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### A native grass with a better habit

**'Honeycomb' blue grama grass** (*Bouteloua gracilis* 'Honeycomb')

**ZONES:** 4–9

**SIZE:** 2 feet tall and wide

**CONDITIONS:** Full sun; well-drained soil

**NATIVE RANGE:** Southern and Western United States

For those who know and love the popular cultivar 'Blonde Ambition', meet 'Honeycomb', which has a more compact habit and less blade dieback throughout the season. This cultivar also sports a deeper golden hue to its inflorescences, which are held at right angles along the stems from summer into late fall. We're always fans of a better-performing version of a plant we already appreciate.

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### It looks too cool to be a begonia

**Tectonic™ Eruption begonia** (*Begonia* 'DJHAP18072')

**ZONES:** 8–11

**SIZE:** 12 to 18 inches tall and wide

**CONDITIONS:** Partial to full shade; moist, well-drained soil

**NATIVE RANGE:** Hybrid

You'd be forgiven if upon first glance you thought this plant was some sort of wild-looking philodendron. Surprisingly, it's a begonia. But like any plant collected by acclaimed nurseryman Dan Hinkley, this is anything but a normal member of that plant group. The deeply cut dark green leaves have a bronze underside and add incredible texture to any spot. It can be overwintered as a houseplant if you live in a cooler zone.

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### Expect giant silver leaves for shade

**'Alexandria' brunnera** (*Brunnera* 'Alexandria')

**ZONES:** 4–9

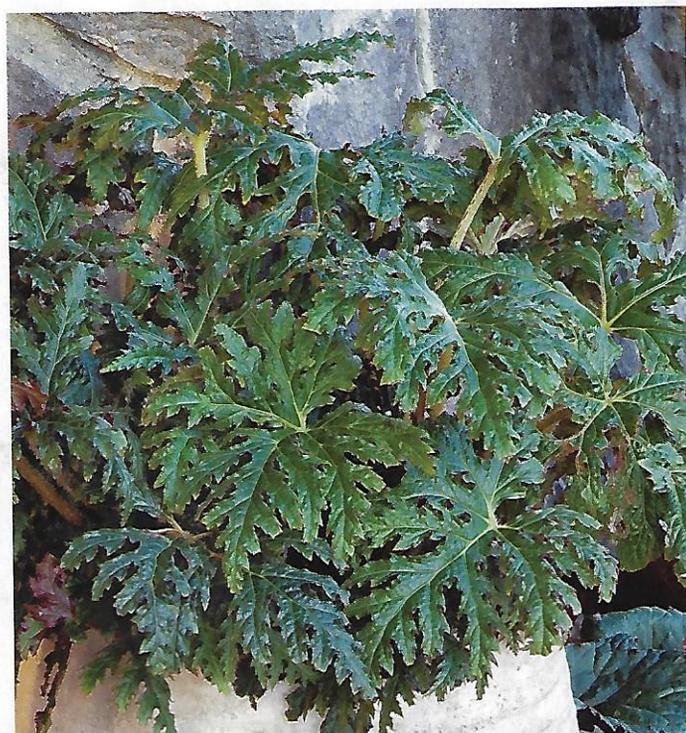
**SIZE:** 15 inches tall and 30 inches wide

**CONDITIONS:** Partial to full shade; moist, well-drained soil

**NATIVE RANGE:** Eastern Europe and northwestern Asia

A few years back, 'Alexander's Great' brunnera took the gardening world by surprise with its giant habit and exceptional vigor. Those good traits remain with 'Alexandria' and are enhanced by luminescent silver. Each 10- to 12-inch-long leaf has an almost white appearance, so you can imagine how it makes a shady spot sparkle. Sky blue flowers in spring are icing on the cake.

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