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SOME OF OUR

Rare and Uncommon Seeds

of FLOWERS, BULBS and VINES

This is an offering only of a few Uncommon Seeds, some quite rare, that are not well known to garden lovers and yet are most valuable for their purpose. You will find a few items that, though not uncommon, are of a valuable strain or selection.

Prices Unless otherwise indicated, are 10 cents for a liberal packet. **THREE** 10c PACKETS for 25c, **FIVE** 25c PACKETS for \$1.00. **WE PREPAY ALL MAILING CHARGES** on seeds anywhere; we prepay on plants and bulbs to 3rd zone only. All seeds are strictly fresh. Because the growing of seeds depends much on the grower, we give no guaranty express or implied. Terms are cash with order. Stamps accepted up to 50c only. Add 3% Sales Tax to California orders. Use the order blank on last page please.

THE LESTER ROSE GARDENS, MONTEREY, CALIF.
Specialists in Roses, Fuchsias, Geraniums and Campanulas

ACACIA floribunda—The everblooming acacia, attaining tree size; fast, upright, shapely grower; quantities of very fragrant globular flowers

ALONSOA compacta—The half-hardy annual that attracts more attention than any other from our garden visitors with its coral-scarlet flowers; long season bloomer. 1 ft. Tall. Plant in spring.

AGAPANTHUS, "Blue Lily of the Nile"—Brilliantly blue flowers in large clusters borne on strong 3-foot stems. Long season bloomer. 25c

ALSTROMERIA, "Peruvian Day Lily"—Spectacular apricot-orange flowers in large clusters on 3 foot flower stems: a glorious thing well worth trying in pots in cold climates, elsewhere for the open garden. 25c.

ALYSSUM, Dwarf Lavender—An everblooming, very fragrant, dwarf variety of Alyssum in delicate lavender shade that is so easily grown as to naturalize itself, yet is always neat and attractive. Fine for winter bloom.

AMARYLLIS belladonna—The striking pink amaryllis: throws up numerous strong, 3-foot blooming stalks: highly effective. Good pot plant. Extra large bulbs, in season, 50c each. Seed 15c.

BLUE GERANIUM (G. sylvaticum)—The only blue geranium, exquisite single, blue flowers borne all season long; highly ornamental deeply toothed foliage; about 18 inches high; fine border perennial. 25c

CACTUS—An assortment of many of the most interesting varieties, of all sizes and colors,

CEANOTHUS—thyriflorusThe Blue Wild Lilac—A 6-foot shrub with glossy foliage and, in the spring, long panicles of intense blue flowers in such profusion as to sometimes completely cover the bush. 25c.

CEANOTHUS cyaneus—A rare variety of the Wild Lilac with very large panicles of the intensest of all blue flowers borne every day in the year with us. An exquisite shrub, little known. 25c. Strong young plants 35c.

CAMPANULA celtidifolia, Edw. Molyneau.—One of the lesser known but most beautiful hardy perennial Campanulas: the plant throws up many 3 to 5 foot stems each with large clusters of pale blue flowers borne most of the season. Easily grown and should be in every garden. 25c. Two year old clumps 35c.

CHILE JASMINE, *Mandevilla suaveolens*—Not a true Jasmine but a strong vine that bears two-inch wide white trumpet flowers in profusion, deliciously fragrant and larger than any jasmine. Quite hardy anywhere. 25c.

CINERARIA stellata—Selected seed from flowers in shades of rich blue and purple, all season bloomer.

CLIANTHUS—The rare "Lobster Claw" or "Parrot-beak" Vine, strange and beautiful, unlike any other flower, with its silver gray foliage and profuse clusters of scarlet flowers like the claws of a lobster. A useful perennial vine. 25c

COLUMBINE (*Aquilegia hybrid*)—A rare hybrid of this favorite perennial with flowers of a deep wine-red color very striking and beautiful. 25c.

DELPHINIUM—Hand selected seed from the finest English hybrid strain of tall blue delphinium.

DIPLACUS glutinosus—A rare shrub mimulus that bears rich apricot-orange flowers all season long, highly prized in England and our eastern states as a pot plant where it commands a high price. Easily grown. 25c Small plants 50c.

EKLONIS, *Dimorphetica Eklonis*—Most popular and most useful of all the African daisies because perennial in our milder regions, easily grown, and a continuous bloomer. Large white daisy-like flowers with deep blue center and lavender-blue reverse, on long stems; a grand cut flower.

FUCHSIA—One of the best of all indoor pot flowers in cold climates; outdoors, in the shade for mild climates. Seed is easily started, quick to mature and bloom. Saved from our finest varieties of all colors.

GERANIUM Endressi—Useful species Geranium for rock garden or border planting; about 1 foot high; handsome foliage, large rose-pink flowers borne all season. 25c.

GERANIUM Sylvaticum—See the Blue Geranium.

HARDENBERGIA Comptoniana—Favorite of all blue flowering vines: twining stems with slender leaflets: masses of lovely violet-blue pea-shaped flowers borne in winter and spring. 25c.

HELIOTROPE—The true old-fashioned favorite, growing 4 to 8 feet high with clusters of small flowers in graceful clusters, deliciously fragrant: half hardy. Our seed is hand selected from deep purple strains, blooms the first season. 15c.

IMPATIENS Oliverii—Perennial Balsam. Handsome waxy-green leaves, all season large flowers of lilac rose with long spurs; attains shrub size in mild climates. 25c.

LEPTOSYNE maritima, The Golden Sea Dahlia—A little known but easily grown annual that is perennial in mild climates, with dainty fern-like foliage and the purest golden yellow flowers imaginable on long stems, fine for cutting, borne continuously but especially in winter. Selected large flowered seed, pkt. 25c. Strong young plants 15c, 6 for 50c.

MANDEVILLA—See "Chile Jasmine".

MARGUERITE White.—The kind that attains shrub size in our mild coastal climate, covered with a cloud of dainty white flowers with golden centers most of the year. Half hardy, requires little water.

MARGUERITE, Yellow—The large flowered, continuous blooming variety, flowers often three inches wide. 15c

MEXICAN DAISY (*Vittadinia*)—Useful plant for the dry bank or rock garden with daisy-like pink flowers the whole season, very easily grown, spreading rapidly.

NEPITA ucranica.—Most useful border or rock garden perennial, drought-resistant. gray foliage, masses of rich blue flower spikes borne continuously. 25c.

PAINTED DAISY, (*Annual Chrysanthemum*)—All-summer-blooming annual with large single flowers of striking beauty: about 2 feet tall, a mixture of finest selected colors.

PINK PASSION VINE, (*Passiflora mollissima*)—One of the fastest growing and most beautiful vines of all for mild climates; if frosted, comes up from roots. Quickly covers trellis, porch, or will grow up through trees. Large, pendant, pink star-like flowers with golden stamens hanging down from the handsome, glossy foliage. The large oval yellow fruits are edible. Illustrated on page one. Seed 10c pkt. Small plants 30c, four for \$1.00.

POTENTILLA—Hardy perennial with handsome strawberry-like foliage and tall flowering stalks through a long season of brilliant yellow. A little known but most valuable garden treasure. 25c

RED DATURA, (*Datura sanguinea*)—Rare plant that grows to large shrub size but blooms when quite young with its sensational 8-inch long trumpet flowers, of vivid scarlet and orange. Not hard to grow indoors in cold climates. 25c

SALVIA uliginosa—Rare; best of the blue flowering salvias; hardy perennial, the waving 5-foot flowering stems a glorious showing of intense blue from June to December. 25c

SCABIOSA Columbaria—Choice seed selected from a large flowering strain of rich lavender-pink color. Continuous bloomer through season.

SHASTA DAISY, Double White.—Very fine, scarce variety of this favorite perennial: large chrysanthemum-like double white flowers all season: not all, but a large portion will come double. Pkt. 25c.

SUN ROSE, (Helianthemum)—Ideal plant for rock garden, sunny bank or border; low-spreading and evergreen perennial, covered most of the season with dainty rose-like flowers; resists drought. A choice mixture of colors—pink, orange, yellow, red, etc.

TIGRIDIA pavonia, the Mexican Shell flower—Summer-blooming bulb, all season, of striking beauty; triangular flowers of brilliant scarlet, etc. 25c. Bulbs in season, 15c, 12 for \$1.50.

VALERIAN, Crimson—Not the common pink but a remarkably deep crimson strain of this easily grown, old-fashioned garden favorite, perennial.

WILD LILAC—See *Ceanothus*.

YARROW, Crimson Beauty, (Achillea)—Fine rich shade of old time favorite perennial; constant bloomer: good in dry banks.

VERONICA decussata, the Blue Veronica. Low shrub with medium size, closely set, bright green leaves and profuse clusters of large bright violet-blue flowers borne almost continuously. 25c.

BULBS

AGAPANTHUS, The Blue Lily of the Nile—Large bulbs, easily grown, that bear, on long stems, large clusters of brilliantly blue flowers. Broad, evergreen leaves. Very showy and desirable with a long blooming season. Each, prepaid to 3rd zone 50c. 12, not prepaid, for \$3.00. Seed 25c pkt.

AMARYLLIS belladonna, Pink amaryllis. Profuse bloomer for pot or open culture. Extra large bulbs, each, prepaid to 3rd zone 50c: 12, not prepaid, for \$2.00. Seed 15c Pkt.

TIGRIDIA pavonia, hybrid, The Mexican Shell Flower—Most showy of all summer flowering bulbs. Large triangular blossoms 4 to 6 inches wide in brilliant combinations of scarlet, yellow and pink on 2 foot stems, borne from mid-summer to frost. Culture is same as for gladiolus. Our strain is the finest hybrid varieties. Each 15c: 12 for \$1.50, prepaid to third zone. Seed 25c packet.

YELLOW CALLA LILY, the true Calla Elliotiana or Golden Calla—Of easy culture, outdoor or in: ideal pot plant. Rich and beautiful golden yellow flowers. Each 50c; 3 for \$1.10: 12 for \$4.00, prepaid to third zone.

Additional seeds of Wildflower Bulbs are listed under California Wildflower Seed.

A SELECT LIST OF CALIFORNIA WILD FLOWER SEEDS

These are in great demand not only for the usual garden plantings but for mass effects and for naturalizing, for many renew themselves year after year under favorable conditions. Ground should be dug and prepared before planting; sow in the fall or winter in mild climates, in spring in severe climates.

WE CAN SUPPLY ANY KIND OF CALIFORNIA WILD FLOWER SEED DESIRED at 25c per packet. The kinds listed below are only a few of our choicest selections.

PRICE per packet 25c, 5 packets for \$1.00, PREPAID anywhere.

BABY BLUE-EYES, (Nemophila insignis)—Not just the usual deep blue kind but a mixture of the choicest hybrid shades.—blue, white, mauve, purple, spotted and blotched markings, very fine.

CALIFORNIA POPPY Hybrids—This grand long-season bloomer in the newest, rarest shades of pink, scarlet, red.

FAIRY LANTERN (Calochortus alba)—Perhaps the most beautiful of all the Mariposa Tulips, with 18 inch sprays of large, pearl-white, lantern shaped, nodding flowers. A hardy perennial bulb.

GODETIA amoena, "Farewell to Spring",—Broad, pink, red-centered flowers on 2 foot high stems. Long season blooming annual.

LILIUM pardalinum Tiger Lily—To 5 ft. high: bright orange-red purple spotted flower; hardy.

IRIS longipetala—Showy, native sort, 15 inches tall, with large white and violet flowers.

LINARIA maroccana, hybrids—One of the grandest and showiest of all annuals for mass effect and naturalizing, masses of dainty snapdragon-like flowers, long season bloomer. Scarlet and yellow shades predominate.

LUPINE, Bush, (L. arboreus)—Perennial to 5 feet high, densely covered with spikes of bright yellow flowers.

LUPINE, Blue, (L. nanus)—Dwarf annual, to 10 inches high, with bright blue and white fragrant flowers: fine for naturalizing.

MARIPOSA TULIP, (Calochortus)—A mixture of the choicest shades of this hardy flowering bulb, perhaps the most admired of all California wild flowers: flame, lilac, cream, yellow, etc., with brilliant markings.

PENTSTEMON confertus, Var. caeruleo purpurea—Exquisite rock plant with whorls of intense purple-blue flowers springing from a mat of basal leaves. Rare and beautiful.

SHOOTING STAR (Dodecatheon Hendersonii)—Strange and showy hardy perennial with cyclamen-like flowers of rose-purple, lavender and white on 8 inch stems.

