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LACHENALIA PENDULA SUPERBA

Orpet Nursery

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SANTA BARBARA
CALIFORNIA

FOREWORD

In all but a few instances these are new introductions and the stock is limited. Therefore, our offerings are subject to being unsold at the time your order is received. Please order early to avoid disappointment. Bulbs will be shipped as soon as cured, spring flowering ones in July or August. Amaryllis bulbs can be shipped in early summer to be planted in their new homes just before flowering season.

We sell fifty bulbs at the hundred rate. Prices include postage unless otherwise specified. Amaryllis bulbs and all clumps sent by express, charges for transportation C. O. D.

Please note that these bulbs have been grown outdoors in Southern California and if planted in greenhouses should be kept cool. Treatment should be identical with that of Freesias, and a temperature of 45-50 degrees is ideal.

While we use great care to ensure that we describe and name our material correctly and to see that only material of the best quality is sent out in response to orders, we give no warranty, express or implied, as to description, quality, productiveness or any other matter of any seeds, bulbs, or plants we send out, and we will not be in any way responsible for the crop. We quote subject to immediate acceptance, stocks unsold, confirmation of orders, stenographic errors and omissions, delays and contingencies beyond our control.

AMARYLLIS BELLADONNA ROSEA

A great improvement on the old *Amaryllis belladonna*. Throat a clear white, petals edged a deep blush pink. Very fragrant. August bloomer. Express C. O. D.

\$40.00 per 100

50c each

ARTHROPODIUM CIRRHATUM

New Zealand Rock Lily. Evergreen herbaceous perennial. Handsome the year round. Prefers partial or dense shade. Indifferent as to culture. Leaves deep green, about two inches wide, one to two feet long. White flowers in spring a half to one inch in diameter on a much branched panicle one to three feet in height. Seedling plants delivered during late summer and fall.

\$3.00 per 12

30c each

BABIANA

Spring flowering Cape bulbs needing the same culture as *Freesias*. Very interesting, attractive and useful in pots, edgings or rock gardens.

B. Hybrids

Fine mixture of various shades of red, blue and pink. Bloom over a long period. Stem 6 to 12 inches.

\$8.00 per 100

\$1.00 per 12

B. Plicata

Large wide-open flowers with an interesting color combination of cream and lavender. Blooms early, is low growing and has a strong, pleasant *Freesia*-like fragrance.

\$8.00 per 100

\$1.00 per 12

BESSERA ELEGANS

New introduction from Mexico. Dainty bell-shaped flowers, orange red outside, creamy white with orange stripe inside, with purplish stamens, hanging in an interesting umbel from the tip of a graceful wiry stem 18 to 24 inches tall. Foliage inconspicuous. Blooms freely from July to last

of September. Cuts well and is exceptionally interesting in flower arrangements. A striking addition to the summer garden, suggesting as it does, the burst of a miniature rocket. Should be dug in winter except in milder climates. Delivery early winter.

\$20.00 per 100

\$2.75 per 12

BLETILLA (Bletia)

Terrestrial Orchid from China and Japan. Easily grown in ordinary garden soil with plenty of moisture. Prefers half shade. Blooms in spring. *Hardy under all conditions.* Delivery late fall. Recommended for gardens on Atlantic coast.

Bletilla (Bletia) hyacinthina

Bright green plaited leaves 1 to 2 inches wide, 12 to 15 inches high. Three to five dainty Orchid shaped lavender flowers on stems 10 to 15 inches tall. Cuts well.

\$8.00 per 12

75c each

Bletilla (Bletia) hyacinthina alba

Similar to *B. hyacinthina* except slightly smaller. Has bright clear white flowers.

\$10.00 per 12

\$1.00 each

BRODIAEA

Bulbs native to the Pacific coast, producing one or two long slender leaves near the ground and slender stiff stems bearing a head of attractive flowers of great lasting quality when cut. *All are hardy under most conditions*, naturalize easily in any well drained soil and are also very useful and easy to grow under glass when given the same treatment as freesias. All should be dried out and rested after flowering. Our bulbs grown under ideal cultural conditions are superior to collected wild bulbs.

B. Capitata

Called California Hyacinth. Slender stems 12 to 18 in. high terminate in a close cluster of violet-blue flowers. In mild climates flowers

in October, six weeks after planting, and remains in bloom till March or April, producing as many as 20 flower stems from one bulb. Especially desirable in the garden and under glass. Those who know it only as a wild flower will hardly recognize it under cultivation so greatly does it improve in the size and profusion of its bloom.

\$6.00 per 100

\$1.00 per 12

CHLIDANTHUS FRAGRANS

Bright yellow trumpet shaped flowers on stems 12 to 15 inches tall. Cuts well. Strong, pleasant fragrance. Bulbs must be kept dry in fall and winter. Prefers full sun in any garden soil. Blooms in early summer. Delivery late fall.

\$2.25 per 12

25c each

COOPERIA PEDUNCULATA

Common name: Giant Prairie Lily. The best species of this group, with the habit of *Zephyranthes*, but stronger. Evergreen. A good bulb for a shady spot. Flowers sporadically through the year, after being watered. Flowers white on stems about 12 inches.

\$2.00 per 12

20c each

DIERAMA PULCHERRIMA (related to *Sparaxis* and *Ixia*).

These evergreen plants are ideal for edging pools. They flower almost continuously through the year, pink bells on wand-like scapes 3-4 feet tall.

Clumps, 50c each.

GLADIOLUS SPECIES

There are over one hundred species of *Gladiolus* the beauty, grace and usefulness of many of which have long been overlooked. We are now offering a few of these species and will have others as soon as sufficient stock can be developed. Of the present offerings the culture is the same as for *Freesias*.

G. Alatus

Interesting terra-cotta colored flowers with green lower segments. Spring blooming on

stems 6 to 12 inches tall. Called "Little Roosters" in S. Africa because of their jaunty form. Desirable in rock gardens and pots.

\$6.00 per 50 \$1.85 per 12 20c each

G. *Tristis* var. *concolor*

Similar to *G. tristis* except that flowers have no coloring in the throat. Stems 18 to 24 inches tall. Blooms in early spring.

\$8.00 per 100 \$1.25 per 12

Orders taken subject to crop.

GLADIOLUS TRISTIS HYBRIDS

A decided improvement on *G. tristis* or *G. tristis* var. *concolor*. Flowers resemble them but slightly larger and many nearly white. Stems 15 inches to 3 feet tall. Bloom earlier than the parent. Very desirable for cutting and forcing.

\$10.00 per 100 \$1.50 per 12

Orders taken subject to crop.

HABRANTHUS ADVENA (The Blood lily).

A fall bloomer bearing very dark red bell-shaped flowers about an inch across, stem 12 to 18 inches.

\$2.50 per 12 25c each

IRIS ENSATA

Winter blooming, blue flower 8-10 inches tall. Evergreen.

Small clumps 25c each.

IRIS AUREA

Color a rich golden yellow, tall growing like *I. ochroleuca*. Makes a fine mass where a high key is needed. Excellent for cutting. August delivery.

Clumps, 25c each.

IXIA BLOEM ERF

Recently introduced hybrid from S. Africa, quite different from other *Ixias*. Blooms in late spring.

Wiry stems 4 to 5 feet tall with 20 to 40 open flowers in a raceme at the top with several smaller flowering branches below. Color varies from pure

white through shades of pink overlaid with a bluish tinge. Excellent for cutting.

\$8.00 per 100

\$1.00 per 12

IXIA INCARNATA

A distinct novelty recently introduced from S. Africa. Light blue, bell-shaped flowers on slender stems 18 to 24 inches tall. Flowers do not close at night like other Ixias. Has a strong, very pleasant, Freesia-like fragrance. Blooms early in Santa Barbara and cuts well.

\$14.00 per 100

\$1.75 per 12

LACHENALIA

Cape bulb new to this country but long known in England under the name of Cape Cowslip. These bulbs are especially useful for florists' work as they can be grown in flats or in the field and shifted into pots or baskets when in full bloom. All of them do well out of doors in milder climates and are showy in beds, borders, and rock gardens and all are easily grown under glass. Culture similar to Freesias.

Large flowered forms have been hybridized. They have from one to two dozen pendulous, fire-cracker-like flowers about one inch in length on stems 6 to 9 inches and bloom from late November to February depending on the time of planting and the variety.

L. Pendula superba

Flowers brilliant coral red tipped green and purple. Two or three tulip-like green leaves. One of the best and earliest. Excellent for florist use as a Christmas plant. See cut on cover.

\$4.50 per 12.

L. Rector of Cawston

Flowers scarlet, citron and green; free blooming. Two or three strap-shaped leaves with red spots.

\$3.00 per 12.

LEUCOCORYNE IXIOIDES ODORATA

“Glory of the Sun”. Recent introduction from Chile; flowering in spring. Heads of large, fragrant flowers, blue with white center and golden stamens, carried gracefully on a wiry stem 12 to 18 inches tall. Requires same culture as Freesias. Its beauty and long lasting qualities as a cut flower and its ease of culture make it an outstanding new plant

\$25.00 per 100

\$4.00 per 12

Orders taken subject to crop.

LYCORIS RADIATA (*Nerine sarniensis*)

Native of Japan and China. Blooms in fall before leaves appear. Bright red funnel-shaped flowers with wavy segments, on stems 12 to 18 inches tall. Free blooming and easily grown. May be left undisturbed for several years in milder climates when it will make fine showy clumps. Should be kept dry in summer.

\$2.50 per 12

25c each

LYCORIS SQUAMIGERA

Perfectly hardy bulbs even in New England; blooms in a cluster of large Amaryllis-like flowers of a bright rosy purple. Sometimes known as “The Blue Amaryllis” or “Amaryllis Hallii.”

\$10.00 per 12

\$1.00 each

MILLA BIFLORA

New introduction from Mexico where it is called Estrellitas, or Little Stars, by the country people. Showy white flowers, opening out flat, waxy in texture, about two inches in diameter, with six petals not quite separated. A faint stripe of soft apple green runs from tip to base on the outside of each petal. The stems are wiry, 12 to 18 inches tall, bearing two to seven flowers each. Foliage inconspicuous. Very free blooming from July to September. Flowers cut well and have a pleasant lily-like fragrance. Most attractive both in arrangements and in the garden. The striking hexagonal shape of bud and flower and the regular striping lend a faintly modernistic note that is both attractive and unusual. Should be dug in winter except in milder climates. Delivery early winter. Rare and stock scarce.

\$20.00 per 100

\$3.00 per 12



MORAEA POLYSTACHYA

MORAEA (bulbous)

An interesting group most of which are natives of South Africa, many being new to cultivation. Some are useful for cutting, others for the perennial garden and others still for pot culture and rock gardens. They show a wide range of colors and vary in height from six inches to three feet. On most of them the foliage is not important. Same culture as for Freesias.

Bicolor

Habit of *M. iridioides*, a native of Cape Colony; flowers two inches across, a creamy yellow with pansy brown spots at the throat. Flowers year after year on old flower stems.

Clumps, 35c each—50c each, according to size.

M. Glaucohis (*Iris pavonia*)

Often called Peacock Iris. Flowers white or light blue with peacock eye at base of outer segments. Stems 10 to 15 inches high. Excellent for cutting, forcing, rock gardens and pots.

\$6.00 per 50

\$2.00 per 12

M. Iridioides

Well-known and loved in California gardens; flowers to three inches across, white marked with yellow and lavender; flowers every three weeks from February to November.

Clumps, 35c each—50c each, according to size.

M. Polystachya

New introduction. Slender plant, 18 to 24 inches high, with many wiry branches. Well covered with flowers looking at a distance like a close group of butterflies. The outer segments of the flowers are light mauve, pencilled with Parma violet, with a bright yellow spot at the base, inner segments light mauve with little pencilling. Flowers six weeks after planting and blooms three to four months. Planted in clumps it provides a mass of color over a long period. See cut on page 10.

\$2.50 per 12

25c each

M. Tripetala

New introduction. Slender well branched plant 6 to 8 inches high. Flowers similar to *M. polystachya* but lavender in color. Most useful in pots and rock gardens.

\$2.50 per 12

25c each

MUSCARI BOTRYOIDES (*Grape Hyacinth*).

An old favorite and one of the earliest spring bloomers. Flowers like clusters of dark grapes. Good for borders, rock work, or pot plants. Hardy in Massachusetts.

\$3.00 per 100

50c per 12



NERINE FILIFOLIA

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Fall blooming with evergreen thread-like leaves 6 to 8 inches long. Flowers clear pink with narrow wavy segments; pistil and stamens longer than segments; borne six to ten in an umbel on wiry stems 12 to 15 inches tall. Fine for cutting and a real find for rock gardens and edgings for beds. Delivery January to May. See cut on this page.

\$10.00 per 100 \$1.75 per 12 25c each

Other Nerines (rare species) on application.

OPHIPOGON JAPONICUM

Semi-tuberous herbaceous evergreen ground cover. Sun or shade. Hardy in California and New England.

Clumps, 25c each

ORNITHOGALUM THYRSOIDES AUREUM

The new orange-yellow Ornithogalum, very striking and desirable. A good pot plant and recommended for greenhouse culture East. Hardy out of doors in Southern California.

\$20.00 per 100

\$3.00 per 12

SCHIZOSTYLIS

Kaffir Lily from S. Africa. Rhizomatous roots. Not hardy but soon makes fine clumps in milder climates, blooming in late summer and fall. May be lifted and potted in late summer and by retarding flowers may be had over a long period. Likes shade and plenty of moisture during the summer. Cuts well. Small plants delivered February to May.

S. Coccinea

Bright red flowers on 18 to 24 inch stems.

\$10.00 per 100

\$1.75 per 12

S. Mrs. Hegarty

Recent introduction. Beautiful clear pink flowers on two foot stems.

\$20.00 per 100

\$3.00 per 12

SPARAXIS HYBRIDS

Several shades of orange, yellow, purple and cream. Very free blooming over a long period in spring.

\$9.00 per 100

\$1.25 per 12

STERNBERGIA LUTEA

Fall blooming "Crocus" of a clear yellow. Makes a bright border. Flowers 1-4 to a bulb, likes a dry sunny position. Delivery in August. Very scarce.

\$4.50 per 12

STREPTANTHERA CUPREA

Brilliant new Cape bulb; foliage like tritonia; flowers open flat; brilliant orange-red with violet eye. Hardier than Freesia and more vivid than sparaxis. Each bulb produces several spikes of bloom; 6 to 8 inches. Spring.

\$10.00 per 100

\$1.50 per 12

TIGRIDIA PAVONIA

Very showy profuse summer bloomers. Flowers often four inches across, brilliant colors on stems 2 to 2½ feet tall. Require treatment given to Gladiolus. Water well in blooming season or plant by water. Separate colors: orange, light pink, rose, scarlet, yellow, white.

Delivery late fall.

\$10.00 per 100 \$1.50 per 12 15c each

TRITELEIA LILACINA

Recommended as pot plant for early spring bloom in the East; good for early spring borders out of doors on Pacific Coast. Dainty star-like flowers, tinted delicate blue to white, on stems four to six inches.

\$5.00 per 100 75c per 12

TRITONIA NEW HYBRIDS

Good mixture of pinks and salmons. Spring flowering.

\$6.00 per 100 50c per 12

VELTHEIMIA VIRIDIFOLIA

Handsome Cape bulb. Forty to sixty reddish tubular flowers 1½ inches long hanging closely from the tip of a stem 15 to 18 inches tall rising from the center of a rosette of showy bright green shiny leaves 9 to 12 inches long with wavy edges. Its bold habit and beautiful foliage make it specially useful as a pot plant. Excellent in garden in mild climates and easy to grow under glass in the East.

Large bulbs \$10.00 per 12 \$1.00 each

WATSONIAS

New Australian hybrids recommended as finest of this flower group. Tall growers with larger blooms and clearer colors than any previously seen.

Victoria—rosy flame, very large blooms.

Hobart—lilac.

Adelaide—pink, with deeper pink throat.

Sydney—flame orange.

Brighton—magenta.
 Lara—pinkish red.
 Caulfield—pink lavender.
 Portland—shrimp pink.
 Clunes—pearly lavender.
 Malvern—clear orchid.
 Melbourne—clear pink.

Corms, \$2.00 per 12

20c each

WATSONIAS (the best of Mrs. Bullard's hybrids, as follows) :

Fanny Lyon—salmon, light in tone. Very tall.
 General Pershing—late bloomer, low grower, delicate salmon, rose veins.
 Ernest Braunton—deep salmon with smoky shadings on petals. Medium height.
 Eunice—shrimp pink with deeper veining, late bloomer, good grower.
 Mm. Modjeska—deep magenta, low grower.
 Estrella—cream white, tall and airy in growth.
 Mauve—late bloomer, tall grower, mauve with white markings, mauve stripe through petals.
 Ardernii—best white, very tall.
 James McGilvray—deep rose, large flower.
 K. O. Sessions—rosy pink with deeper shading, late bloomer. Petals somewhat recurved.
 Hazel—rose pink with apricot patina.
 Santa Barbara—apricot.
 Thodore Payne—late bloomer, brilliant apricot, purple anthers.
 Harriott—deep salmon, late bloomer.
 Cream Cup—creamy white, low grower.
 Mrs. John Scheepers—clear pink with blue anthers.
 Los Angeles—light lavender pink, darker veinings, tall grower.

\$1.50 per 12

15c each

WATSONIA DAZZLER

Hybrid recently introduced from Australia. Brilliant orange red flowers on slightly curved stems 3 feet tall. In milder climates this Watsonia is practically evergreen and blooms profusely during spring and summer, with scattered blooms the rest of the year. Good for cutting and an outstanding addition to the perennial border.

\$4.00 per 12

40c each

SPECIES WATSONIAS

These are evergreen and constant bloomers when planted by pools or the edges of water courses. This is worthy of note for water gardens.

W. angusta, red and scarlet tones.

W. beatricis, a glorious salmon pink.

W. marginata, orchid color, growing to eight feet.

W. meriana, mixed shades of rose, salmon, pale lemon.

W. rosea, mixed shades of rose.

Wordsworthiae, mauve-rose.

Corms, \$1.50 per 12

15c each

ZEPHYRANTHES AJAX

Zephyr lily. Similar to *Z. candida*, but having light yellow flowers on 6 to 8 inch stems. Blooms several times a year if allowed to dry out and then watered. Excellent for pots, rock gardens and borders.

\$10.00 per 100

\$1.50 per 12

ZEPHYRANTHES CANDIDA

Flowers white. Glossy evergreen foliage. Blooms in masses. Very effective for borders.

\$10.00 per 100

\$1.50 per 12