

Rare and Unusual

Key

- Full sun
- ◐ Part sun/part shade
- Shade
- 🌿 Attractive foliage
- 🐦 Bird food source
- 🦋 Butterfly-friendly
- ❄️ Cold-sensitive: keep above 40°
- 🍴 Culinary
- 🌸 Edible flowers
- 🌿 Ground cover
- 🐦 Hummingbird-friendly
- 🍵 Medicinal
- 🌿 Rock garden
- 📄 Minnesota native
- 🇺🇸 U.S. native
- 🔄 Saturday restock
- 🌿 Certified organic
- ☠️ Toxic to humans

Perennials

U001 **Bamboo, Rufa** *Fargesia rufa* **NEW**
Vivid orange-red stem coverings. One of the hardier bamboos, but will require an ideal location to do well in Minnesota. Clump-forming, noninvasive. 6–8'w by 8'h ○●☺ **\$30.00—1 gal. pot**

U002 **Bloodroot, Double** *Sanguinaria canadensis*
Multi-petaled 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. 10–12"h ○●☺🌿 **\$20.00—4" pot**
See also the single Bloodroot, page 44

Columbine, Variegated *Aquilegia vulgaris*
The gold and green foliage of these columbines makes them beautiful even when they're not blooming. Graceful, complex flowers with a structure like origami. These variegated columbines are hard to propagate, and are usually available only in limited quantities. ○●☺🌿 **\$5.00—2.5" pot:**

U003 **Leprechaun Gold** 🌿—Purple flowers. Wonderful contrasted with dark foliage plants. 24–30"h

U004 **Woodside Gold** 🌿—Brilliant golden yellow leaves brighten the shade border. Blue to rose blossoms in late spring. 24"h
\$6.00—4" pot:

U005 **Woodside Variegata** 🌿—Mix of flower colors. 18–26"h

U006 **Elm, Miniature** *Ulmus parviflora* 'Seiju'
Truly a miniature elm, perfect for rock gardens, bonsai or (dare we say it) an outdoor model railroad. Toothed, glossy leaves and mottled bark. Resistant to Dutch elm disease. Winter protection recommended. 2–10'h ○☺ **\$29.00—2 gal. pot**

U007 **Franklin Tree** *Franklinia alatamaha* **NEW**
Creamy white 3" fragrant flowers in late summer. Extinct in the wild. Protected location in sandy soil. 15–20'h ○●☺ **\$49.00—2 gal. pot**

U008 **Ginger, Early Yellow** *Roscoea cauleyoides* **NEW**
Elegant yellow flowers resemble orchids. From China, where it grows in clearings between pines and rhododendrons. Deep winter mulch recommended. Also does well in deep pots. 18–24"h ○●☺ **\$24.00—1 quart pot**

U009 **Green Dragon, Little** **NEW** *Pinellia pedatisecta*
Jack-in-the-Pulpit cousin from northern and western China and Japan. Palm-like divided leaves. Spreads. 15"h ○●☺ **\$5.00—3.5" pot**

U010 **Hellebore** **NEW** *Helleborus orientalis* 'Phedar Mix'
Shades of pink, rose, white, purple and almost black. Hellebores, like their peony relatives, can be very long-lived in the garden. These evergreens are heavy feeders, so amend the soil well. The early spring blooms look like wild roses, but near to the ground. 15–18"h ●● **\$20.00—1 quart pot**
See also Hellebores in perennials, page 14

Hepatica, Rare Hepatica
Collector's items. Winsome flowers in shades of blue to purple in early spring. Evergreen; leaves turn liver-colored in winter. Be sure to check their photos on our website. ●●☺

\$39.00—4" pot:
U011 *H. transylvanica* **NEW**—Showy pale blue daisy flowers. 6"h
\$69.00—4" pot:
U012 *H. nobilis* 'Flora Plena Rubra' **NEW**—Brilliant fully double red-purple flowers in spring. Appreciates a winter mulch. 6"h
U013 *H. media billardii* **NEW**—Sky blue blooms on this rare plant. 18" w by 6" h

See also the native Hepatica, page 46

U014 **Lavender, Cynthia Johnson** 🌿 *Lavandula angustifolia*
Selected by Betty Ann Addison of Rice Creek Gardens for its ability to survive our winters. Probably the only lavender that will truly grow as a perennial in Minnesota. 24"h ○ **\$7.50—2.5" pot**

U015 **Mulberry, Weeping** *Morus alba*
Umbrella-shaped small tree. These baby trees should be staked and pruned to develop a single trunk, then allowed to cascade. Unlike most commercially available weeping mulberries, this one has tasty berries in mid summer. (Ripe berries are edible, but other parts of the plant are not.) Grown from cuttings taken from a century-old tree growing in St. Paul. 20'h in a hundred years. ○●☺ **\$25.00—1 quart pot**

U016 **Onion, Blue-Flowered** **NEW** *Allium beesiaunum*
Unusual true deep blue mini-allium from China. Nodding umbels of small bell flowers in September. 8"h ○☺ **\$7.00—4" pot**
See also Rock Garden Onion in perennials, page 18

U017 **Peony, Chinese Mountain** *Paeonia obovata*
Native to the mountains of China. Single pink blooms in spring, followed by brilliant orange-red seed pods with bluish-black shiny seeds that persist for many weeks—brightens up a shady corner! A woodland peony. 24–28"h ○● **\$25.00—in a 3" pot**

Peony, Hidden Springs *Paeonia*
From Harvey Buchite of Hidden Springs Flower Farm. Names and years in parentheses indicate the originator and year. *P. lactiflora* hybrids unless noted. ○☺

\$23.00—1 gal. pot:
U018 **Duluth**—Large double white blooms on stiff stems to hold the flowers high and erect. Late bloomer. Rich green foliage. (Minnesota breeding by Franklin 1931) 36"h

U019 **Early Bird** **NEW**—Nodding, single, bright-crimson flowers above finely cut foliage that emerges deep red. Rare dwarf hybrid between *P. tenuifolia* and *P. veitchii woodwardii*. Very early. 18–20"h ☺

U020 **Early Scout**—('Richard Carvel' x *tenuifolia*) Very early-blooming single to semi-double hybrid with dark crimson-red flowers above ferny foliage. (Auten 1952) 21"h ☺

U021 **European Peony**, *P. officinalis*—Grown from wild-collected seed in the Italian Alps. Lavender-pink species with blue-green foliage and compact plant habit. Early blooming. 24"h ☺

U022 **Faribo Gold**—Tall white Japanese variety with a brilliant yellow center. (Brand 1966) 36"h

U023 **Frank Newbold** **NEW**—Pink Japanese type. Old gold center contrasts with the broad pink outer petals. Very floriferous. 34"h

U024 **Kay Tischler** **NEW**—7–8" bright pink blooms. Staminoides are broad, bright pink and tipped in yellow. Minnesota breeding. 38"h

U025 **Lotus Queen** **NEW**—White Japanese type. Large yellow center surrounded by creamy white guard petals and finely cut yellow staminoides. Cupped, slightly fragrant, late blooming. 34"h

U026 **Sebastian Maas** **NEW**—Unusually vibrant sparkling double pink. 36"h

U027 **Sword Dance** **NEW**—Impressive red guard petals surrounding center of gold and red. Late blooming. 34"h

U028 **Sunshine**, *P. peregrina*—Bright-red, cup-shaped flowers. 20"h ☺

U029 **Tinkerbelle** **NEW**—Cute, single, lavender-pink cups with gold stamens bloom early. May go dormant earlier in the fall. 12"h ☺

U030 **Vera Tischler** **NEW**—Bright pink. Minnesota breeding. 36"h

\$30.00—1 gal. pot:
U031 **Buckeye Belle**—Deep mahogany red, almost black, semi-double. A wonderful hybrid blooming very early, cup shaped with gold center accent. Top notch cut flower. (Mains 1956) 30"h

U032 **Carol**—Double dark rich velvety red with large petals, these large flowers need support. Early. (Bockstoce 1955) 28–34"h

U033 **Coral Fay** **NEW**—Single coral pink hybrid. Fine foliage from its fernleaf parentage. Very early. 34"h

U034 **Dearest** **NEW**—Single white hybrid. Glossy varnished blooms are blush pink with darker pink edges and pink veining. 34"h

\$30.00—2 gal. pot:
U035 **Coral Charm**—Rare coral tones with a cupped, old-fashioned, rose-shaped bloom. Vigorous, semi-double. Strong stems; good cut flower. (Wissing 1964) 32–36"h

Peony, Itoh Paeonia
Peony hybridizers dreamed for a long time of crossing a woody peony with an herbaceous peony, and it was finally achieved in 1948 by Toichi Itoh of Tokyo. His cross of the tree peony 'Alice Harding' with the herbaceous peony 'Kakoden' produced viable seed. Itoh died before his seedlings flowered, but his assistant continued and they flowered in 1963 with double yellow flowers on low herbaceous plants. Referred to as Intersectional hybrids or Itoh hybrids, their strong stems hold up well in rain (no support needed). Mature plants can bear 30 flowers. ○☺ **\$89.00—2 gal. pot:**

U036 **Bartzella** **NEW**—Canary yellow 9" double blossoms with red flames at the center. Slightly spicy scent. 24–36"h

U037 **Julia Rose** **NEW**—Red in bud, opening into 4–6" orange and apricot blooms with purple flushed edges. Spicy scent. 42" w by 28" h

U038 **Singing in the Rain** **NEW**—Creamy yellow and salmon semi-double. Sweet scent. 36–48" h

Peony, Memorial Day *Paeonia officinalis*
Old-fashioned double peonies. Early blooming. ○●☺ **\$19.00—1 gal. pot:**

U039 **Rosea Plena**—Pink blooms with a spicy fragrance. 32" h

U040 **Rubra Plena**—Deep red. 32" h

Peony, Woody *Paeonia suffruticosa*
Woody peonies require at least four to five hours of sunlight daily. Good drainage is essential in a loamy soil with high humus content. Once established, you will be rewarded each year with an abundance of beautiful, huge flowers. 72" ○●☺ **\$30.00—1 gal. pot:**

U041 **Fluorescent Pink**, 'Yachiyotsubaki'

U042 **Red**, 'Taigo'

U043 **Red and White**, 'Shimanishiki'

See also Peonies in perennials, page 18

U044 **Pine, Japanese White** *Pinus parviflora*
Young trees are dense and conical, while older trees develop a picturesque form, flat-topped with lower branches shorter than upper branches. 30–70" w by 30–70" h ○ **\$15.00—6" pot**

Pinks, Moss *Dianthus*
Miniature cushions, excellent for rock gardens, troughs, or between paving stones. Amazingly tight, tiny foliage. ○☺

\$8.00—2.5" pot:
U045 *D. microlepis* **NEW**—Cushion of tidy silvery-gray foliage. Slightly serrated. 5" pink or purple flowers in summer. Good drainage. 3–4" h

U046 *D. simulans* **NEW**—Tight bun of tiny green blades resembles a moss-covered stone. Miniature pink flowers in late spring. From the mountains of Bulgaria. Excellent drainage. 12" w by 2" h

See also annual Pinks, page 33, and perennial Pinks, page 18

U047 **Rock Cress, Variegated** **NEW** *Arabis caucasica* 'Variegata'
Simple white four-petaled flowers in March. Green leaves edged with cream. Good drainage. 12–16" w by 6" h ○●☺ **\$2.00—2.5" pot**

U048 **Snowdrop** *Galanthus nivalis*
Earliest of spring blooms. Small white flowers hang down from the stalks like drops. Good for dry partial shade, as under a deciduous tree (they grow before the trees leaf out). 8–12" h ○●☺☺ **\$5.00—3.5" pot**

Trillium *Trillium*
Spring-blooming woodland flowers with three leaves. Give trilliums a rich, deep, rather moist soil. ●● **\$9.00—4.5" pot:**

U049 **Pink, Bashful Wakerobin**, *T. catesbeii* **NEW** 🌿—White maturing to pink 1" nodding flowers with prominent yellow anthers and petals that curl backwards. Its common name, Bashful Wakerobin, alludes to the way it hangs its head and blushes. Likes acidic well-drained soil, moisture. April to June. 12" h

\$22.00—1 quart pot:
U050 **Twisted Trillium**, *T. stamineum* **NEW**—Narrow twisty chocolate-maroon petals and prominent stamens. Lightly mottled leaves. Early spring. 12–18" h

See also the native Trillium, page 48



Peony

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U051 **True Lover's Knot** *Paris quadrifolia* **NEW**
Unique green and yellow flower in May above four or five broad propeller-like leaves. One prominent blue-black berry forms in the flower's center. Plant where trilliums are happy. Slow-growing. A collector's item. 8" h ○
\$29.00—4" pot

U052 **Yucca, Dwarf** *Yucca nana*
A Utah cutie, this miniature rosette has narrow green leaves covered in white hairs. In a well-drained place, this succulent will make colonies of tiny rosettes that bloom in showy 24–36" spikes of large ivory, bell-shaped flowers. Superb and uncommon rock garden plant. 6–12" h ○☞☞☞
\$5.00—2.5" pot
See also *Yucca* in *perennials*, page 20

Tender Perennials

These plants need to be over-wintered indoors. Will not tolerate frost.

U053 **Aloe, Fan** *Aloe plicatilis* **NEW**
10" blue-green leaves arranged in a fan. Tubular scarlet-orange flowers. Slow-growing. 12–18" h ○☞☞☞
\$18.00—6" pot

U054 **Balloon Pea** *Lessertia montana* **NEW**
Silver stems and leaves with shocking red flowers followed by inflated seed pods. South African native. Winter indoors. 36" h ○
\$3.00—2.5" pot

U055 **Barbados Cherry** *Malpighia glabra* **NEW**
Orange-red berry-sized fruit with a vitamin C content up to 65 times that of an orange. White to pink flowers appearing anytime. Fruit sets and ripens in 3–4 weeks. Winter indoors. 36–72" h ○☞☞☞
\$8.00—4" pot

U056 **Brazilian Aloe** **NEW**
Furcraea foetida 'Mediopicta'
The agave look without the sharp tips. Soft green and cream striped wavy-edged sword-like foliage. Give it good drainage. OK in light shade. Winter indoors. 48" h ○☞☞☞
\$15.00—1 gal. pot

U057 **Butterwort, Giant** **NEW**
Pinguicula gigantea
Sticky secretions on its rosette of pale green leaves trap and digest insects. Purple flowers. Keep damp. Indoors, enjoys a sunny window. 6–12" h ○☞☞☞
\$15.00—3.5" pot

Cactus, Rare
Unusual cacti for your succulent collection. ○☞☞☞
\$10.00—4" pot:

U058 Orange Spine, *Mammillaria spinosissima*—Pincushion with bright orange spines. 12" h ☺

U059 Purple Spine, *Echinocereus pectinatus* var. *rubrispinus*—Pink flowers bloom mid spring to mid summer. Keep dry in winter. 6–12" h

\$15.00—4" pot:
U060 Orange-Capped—Grows an orange crown. 12" h

Calla *Zantedeschia aethiopica* **NEW**
The ever-popular elegant cut flower. Large arrowhead-shaped leaves. Keep moist. ○☞☞☞
\$12.00—2 gal. pot:

U061 White—White 8" rolled goblets in spring and summer. Green leaves. 36" h

\$16.00—1 gal. pot:
U062 Picasso—Creamy white with deep purple throat. Green leaves. 14–24" h

\$19.00—2 gal. pot:
U063 Giant—White-speckled green leaves are waist-high with a classic creamy white-cupped fragrant flower on a stalk. Late spring-mid summer blooms. Keep well watered. Winter indoors. 72" h

Citrus *Citrus*
Fragrant white flowers and glossy green foliage. These are trees whose heights will vary depending on how many years you over-winter them. Needs excellent drainage. ○☞☞☞
\$49.00—5 gal. pot:

U064 **Kumquat**, *C. japonica* **NEW**
Savor the contrast of sour and salty of the fresh juicy olive-sized fruit. Also used in preserves. Native to South Asia and Asia-Pacific. Winter indoors. Syn. *Fortunella margarita*. 8" w by 8" h

U065 **Lemon, Meyer**, *C. x meyeri* **NEW**
Good ornamental plants for compact size and productivity. Leaves are dark green, with young leaves and shoots dark purple. Fruits are yellow and rounder than a true lemon with a slight orange tint when ripe. Sweeter and less acidic than the common lemon, with a fragrant, edible skin.

Citrus continued
\$49.00—5 gal. pot:
U066 **Lime, Persian**, *C. x latifolia* **NEW**
This is the regular lime. Leaves are especially good for coating with melted chocolate (use the underside of the leaf). After the chocolate sets, pull off the leaf to reveal a chocolate twin with a tantalizing hint of citrus. Perfect for decorating cakes and pies. One of the easier citrus trees to grow.

U067 **Lime, Kaffir**, *C. hystrix* **NEW**
Grown primarily for its attractive and distinctively shaped double leaves. Prized by Thai cooks, they can be used fresh or dried and can be stored frozen. This small thorny tree is well suited to container growing. It can bloom year-round and may bear small, very bumpy inedible green fruit.

U068 **Orange, Blood** **NEW**
Blood red fruits inside orange skins.

U069 **Orange, Satsuma Mandarin**, *C. reticulata* **NEW**
Sometimes called "zipper skins" because they're so easily peeled. Self-fruiting and easy to grow if they aren't over-watered. Bright orange, nearly seedless fruit. 10" h

U070 **Dahlia, Tree** *Dahlia imperialis* **NEW**
Fast-growing, gigantic dahlia from Central America won't flower this far north, but is fun to grow for its tropical foliage and thick bamboo-like stems. These were used by Aztecs as water pipes. Its tubers can be stored for the winter like regular dahlias. 96" h ○☞☞☞
\$10.00—1 gal. pot

U071 **Impatiens, Parrot** **NEW**
Impatiens niamniamensis
Shiny scarlet and yellow 1.5" shrimp-shaped blooms with a lime green hood. Scalloped dark green leaves up to 9" long. Requires moist and preferably somewhat acidic soil. Becomes a houseplant in winter. 48" h ○☞☞☞
\$7.50—4" pot

U072 **Lupine, Silver Bush** **NEW**
Lupinus albifrons
Showstopper with bright purple to light blue fragrant flower spikes above a velvety silver rosette. Good drainage. Drought tolerant, deer resistant. ○☞☞☞
\$3.00—2.5" pot

U073 **Miracle Fruit** *Synsepalum dulcificum* **NEW**
A natural sweetener from West Africa. Relatively tasteless, but the small scarlet berries have an amazing side effect: After eating one, sour things will instantly taste sweet for an hour or two. 12" h ○☞☞☞
\$19.00—4.5" pot

U074 **Nasturtium, Ken Aslet** **NEW**
Tropaeolum tuberosum
Vibrant perky orange-red and gold trumpets bloom late summer or fall on climbing stems. Lobed blue-green foliage. Seen in many English gardens scrambling up shrubs. 72–96" h ○☞☞☞
\$25.00—4.5" pot

U075 **Natal Plum** *Carissa grandiflora* **NEW**
Like jasmine in flower and fragrance with glossy green leaves. Excellent plant for bonsai. Drought tolerant. Thorny spines, so handle with care. 3' w by 6–8' h ○☞☞☞
\$8.00—3.5" pot

U076 **Nong Noch** **NEW**
Petraeovitex bambusetorum
Cascades of showy soft yellow bracts and tiny creamy white flowers hang down 24" or more, blooming spring through fall. Heart-shaped foliage. 36–48" h ○☞☞☞
\$9.00—4.5" pot

U077 **Pink Lantern** *Medinilla magnifica* **NEW**
Native to the Philippine Islands, this compact shrub loves heat and humidity. Spectacular 18" hanging clusters of bright pink to coral red flowers are hooded by large leaf-like light pink bracts. Morning sun OK. 36" h ○☞☞☞
\$15.00—4" pot

We want to hear from you!

We want to hear about your experiences with these rare plants. Pictures and feedback will help us to decide what rare plants to offer in the future.

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U078 **Pomegranate, Dwarf** **NEW**
Punica granatum var. *nana*
All parts of the tree are miniaturized: leaves, yellow-orange trumpet flowers, and occasional fruits that are edible but mainly ornamental. Self-fruitful. If trained as bonsai, the tree's twisting trunk takes on that desired ancient gnarly look and can be restricted to as little as 12" high. 24–36" w by 24–36" h ○☞☞☞
\$8.00—4" pot

Puya Puya
Terrestrial bromeliad from Central and South American. ○☞☞☞
\$5.00—2.5" pot:

U079 Lime Puya, *P. mirabilis* **NEW**
Grassy rosette with stems of 4" flaring lime green bell flowers, up to 15 per stem. Drought tolerant, deer resistant. Winter indoors. 12" h ☞☞☞

\$5.00—4" pot:
U080 Silver Puya, *P. coerulea violacea* **NEW**
Rosettes of narrow silvery-green toothed leaves. Tall red stalks of dark purple-black flowers with prominent yellow stamens. From the mountains of Chile. Winter indoors. 12–18" h

U081 **Spear Leaf** *Sanseveria cylindrica* **NEW**
Smooth, striped, succulent, green-grey leaves more than an inch thick grow upright like a candelabra. Resilient and only needs watering once or twice a month outside in the summer and even less frequently as a houseplant. 24–60" h ○☞☞☞
\$8.00—4" pot

U082 **Spurge, Pincushion** **NEW**
Euphorbia enopla 'Purple Spikes'
Branching succulent with 2" purple-red spines on gray-blue-green branches like a mini-cactus. Color best in light shade but growth more compact in full sun. 6–24" h ○☞☞☞
\$3.00—4" pot

U083 **Sugar Cane, Purple** **NEW**
Saccharum officinarum 'Pele's Smoke'
Strong black-purple canes with long plum-purple leaves. Best grown in a container so it can be brought indoors for the winter. 60–96" h ○☞☞☞
\$29.00—1 gal. pot

Voodoo Lilies
Not house plants, these tender perennials from the collections of local aroid enthusiasts should be planted in the garden then brought inside for the winter (with the exception of the Titan Arum). A care sheet will be provided with each plant. ○☞☞☞

Indian Voodoo Lily, *Sauromatum venosum*—Purplish green tubular flower with dark purple markings, surrounding a blackish purple central spike. Following the bloom, large green leaves emerge on purple, mottled stems. Usually blooms in early summer. 24–36" h

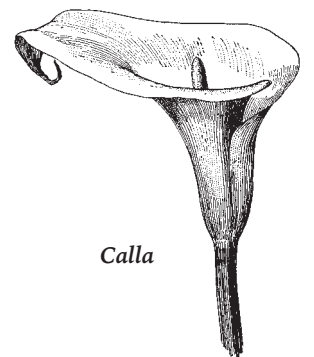
U084 \$6.00—bareroot
U085 \$19.00—extra large bareroot

Tree of India, *Amorphophallus konjac*—Reddish purple spathe, each with a protruding dark brown spadix. Each flower is followed by a solitary, huge leaf on a mottled stalk. The overall appearance is like a tree with a smooth, spotted trunk. 36–54" h

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U088 **Giant Voodoo Lily**, *Typhonium giganteum*—12" arrowhead-shaped leaves in early summer. In mid-summer, a bizarre 10" flower at ground level is light purple with a velvety black lining and a black spadix. 20" h
\$10.00—bareroot

U089 **Titan Arum**, *Amorphophallus titanum*—When this monstrously stinky 72" burgundy flower from the rain forests of Sumatra finally blooms, it's a news event: it can take a decade. It requires warm, moist (but not wet) soil year-round and will reward you with an increasingly tall stalk with a leafy top. Also called Corpse Flower. 144–180" h ○☞☞☞
\$100.00—bareroot



Calla



Lemon