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## 1955 Crop

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SMITHWICK, SOUTH DAKOTA

#### SEEDS OF NATIVE PLANTS

especially of the High Plains, Badlands and Black Hills.

A select list containing many new and choice items, "wildflowers" of a relatively dry region. In their native haunts these plants choose well drained soils and situations and similar placing will assure their success in the garden. Cultural details may be noted in our plant catalog.

All seeds require steady moisture for germination. Certain Penstemons and others are aided by months of freezing but most Great Plains seeds may be germinated freely indoors, or outside in spring, with adequate moisture.

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**Hardy Perennials, packet 25c, except as noted:**

- Allium cernuum*, Nodding Onion. Pearly pink umbels, July, 8-16". Easy, delightful.
- Allium geyeri*. New. Clear light pink clustered heads, commonly to 10", June.
- Allium recurvatum superbum*, Pagosa Onion. Showy pink, 18", July. Leaves straplike.
- Allium textile*. Pleasant umbels of white, striped green. 6", May.
- Androstephium caeruleum*. Bulb, soft blue flowered in broad umbels. May, 5".
- Anemone patens nutt.*, American Pasque. Broad lavender stars of March, April. 3-6".
- Antennaria aprica*, Pussy-toes. Slow creeping, inch high mats of gray-green, fine.
- Aquilegia latiuscula*. Red and yellow Columbine adapted to dryer situations than *canadensis*.
- Argemone intermedia*, Prickly Poppy. White 4" crinkled silken freshness all summer. To 24".
- Arnica fulgens*. Extremely fine wide golden daisies, June, commonly 12".
- Aster batesi*. Charming tiny flowered blue lavender in long racemes. 24", may be sheared low.
- Aster kumleini*. Fine blue to purple masses. Inch wide, gold centered, Sept. 12-15".
- Aster kumleini*. Seed of rich pink variant.
- Aster meritus*. Pinkish violet in flat topped masses, blooming in July. 10".
- Aster ptarmicoides*. Excellent white with cream center. July, August. 10-14".
- Astragalus crassicarpus*, Buffalo Pea. Pastel raspberry clusters, bright plumlike fruits. Low.
- Astragalus missouriensis*, Sheep-Pod. Showy purple-red spikes, 5", May, spread 12" or more.
- Astragalus spatulatus*. Cushion plant to 4", gay with clustered heads of bright purple, May.
- Calochortus nuttalli*. Bulb, like a 3-petaled tulip, white, marked gold and maroon. 12", June.
- Chrysopsis villosa*, Golden Aster. Scintillating all gold masses, September. Grayish 12" plant.
- Clematis fremonti*. 8 to 9" stems, broad entire leaves, purple nodding urn blossoms, May.
- Clematis pitcheri*. Vine to 8 ft. Brownish purple urns in long season.
- Clematis scotti*. Leathery, nodding blue to purple urns, to 10", May. Foliage glaucous.
- Clematis scotti*. Lovely pink, 50c.
- Clematis tenuiloba*. Spectacular beauty in blue-purple, wide flaring. To 10", May, June. 35c.
- Dalea aurea*. Rare silvery green and airy light yellow inflorescence, Prairie Clover style. 14".
- Delphinium menziesi*. 12" branching plant, rich deep blue blossoms. May, June. Tuberos.
- Dodecatheon pulchellum (pauciflorum)*, Shooting Star. Lavender-rose and gold, 4-8". May.
- Echinacea angustifolia*. Bold pink daisies, mahogany centered. 12-16", July. Splendid show.
- Erigeron caespitosus*. One of the most charming little white daisies. June and later. 6".
- Erigeron glabellus*. White to purple, mainly lavender. 10-14". Neat evergreen rosettes.
- Erigeron subtrinervis*. Handsome lavender with gold, many flowered stems to 14".
- Gaillardia aristata*. Selection with much red in rays. Long season, 18".
- Gutierrezia sarothrae*, Golden Dome. Rounded vivid green bushlet, turning to gold, Sept. 12".
- Hedeoma camporum*, Pennyroyal. Little lavender florets in long season. Fine fragrance. 8".
- Ipomoea leptophylla*, Bush Morning-glory. Handsome purple-pink, long season. Very large bush.

- Iris missouriensis*. Slender silvery blue, 10-16", late June. Easy, delightful.
- Leucocrinum montanum*, Sand Lily. Waxy little lilies, abundant among grasslike leaves. 50c.
- Liatris ligulistylis*, Blazing Star. Inch wide heads of fine purple, July. 12-20".
- Liatris punctata*, Dwarf Gayfeather. Small heads closely set in spikes. August, 14". Very fine.
- Liatris pycnostachya*. Long erect spikes, closely set small heads of silvery purple. 18-36".
- Malvestrum coccineum*, Flame Mallow. Arresting little spires of salmon-scarlet, 8", summer.
- Mirabilis multiflora*, Perennial Four-o'clock. Large bush. Purple-red, very long season.
- Nothocalais cuspidata*. Fascinating rich golden composite of early May. 4-8".
- Nuttallia decapetala*, Evening Star. Ten-pointed 4" creamy stars, summer nights. To 24".
- Oenothera caespitosa*. Large flowered white stemless evening primrose, May, August. 5".
- Oenothera lavandulaefolia*. Brilliant yellow 2" blossoms, spring to fall. 4" bushlet.
- Oxytropis lamberti*, Purple Loco. Showy purple-red spires to 12", June. Silvery basal leaves.
- Oxytropis sericea*. Maytime blossoms of pastel pink, 6-10". Especially lovely.
- Penstemon albertinus*. Rather small flowered, with abundant spikes of most intense blue. 9".
- Penst. albidus*. Large flowered white, June, 12".
- Penst. alpinus*. Large flowered dark blue. 12".
- Penst. angustifolius*. Melting deep azure, wide closely packed spires, June, 12". Glauous.
- Penst. angustifolius*, very beautiful albino. 35c.
- Penst. aridus*. Delightful gem of medium blue June, 8". Small cushion, many spikes. 50c.
- Penst. caespitosus*. Inch high creeper of charming willingness, freely dotted with purple. 50c.
- Penst. crandalli* var. *taosensis*. Attractive bushlet to 4", short spikes of bright blue. 50c.
- Penst. eriantherus*. Large flowered warm lavender, broad spikes, June. 8-12".
- Penst. glaber*. Deep blue, large flowered, July, 18-24". Often reblooming. Foliage dark.
- Penst. grandiflorus*. Very large, rich lavender, June. 30" or more. Plant glauous.
- Penst. grandiflorus*, albino, a treasure among white flowers. 20% true or better. 35c.
- Penst. grandiflorus*, fine pink, thrilling beauty.
- Penst. nitidus*. Brilliant blue, May. Extra select dwarf strain, 8". Glauous plant. 35c.
- Penst. secundiflorus*. Large reddish lavender, handsome ascending spikes to 18". Glauous.
- Penst. virens*. One of the most delightful, purple-blue, 8-10". Small glossy leaves.
- Petalostemon purpureus*, Prairie Clover. Red-purple, long fingers of bloom, airy foliage.
- Phlox alyssifolia*. Large flowered pink. Selected forms. Creeping, 4". (Few packets.) 50c.
- Phlox alyssifolia*, creamy white albino. 50c.
- Phlox andicola*. Large flowered white, forming colonies. Needle leaved. 35c.
- Ruellia ciliosa* ("occidentalis"), Wild Petunia. Long season of luminous lavender blossoms.
- Senecio riddelli*. Fine masses of light yellow, September. 20" or more.
- Sideranthus spinulosus*. Low spreading bushlet, 4", golden with aster blossoms, Sept.
- Sisyrinchium angustifolium*, Blue-eyed Grass. Long season of half-inch blossoms.

- Solidago mollis*. Select low form. Billowy golden-rod heads, gray foliage. Sept. 10".
- Solidago pallida*. Plumes of light gold. Fragrant, lovely, Sept. Non-spreading. 16-20".
- Townsendia exscapa*, Easter Daisy. Astonishing wide pink daisies on tuft of grayish leaves.
- Townsendia sericea*. Even smaller, earlier, white. Limestone scree plant. 1½", April.
- Verbena bipinnatifida*. Continuous show, bright lilac-blue, May, October. By June from seed.
- Viola nuttalli*. Brilliant yellow violet of the sun-drenched prairies, long season. For poor soil.
- Yucca glauca*. Northernmost yucca. Bayonets to 20", creamy or greenish white lilies to 36".
- Yucca glauca*, strongly red tinted sepals. 50c.
- Yucca neomexicana*. Lower foliage, similar light greenish cream blossoms. Hardy.
- Zinnia glandiflora*. Brilliant golden wide rayed blossoms all summer. 6".

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**Hardy Cacti, at 25c the packet.**

- Neobesseya missouriensis*. Ball, to 2" or more. Blossoms straw, yellow or orange tint. May.
- Opuntia aurea*. Beaver-tail prickly pear with luminous rich yellow blossoms. Spineless.
- O. fragilis*. The midget prickly-pear with yellow blossoms 2" or more wide. 3" high. June.
- O. humifusa*. Selection with 4" wide blossoms, rich crimson based yellow petals. Late June.
- O. phaeacantha*. Very large pads, yellow blossoms. Hardy if shriveled. 8-10" tall. 25c.  
Rare salmon-pink *phaeacantha*, 35c.
- O. pollardi*. Rather small pads of bright green, large flash of scarlet on yellow petals.
- O. polyacantha*. Very spiny kind, blossoms in shades of yellow or orange.  
Fine carmine *polyacantha*, 35c.
- O. rhodantha*. Wonderful deep rich carmine-pink. Very large flowered selection from Utah. 35c.  
*Rhodantha*, carmine, 25c.
- O. Rutila*. Carmine blossoms, typical narrow pads of species. Rapid grower, decumbent, 5".

**Hardy Shrub Seeds, at 25c the packet.**

- Atriplex canescens*, Salt Bush. Good all season effect in gray-green. To 20". Alkaline soil.
- Cercocarpus montanus*, Mountain Mahogany. Small leaved, slender stemmed, ultimately to 8 ft.
- Chrysothamnus graveolens*. Rabbit Brush. 36".  
Ablaze with goldenrod-like bloom, September.
- Chrysothamnus plattensis*. Charming little Rabbit Brush, in light yellow. 10". September.
- Rosa arkansana*, J. W. Fargo. Very lovely double pink wild rose. Mostly double from seed. Low.
- Rosa foliolosa*. Delightful pure white single, 1½" wide. Small shining leaflets. 10" tall.
- Rose, Mrs. Mina Lindell. Wild tetraploid, 20 to 35". Semi-double, vivid carmine-crimson.

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**Annuals and Biennials, packet 25c.**

- Helianthus petiolaris*, Sand Sunflower. 12-30".  
Really beautiful, long stemmed, graceful.
- Phacelia linearis*. Mauve-purple, half inch wide, massed and prolific. Mainly June. 9-10".
- Townsendia grandiflora*. Glowing white 1½" wide daisies, slender leaved bushlet, 4". (Bien.)