



Black Eyed-Susan "Goldblitz" (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

Hardy, sturdy, powerhouse bloomer, highly adaptable to different soil types. Rabbit, deer, disease and drought resistant, a boon to butterflies. Deadhead spent flowers to encourage additional flowers to form.

image gratefully borrowed from the Select Seeds website catalog. Select Seeds is based just over the state line in Union, CT and is a great place to buy flower seeds and plants. <https://www.selectseeds.com/>

Price: \$24 for 3



Blue False Indigo (*Baptisia australis*)

Native in US as far north and east as Pennsylvania.

Perennial typically grows 3-4' tall and occurs in rich woods, thickets and along streambanks. Features purple, lupine-like flowers in erect racemes (to 12") atop flower spikes extending well above a foliage mound of clover-like, trifoliolate, bluish-green leaves (leaflets to 2" long). Blooms in spring. Flowers give way to inflated seed pods (to 2.5" long) which turn charcoal black when ripe and have considerable ornamental interest. Seeds rattle around in the blackened pods which were once popularly used by children as rattles. Stems with seed pods are valued additions to dried flower arrangements. Easily grown in average, dry to medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Tolerates drought and poor soils. Over time, plants develop slowly expanding clumps with deep and extensive root systems. Trimming or shearing foliage after bloom helps maintain rounded plant appearance and obviates a possible need for

staking, but eliminates the developing seed pods which are so attractive. \$24 for 3 pots

Description adapted from [Missouri Botanical Garden](#). Images from USDA.

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Blue-Eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*)

Not actually a grass, but in the iris family, with 1/2" light purple-blue 6-petaled flowers blooming in late spring. Will colonize readily via self-sowing in the right conditions. Height: 10-18". Prefers moist sites, but adaptable. \$24 for 3 pots, Massachusetts supplier.

images from Arthur Haines, Native Plant Trust/Go Botany and Jem

Price: \$24 for 3 pots



Catmint "Purrsian Blue" (*Nepeta* spp.)

Massachusetts Supplier! Recommended by our grower as an easy to grow, low maintenance, impressive perennial.

Easily grown in average, dry to medium, well-drained soils in full sun. Prefers cool, moist soils. Plants may be cut back before first flowering to promote more compact size. Deadhead flower spikes after initial flowering to promote continued bloom.

Compact and tidy at 14-18" tall. Fragrant foliage. Vivid blue to purple perennial nearly doubles by its second

year. Drought-tolerant, deer-resistant. Attracts hummingbirds and pollinators to the landscape. Rabbit resistant.

Rock gardens, border fronts, cottage gardens or herb gardens. Edging or small scale ground cover.

Containers.

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Price: \$24 for 3



Downy Rattlesnake Plantain (*Goodyera pubescens*)

Downy rattlesnake plantain an evergreen perennial in the orchid family, has attractive deep blue-green leaves with distinctive silvery veins. A single flower stalk, 16-20" tall rises from the center of each rosette of leaves in summer. Tiny, white to greenish-white, rounded flowers bloom from July to mid-September. Flowers are followed by small fruit capsules. All parts of the plant are covered with very fine downy hair. Easily grown in organically rich, medium moisture, well-drained soils in part shade to full shade, best with sun-dappled part shade. Mulch to maintain consistent soil moisture. Native to both moist and dry woods in the eastern US.

Photo credit: Arthur Haines

Price: \$15 for 3



Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)

A spring woodland ephemeral, Dutchman's Breeches flowers early in the spring when sunlight hits the woodland floor before the canopy of the trees fill in. By early summer, the fern-like foliage fades, and goes into total dormancy by mid-summer.

While closely related to bleeding hearts, *Lamprocapnos spectabilis*, dutchman's breeches are not as adaptable as that introduced, Asian species.

This native plant requires a shady-partly sunny, moist, yet well-drained site, typical of a rich, humus woodland. Soils that do not drain well or have a heavy clay component are not suitable.

\$15 for 3 dormant, bare root plants

Photo credits: Bill Cullina, Arthur Haines, and Don Cameron via GoBotany/Native Plant Trust

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Dwarf Crested Iris (*Iris cristata*)

Iris cristata, dwarf crested iris, reaches just 3-6" high.

Its native habitat is wooded ravines or bluffs in portions of the eastern and southern United States.

Pale blue, lilac or lavender flowers with three parallel, golden, crested ridges on the falls (sepals). Spreads quickly via rhizomes and forms dense colonies in optimum growing conditions, but is not difficult to keep in control. When in flower, a well-developed bed can produce a spectacular drift of blue color.

Best grown in organically rich, medium moisture, well-drained soils in part shade. Will tolerate close to full shade. If grown in full sun, the soil must be kept consistently moist.

Correction: This species is not considered to be native to Massachusetts as stated in the printed

catalog. It is native to the eastern US as far north as New York, and has become naturalized in some northeastern parts of Massachusetts, after being introduced as a garden plant. 3 dormant, bare root plants for \$15 photo from Jem's garden

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Eastern Bluestar (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*)

Massachusetts Supplier! Atypical Farm brings us excellent quality 4" potted perennials for a third year. "Blue Ice" is clump-forming, with

pyramidal clusters of star-like, blue flowers in spring.

Grows 15-18" tall. Attractive bright yellow foliage in fall. Native to the southern and southeastern United States, and northern Mexico, but its natural range does not reach New England. It may be found on lake shores in Massachusetts, probably escaped from gardens where it is grown as an ornamental. **3 for \$24 plants**

Images from GoBotany/Native Plant Trust

Price: \$24 for 3 plants



Goldenstar (*Chrysogonum virginiana*)

Low-growing, deep green leaves with bright yellow starlike flowers blooming in spring and sometimes in fall as well. Native to eastern US from Pennsylvania southward. Not native to Massachusetts. Grows in full or partial shade. Prefers moist, acidic, organically rich soils in sun-dappled part shade. Tolerates full sun only if grown in consistently moist soils. Spreads by rhizomes to form an attractive ground cover, but is easily controlled. Remove spent flower stems for best

ground cover appearance.

Ground cover for woodland gardens, native plant gardens or naturalized areas. Edging for woodland paths. Also may be used in shaded areas of border fronts or rock gardens.

Three plants for \$24

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Price: \$24 for 3

Lavender (Lavandula angustifolia)

Massachusetts Supplier! Atypical Farm brings us excellent quality 4" potted perennials for a fourth year. Compact mound, 12"- 18" tall and wide. Extremely fragrant with gray - green foliage. Blooms twice: late spring, early summer. Thrives in poor, light, sandy and well drained soils with good air circulation. Good for hedges, knot gardens, potpourri and cut flowers retain color. Trim spring for bushier growth, remove spent flowers to encourage new blooms. Native to the Mediterranean. Full sun.

Attracts bees and butterflies. Three 4" pots for \$24

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Source: Park Seed

Price: \$24 for 3



Mixed Coral Bells (Heuchera spp.)

Massachusetts supplier. Grower-recommended easy to care for perennial. Exciting, varied leaf forms and colors from Burgundy to yellow to pinks with contrast venation. Delicate flowers held high about foliage. Good ornamental for shady areas. Three 4" pots for \$24 uncredited image is all over the internet

Price: \$24 for 3



Partridgeberry (Mitchella repens)

Native evergreen ground cover with interesting foliage, flowers and fruit. Plant in woodland/shade gardens, under acid-loving shrubs and trees and in part shade areas of border fronts and rock gardens. Not particularly aggressive, so probably not the best choice for large areas, but rather smaller sites. The scarlet fruits are relished by partridges, and they are consumed by a variety of birds and mammals. 3 bare root, dormant plants for \$15

Images: flowers and fruit by Don Cameron, GoBotany/Native Plant Trust; fruit: Arthur Haines, GoBotany/Native Plant Trust; foliage: Jem

Price: \$15 for 3

Pink Tickseed (*Coreopsis rosea*)

Also known as Pink Coreopsis, or Pink Threadleaf Coreopsis The foliage is light green, delicate fine leaved, yet dense. It is covered with numerous small pink flowers with yellow centers in mid-summer. This profuse and lengthy bloomer flowers summer through early fall can be cut back in late summer to promote new early Autumn flowers. An excellent ground cover or mounding border plant, Rose Coreopsis spreads easily. Full sun, moist to wet soils, mature height 18" - 24" tall. 24-36" wide Native from Nova Scotia to Maryland Habitat wet sandy soils coastal plain areas. Birds eat the seeds. Grows in full sun. \$24 for 3 pots

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Price: \$24 for 3 pots

Sedum "Sunsparkler" Mix

Thrilling succulent foliage in shades of lime green to blue to grey to burgandy...hardy perennial withstands a wide range of conditions, but will not tolerate wet feet. Good for rock gardens. **Correction:** These were accidentally put in the "Native Perennials" category in our printed catalog. These are not native plants, although there is a species or two of Sedum native to the US.

Images come from the Sunsparklers Sedums webpage: [/www.sunsparklersedums.com/](http://www.sunsparklersedums.com/)

Price: 3 for \$24



Sessile-leaf Bellwort (*Uvularia sessilifolia*)

Sessile-leaved bellwort, also known as "wild oats," can be found in deciduous and mixed evergreen-deciduous forests, woodlands and edges throughout New England. It can be used as a ground cover in shade or part shade, as the roots spread by stolons. It prefers moist, rich, acidic soils with high humus content and good drainage but can adapt to other soil types. The flowers are yellow or cream and hang in an elongated bell shape. Cover with a layer of leaves in winter and do not remove them in the spring to increase humus to the soil. If the goal is to create a ground cover, allow the existing plants to seed out each year, seeding itself. Over time, the area will fill in. 3 dormant, bare root plants for \$15 **Image credit:** Don Cameron and Arthur

Haines, via GoBotany/Native Plant Trust

Price: \$15 for 3



Trailing Arbutus (*Epigaea repens*)

The famously finicky to cultivate state flower of Massachusetts. Be sure your site is appropriate before planting-do your homework. Trailing-arbutus is slow-growing. It can form a creeping mat of about 4-6 in. high. Broad, oval, leathery leaves are aromatic and evergreen. Trumpet-shaped, white to pale pink flowers, also aromatic, are followed by a whitish berry, resembling a raspberry in appearance. It grows best in part shade in dry to moist, acidic, sandy to rocky soils with moderate organic matter. Delicate roots make it very difficult to establish and perpetuate. It will not tolerate disturbance, is extremely susceptible to failure during drought or flood, and is slow-growing even in

good conditions. Natural habitats: edges of oak-heath and pine forests. It favors exposed sites where the plants are not smothered by leaf litter. 3 dormant bare root starts for \$15

Price: \$15 for 3 dormant, bare root plants

Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*)

Virginia bluebells occur in moist, rich woods and river floodplains. A clump-forming perennial, it grows 1-2' tall with loose clusters of pinkish-blue, trumpet-shaped flowers blooming in early spring. Smooth, oval, bluish green leaves. Foliage dies to the ground by mid-summer as the plant goes dormant.

Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soils in part shade to full shade. Prefers moist, rich soils.

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Price: \$15 for 3

Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)

Mixed Colors

Massachusetts Supplier! Atypical Farm brings us excellent quality 4" potted perennials for a third year. Easy to grow in any sunny situation, even where there is poor soil. Forms low mounds of fragrant ferny foliage, with clusters of flowers. Colors: salmon, yellow, white, pink, cherry red, cream, lavender, apricot, rose and in-between. You will be surprised.

Each pot may contain more than 1 plant, so each pot could be any combination of these colors. Good for cutting, fresh or dried. Remove spent flowers to promote more buds. Inclined to spread, so site this carefully or plan to reduce the clumps each spring. Easily divided in fall or early spring. Drought and heat tolerant. Blooms early to late summer. Tolerates poor soils and drought. Prefers full sun. \$24 for 3 pots

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Price: \$24 for 3 pots
