# Unusual & Rare

### Key

- Full sun ● Part sun/part shade
- Shade

### Attractive to bees

- Audubon-endorsed
- W Butterfly-friendly
- Y Hummingbird-friendly
- **Attractive foliage**
- <sup>™</sup> Culinary
- A Edible flowers
- 🐼 Ground cover
- 😤 Houseplant
- 🚽 Medicinal
- ☑ Minnesota native
- 🕑 Rock garden
- Cold-sensitive: keep above 40°F
- Toxic to humans
- 🕮 Saturday restock



Hellebore

## Hardy Perennials

### U001 Begonia, Hardy Begonia grandis

Lavender-pink flowers with gold centers hang in loose clusters from slender, branching 12" pink-red stems late summer into fall. Yellowish green 4" leaves look like lopsided hearts. Not usually considered hardy here, but has proven hardy in several local gardens. 24"h DOFS \$5.00-2.5" pot

### U002 Garlic, Flowering Kii Allium kiiense

Want a plant whose flowers are happy and blooming at 16°F? If so, here it is! Out-facing lavender clusters cover this mounding plant in late fall. The thin foliage turns red in the cold. Hails from the Kii Peninsula in southern Japan. Also known as kiito rakkyo. 6"h \$11.00-2.5" pot 000

### **Hellebore** *Helleborus*

Cupped flowers with overlapping petals bloom in early spring and most will later turn green. Leathery evergreen leaves. Long-lived in the right spot; perfect for woodland areas with moist, rich soil and good drainage. Lightly mulch to retain moisture and water well through the summer. Mature plants dislike being moved or divided. 🛈 🕃

### \$10.00—1 quart pot:

U003 Hybrid Mix—A range of colors including white, yellow, pink, green, and purple. 18"h

### \$15.00—3" plug:

U004 Walberton's Rosemary IIID—Star-shaped rosy pink 3" flowers with lighter veining and darker pink sprinkles. Light greenish yellow centers. Out-facing and sterile. Would enjoy a slightly sunnier spot. 12–18"h 🕸 🗑 🍾

# Lady's Slipper Cypripedium O

### Lady's Slipper

Hardy orchids with pouch-like flowers from Germany. They prefer well-drained but moist garden soil and regular feeding in spring. Semi-shade, no direct sun at midday. Spring bloom.

Anna—White flowers heavily veined with red-violet and set off by twisted ruby sepals. A cross of a hardy Asian species with our native small yellow lady's slipper. 12"h U017 NF \$71.00—1 gal. pot

U018 \$89.00—1 gal. pot

Columbianum (E)—Elongated offwhite pouch with twisted rust brown petals on slender stalks. Often with two flowers per stem. 12–24"h

U019 NF \$71.00-1 gal. pot

- **Eurasia (EW)**—Pouch and petals are dusty rose-purple with white highlights. Large and vigorous. 12-18"h
- U020 NF \$71.00-1 gal. pot
- U021 \$89.00-1 gal. pot
- Frosch's Mother Earth—Pouch is cream with a pale purple blush, and petals are twisted and striped with purple-brown. The name

### Ingrid Impouch and maroon petals speckled with gold.

Occasionally has two flowers on a stem. 12-24"h U027 NF \$71.00-1 gal. pot

U028 \$89.00—1 gal. pot

Kristi Lyn-Large, prominent yellow pouch. Petals are yellow with violet mottling. Often has multiple flowers per stalk. 12-24"h U029 NF \$71.00-1 gal. pot

- Schoko—"Schoko" is German for "chocolate," a clue to the color of the brownish red flowers rimmed in yellow with cinnamon-colored sepals. 12"h
- U030 NF \$71.00—1 gal. pot U031 \$89.00-1 gal. pot
- Ventricosum—A natural hybrid found in Siberia, recreated for commercial sale. Depending on the seedling, the pouches may range in color from magenta to pink, white, or cream, sometimes with red speckling. Sepals can be brown to purple-striped. 15"h U032 NF \$71.00-1 gal. pot

### U033\$89.00—1 gal. pot U034 Lady's Slipper,

### Hellebore continued

### \$17.00—4.5" pot:

- U005 Frostkiss Anna's Red -Rosy flowers change to burgundy. The Frostkiss series has abundant, out-facing 3" blossoms above brightly marbled foliage. Whiskery centers look like fireworks. Blooms later than other hellebores. 18-24"h U006 Frostkiss Bayli's Blush -Pale cream petals
- brushed with lavender-pink. 18-24"h U007 Frostkiss Molly's White -Greenish white
  - flowers with green centers. Bracts persist through summer. Blooms later than other hellebores. 18-24"h
- U008 Frostkiss Penny's Pink -Flowers change color, from purple in bud to variations on pink and green. Leaves may be veined with pink, silver, or gold. Blooms later than other hellebores. 18-24"h
- U009 Honeyhill Joy H. × nigercors -Glossy bluetinged leaves contrast with large out-facing cream flowers that develop a greenish hue. Blooms for two months. 18–28"h
- U010 Honeymoon Paris in Pink @—Single light to medium pink flowers up to 4" wide. The Honeymoon series was bred by Hans Hansen, formerly of Minnesota. 18-24"h
- U011 Honeymoon Spanish Flare -Single light yellow 3" flowers with burgundy flares. 18-24"h
- U012 North Star Plum @—Reddish purple petals outlined with pink. Fully double. 24-28"h 🎄
- U013 **Snowbells**—Semi-double, out-facing white 3" flowers with a greenish yellow center. Blooms up to four weeks earlier than other varieties. Hybrid. 10–12"h
- U014 Wedding Party Confetti Cake 🖓—Single light yellow flowers with heavy burgundy red speckling. The Wedding Party series is also from Hans Hansen. 18–24"h
- U015 Wedding Party Mother of the Bride em-Apricot 3" doubles with light pink margins. 18–24"h

### U016 Hosta, Closed-Flower NEW Hosta clausa var. clausa

Shiny, narrow 6" dark green leaves with sharply point-

ed tips are quite upright. Purple flower buds, bright pink around their bases, appear in late summer on 30" stems. These buds never open. Unusual for a hosta, the plant spreads quickly by rhizomes, so it's useful and very attractive for colonizing a slope or hell-strip. Not to be planted among a hosta collection. Native to Korea. 12"h by 120"w **●● ③ \$17.00**—**4**" *deep pot* 

### Lily, Martagon Lilium martagon

Small, recurved flowers dangle from upright stems in early summer. Self-seeds in a good site, preferring part shade. Flowers open from the bot-

tom up over one to two weeks. All parts of the lily are toxic to cats, even small amounts of pollen and water that held cut lily stems.  $\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$ 

### U035 Arabian Knight 🕮 —

Many deep red to maroon flowers whose petals are brushed with orange-gold near the center and on their edges. Maroon spots. Fragrant. 36-48"h

lily \$12.00-4.5" pot

U036 **Brunsweik**—Bright orange with tiny darker spots. 48–60"h \$35.00—1.5 gal. pot

Martagon

### U043 Peony, Fern-Leaf

Paeonia tenuifolia Deep red double 3-4" flowers in May, before most peonies. Feathery foliage stays attractive. 12–18"h ⊖ 🖄 🕮 \$72.00-2 gal. pot

Peony, Itoh

Paeonia  $\times$  lactiflora

These crosses between woody and common peonies have stems that hold

up well in rain (no support needed). Grows from the ground up each year like a common peony, but with large (5-9"), long-lasting flowers on stronger stems like a woody peony. Early summer bloom. Deer-resistant. 🔿 😂

Fern-leaf

peony

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### \$35.00—2 gal. pot:

U044 **Bartzella**—Canary yellow 9" double blossoms with red flames at the center. Slightly spicy scent. Mature plants can bear 30 flowers. 24-36"h

### \$49.00—2 gal. pot:

- U045 Garden Treasure—Showy, semi-double citron yellow flowers with muted red flares. A broad, low bush with many side buds, it has an extended flowering period. The lemony fragrance is a bonus. Vigorous and award-winning. 30"h by 48"w 🕱 🍾
- U046 Orange Victory ( Double or semi-double peach flowers are lightly fragrant. 28-36"h 🞄
- U047 **Purple Sensation CED**—Single or semi-double 6" flowers with vivid magenta-purple petals, yellow center, and grape purple flares at the base of each petal. Open-flowered type. Early. 30-36"h
- U048 Tolomeo #59 (III)—A 7" open cup with single to semi-double petals of deep pink to burgundy red. Burgundy flares around a yellow center. Lightly fragrant. 24-36"h

### Peony, Woody Paeonia

Woody peonies can live more than a hundred years. Once established, you will be rewarded each year with an abundance of beautiful, huge flowers. They are grafted—plant very deeply so the nurse root is too deep to send up shoots and the grafted top part will root itself. They require four to five hours of sunlight daily and good drainage with high humus content. Blooms late spring. Deer-resistant.  $\bigcirc \bigcirc \textcircled{3}$ 

### \$39.00—2 gal. pot:

- U049 Bull's Eye P. suffruticosa NEW—White 7" flower glows silvery purple in sunlight. Lightly fragrant, with a red center. 36-60"h 🞄
- U050 Jing Ming Fen P. rockii III -- Soft pink doubles with dark red flares towards the center. Fragrant. 36-60"h
- U051 Melody P. suffruticosa (E)—Fully double salmon to coral 8" flowers appear later in spring than those of many other peonies. Also known as Hua Wang. 36"h 🞄
- U052 Pink Sky P. suffruticosa NEW-Fragrant and long-lasting pink doubles appear mid-spring. 48–60"h 🞄

U054 Puccoon. Carolina

Lithospermum caroliniense

U053 Xue Ying Tao Hua P. suffruticosa III —Large double pale pink flowers with purple-magenta centers. Also known as Peach Blossoms Reflected on Snow. 36–60"h 🕷

refers to the earthy color of the petals. 12-24"h U022 NF \$71.00—1 gal. pot U023 \$89.00-1 gal. pot

#### Frosch's Queen of the Mist

White pouch and broad, pale lime petals on sturdy stems. Rapid growth. 12-18"h U024 \$89.00-1 gal. pot

Henning Pinkepank (E) - Dark maroon pouch with similarly colored broad, untwisted petals. Named after the breeder. 12-24"h U025 NF \$71.00—1 gal. pot

Henric—Wine red with burgundy sepals. 8-12"h U026 \$89.00-1 gal. pot

### Spreading Alaskanum

A miniature that spreads like a ground cover. Pouch is blotched with welldemarcated burgundy and cream. Petals are wide with irregular patterns of burgundy and white. Naturally occurring hybrid that prefers welldrained but moist garden soil and regular feeding in spring. Price depends on one, two, or three blooming buds in the pot. 8–10"h 🛈 🎎

\$89.00, \$139.00, or \$189.00

Lady's

slipper

—1 gal. pot

### U037 Claude Shride—Deep copper-red to mahogany flowers lightly spotted with gold-orange.

Vigorous. 36–48"h \$35.00—1.5 gal. pot U038 Fairy Morning—Pink buds open to flowers in shades of pink and yellow with burgundy spots. 36-48"h \$35.00—1.5 gal. pot

U039 Manitoba Morning -Rich pink buds open to a rosy burnt red with dark speckles surrounded by yellow. Bred by Dr. Eugene Fox, martagon grower from Alberta, Canada. 48"h \$12.00-4.5" pot U040 **Terrace City**—Yellow petals blend into pink at the tips and have pink reverses. Scattered deep

\$35.00—1.5 gal. pot red spots. 36–48"h 💥

### U041 Lords and Ladies (NEW)

### Arum italicum Marmoratum

Arrowhead-shaped gravish green leaves with pale green veins. Leaves disappear in late spring. In early summer, it bears pale greenish white spathes followed by spikes of bright orange berries. Produces its largest leaves (8-12" long) in part shade, but needs an open sunny site to bloom well. 12–18"h ○ € \$16.00—4.5" pot

Bright orange-yellow 1" flowers with five petals splayed outwards around a tubular base. Stems, with light white hairs, rise in groups of five above lanceshaped leaves. Flowers give way to very hard seeds. "Puccoon" indicates it was used as a dye. Minnesota native wild flower. Seed from Sherburne County, Minn. 6-24"h 〇番争眾音官部 \$28.00—1 gal. pot

### U055 Surprise Lily Lycoris squamigera 🚚

This woodland plant has leaves that come and go with the daffodils, then in late summer a flower stalk bursts from the bare earth with a cluster of pink amaryllislike flowers. Needs spring sun. 30–45"h ○●♥♥♥☺ \$19.00-4.5" pot

### U056 **Yellow Star Grass** Hypoxis hirsuta

Tufted grass-like perennial with bright yellow flowers that attract smaller bees like the mason bees. It will form colonies but is not aggressive. Dry prairie to open woodland. West Virginia source. 6–10"h ○①為口

\$17.00-4.5" pot

NF in a Lady's Slipper name indicates a smaller root size, meaning the plant will take an additional year to reach blooming age.

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# Tender Perennials

### U057 **Angel's Trumpet, Miniature** *Iochroma australe* Blue

Dangling lavender 2" trumpets and furry leaves. Indoors it can bloom throughout the year. Welldrained but moist soil and regular feeding. Can be pruned hard in early spring. From Bolivia and Argentina. Syn. *Eriolarynx australis*. 24–36"  $h \oplus$  \$ \$16.00—5.25" pot

### U058 **Aztec Lily** Sprekelia formosissima

One spidery bright red 6" flower tops each leafless, reddish stem. Slender, strap-like leaves stay green when brought indoors in fall. Avoid over-watering in winter. 12"h  $\bigcirc$  \$7.00—bareroot

## U059 **Bird of Paradise, Orange** 🚚 Strelitzia reginae

Orange and blue flowers emerge from a long narrow

spathe. Each flower lasts about a week, but the spathe holds five to seven flowers. South African native plant in the banana family with large, upright leaves.  $60-72"h \bigcirc \& @ $15.00-6" pot$ 

### U060 Blood Lily Scadoxus multiflorus

Each bulb produces one bare stem with a pinkish scarlet 5" globe at the top. This flower head is packed with tiny, starry red florets and long, thready red stamens with yellow tips. It looks like fireworks. Also known as powderpuff lily. Native to Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. Provide excellent drainage. 12-24"h  $\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigotimes$  \$8.00—1 bulb

### U061 Caper Bush Capparis spinosa

The youngest flower buds, pickled, are delicious peppery capers. It may need to over-winter indoors a year or two to produce the lovely 3" white flowers with whiskery lavender centers. Meanwhile, the vigorous bush needs such severe pruning that we can eat shoots and leaves. Here's a plant that will be far outside its comfort zone in most gardens. What this scrambling, prickly little shrub wants is discomfort: inhospitable, stony soil, desert-dry weather, intense sunlight, and temps over 100°F. Give it all-day sun, as little water as possible, and super-sharp drainage with sandy, rocky soil or potting soil for succulents in a container. 24–36"h by 36–72"w O \$35.00—1 gal. pot

### Citrus Citrus

Fragrant white flowers and glossy foliage. Needs excellent drainage. All are self-fruitful. Our dwarf citrus are grafted onto Flying Dragon rootstock, which keeps the plants below 6' and induces early fruit production. Move indoors when temperatures are below 40°F. Fruits in one to two years, then fruits year-round.  $\bigcirc \& \textcircled{}^{*} \longrightarrow \& \textcircled{}^{*}$ 

### \$39.00—1 gal. pot:

- U062 **Blood Orange, Delfino**  $C. \times$  *sinensis*—Fruit is orange and nearly spherical with lightly colored red-orange flesh.
- U063 **Borneo Rangpur** *C. limonia*—Ornamental tree with purple-edged flowers and honeysucklescented leaves. Easy-peeling, mandarin-sized fruits. Tart lemon-lime mandarin-citron cross from the Rangpur region of Bangladesh. Use to make marmalade or in ice tea or cocktails. 4–5'h \briangle
- U064 **Calamondin**, **Variegated** C. × *citrofortunella mitis*—Cream and green variegated leaves and 1" fruit, striped before ripening. Can be used like lemon or lime for juice or marmalade. Syn. × *microcarpa*.
- 1065 **Citron**, **Buddha's Hand** C medica sarcodactylis-



Mini Sinningia, photo courtesy of David Anderson

### Citrus continued

\$39.00—1 gal. pot (continued)

- U069 **Lime, Bearss Persian** *C*. × *latifolia*—A unique lime-lemon flavor with a touch of spice and no bitterness in 2–3" yellow-green seedless fruit. Small, fragrant white flowers on mostly thornless branches. Will produce fruit when over-wintered in a sunny spot indoors. Takes pruning well. 8–12'h 答
- U070 **Orange, Seville Sour** *C*. × *aurantium*—Bright orange fruit is used for marmalade, sauces, and marinades. Sometimes called "the orangiest orange." 3–5'h 🛱
- U071 **Trifoliate Orange, Flying Dragon** *C. trifoliata* Twisted green branches with thorns. The fruit is sour and seedy, but can be used like a lemon. The hardiest citrus, it is also called Chicago-hardy and is rated for Zone 5, with our new zone rating we are hoping to hear of some trials in our area. Unlike other citrus, it loses its leaves, so can be wintered in a cold basement or a garage. 😤
- U072 **Yuzu Ichandrin** *C. junos*—Aromatic, easy-to-peel 3" fruit. Generally used for cooking rather than eating fresh, the fruit can be used in all stages, from young with a green rind to over-mature with a dark yellow rind. Hardy to 10°F. *C. ichangensis* × *C. reticulata*

### U073 Clivia Clivia miniata NEW

Long-blooming bright orange funnel-shaped flowers in clusters above strap-shaped leaves. Water well during the warmer months and allow it to dry for winter. Blooms in winter. 24"h  $\bigcirc \cong$  44.00-2 gal. pot

### U074 **Foxglove, Fire** × Digiplexis Illumination Berry Canary

Raspberry-pink flowers with creamy yellow, burgundyspeckled throats. A hybrid between the foxglove you know and the Canary Islands foxglove. Spires of bellshaped flowers bloom from spring through fall because they cannot produce seeds. Incredible as a cut flower. Over-winter dry in the basement. Deer- and gopherresistant. 36"h  $\bigcirc 0 \& \% \%$  \$15.00—1 gal. pot

### U075 Gloriosa Lily

### Gloriosa superba Rothschildiana

Unusual, almost bizarre, 3–5" flowers begin as pale green hanging petals that gradually lengthen, become wavy, and arch backward, changing color to yellow and then scarlet in summer. Lift the roots in fall and overwinter dry in a basement. The roots are delicate, so handle them carefully. Climbs by leaf-tip tendrils.



Gloriosa Lily, photo courtesy of Brent & Becky's

## U078 Orchid Cactus, Assorted Epiphyllum

An assortment of fast-growing epiphyte varieties. Huge flowers emerge from the flattened, succulent leaf-like structures from sundown to sunup in late spring or early summer. Large specimens can produce several flushes of flowers in a season. Resist temptation to overwater. 5"h  $\bigcirc \cong \&$  \$29.00—1 gal. pot

### U079 **Pineapple Lily (NEW)** Eucomis comosa Sparkling Burgundy

The stem is reddish purple and every other part of the plant is tinged the same color. Blooms for 6–8 weeks in late summer and lasts a month as a cut flower. Flower spikes rise from a rosette of thick, wavy-edged leaves. Each plump stalk is densely covered with waxy, starry flowers and crowned by a green tuft that makes it look like a little pineapple. Sweetly fragrant. Overwinter in a cool room indoors, or dig out the bulbs and store them in a cool, dry place. The species is native to South Africa. 12–24"h  $\bigcirc \& \Im$  \$19.00—1 bulb

### U080 Tea, Korean Camellia sinensis

From a mountainous region of South Korea, it is not hardy in Minnesota. A small evergreen tree, it is usually pruned to bush size and can be grown indoors. Lightly scented white flowers with yellow centers bloom in fall. The leaves of this plant are used to make tea, the most popular caffeinated drink in the world.  $8-10^{\circ}h \bigcirc 0$  35.00-1 gal. pot



### From the Himalayas and southern India. $\blacksquare \bullet \circledast$

\$10.00—4" pot:

U081 **Elephant Ear** *Typhonium giganteum*—One of these plants has been popping up every July in a shady Northfield, Minnesota, garden since 2018 and is even multiplying. Last year its lone, arrowhead leaf emerged rolled lengthwise, then unfurled to 18" wide by 24" long. The 6–12" flower bloomed, too, similar to a Jack-in-the-pulpit flower, but its wavy-edged burgundy hood enclosed a purpleblack "Jack." The mother plant becomes surrounded by a crowd of one-leafed babies. Also known as Chinese Jack-in-the-pulpit. Syn. *Sauromatum giganteum*. 20"h

### \$10.00—5.25" pot:

U082 **Konjac** *Amorphophallus konjac*—Tender bulb that sends up a single mottled stalk in spring, opening to multiple leaflets, like a miniature tree. After several years, the bulb reaches blooming size.



Orange

### Over-winter these plants indoors because they won't tolerate frost. It's fun to outfox winter!

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Aromatic 6–12" yellow fruit is mostly rind and pith with little to no flesh or juice. Commonly candied or used in baking or infusing. Trees are very cold-sensitive and do not like excess watering. One of the oldest citrus fruits. Also known as fingered citron.

- U066 **Grapefruit, Cocktail**—Smaller and sweeter than a grapefruit, with yellow or yellow-green skin and yellow flesh. Developed in the 1950s at UC-Riverside from a cross of a mandarin orange and a pommelo. Also called mandelo.
- U067 **Kumquat, Meiwa** *C. crassifolia*—Fragrant white summer flowers followed by golden orange 1–2" late-winter-ripening fruits. Orange flesh with few seeds and sweet, edible skin. Semi-dwarf ornamental, popular in China and Japan. Also known as sweet kumquat. Syn. *Fortunella*. 3–4'h 😤

U068 **Lemon, Improved Meyer** *C*. × *meyeri* → Believed to be a cross of lemon and mandarin orange, Meyer lemons are juicier and sweeter than common lemons. Native to China and introduced in the U.S. by Frank Meyer, it can be pruned to stay small. 😤 3–4'h ○ **①** <sup>(2)</sup> \$12.00—bareroot

### U076 **Mini Sinningia NEW** Sinningia Assorted hybrids

Charming 1" trumpets held above a rosette of small furry leaves. Provide excellent drainage, place in bright but indirect or filtered light, and water about once a week. Does well in a terrarium. Hybrids of species mostly from South America. Choice of ever-blooming varieties. May include Dollbaby, Cindy-ella, High Voltage, Mother of Pearl, Freckles, Maiden's Blush, April Snow, Grable, Laura, Spill the Wine, Sue Bear, Mod Imp. 2–3"h by 2–6"w  $\bigcirc \oplus$  \$15.00—2" pot

### U077 Mulberry, Pakistan

#### Morus macroura

These red to purple-black 3–4" berries are popular throughout the Middle East and Central Asia. Sweet-tart taste like raspberries or blackberries but a bit citrusy. Fast-growing and self-fruitful, the tree will produce summer fruits in a couple years when overwintered indoors. Shiny, heart-shaped 6" leaves. Also known as Himalayan black mulberry, Tibetan mulberry, and long mulberry. 6-8'h  $\bigcirc$  \$24.00—5.25" pot

Then, a 36–48" reddish purple spathe with a protruding dark brown spadix rises, before the stalk and leaf appear. Not a houseplant, it should be planted in the garden or a large pot, then dug to keep the bulb dry and inside for the winter. Grown as a vegetable in Asia. 36–54"h  $\stackrel{\text{\tiny CP}}{\longrightarrow}$ 

