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# Unusual & Rare

## Hardy Perennials

### U001 **Anemone, Yellow Wood**

*Anemone* × *seemannii*

A natural hybrid from Europe for the woodland garden. Yellow early spring flowers. Also known as *Anemone* × *lipsiensis*. 6" h by 15" w 🌞🌱🌿 \$10.00—2.5" pot

### U002 **Begonia, Hardy**

*Begonia grandis evansiana*

Pink flowers in summer and fall. Not usually considered hardy here, but has proven hardy in several local gardens. 24" h 🌞🌱🌿 \$5.00—2.5" pot

### U003 **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. Selected from a wildflower native to Minnesota. 10–12" h by 8" w 🌞🌱 \$20.00—4" pot

### U005 **Flowering Garlic, Kii**

*Allium kiiense*

A plant whose flowers are happy and blooming at 16°F. Out-facing lavender clusters cover this mounding plant in late fall. The thin, evergreen foliage turns red in the cold. From southern Japan. 6" h 🌞🌱🌿 \$11.00—2.5" pot

### U006 **Fumeroot**

*Corydalis solida* Arrowhead Alpines seedlings

Clusters of 1" flowers could be anything from purple to red above lacy blue-green foliage in spring. Dies back to the ground by midsummer. This bleeding heart cousin is resistant to deer, rabbits, and squirrels. May self-seed. 10" h 🌞🌱 \$14.00—2.5" pot

### U007 **Gentian, Blue**

*Gentiana* True Blue  
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

### U008 **Hardy Gloxinia**

*Incarvillea mairei grandiflora*

From the alpine grasslands of the Himalayas. Blooms May–July. Deep pink trumpets with yellow throats. Flower stalks grow from leaf rosettes in the spring. 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 in the right spot; perfect for woodland areas. Needs moist, rich soil and good drainage. Lightly mulch to retain moisture through the summer. Mature plants dislike being moved or divided. 🌞🌱🌿

\$10.00—1 quart pot:

U009 **Hybrid Mix**—A range of colors including white, yellow, pink, green, and purple. 18" h

\$17.00—4.5" pot:

U010 **Frostkiss Anna's Red** 🌱—Rosy flowers change to burgundy. Leaves are marbled with cream. 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

U011 **Frostkiss Bayli's Blush** *H. × iburgensis* 🌱—Pale cream brushed with lavender-pink. 18–24" h

U012 **Frostkiss Molly's White** 🌱—Greenish white with green centers. Leaves are heavily veined with silver. Bracts persist through summer. 18–24" h

U013 **Frostkiss Penny's Pink** 🌱—Flowers change color, from purple in bud to variations on pink and green. Leaves may be veined with pink, silver, or gold. 18–24" h

U014 **Honeyhill Joy** *H. × nigercors* 🌱—Glossy blue-tinged leaves contrast with large out-facing cream flowers that develop a greenish hue. Blooms for two months. 18–28" h

U015 **Honeymoon Paris in Pink** 🌱—Single light to medium pink flowers up to 4" wide. 18–24" h

U016 **Honeymoon Spanish Flare** 🌱—Single light yellow 3" flowers with burgundy flares. 18–24" h

U017 **North Star Plum** 🌱—Reddish purple petals outlined with pink. Fully double. 24–28" h 🌱

U018 **Snowbells** *H. niger* 🌱—Semi-double, out-facing white 3" flowers with a greenish yellow center. Blooms up to four weeks earlier than other varieties. 10–12" h

U019 **Wedding Party Confetti Cake** 🌱—Single light yellow flowers with heavy burgundy red speckling. From Hans Hansen, formerly of Minnesota and now of Walters Gardens in Michigan. 18–24" h

U020 **Wedding Party Mother of the Bride** 🌱—Apricot 3" doubles with light pink margins. 18" h

### U021 **Japanese Hyacinth**

*Barnardia japonica*

Short spikes of dainty mauve-pink flowers late summer–fall. Foliage may die off before flowers appear. Also known as autumn squill. 6–12" h 🌞🌱🌿 \$10.00—2.5" pot

**Lady's Slipper** see box, below

### **Lily, Martagon**

*Lilium martagon*  
Small, recurved flowers dangle from upright stems in early summer. Flowers open from the bottom up over one to two weeks. Self-seeds in a good site, preferring part shade. 🌞🌱

**Arabian Knight** 🌱—Deep red to maroon flowers brushed with gold. Maroon spots. Fragrant. 36–48" h

U035 \$12.00—4.5" pot

U036 \$35.00—1.5 gal. pot

U037 **Claude Shride**—Deep copper-red to mahogany flowers lightly spotted with gold-orange. Vigorous. 36–48" h \$35.00—1.5 gal. pot

U038 **Manitoba Morning** 🌱—Rich pink buds open to a rosy burnt red with dark speckles surrounded by yellow. 48" h \$12.00—4.5" pot

U039 **Sunny Morning**—Deep orange-yellow flowers with gold circular spots. 48–60" h \$35.00—1.5 gal. pot

U040 **Terrace City**—Yellow petals blend into pink with scattered deep red spots. 36–48" h 🌱 \$35.00—1.5 gal. pot

### U041 **Lords and Ladies**

*Arum italicum* Marmoratum

Arrowhead-shaped grayish green leaves with pale green veins. Leaves disappear in late spring. In early summer, it bears pale greenish white spathes followed by spikes of bright orange berries. Largest leaves (8–12" long) in part shade, but needs an open sunny site to bloom well. 12–18" h 🌞🌱🌿 \$16.00—4.5" pot

### U042 **Peony, Fern-Leaf**

*Paeonia tenuifolia*

Deep red 3–4" flowers in May, before most peonies. Choose between single- or double-flowered varieties. Feathery foliage stays attractive. 18–24" h 🌞🌱 \$78.00—2 gal. pot

### **Peony, Itoh**

*Paeonia suffruticosa* × *lactiflora*

These crosses between woody and common peonies have stems that hold up well in rain. Grows from the ground up each year like a common peony, but with large (5–9") flowers on stronger stems like a woody peony. Early summer bloom. Deer-resistant. 🌞🌱

U043 **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

## Lady's Slipper 🌞

### **Groundcover**

*Cypripedium*

Naturally occurring hybrid of *C. yatabeanum* (Alaska, Russia, and Japan) and *C. guttatum* (circumpolar). Miniatures that spread like a ground cover. They prefer well-drained but moist garden soil and regular feeding in spring. Semi-shade, no direct sun at midday. Spring bloom. Price depends on one, two, or three blooming buds in the pot. 🌱

\$89.00, \$139.00 or \$189.00—1 gal. pot:

U022 **Alaskanum** 🌱—Pouch is blotched with well-demarcated burgundy and cream. Petals are wide with irregular patterns of burgundy and white. 8–10" h

U023 **Frosch's Alaskan Beauty** 🌱—A selected clone of Alaskanum, chosen for its varied pouch spotting. Rusty burgundy pouch with crisp cream markings, petals blotched with burgundy and white. 8–12" h

### **Hybrid**

*Cypripedium*  
Hardy hybrid orchids with pouch-like flowers. 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.

U024 **Annegret** 🌱—Creamy yellow and cinnamon pouch with twisted purple-brown petals. 2010 Frosch introduction. 10" h \$89.00—1 gal. pot

### **Peony, Itoh** continued

U044 **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. Mid-late season. 26–30" h by 42–48" w \$49.00—2 gal. pot

U045 **Julia Rose**—Large, single to semi-double flowers in cherry red fading to soft apricot and then to yellow blending to reddish purple. Pleasant, slightly spicy scent. Especially vigorous. 28" h by 42" w \$49.00—2 gal. pot

U046 **Morning Lilac**—Semi-double magenta with a whisky yellow center. The petals are delicately streaked with white, purple at base, and lighten to lavender-pink. Some fragrance. 28" h \$68.00—2 gal. pot

U047 **Old Rose Dandy**—Unusual, color-changing 4" blooms in light purplish rose and apricot colors with large crimson flares. The yellow base color shows as the flower matures. Fast-growing and fragrant. 32" h \$49.00—2 gal. pot

### **Peony, Woody Gansu**

*Paeonia* × *rockii*  
These woody peonies are hybrid varieties from a nursery in Gansu, a mountainous region in China where *Paeonia rockii* is native. The flowers can be up to 10" wide. Very hardy. Fragrant. They are grafted—plant them very deeply so the nurse root is too deep to send up shoots and the grafted top part will root itself. 🌞🌱

U049 **Hui He** 🌱—Lavender pink cup-shaped flowers with gold centers and burgundy-black flares. "Hui He" means "gray crane." 36–72" h \$39.00—2 gal. pot

U050 **Hong Hai Qing Long** 🌱—Bright pink double with dark flares around the center. The name means "red ocean with green dragon." 36–72" h \$45.00—2 gal. pot

### U051 **Pinkroot**

*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. Selection of an Appalachian woodland native. 24" h 🌞🌱🌿🌿🌿🌿 \$34.00—1 gal. pot

### U052 **Puccoon, Carolina**

*Lithospermum carolinense*

Bright orange-yellow 1" flowers with five petals around a tubular base above lance-shaped leaves. "Puccoon" indicates it was used as a dye. Minnesota native wild flower. Seed from Sherburne County, Minn. 6–24" h 🌞🌱🌿🌿🌿🌿 \$30.00—1 gal. pot

### U053 **Surprise Lily**

*Lycoris squamigera*

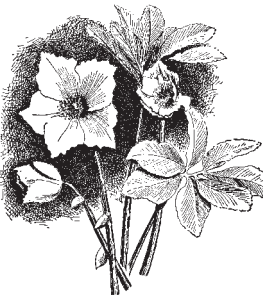
The leaves come and go with the daffodils, then in late summer a flower stalk bursts from the bare earth with a cluster of pink trumpet-like flowers. Needs spring sun. 30–45" h 🌞🌱🌿🌿🌿 \$19.00—4.5" pot

### 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



Martagon lily



Hellebore

U025 **Emil NF** 🌱—Bright yellow pouch with slight burgundy striping and twisted brown-burgundy petals. Occasionally two flowers on one stem. 12–18" h \$71.00—1 gal. pot

U026 **Frosch's Mother Earth**—Selected clone of Inge. Pouch is cream with a pale purple blush, and petals are twisted and striped with purple-brown. 12–24" h \$89.00—1 gal. pot

U027 **Gisela** 🌱—Cream pouch with stripes and dots of burgundy. Petals are large and finely striped in burgundy over creamy green. 15" h \$89.00—1 gal. pot

U028 **Hank Small NF**—Butter yellow pouch with long, twisted burgundy petals. Most stems have two flowers. RHS Award of Garden Merit. Cross between the Chinese *C. henryi* (Hank) and *C. parviflorum* (*parvi* means small). It's not named for the baseball player. 14–18" h \$71.00—1 gal. pot

**Johnny Petersen** 🌱—Both pouch and petals are similarly cream striped with burgundy. 12–18" h

U029 **NF size** \$71.00—1 gal. pot 🌱

U030 \$89.00—1 gal. pot 🌱

U031 **Martha** 🌱—Small flowers with a yellow pouch and green petals striped with burgundy. 6–8" h \$89.00—1 gal. pot

U032 **Karl Heinz NF** 🌱—Cream pouch with twisted light green and burgundy-brown petals. 10–15" h \$71.00—1 gal. pot

U034 **Pink and White Showy** *Cypripedium reginae*  
Our largest and showiest native orchid and the Minnesota state flower. Beautiful white petals and sepals with a rose or crimson slipper. Each flower has twisted petals that flank a puffy central slipper. Blooms from mid- to late June. Needs more sun but without warming the soil; morning sun ideal. Blooming-size plants; rootstock collected from the wild in Minnesota, legally rescued from development. 18–36" h 🌱 \$49.00—pot size varies

**NF in a Lady's Slipper name** indicates a smaller root size, meaning the plant will take an additional year to reach blooming age.



Lady's slipper



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



Bird of paradise

U054 **Angel's Trumpet, Miniature** **NEW**  
*Lochroma australe* Blue

Dangling lavender 2" trumpets and furry leaves. Indoors it can bloom throughout the year. Well-drained but moist soil and regular feeding. Can be pruned hard in early spring. From Bolivia and Argentina. Syn. *Eriolarynx australis*. 24–36" h ○●☉  
\$16.00—5.25" pot

U055 **Bird of Paradise, Orange**  
*Strelitzia reginae*

Orange and blue flowers emerge from a long narrow spathe. Each flower lasts about a week, but the spathe holds five to seven flowers. South African native plant in the banana family with large, upright leaves. 60–72" h ○☉☿☽  
\$15.00—4" pot

U056 **Caper Bush** *Capparis spinosa*

The youngest flower buds, pickled, are delicious peppery capers. These buds, plus the immature leaves and tender shoots, have been enjoyed in the Mediterranean for 2,500 years. It may need to overwinter indoors a year or two to produce the lovely 3" white flowers with whiskery lavender centers. Meanwhile, the vigorous bush needs such severe pruning that we can eat shoots and leaves. Here's a plant that will be far outside its comfort zone in most gardens. What this scrambling, prickly little shrub actually wants is discomfort: inhospitable, stony soil, desert-dry weather, intense sunlight, and temperatures 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



Orange

**Citrus Citrus**

Fragrant white flowers and glossy foliage. Needs excellent drainage. All are self-fruitful. Height depends on how many years it's over-wintered indoors. ○☉☿☽  
\$39.00—1 gal. pot:

U057 **Borneo Rangpur** *C. limonia* **NEW**—Easy-peeling, mandarin-sized fruits. Tart lemon-lime mandarin-citron cross from the Rangpur region of Bangladesh. Ornamental tree with purple-edged flowers and honeysuckle-scented leaves. Fruits in one to two years, then fruits year-round. Use to make marmalade or in ice tea or cocktails. 4–5' h ☿  
\$39.00—1 gal. pot:

U058 **Calamondin, Variegated** *C. × Citrofortunella mitis*—Cream and green variegated leaves and 1" fruit, striped before ripening. Can be used like lemon or lime for juice or marmalade. syn. × *microcarpa* ☿

U059 **Grapefruit, Cocktail**—Smaller and sweeter than a grapefruit, with yellow or yellow-green skin and yellow flesh. Developed in the 1950s at UC-Riverside from a cross of a mandarin orange and a pummelo. Also called mandelo. ☿

U060 **Kumquat, Meiwa** *C. crassifolia* **NEW**—Fragrant white summer flowers followed by golden orange 1–2" late-winter-ripening fruits. Orange flesh with few seeds and sweet, edible skin. Semi-dwarf ornamental, popular in China and Japan. Also known as sweet kumquat. Syn. *Fortunella*. 3–4' h ☿

U061 **Lemon, Improved Meyer** *C. × 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. ☿

U062a **Lime, Bearss Persian** *C. × 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 ☿

**Citrus continued**

\$39.00—1 gal. pot (continued):

U062b **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. ☿

U063a **Orange, Seville Sour** *C. × aurantium*—Bright orange fruit is used for marmalade, sauces, and marinades. Sometimes called "the orangiest orange." 3–5' h ☿

U063b **Trifoliate 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, it is also called Chicago-hardy and is rated for Zone 5, but it has been considered unlikely to survive the winter this far north. Unlike other citrus, it loses its leaves, so can be wintered in a cold basement or a garage. ☿

U064 **Crapemyrtle** **NEW**

*Lagerstroemia indica* Center Stage Red

Bright red flowers on dark purple stems with black foliage. Upright, blooms on new wood, and rarely needs pruning. Not for indoor growing, it should only be brought into a basement after it defoliates and goes dormant. Do not start indoors in the spring. Susceptible to fungal issues if grown indoors. Does not tolerate wet feet. 6–12' h \$15.00—5.25" pot

U065 **Date, Miniature Phoenix** *Phoenix roebelenii*

Cascading panicles of creamy white flowers produce half-inch edible fruits. Palm leaves 24–40" long with about a hundred 4–6" leaflets. Excellent as an ornamental potted plant. Slow-growing, it requires minimal water. Native to Southeast Asia. 6–10' h ○●☉☿☽  
\$12.00—4" pot

U066 **Desert Rose** *Adenium obesum*

Fleshy leaves and trumpet-shaped 2" pink flowers. The species name *obesum* refers to the swollen base of the plant. This native of the arid areas of Africa is excellent in pots. Can get big over time in a pot. 18–36" h ○  
\$18.00—5" pot

U067 **Dragon Fruit** *Selenicereus undatus* **NEW**

Dramatically showy 12" flowers have a white bell of inner petals with a large yellow center, and a greenish yellow starburst of pointed narrow 4–6" outer petals. They bloom at night with a sweet fragrance for attracting pollinators like bats and moths. Neon pink 3–5" fruit looks like a dragon egg with green-tipped tentacles. The white interior is speckled throughout with tiny, crunchy black seeds. The taste resembles a mix of pear, kiwi, and watermelon. Climbing succulent with sprawling three-sided stems that will require support for aerial roots to cling to. Fast-growing, but can take several years to bloom or fruit. Also known as pitaya and other names such as strawberry pear, Honolulu queen, moonlight cactus, Cinderella plant, and belle of the night. Previously *Hylocereus*. 8–10' h ○●☉☿☽  
\$19.00—4" pot

**Foxglove, Fire** × *Digiplexis*

A hybrid between the foxglove you know and the Canary Islands foxglove. Spires of bell-shaped flowers from spring through fall because they cannot produce seeds. Incredible as a cut flower. Over-winter dry in the basement. Deer- and gopher-resistant. 24–36" h ○☉☿☽  
\$29.00—1 gal. pot

U068 **Illumination Berry Canary**—Raspberry-pink flowers with creamy yellow, burgundy-speckled throats. \$15.00—1 gal. pot

U069 **Illumination Flame** Hot pink blossoms with yellow throats on densely packed stems. \$29.00—1 gal. pot

**Jewel Orchid**

Rainforest terrestrial orchids grown for their patterned foliage. Consistently moist but not wet soil. Would love to be in a terrarium. Originally from Southeast Asia. ○☉☿☽  
\$12.00—3" pot:

U070 **Black** *Ludisia discolor* **NEW**—Dramatic black foliage marked with white stripes. Clusters of small white flowers bloom late fall to early winter indoors. Medium indirect light. 2–5" h ☿

U071 **Lightning** *Macodes petola* **NEW**—Intricate veining on velvety near-black leaves. Half-inch reddish brown flowers. Bright indirect light. 3–5" h ☿

U072 **Madagascar Palm** **NEW**

*Pachypodium lamerei*

Rosette of leaves on top of a gray trunk covered with sharp protective spines. Grows slowly, rarely blooms, and makes an easy houseplant. *Pachypodium* means "thick foot," because of its chunky stem that stores water. Native to Madagascar. 48–72" h ☿☉☽  
\$15.00—4" pot

U073 **Mulberry, Pakistan** **NEW**

*Morus macroura*

These red to purple-black 3–4" berries are popular throughout the Middle East and Central Asia. Sweet-tart taste like raspberries or blackberries but a bit citrusy. Fast-growing and self-fruitful, the tree will produce summer fruits in a couple years when over-wintered indoors. Shiny, heart-shaped 6" leaves. Also known as Himalayan black mulberry, Tibetan mulberry, and long mulberry. Limited availability. 6–8' h ○  
\$49.00—5.25" pot

**Orchid, Chinese Ground** *Bletilla striata*

One of the easiest terrestrial orchids to grow and possibly hardy in Zone 5. To try over-wintering outside, apply a good organic mulch in the late autumn. Or lift the bulbs and store them dry in a frost-free place for planting in spring, no more than 4" deep in the soil. Also called hyacinth orchid. ○●

U074 **Alba** **NEW**—Clusters of nodding white 1" flowers in late spring for two to three weeks.

Rippled pouch is marked with purple. Pleated, upright leaves. 12–24" h \$12.00—4" pot

U075 **Pink**—Stems rise above clumps of pleated leaves, each adorned with multiple 2" pink-purple flowers that resemble small cattleya orchid flowers. 12–18" h \$19.00—4" pot

U076 **Orchid Cactus** *Epiphyllum*

An assortment of fast-growing epiphyte varieties that somewhat resemble a Christmas cactus. Huge flowers emerge from the flattened, succulent leaf-like structures from sundown to sunup in late spring or early summer. Large specimens can produce several flushes of flowers in a season. Resist temptation to overwater. ○☿☽  
\$26.00—1 gal.

U077 **Porterweed, Blue**

*Stachytarpheta cayennensis*

Tiny flat-faced flowers on tall spikes over textured foliage from summer to frost. An excellent nectar source. At the end of season, branches brought indoors and kept in water will continue to bloom for weeks. The cuttings will develop roots and can be saved for next spring. Native to Mexico, the Caribbean, and South America. 24–36" h ○ \$16.00—5.25" pot

U078 **Tea, Korean** *Camellia sinensis*

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, it is not hardy in Minnesota. 8–10' h ○●☿☽  
\$35.00—1 gal. pot

U079 **Vanilla Orchid** **NEW**

*Vanilla planifolia* Variegata

Climbing orchid vine that produces vanilla beans, the natural source for vanilla flavoring. Mature plants have greenish yellow flowers that last for one day. Hand-pollenate for bean production. Sap can cause dermatitis. 6–15' h ☿☽  
\$18.00—4" pot

**Voodoo Lily**

From the Himalayas and southern India. ○●☉

\$9.00—5.25" pot:

U080 **Konjac** *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. Previously called tree of India. 36–54" h ☿  
\$10.00—4" pot:

U081 **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. Also known as Chinese Jack-in-the-pulpit. Syn. *Sauromatum giganteum*. 20" h

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