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Unusual & Rare

Hardy Perennials

Key

- Full sun
- ◐ Part sun/part shade
- Shade
- 🐝 Attractive to bees
- 🦉 Audubon-endorsed
- 🦋 Butterfly-friendly
- 🐦 Hummingbird-friendly
- 🌿 Attractive foliage
- 🍷 Culinary
- 🌸 Edible flowers
- 🌱 Ground cover
- 🏠 Houseplant
- 🩹 Medicinal
- 📄 Minnesota native
- 🪨 Rock garden
- ❄️ Cold-sensitive: keep above 40°F
- ☠️ Toxic to humans
- 🔄 Saturday restock

U002 **Bloodroot, Double**
Sanguinaria canadensis Multiplex
Multi-petaled white flowers look like miniature water lilies. Buds pop up in early spring followed by tightly rolled silver-green leaves that unfurl to as much as 8" wide. Prefers moist, humus-rich soil. Should be divided every few years. A variety selected from a wild flower native to Minnesota. 10–12"h by 8"w ○☀️
\$20.00—4" pot

U003 **Gentian, True Blue** *Gentiana*
Funnel-shaped, electric blue 2" flowers open up and down the stems. Blooms midsummer through early fall. Smooth, glossy leaves form an attractive clump. An easy-care perennial. Deer-resistant. 24–30"h by 12–18"w ○○🦋🐦
\$18.00—1 gal. pot

U004 **Hardy Gloxinia** *Incarvillea mairei grandiflora* **NEW**
Deep pink trumpets with yellow throats. Flower stalks rise up from leaf rosettes in the spring. Blooms May–July. From the alpine grasslands of the Himalayas. Grow in moist, well-drained soil. 12"h ○●☀️
\$7.00—3.5" pot

Hellebore *Helleborus*
Among the first flowers of spring. Cupped flowers with overlapping, pointed petals. Leathery evergreen leaves. Very long-lived perennial in the right spot; perfect for woodland areas. Needs moist, rich soil and good drainage. Lightly mulch to retain moisture and water well through the summer. Mature plants dislike being moved or divided. ●●☀️

Winter Jewels Painted *NEW*—White to cream 3" single flowers with center sprays of burgundy. The Winter Jewels series is a seed strain with an exciting assortment of flower forms, petal shapes, and coloring. No two are exactly alike. 12–24"h by 18–24"w

U006 **Winter Jewels Ruby Wine**—Burgundy to magenta single blossoms with light yellow crown-like centers. 12–14"h

U007 **Winter Jewels Slate Double** *NEW*—Deep charcoal doubles with an iridescent purple hue. 18"h

U008 **Winter Jewels Sun Flare** *NEW*—Double creamy petals, outlined in pinkish red with an eye-catching yellow flare in the middle. 18–24"h

Frostkiss Anna's Red *NEW* 🌸—Rosy flowers change to burgundy. Leaves are marbled with cream. Named for Anna Pavord, British horticultural writer and gardener. The Frostkiss series has abundant, out-facing 3" blossoms above brightly marbled foliage. Whiskery centers look like fireworks. Blooms later than other hellebores. 18–24"h

U010 **Frostkiss Illumi Lime** *NEW* 🌸—Yellowish green flowers and silver-mottled leaves. 18"h

U011 **Frostkiss Molly's White** *NEW* 🌸—Greenish white flowers with green centers. Leaves are heavily veined with silver. Named for Molly Marriner, wife of conductor Sir Neville Marriner. 18–24"h

U012 **Frostkiss Penny's Pink** *NEW* 🌸—Flowers change color, from purple in bud to variations on pink and green. Leaves may be veined with pink, silver, or gold. Named for Penelope Hobhouse, English author and gardener. 18–24"h

U013 **Lady's Slipper, Pink and White Showy** *Cypripedium reginae*

Our largest and showiest native orchid and the Minnesota state flower. Blooms from mid- to late June. Beautiful white petals and sepals with a moccasin-shaped slipper flooded with rose or crimson. Each flower has twisted petals that flank a puffy central slipper. Wants cool soil and morning sun.

Blooming-size plants; rootstock collected from the wild in Minnesota, legally rescued from development. 18–36"h ○📄 \$49.00—pot size varies

Lady's Slipper *Cypripedium*
Hardy orchids with pouch-like flowers from German and Dutch growers. As with most lady's slippers, these prefer well-drained but moist garden soil and regular feeding in spring. Semi-shade, no direct sun at midday. Spring bloom. ●

Axel *NEW*—Deep burgundy petals. Medium-sized pouch may be yellow, deep pink, or burgundy. 1998 cross between the North American *C. parviflorum* and the Asian *C. tibeticum*. 14–18"h

U015 **Frosch's Harlequin**—Selected clone of Hans Erni (*C. franchetii* x *C. calceolus*) which shows different colors depending on the temperature during bud production: warmer gives a white base, cooler a yellow one, both overlaid with pinks and purples. 12–18"h

U016 **Frosch's Mother Earth**—Selected clone of Inge (hybrid of the U.S. native yellow lady's slipper and *C. fasciolatum* from China). Pouch is cream with a pale purple blush, and petals are twisted and striped with purple-brown. The name refers to the earthy color of the petals. 12–24"h

U017 **Frosch's Mountain King** *NEW*—Elongated white to pale purple pouch with very twisted burgundy petals. Lightly fragrant. May have two flowers per stem. Selected clone of Sebastian, a hybrid of *C. parviflorum* and the northwestern U.S. *C. montanum*. 14–18"h

U018 **Gisela Pastel** *NEW*—Petals are pale green brushed with brown, pouch is white to very pale green. Vigorous, paler form of Gisela. Hybrid of *C. parviflorum* and the Asian *C. macranthos*. 14–18"h

U019 **Hank Small** *NEW*—Butter yellow pouch with long, twisted burgundy petals. Most stems have two flowers. RHS Award of Garden Merit. 1991 cross between the Chinese *C. henryi* (Hank) and *C. parviflorum* (parvi, meaning small). It's not named for the baseball player. 14–18"h

U020 **Sabine Pastel**—Ethereal white-flowered form of Sabine. Pouch is pure white, petals are pale yellow. Extra-large pouch and extra-long bloom time. *C. fasciolatum* x *C. macranthos*. 16–20"h

U021 **Ulla Silkens** *NEW*—Tall and elegant, white petals back a white pouch speckled with raspberry. Amount of raspberry in the pouch varies with temperature at the time of bud opening. 1996 cross between the Minnesota State Flower *C. reginae* and the Chinese *C. flavum*. 14–24"h

Lily, Martagon *Lilium*
The small, recurved flowers of the Martagon Division lilies dangle from upright stems in early summer. Will self-seed or multiply in a good site, preferring part shade. Flowers open from the bottom up over one to two weeks. ○●●

Arabian Knight—Many deep red to maroon flowers whose petals are brushed with orange-gold near the center and on their edges. Maroon spots. Fragrant. 36–48"h

U022 \$12.00—4.5" pot

U023 \$32.00—1.5 gal. pot

U024 **Brunswick** *NEW*—Bright orange with tiny darker spots. 48–60"h \$32.00—1.5 gal. pot

U025 **Cadense**—Light yellow with dark maroon spots. 16–20 flowers per stem. Blooms mid-July. 36"h \$32.00—1.5 gal. pot

U026 **Claude Shride**—Deep copper-red to mahogany flowers lightly spotted with gold-orange. Vigorous. 36–48"h \$32.00—1.5 gal. pot

U027 **Fairy Morning**—Pink buds open to flowers in shades of pink and yellow with burgundy spots. 36–48"h \$32.00—1.5 gal. pot

U028 **Hantsing**—Glowing red flowers without spots. A cross of *L. dalhansonii* and *L. tsingtauense*. 48"h \$32.00—1.5 gal. pot

U029 **Manitoba Morning**—Rich pink buds open to a rosy burnt red with dark speckles surrounded by yellow. Bred by Dr. Eugene Fox, martagon grower from Alberta, Canada. 48"h \$12.00—4.5" pot

U030 **Sunny Morning**—Deep orange-yellow flowers with gold circular spots. 48–60"h \$32.00—1.5 gal. pot

U031 **Terrace City**—Yellow petals blend into pink at the tips and have pink reverses. Scattered deep red spots. 36–48"h \$32.00—1.5 gal. pot

U032 **Tsing** *NEW*—Orange with tiny maroon spots. 24–48"h \$32.00—1.5 gal. pot

U033 **Onion, Fragrant** *Allium woronowii* *NEW*
A flower-packed dome on a bare stem for that lollipop look. Each tiny, star-shaped flower has petals in shades of lilac or pink with purple or green midribs, and, as a bonus, has a strong, clove-like scent. Blooms in late spring, then goes dormant. The stem may be washed with burgundy and has a couple of long, narrow leaves at its base. In its home in the mountains of eastern Turkey and Armenia, this endangered species grows in small, fragmented areas 6,000–7,500 feet above sea level. Plant it in thin, stony, very well-drained soil, and let the soil dry out for summer and fall. Luckily, deer and rabbits do not like onions. 24"h ○🐝🦋🐦
\$15.00—pot size varies

Peony, Itoh *Paeonia suffruticosa* x *lactiflora*
These crosses between woody and common peonies have stems that hold up well in rain (no support needed). Grows from the ground up each year like a common peony, but with large (5–9"), long-lasting flowers on stronger stems like a woody peony. Early summer bloom. Deer-resistant. ○☀️

U034 **Bartzella**—Canary yellow 9" double blossoms with red flames at the center. Slightly spicy scent. Mature plants can bear 30 flowers. 24–36"h \$35.00—2 gal. pot

U035 **Border Charm**—Pale yellow, single flowers with small red flares. Vigorous and floriferous. Good choice for the smaller garden. 24"h \$49.00—2 gal. pot

U036 **Cora Louise**—Semi-double to double 8–10" white flowers with deep fuchsia-lavender marks. Prominent yellow stamens. Up to 50 flowers on mature plants. Light fragrance. 26–30"h by 42–48"w \$49.00—2 gal. pot

U037 **First Arrival**—Semi-double lavender pink flowers up to 8" with deep red to purple flares at the petal bases. Colors lighten over time, with a range of colors at once. Lightly fragrant. 28"h \$49.00—2 gal. pot

U039 **Old Rose Dandy** *NEW*—Unusual, color-changing 4" flower is single, but with extra petals. Blooms in light purplish rose and apricot colors blended, with large crimson flares at the base of the petals. Then the yellow color underneath is revealed as the flower matures. Fast-growing and fragrant. 32"h \$49.00—2 gal. pot

U040 **Pink Double Dandy** *NEW*—Gold-centered violet-pink 6" flowers. Semi-double to double. Fragrant. 24–30"h 🦋 \$49.00—2 gal. pot

U041 **Raggedy Ann**—Feathery petals are light pink with almost white tips. Yellow and red center. Double. 32"h \$49.00—2 gal. pot

U042 **Singing in the Rain**—Creamy yellow and salmon semi-double. Sweet scent. 36–48"h \$52.00—1 gal. pot

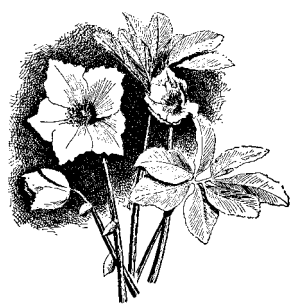
U043 **Pinkroot** *NEW* *Spigelia marilandica* Little Redhead

Up-facing 2" crimson trumpet flowers flare yellow at the tops, arrayed in a row along each arching stem. Hummingbird magnet. Larger and more floriferous selection of the Appalachian woodland native. 24"h ○🐝🦋☀️ \$30.00—1 gal. pot

U044 **Puccoon** *Lithospermum carolinense*
Bright orange-yellow 1" flowers with five petals splayed out-

wards around a tubular base. Stems, with light white hairs, rise in groups of five above lance-shaped leaves. Flowers give way to very hard seeds. "Puccoon" indicates it was used as a dye. Minnesota native wild flower. Sherburne County, Minn., source. 6–24"h ○🐝🦋🐦📄☀️ \$30.00—1 gal. pot

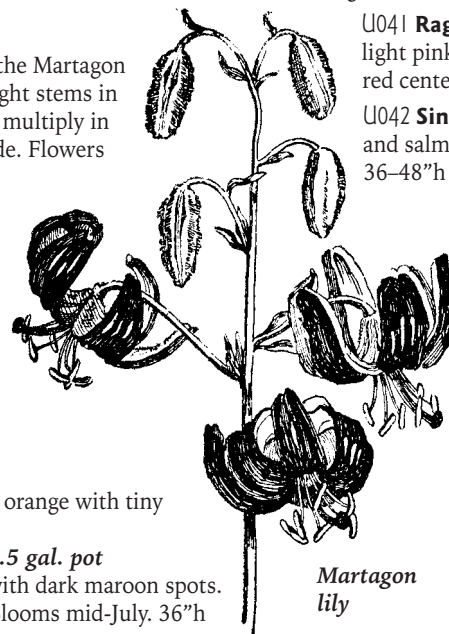
U045 **Surprise Lily** *Lycoris squamigera* *NEW*
This woodland plant has leaves that come and go with the daffodils, then in late summer a flower stalk bursts from the bare earth with a cluster of pink amaryllis-like flowers. Needs spring sun. Also known as magic lily, mystery lily, naked ladies, resurrection lily, sesame lily, and upstart. 30–45"h ○●●🦋🐦☀️ \$19.00—4.5" pot



Hellebore



Lady's Slipper



Martagon lily

ROUNDING UP

Friends School Plant Sale is both a community event and a fundraiser for the Friends School of Minnesota.

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


Thank you for considering rounding up.

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Tender Perennials *Over-winter these plants indoors because they won't tolerate frost. It's fun to outfox winter!*

U046 **Bird of Paradise, Giant** **NEW**





Strelitzia nicolai

Prized for its huge, leathery leaves on upright stalks. Shiny new leaves emerge from the center of the plant tightly rolled lengthwise and then unroll in stages; they will appreciate being misted. Grows quickly, but rarely produces its white flowers indoors. Bright indirect light. 60–96”h     \$19.00—6” pot

U047 **Blue Amaryllis** *Worsleya procera* **NEW**

Lavender 6” trumpets with wavy-edged, curly-tipped petals bloom in summer. This bulbous plant with its fan of curved, strap-like blue-green leaves is endangered in its native Brazil, where it grows out of rocky cliffs near waterfalls. It needs very sharp drainage, regular watering, sun, daytime temperatures below 90°F, cool nights, and some patience. These are new seedlings that will take several years to reach blooming size. Also known as empress of Brazil. 24–48”h     \$39.00—4” pot

U048 **Caper Bush** *Capparis spinosa* **NEW**

This Mediterranean native may need to overwinter indoors a year or two to produce its lovely 3” white flowers with whiskey lavender centers. The leaves and shoots are edible and the vigorous growth will require enough pruning to make that practical. The youngest flower buds, pickled, are delicious peppery capers. These buds, plus the immature leaves and tender shoots, have been enjoyed for 2,500 years. Yummy on pizza and bruschetta. This scrambling, prickly little shrub will be far outside of its comfort zone in most gardens. What it actually wants is discomfort: inhospitable, stony soil, desert-dry weather, intense sunlight, and temperatures well over 100°F. Give it all-day sun, as little water as possible, and super-sharp drainage with either sandy, rocky soil or potting soil for succulents in a container. 24–36”h by 36–72”w     \$35.00—1 gal. pot

Citrus *Citrus*

Fragrant white flowers and glossy foliage. Needs excellent drainage. All are self-fruitful. Height depends on how many years you over-winter it indoors.

\$39.00—1 gal. pot:

U049 **Kumquat, Centennial Variegated** *C. japonica*—

Yellow and greenish striped fruits ripen to orange streaked with red. 2” fruit is larger and the thin peel sweeter than most kumquats. Mature fruit can remain edible on the tree for months. Leaves are pale yellow and cream. Lacks thorns and grows well in a sunny window all winter. Should start fruiting in a year or two. 4–6”h

U050 **Lemon, Improved Meyer** *C. x meyeri*—Believed to be a cross of lemon and mandarin orange, Meyer lemons are juicier and sweeter than common lemons. Native to China and introduced in the U.S. by Frank Meyer, it can be pruned to stay small.

U051 **Lime, Bearss Persian** *C. x latifolia*—A unique lime-lemon flavor with a touch of spice and no bitterness in 2–3” yellow-green seedless fruit. Small, fragrant white flowers on mostly thornless branches. Will produce fruit when over-wintered in a sunny spot indoors. Takes pruning well. 8–12”h





U052 **Lime, Thai** *C. hystrix*—Grown primarily for its attractive and distinctively shaped double leaves. Prized by Thai cooks, the leaves can be used fresh, dried, or stored frozen. A small, thorny tree that can bloom year-round and may bear small, bumpy fruit.

U053 **Mandarin, Kishu**—Seedless, easy-to-peel 2” fruit. Fragrant white flowers from winter to spring. Also known as tiny tangerine. 8”h by 4”w





U054 **Orange, Bergamot** *C. bergamia*—Yellow fragrant fruit prized for the aromatic rind that gives Earl Grey tea its distinctive flavor. Blooms in spring.

U055 **Trifoliolate Orange, Flying Dragon** *C. trifoliata*—Twisted green branches with thorns. The fruit is sour and seedy, but can be used like a lemon. The hardiest citrus but will most likely not survive the winter this far north. Unlike other citrus, it loses its leaves, so could be wintered in a cold basement or possibly an attached garage.





U056 **Firebush** *Hamelia patens* **NEW**

Clusters of 1.5” tubular orange-red flowers burst from branch tops in midsummer. Young leaves are tinged in red. Loves sun and hot weather, and may produce tart black berries in the fall. Great in a patio pot. 24–36”h by 12–24”w     \$6.00—4.5” pot

U057 **Foxglove, Canary Islands** **NEW** *Isoplexis Bella*

Coppery apricot flowers on candelabra-shaped burgundy stems. Long, narrow, toothed leaves. Tropical foxglove relative. In its original Canary Islands home, it was pollinated by now-extinct birds. Fast-growing and long-blooming. Needs well-drained soil or a succulent soil mix in a container with infrequent watering. Deer-resistant. 24”h by 12”w     \$6.00—4” pot

U058 **Foxglove, Fire** *x Digiplexis Illumination Berry Canary*





Spires of bell-shaped raspberry-pink flowers with creamy yellow, burgundy-speckled throats. A hybrid between the foxglove you know and the Canary Islands foxglove. Blooms spring through fall because it cannot produce seeds. Incredible as a cut flower. Over-winter dry in the basement. Deer- and gopher-resistant. 36”h     \$15.00—1 gal. pot

U059 **Palmetto, Dwarf** **NEW**

Sabal minor Oklahoma





Bring a touch of the tropics to Minnesota. While native from Texas to Virginia, this strain of dwarf palm from Oklahoma has been known to survive temperatures as low as –24°F. Its thin-fleshed fruits are cousins of dates, and its young leaves and leaf buds are also edible. It can be grown like a fig tree in a container. The dried leaves are used in roof thatching and basket or mat weaving. Seed from the Experimental Farm Network. 24–36”h \$19.00—3” deep pot

U060 **Tea, Korean** *Camellia sinensis* **NEW**

A small evergreen tree, it is usually pruned to bush size and can be grown indoors. Lightly scented white flowers with yellow centers bloom in fall. The leaves of this plant are used to make tea, the most popular caffeinated drink in the world. From a mountainous region of South Korea. 8–10”h    

\$35.00—1 gal. pot





U061 **Tree of India** *Amorphophallus konjac*

Tender bulb that sends a single mottled stalk up in spring, opening to multiple leaflets, like a miniature tree. After several years, the bulb reaches blooming size. Then, a 36–48” reddish purple spathe with a protruding dark brown spadix rises, before the stalk and leaf appear. Not a houseplant, it should be planted in the garden or a large pot, then dug to keep the bulb dry and inside for the winter. Grown as a vegetable in Asia. Also called voodoo lily. 36–54”h    

\$9.00—4.5” pot

U062 **Voodoo Lily, Elephant Ear**

Typhonium giganteum

One of these plants has been popping up every July in a shady Northfield, Minnesota, garden since 2018 and is even multiplying. Last year its lone, arrowhead leaf emerged rolled lengthwise, then unfurled to 18” wide by 24” long. The 6–12” flower bloomed, too, similar to a Jack-in-the-pulpit flower, but its wavy-edged burgundy hood enclosed a purple-black “Jack.” The mother plant becomes surrounded by a crowd of one-leafed babies. Planted in gritty or sandy but rich soil, yours may survive future Minnesota winters, but you can dig up the tubers and store them dry and cool indoors until spring. If you were a fly, you would enjoy the flower’s “memorable fragrance,” which only lasts a day or so. Deer- and rabbit-resistant. Also known as Chinese Jack-in-the-pulpit. Syn. *Sauromatum giganteum*. 20”h     \$10.00—5.25” pot

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Hardy Gloxinia (U005).

Photo by Kate Steinmeyer from her garden in Lindstrom, Minnesota



Hellebore Frostkiss Illumi Lime (U011), showing the variegation common to the Frostkiss series.



Pinkroot Little Redhead (U043). Photo from Walters Gardens



Blue Amaryllis (U047) in its native habitat.

Photo by Ronaldo Almeida/PLANTASEEDS



Caper Bush flower (U048).

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Firebush (U056).

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