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FROM SKAGIT GARDENS:

BEYOND BLUE FESCUE

Festuca glauca 'Cascall'. Introduced by Concept Plants, this fescue has a vivid blue color that stays blue—without browning later in the season. It forms a dense tuft of intense color. Showy, upright, blue green spring flowers age to a straw color and remain attractive for

months. Delicate in looks but tough in performance, Beyond Blue is easy to grow. Grows 9 to 12 inches tall with an 18-inch spread. Full sun. Zones 4–8.

'SHORT 'N' SASSY' HELEN'S FLOWER

Helianthus 'Short 'n' Sassy'. A shorter version of the stately Helen's flower, or sneezeweed, this cultivar has bright gold and orange flowers with chocolate center cones. It starts blooming about two weeks earlier than other varieties, putting it in flower from midsummer through fall. Even better, new blossoms open above spent flowers for a tidy look. It grows just 12 to 18 inches tall and 24 inches wide. Full sun. Zones 4–9.

SHOOTING STAR HELLEBORE

Helleborus ×ericsmithii 'COSEH 790'. From the groundbreaking

Gold Collection of hellebores (hybridized by Heuger), Shooting Star is a prolific bloomer with outward-facing flowers and handsome, disease-resistant foliage. From winter into early spring, dusty rose buds open to white blossoms that fade to a sage green. The flowers rise up from the center in a unique bouquet formation. The deep green leaves have prominent veins and dark red stems. Grows 18 to 22 inches tall and 24 inches wide. Sun to shade. Zones 4–9.

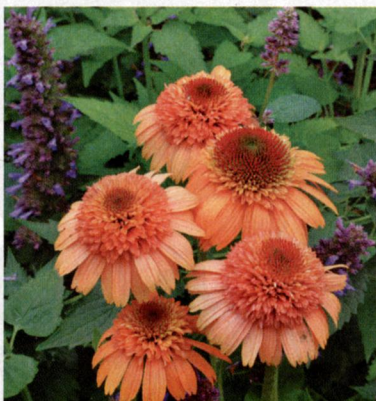
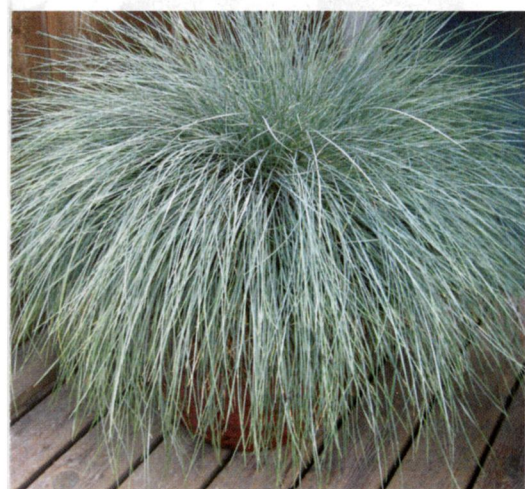
FROM BLOOMS OF BRESSINGHAM:

'SUPREME CANTALOUPE' CONEFLOWER

Echinacea purpurea 'Supreme Cantaloupe'. Absolutely the color of a ripe cantaloupe, double anemone, non-fading, fragrant blooms last and last from summer into fall. This is a heavy bloomer with the strong, straight stems and branching habit typical of the Supreme echinacea series. Foliage height is 26 inches and width is 15 inches; flowering height is 29 inches. Full sun. Zones 4–9.

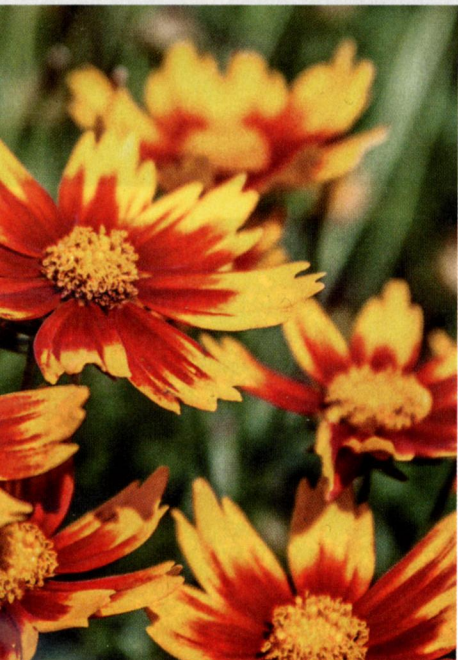
'BUTTERED RUM' FOAMY BELLS

Heucherella 'Buttered Rum'. Luscious, buttery caramel color and gorgeous maple-like foliage provide all-season interest. White flowers appear in spring. Glossy foliage changes to a lovely rose red as temperatures cool in fall, making a perfect complement to fall-planted containers and landscapes. Habit is compact and mounding, with foliage height to 7 inches and width to 15 inches. This variety is cold, heat and humidity tolerant. Sun (North) to shade (South). Zones 4–9.





Opposite, clockwise from top: Beyond Blue fescue; Shooting Star hellebore; 'Supreme Cantloupe' coneflower; 'Short 'n' Sassy' Helen's flower. This page, clockwise from bottom left: 'Daybreak' tickseed; 'Buttered Rum' foamy bells; 'Red Satin' tickseed; 'Golden Geisha' fairy bells; 'Summer Frost' hydrangea.



FROM SUNNY BORDER NURSERIES:

'DAYBREAK' TICKSEED

Coreopsis 'Daybreak'. The first member of the Li'l Bang series, this coreopsis features golden yellow blooms with broad red banding surrounding a yellow center. It blooms from late May through October (periodic pruning will promote this reblooming). Bred by Darrell Probst, Li'l Bang tickseeds are an offshoot of the Big Bang series. They have the same unique flower colors but they grow just 8 to 10 inches

tall—perfect for use in containers, as edging or at the front of the border. Full sun. Zones 4–9.

'RED SATIN' TICKSEED

Coreopsis 'Red Satin'. The first member of the new Permathread series from coreopsis breeder Darrell Probst! Deep wine-red to ruby-red flowers with orange centers bloom early through late summer on plants with a tight, clump-forming habit. They keep that solid red coloration even in the heat of Southern summers. 'Red Satin' is closely related to the verticillatas but with much better, darker green foliage and without rhizomes, so it blooms heavy. In addition, it is sterile, giving it exceptional disease resistance and longevity of bloom. Grows 15 to 18 inches tall with a spread of 18 to 22 inches. Cut the plant back in midsummer to refresh it or extend bloom time until frost. Full sun. Zones 4–9.

'GOLDEN GEISHA' FAIRY BELLS

Disporum sessile 'Golden Geisha'. Discovered in Japan by David Culp. This plant has ovate, golden-chartreuse foliage that's

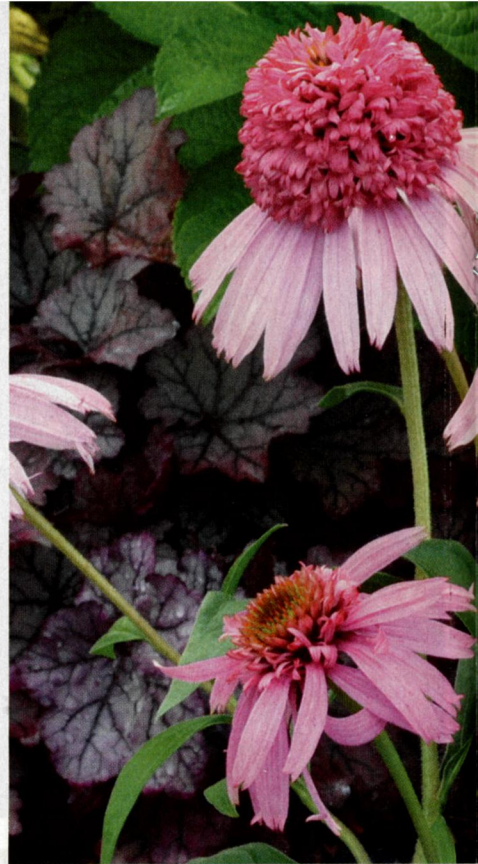


wider than other gold-leaved varieties. It shows more gold in the spring but maintains its chartreuse coloring throughout the season. It has elegant white, nodding blooms, tinged in green, like that of other genus members. Grows 18 to 24 inches tall and wide, though it may get taller in warmer climates. Shade. Zones 5–9.

FROM PLANT DELIGHTS NURSERY:

'SUMMER FROST' HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea 'Summer Frost'. This unique Ozzie Johnson creation, a cross of *H. macrophylla* and *H. serrata*, has lacecap flowers in June (in North Carolina), which are blue in acidic soils and pink in alkaline conditions. The most unique aspect of 'Summer Frost', however, occurs during July, when the green leaves mysteriously turn a lovely cream. (Because this is a heat-based change, those in cool climates will not see it happen.) In 5 years, our plants have reached 5 feet tall and 6 feet wide. Part sun to light shade. Likely Zones 5–8.



'METEOR PINK' CONEFLOWER

Echinacea purpurea 'Meteor Pink'. Anemone-type pink flowers appear on a compact plant with great branching. This upright grower reaches 19 inches tall and wide; flower stems can be up to 2 feet tall. Others in the Meteor series include 'Meteor Red' and 'Meteor Yellow'. Full sun. Zones 4–10.

'COPPER CASCADE' FOAMY BELLS
Heucherella 'Copper Cascade'.

This unique small-leaved variety has lovely rosy-copper foliage on trailing stems. It holds its color year-round and can be grown as a groundcover or in a hanging basket. It grows to 8 inches tall and trails to 32 inches. Sun to shade. Zones 4–9.

FROM PLANTHAVEN:

'AURORA APRICOT' DIASCIA

Diascia hybrida 'Aurora Apricot'. This diascia has a unique upright habit, with spikes of triangular flower clusters appearing over





TASMAN RUFFLES PITTOSPORUM
Pittosporum tenuifolium 'Tasman Ruffles'. One of the best and hardiest selections of this New Zealand native, this evergreen shrub has cream-margined foliage on a conical frame reaching 10 feet tall. A great addition to our Dan Hinkley Collection, it is certainly one of the most distinctive, tidy and low-maintenance hedging plants for a contemporary garden setting. Zones 7-10.

GOLDEN DUCHESS EASTERN HEMLOCK
Tsuga canadensis 'MonKinn'. The crowning glory of Golden Duchess is its golden foliage and arching branches. A wonderful choice for the woodland or rock garden, or as a container specimen, it will reach 3 to 4 feet tall and 3 to 5 feet wide. Prefers a dappled shade position in the garden. This selection was discovered at Monrovia's Oregon nursery by craftsman Ron Kinney as a sport of *Tsuga canadensis*. Light shade. Zones 4-7.

FROM TERRA NOVA NURSERIES:

'VIOLET VISION' HUMMINGBIRD MINT
Agastache 'Violet Vision'. This hummingbird mint was bred for its great hardiness and short habit. It offers luxurious purple flower spikes to 24 inches tall, over foliage to 18 inches. Full sun. Zones 5-10.

'ALEXANDER'S GREAT' BUGLOSS
Brunnera macrophylla 'Alexander's Great'. A vigorous grower, this bugloss has unusually large white-veiled leaves and nice sky-blue spring flowers. It mounds to 12 inches tall and 28 inches wide. Sun to shade. Zones 4-8.

Opposite, clockwise from far left: 'Adorned' holly; 'White Lava' elephant ear; Scarlett Torch bottlebrush; 'Nikko Blush' deutzia. This page, clockwise from top left: 'Tasman Ruffles' pittosporum; Golden Duchess hemlock; 'Violet Vision' hummingbird mint; 'Alexander's Great' bugloss.

