

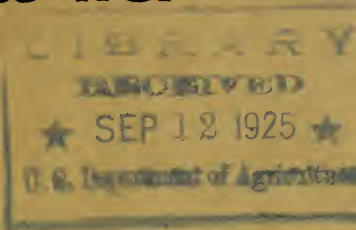
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Hardy Wild Flowers



from the Ozarks

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CULTURE

- No. 1 Bog plants for damp, boggy or marshy places in sunshine. When once established many will grow well in good garden loam.
- No. 2 Woodland plants for a free, loose soil of gravel and leaf mold; well drained, but well supplied with moisture. Most of these want shade. Many will do well along the north side of the house or wall in good loam soil.
- No. 3 For ordinary garden loam in full sun or light shade.
- No. 4 Rock plants for a rocky or gritty soil in full sun. They require perfect drainage but like moisture at the roots during growth.

Where two numbers are given, plants will grow in either place.

In the North plants may need less shade and moisture than I indicate. In the South and California, more. I am in Northwest Arkansas, at an elevation of 1400 feet. Winter temperatures seldom go below zero, although I have seen 20 degrees below or more here. These plants should be hardy throughout most of the United States.

Plants which bloom in early spring should be planted in autumn, even as early as September.

Summer and fall bloomers, most ferns and *Iris cristata* should be planted in spring.

TERMS AND PRICES

Terms. Cash with order.

Prices: A uniform price of 25 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, \$1.00 half dozen, unless otherwise noted. Orders amounting to \$2.50 or more, or for 12 of a single variety, (except for shrubs) will be prepaid. Postage charge of 25 cents for smaller amounts.

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1 **Acorus Calamus.** (Sweetflag.) A bog plant with iris-like leaves and aromatic roots. 1-3 feet. \$10.00 per 100

2-3 **Amsonia Tabernaemontana.** In spring many blue star-like flowers in clusters at top of 2 ft. stems. Makes a good mass. Foliage good all season.

2 **Arisaema triphyllum.** (Jack-in-the-pulpit.) A very interesting plant for shade. Bright red berries in autumn. 75 cents per dozen.

2-3 **Aruncus sylvestris.** (Common Goats-beard.) A stately herbaceous plant closely kin to Spirea. In early summer the showy panicles of white flowers make an imposing clump. The foliage too is very handsome. Plant it freely.

2 **Asarum canadense.** (Canada Wild ginger.) The large dark green heart-shaped leaves almost hide the maroon flower. The roots are aromatic and soon spread to make a good ground cover for bulbs or ferns in dense shade. 75 cents per dozen. \$5.00 per 100.

3-4 **Camassia esculenta.** (Wild Hyacinth.) When well grown, a stately plant. Leaves similar to hyacinth, the flower scape 1 to 3 ft. with many light blue flowers. Give good deep soil in sunshine. Plant 3 or 4 inches deep in autumn. \$1.00 per dozen.

2-3 **Clematis versicolor.** A delicate herbaceous vine, with glaucous oval leaflets and many heart or bell-shaped lavender flowers, nodding on long stems. Try this for a choice location. 50 cents.

2 **Dicentra Cucullaria.** (Dutchman's breeches.) Delicate lacy foliage and many odd white or pink and white flowers. A miniature bleeding-heart, for shady rock work in rich soil. Many tell me that this gem from the Ozarks is more pink and much finer than the eastern form. \$1.00 per dozen. \$6.00 per 100.

4 **Delphinium Nortonianum.** (Ozark Larkspur.) In May on rocky hillsides this larkspur makes great runs and drifts bluer than any sky. Some plants however come lavender or lavender pink. Plant the bulb-like roots in early autumn with *Camassia* and *Pentstemon tubiflorus*, for a wonderful show. \$1.00 per dozen

2 **Dioscorea villosa.** (Wild Yam.) A vine with fine glossy heart-shaped leaves, climbing 6 to 10 ft. in a season.

2 *Erythronium americanum*. (Common Troutlily.) The large glossy leaves richly spotted with purple and the yellow lily-like flowers appear very early. Plant in masses. Small blubs to naturalize. \$1.00 per 100.

2-3 *Geranium maculatum*. Hairy red stems and many pink, white or purple blooms in spring. Showy and easily grown. 1 to 2 ft. 15 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$6.00 per 100.

2 *Iris cristata*. (Crested Iris.) The true native crested iris. Only 6 to 8 inches high. Flowers early, large, fragrant; mostly lavender; sometimes blue or white. Needs shade and leaf mold. My favorite in my collection of 200 irises—A Gem! My Specialty.

Lavender type, clumps, 25 cents, \$2.50 per dozen, \$12.50 per 100. Dark blue, each \$1.00.

1-2-3 *Iris foliosa*. The very large truly blue flowers are low among the leaves and appear very late. In bloom or leaf it is a beauty in the rock garden, shady nook or by a pool. It and the next two irises like a good moist even marshy soil, but do well in garden loam. Plant early fall or spring.

1-3 *Iris fulva*. (Copper Iris.) The flowers of this fine southern iris vary from burnished copper color to brick red. Both are unusual and very lovely. The foliage is nearly evergreen. Avoid lime on this iris. 75 cents each.

1-3 *Iris "versicolor"*. (Blueflag Iris) This is not the true *Iris versicolor* of the East but a different species with large lavender flowers. The foliage is tall and handsome. It is easily grown even in dry limestone soil but prefers marshy places.

Strong plants 25 cents, \$10.00 per 100.

3-4 *Liatris*. This group of plants is valuable for easy growth and resistance to drought and insects. Of the many kinds the following are the best. I recommend them highly.

12 (4 of each) \$2.00

L. punctata (Dotted Gayfeather.) This dwarf plant makes a low mass of wiry stems tipped with soft rosy spikes. A most excellent rock plant for October bloom.

L. pycnostachya. (Cat-tail Gayfeather.) The closely set purple flowers make striking wands 3 to 4 ft. in August.

L. scariosa. This plant grows immense spikes of rich purple flowers 5 ft. in height, in October.

1 *Lobelia siphilitica*. (Large Blue Lobelia.) A very fine, tall branching lobelia for shade

or bog garden. Large flowers violet purple and white in late autumn.

4 **Mamillaria.** An unidentified "pincushion" cactus about 2 inches high, bearing interesting tan colored flowers in spring and often again in autumn. Requires a well drained sunny spot in the rock garden. 25 cents each, 4 for \$1.00.

3-4 **Manfreda.** (Agave) **virginica.** (False aloe.) A hardy succulent closely kin to the century plant. In summer it throws a 6 ft. spike of small but fragrant flowers. Easily grown and very decorative.

2 **Melanthium virginicum.** A plant of the lily family, but with grassy leaves and a tall wand of many white flowers in summer. A showy and striking plant for a rich moist free soil.

4 **Opuntia humifusa.** (O. Rafinesqui.) A cactus or "Prickly pear" with red centered, dazzling yellow satiny flowers, fully 3 inches across. Hardy but must have good drainage in winter. For a sunny rock garden or a dry rock wall it makes a wonderful show in June.

Heavy plants 50 cents
Smaller size 25 cents.

2 **Phlox divaricata.** (Blue Phlox.) This dwarf blue-purple phlox makes a bit of bright color in the spring woods. Evergreen.

2-3 **Phlox paniculata.** (Garden Phlox.) Immense heads of fragrant pink flowers all summer. 2-4 ft.. The wild type.

Pentstemon. Very showy plants in early summer. Tall spikes of large white flowers. 2-4 ft.

3-4 **P. tubiflorus.** (Tube Pentstemon.) Many closely set flowers make a most beautiful spike. Plant freely.

P. laevigatus-Var-Digitalis. (Foxglove P.) For moist meadows or open woods. Best in masses. 25 cents, \$6.00 per 100

2 **Polemonium reptans.** (Wrongly called Creeping Polemonium.) Small perennial with fern-like foliage which in spring bears many light blue bell-shaped flowers. Height 2 ft.

2 **Polygonatum commutatum.** (Great Solomonseal.) A stately liliaceous plant with fine foliage and along the arching stem many flowers which are followed by showy black fruit. Height 3-6 ft. Wants rich moist soil. 35 cents

2 **Sanguinaria canadensis.** (Bloodroot.) Large waxy white flowers very early followed by large lobed leaves.

\$1.00 per dozen, \$6.00 per 100.

4 *Sedum pulchellum*. (Texas Sedum.) Mrs. Wilder compares this most charming of sedums to a "tiny emerald-green spruce tree." In May it bears triangular sprays of white or lavender pink flowers. Likes a rocky limestone soil. An annual or biennial, but self sows freely. For spring delivery. \$1.00 per dozen, \$5.00 per 100.

2-3 *Sisyrinchium* (Blue-eyed Grass.) Little grassy-leaved plants of the iris family, bearing a wealth of blue star-like blossoms. They prefer a gritty soil not too dry. Spring delivery only. Clumps 25 cents.

2 *Smilacina racemosa*. (False Solomon-seal.) Similar foliage to Solomonseal, but in summer has feathery panicles of fragrant white flowers which are followed by showy ruby red berries.

4 *Talinum calycinum*. A new hardy perennial succulent for dry sunny soils. Now offered for the first time. Small green tufts of thick needle-shaped leaves from which arises a slender six inch stem, bearing many wine-red and gold flowers; which open each afternoon. Of this Mrs. Wilder says: "We all think it a fine thing . . . in every respect a genuine find." For Rock gardens. 50 cents, \$5.00 per dozen.

3-4 *Verbena canadensis*. Rose Verbena. On rocky slopes or dry sandy banks this makes a vivid spot of color in early spring, through extreme drought of summer it blooms and until late autumn. The lilac or purple flowers are in good sized heads. Height 1 ft.

2 *Viola pubescens*. (Downy Yellow Violet.) A leafy stem species with pretty yellow flowers. It likes a rather moist rocky soil in open woods. Spring delivery only.

4 *Viola pedata*. (Birdsfoot Violet.) In thin sandy or rocky acid soil *Viola pedata* makes great runs, drifts and sheets of color. No violet is more lovely with its finely cut leaves and large purple flowers on long stems. Spring delivery only. Clumps 25 cents each, \$10.00 per 100

To all interested in native plants or in rock gardens I especially recommend the following books:

"Taming the Wildings" by Herbert Durand and "Adventures in my Garden and Rock Garden" by Louise Beebe Wilder.

Landscape Service: I am prepared to plan and plant borders or gardens giving especial attention to native material.

For something unusual as well as beautiful try *Rosa foliolosa*, *Hamamelis vernalis*, and *Talinum calycinum*. They are unique.

Hardy Ferns

Ferns fill in many shady nooks or crevices in rock gardens or walls where little else would grow. The varying foliage of the many kinds is always interesting and beautiful. There is a fern for nearly every soil wet or dry, and for every nook in the rock garden.

Ferns 25 cents each except as noted.

2 *Adiantum pedatum*. (American Maidenhair.) The most graceful of all. Shiny dark green fronds 1 to 2 ft. Good clumps.

2 *Asplenium platyneuron*. (Ebony Spleenwort.) A most charming little fern with slender tufted fronds 6 to 12 inches high. Evergreen. Rare in cultivation and fine for rock gardens or walls.

2 *Botrychium virginianum*. (Rattlesnake Fern.) Light green triangular fronds. Very interesting and desirable. Fall delivery only.

2 *Cystopteris bulbifera* (Bulblet Fern.) Light green very lacy fronds up to 2 ft. Prefers moist shady rock work where it is a fine cover.

2 *Cystopteris fragilis* (Brittle Fern.) Smaller and more delicate than the above. Splendid on moist shady banks or in the rock garden with Dutchmans Breeches.

Cheilanthes alabamensis. Smooth dark green much divided fronds 3 to 8 inches long in tufts. I cannot praise its beauty too highly. It likes a crevice of black mineral and humus soil in part sun. Suitable for rock gardens.

4 *Cheilanthes lanosa*. Similar to above only coarser and rusty hairy. Likes a perfectly drained rocky or sandy soil in full sun.

2 *Dryopteris* (Aspidium) *marginalis* (Leather Woodfern.) The large dark blue-green fronds are a fine cover in rough woodsy places. A handsome evergreen fern loving leaf mold and rocky soil not too dry.

1 *Dryopteris* (Aspidium) *Thelypteris* (Marshfern.) In moist soil rich in leaf mold this will grow to 2 ft. high, and delight with its tall narrow fronds.

Notholaena dealbata. (Cloakfern.) A lovely rock fern 1 to 3 inches high. Fronds triangular much divided and having the appearance of silver. For the specialist only.

Rare! \$2.50 each.

1-2 *Onoclea sensibilis*. (Sensitive Fern.) This large fern will thrive in a wet sunny place or in rich damp woodlands. Fine to naturalize with *Iris versicolor* about ponds.

2 *Phegopteris* (Dryopteris) *hexagonoptera*. (Winged Woodfern.) Light green triangular frond 8 to 15 inches. Easily grown. Will stand some sun and drought when established. Fine clumps.

2 *Polystichum* (Aspidium) *acrostichoides*. (Christmas Fern.) Large evergreen fronds 1 to 3 ft. high growing in tufts. A splendid fern. Good clumps.

3-4. *Pteridium* (*Pteris*) *aquilinum*. (Bracken.) In light sandy or rocky sour soil in full sun or light shade the large triangular fronds reach a height of 3 feet and make a solid ground cover.

4 *Pellaea atropurpurea*. (Purple Cliff-brake.) An evergreen fern with a few dark green fronds 6 to 15 inches high. Rare in cultivation. Same culture as *Cheilanthes*.

Polypodium polypodioides. (Resurrection Fern.) A very unusual small evergreen fern creeping in moss on rocks or logs. Probably needs an acid soil. For rock gardens on moist shady stones.

2 *Woodsia obtusa*. Light green feathery fronds in tufts 10 to 18 inches high. For rock work and banks not too dry. Will stand sunshine. Fine clumps.

NATIVE SHRUBS AND WOODY VINES

All of these are of easy culture. No shrubs of weedy growth which may become a pest are included.

Prices 50 cents except as noted.

Shrubs will be sent by express, the customer paying the transportation. Please give express office.

Shipping season of shrubs from October, as weather permits, until April.

Amorpha fruticosa. (Indigobush.) A medium sized shrub with locust like leaves and six inch spikes of violet-purple and gold flowers in May. Prefers rocky and moist banks. Strong plants.

Ampelopsis arborea. (Pepper Vine.) A high climber by tendrills. The glossy twice pinnate leaves and shiny fruit make this very desirable.

Give a sheltered place if north of Philadelphia. Good transplants.

Betula nigra. (River Birch.) The shaggy red brown papery bark makes this a desirable tree for moist places. Rapid growth. Transplanted seedlings 1 to 2 ft.

2 for 50 cents, 5 for \$1.00

Cornus asperifolia. (Rough Leaf Dogwood.) A tall shrub suitable for dry soil. In May it has good sized clusters of creamy flowers. These are followed by ivory colored berries which are very showy on the red stems in autumn.

Cornus obliqua. (Pale Dogwood.) The flowers are similar to the above. but in August the branches bend low with their loads of steel blue berries. The branches are a deep blood red in winter. A fine large shrub for the edge of a pond or brook. Strong transplanted stock.

Hamamelis vernalis. (Vernal Witch-Hazel.) This witch hazel from the Ozarks blooms in the dead of winter even in January in the midst of snow and ice. The fragrant gold blossoms are more freely produced than in any other species. Here it makes a good sized shrub, but in New England where it is still hardy it is smaller. I recommend it highly.

Heavy clumps. 2 feet and up. 75 cents.

Very large clumps. \$1.00

Hypericum prolificum. (Shrubby St. Johnswort.) From July to September this is a mass of good sized but delicate pure golden flowers. The foliage is very glossy and attractive. A medium or small vase-shaped shrub. Water well when transplanting.

3 **Lonicera flava.** (Yellow Honey-suckle.) A scrambling or climbing woody vine to 10 feet. The handsome orange flowers which appear in good sized heads in spring are very fragrant. They are followed by orange red berries which remain a long time. Will grow on rocky ledges or clay barrens but is not inclined to spread or be weedy. I have the true species.

Philadelphus pubescens. (Hoary Mock-orange.) The Arnold Arboretum says this Mock-orange should be in every garden. It is tall and in bloom makes a great show. The ivory white flowers are delightfully fragrant. Good transplanted stock.

Rhus canadensis. (Fragrant Sumac.) A neat little shrub 2 or 3 feet high which blooms in early spring. The red berries are ripe in June or July. In autumn no maple can equal the red and gold of its leaves. Good plants.

Rosa foliolosa. (Texas Rose.) Splendid little shrub rarely over eight inches tall. The lovely white blossoms are followed by large red fruit. For dry soil in full sun. This is a treasure never before offered.

Rosa Lyoni and *Rosa subserrulata*. These closely related dwarf roses are identical in garden effect. They flourish on poor, dry, rocky banks, and in May cover themselves with a sheet of pink blossoms. Strong plants.

Salix humilis. (Prairie Willow.) A neat small shrub suitable for dry sunny place... Strong transplants.

A few old fashioned flowers. Not native but suitable for naturalizing.

3 *Belamcanda chinensis*. (Black-berry lily.) An iris like plant with many speckled orange colored flowers in summer. Easily grown. 2 ft.

1-3 *Iris pseudoacorus*. (Yellowflag Iris.) The flowers are the best yellow of any iris. The foliage is tall and sword-like. A fine companion to *Iris versicolor*.

3 Siberian Irises. Have grass like leaves. The flowers are varying blues purples. The following kinds are good. They like good soil, not too dry. Spring planting is best.

True Blue. (Fryer.) The flowers are a fine large blue and very freely produced. Makes a wonderful clump or mass.

George Wallace. The purple flowers are rather small but come quite early and in abundance.

Orientalis. A rich violet purple. I have 2 forms one about 1-½ ft. the other much taller.

25 cents each. 3 of each for \$1.00

3 *Iris Mrs. A. W. Tait*. (Spuria.) Many people say the large slender lavender flowers are more beautiful than orchids. No iris has finer foliage.

3 *Iris*—early dwarf purple. Specialists tell me that this is *Pumila Atrovioleacea*. If so the name is larger than the plant. It blooms with the earliest daffodils and the rich purple blossoms barely above the ground come in wonderful profusion. 50 cents each, 3 for \$1.00

3 *Iris*—early dwarf yellow. A charming companion to the above. Very fragrant, 25 cents each.

2-3 *Lilium tigrinum*. (Tiger Lily.) A five or six foot orange blaze in July. Easily grown. Plant six inches deep in autumn. Extraordinary bulbs 35 cents. Large bulbs 25 cents. \$2.00 the dozen.

For desert plants of the southwest write Bridewell Bros., Forestburg, Texas.

