growing season to establish a deep, extensive root system. Watering can be reduced after establishment. Feed with a general purpose fertilizer before new growth begins in spring.

Design Styles: Redbuds offer four seasons of change in the front yard foundation planting for an eye catching display. A native of the eastern U.S. makes it a perfect candidate for wild gardens, wildlife gardens and all native landscapes. Add to beds and borders or to create long range focal point.

Companion Plants: Create an eye popping display if eastern natives by grouping redbud with Blue Moon Kentucky Wisteria, (*Wisteria macrostachya* 'Blue Moon'), Magnus Purple Coneflower, (*Echinacea purpurea* 'Magnus'), Vaughn's Lillie Oak Leaf Hydrangea, (*Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Vaughn's Lillie') and Cole's Compact Burning Bush, (*Euonymus alatus* 'Cole's Compact').

Cost: \$500 / 8' tall tree (McAdams)

Pink Hydrangea



Beautiful...and hardy!

One of the most popular ornamental shrubs in America! Pink Hydrangeas boast big, bold flowers and make excellent borders. Best of all, they're very hardy, so you can just plant them in full sun to partial shade and let nature do the rest! Wonderful as cut flowers or dried.

Botanical Name: Hydrangea macrophylla 'Forever Pink'

Form: Shrub

Sun Exposure: Shade/Partial Shade/Full Sun

Height/Habit: 3' in North, could reach 5 - 6' in South

Spread: 4 - 6'

Spacing: 4 - 6'

Hardiness Zone: 5 - 9 (-20° F)

Foliage Type: Medium green ovate leaves 6 - 9" long

Flower Form: Branched Cluster

Flower Color: Pastel pink

Flowering Date: Mid - late summer

Planting Requirements: Mulch to maintain soil moisture. Side dress 5-10-5 fertilizer in spring.

Soil Requirements: Well drained humus rich soil

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast. Slower in the North regions.

Unique Characteristics: Giant 6-8" flower heads hold their color well. Flower buds develop on old (mature) wood of the previous year. You may dry bloom heads for added interest indoors.

Pruning: Remove an winter damaged wood. Trim to shape.

Cost: \$5.99 (Michigan Bulb Co.)

Josee Reblooming Lilac



Enjoy the spring fragrance of lilacs all summer long with this 4-6' tall dwarf reblooming beauty. Like the little engine that could, this amazing lilac just keeps going and going with spring's dramatic first flush of blooms followed by intermittent blooms all summer long often right up to the first frost of autumn. The lavender-pink blooms stand out against the petite green heart-shaped leaves and attract butterflies of all kinds. This low maintenance, super hardy variety is perfect for borders, hedges or as a stand alone specimen. Great for cut flower bouquets!!

Botanical Name: Syringa 'Josee'

Form: Deciduous woody shrub

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Height/Habit: 4 - 6'

Spread: 4 - 5'

Spacing: 4 - 6'

Hardiness Zone: 2 - 9 (-40° F)

Foliage Type: Small, ovate to heart shaped leaves in medium green.

Flower Form: Full, dense panicles 4 - 5" long of small trumpet shaped flowers.

Flower Color: Lavender-pink blooms.

Flowering Date: Late spring, intermittent blooming until frost.

Planting Requirements: Prefers a full sun location.

Soil Requirements: Well drained, humus enriched.

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast.

Unique Characteristics: A dwarf lilac noted for its ability to bloom intermittently until frost. Josee is the result of a 3 way cross between *S. meyeri*, *S. patula* and *S. microphylla*. A hardy lilac that is just the right size for a specimen planting or hedge row. Because of its smaller stature than regular lilacs, the landscape possibilities are endless.

Pruning: Only to shape as needed.

Time of Pruning: After flowering.

Additional Information: Introduced by Minier Nursery of France in 1976.

Cost: \$12.99 (Michigan Bulb Co.)

Butterfly Bush



The Butterfly Bush 'Pink Delight', Buddleia 'Pink Delight', has fragrant, deep pink flowers on a compact growing butterfly bush. The leaves are grayish green to add interest. It is a vigorous growing shrub that boasts deep pink flowers from mid-summer and is a butterfly magnet. This bush flowers summer and fall and is easy to grow. With a name like Butterfly Bush you might expect a plant to be attractive to butterflies. In fact, it's more than attractive; it's a magnet for all the butterflies that pass through your garden seeking nectar.

Botanical Name: Buddleia 'Pink Delight'

Form: Upright, Spreading

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Height/Habit: 4 - 6 feet

Spread: 4 - 6 feet

Hardiness Zone: 5 - 9

Foliage Color: Gray Green

Flower Color: Pink

Flowering Date: Mid Summer to Early Fall

Soil Requirements: Widely Adaptable

Growth Rate: Fast

Additional Information: This plant blooms on new growth and should be pruned back to the ground in spring.

Cost: \$20 - \$30? (Lurvey's)

Karen Azalea



Bright lavender purple single flowers shroud the entire plant in May. Vigorous upright plant produces large scale beauty at long range. With pruning can suit a smaller garden as focal point. Perfect for Asian inspired gardens. Midseason. Prefers acidic soil. Evergreen shrub. Full to partial sun. Moderate growth 3 to 4 feet tall, 4 feet wide.

Botanical Name: Azalea x 'Karen'

Form: Upright, Bushy

Sun Exposure: Filtered Sun, Full Sun to Partial Shade

Height/Habit: 2 - 4' (Monrovia), 3 - 4' within 10 years (plant tag)

Spread: 3 - 5' wide

Hardiness Zone: 4 - 9 (Monrovia), Hardy to Zone 5 (plant tag)

Flower Color: Lavender/Pink

Flowering Date: Early Spring

Planting Requirements: Follow a regular watering schedule during the first growing season to establish a deep, extensive root system. Provide well drained soil, rich in organic matter. Feed with an acid fertilizer after bloom. Keep roots cool with a thick layer of mulch.

Soil Requirements: Azaleas require acidic soils of pH 4.5 to 6.0. Amend soil with peat moss if pH is high. Mulch and fertilize yearly to promote good growth.

Growth Rate: Moderate

Design Styles: Karen is without a doubt among the most coveted azaleas for front foundation bed planting. It's cherished for position near the front door to call attention in the spring with its exquisite mass of color. Outstanding shrub for all beds and borders and will integrate with nearly every plant sharing the same requirements. Azaleas naturally thrive in the acidic soils beneath natural woodlands or ornamental groves of evergreen and hardwood trees. This is an essential of the Japanese tea garden as a symbol of spring, and is found in gardens throughout Asia.

Cost: \$43.99 (McAdams)

Ivory Halo Dogwood



The Dogwood 'Ivory Halo', also known as tatarian dogwood, is a cultivar that is noted for its compact size, variegated (white-edged) leaves and bright red twigs in winter. It is a rapid-growing, multi-stemmed, suckering, deciduous shrub that grows to a maximum size of 4-6' tall on erect, usually unbranched stems. The outstanding ornamental features of this cultivar are: (1) bright red winter stems which are particularly showy against a snowy backdrop and (2) medium/dark green leaves (to 4.5" long) which are edged with white.

Botanical Name: Cornus alba 'Bailhalo'

Form: Compact, Round

Sun Exposure: Full Sun - Partial Sun

Height/Habit: 5 - 6'

Spread: 5 - 6'

Hardiness Zone: 3 - 7

Foliage Color: Variegated Green and White

Flower Color: White

Flowering Date: Late spring, with sparse intermittent flowering sometimes continuing into summer.

Soil Requirements: Moist

Growth Rate: Moderate

Pruning: Pruning is not required, though some gardeners remove 20-25% of the oldest stems each early spring to stimulate growth of new stems. May also be cut down to the ground.

Unique Characteristics: Flowers give way to clusters of blue-white drupes in summer. Fruit is quite attractive to birds and is generally considered to have as much if not more ornamental interest than the flowers.

During winter the bright red winter stems are particularly showy against a snowy backdrop. The best red stem color is on young stems.

Cost: \$26.98 (Lurvey's)

Green Velvet Boxwood



The Boxwood 'Green Velvet, Buxus 'Green Velvet', also known as Boxwood, is a slow growing broadleaf evergreen that requires little care. Boxwoods are tolerant of pruning and shearing, but avoid cultivating around this plant because they have very shallow roots. Remove dead and damaged branches annually to improve the air circulation. Plant in a sheltered location to protect it from cold winters and strong winds.

Botanical Name: Buxus 'Green Velvet'

Form: Round

Sun Exposure: Full Shade

Height/Habit: 3' (within 10 years)

Spread: 2 - 3'

Hardiness Zone: 5 - 9

Planting Requirements: Plant 'Green Velvet' in full shade to part sun, in a well-drained area.

Soil Requirements: Widely Adaptable

Growth Rate: Slow

Plant Care: Spring fertilization is recommended. Soil should be kept moist, but not wet, especially during the growing season.

Additional Information: Upright, evergreen shrub with dense, rounded growth habit. Small, dark green leaves hold their color all year. Maintains shape with very little pruning.

Cost: \$49.99 (McAdams)