

## New Plant Forum®

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#### *Alstroemeria* 'Mauve Majesty' PPAF

*Alstroemeria* 'Mauve Majesty' PPAF is a new garden lily-of-the-Incas that was selected for its distinct mauve flower color, continuous flowering, and strong, upright flower stems. It was also selected because it is winter hardy to temperatures as low as those experienced in U.S.D.A. Zone 5. Plants grow neat and upright in habit and

produce an abundance of speckled, mauve flowers all summer and fall until frost. Flowering of 'Mauve Majesty' begins in late June in Zone 5 and in May in Zone 7. The flowers of this plant are excellent for cutting because flower stems last for up to 2 weeks in arrangements. The flowers of 'Mauve Majesty' are sterile and do not produce seed. Plants are asexually propagated by rhizome division and tissue culture. This cultivar is patented through Cornell University; propagation is permitted with license from the University.

This herbaceous perennial plant thrives in fertile, well-drained garden soil in full sun or partial shade. Flowering continues as long as their roots (rhizomes) are kept cool. Good soil drainage is especially important to ensure survival during the winter in colder climates.

### ***Ampelopsis arborea***

*Ampelopsis arborea* is a North American native vine ranging from Florida to Virginia along the Atlantic coastline. It roots easily from cuttings taken in early June for the Philadelphia area and in spite of its coastal southern heritage it is hardy to Zone 6. It is not a rapid grower in the Northeast, and this could well be an asset since it does not tend to want to take over the back forty with any virulence, unlike its close kin *A. brevipedunculosa*. The bipinnate foliage emerges red to pink and turns a soft green. It will climb and needs a suitable trellis. In 5 years it has not flowered and perhaps as far north as Philadelphia it cannot do so with any regularity.

### ***Carpinus caroliniana* 'J.N. Upright', Firespire™ musclemwood**

Selected by Michael Yanny at Johnson's Nursery, Inc. in 1993. The tree was selected for its narrow, upright form and outstanding, consistent orange-red fall color. After 10 years the original plant, which was transplanted twice, was 7 ft tall and 3½ ft wide.

Single stemmed plants are very useful as street trees. It can be used as a large hedge plant or screening plant.

Grower's licenses are available from Johnson's Nursery, Inc. at the address above.

### ***Carpinus caroliniana* 'J.N. Globe', Ball O'Fire™ musclemwood**

*Carpinus caroliniana* 'J.N. Globe' was selected in the fall of 2000 by Michael Yanny at Johnson's Nursery's Jackson Farm. It originated from a 1990 crop of seedlings that was grown from wild-collected seed, a Waukesha Wisconsin ecotype.

The 11-year-old plant was 6 ft tall and 5½ ft wide in 2001. 'J.N. Globe' forms a dense globe head and has an outstanding orange-red fall color in Washington County, Wisconsin.

This new cultivar has potential as a landscape plant for use as a screen or a specimen plant to show off its superior shape, density and fall color.

A grower's license may be obtained by contacting Michael Yanny, at the address above.

### ***Cercidiphyllum japonicum* 'Titania'**

This plant was found in a block of seedlings that had an unusually high number of variations; out of 50 seedlings seven were naturally weeping and one was exceptionally fastigiated. 'Titania' was selected out due to the very upright character since there is no recorded near columnar form of *Cercidiphyllum*. Like most katsura, grafting or budding is the preferred method of propagation because cuttings are unreliable. A 4-year-old plant is now 12 ft high and maintains its narrow character.

### *Helenium flexuosum* 'Tiny Dancer'

Delightful purple-brown spherical cones are surrounded by a flowing fringe of bright yellow reflexed petals looking like hundreds of yellow-skirted dancers in motion atop a compact, bushy plant. An exceptionally floriferous and low-growing whimsical native that joyfully greets the heat of mid-summer. Tolerant of a wide range of conditions, it performs the best in average to well-drained soils that are consistently moist. Plants are compact and heavily branched.

*Helenium flexuosum* is found in meadows, thickets, and along roadsides in most states east of the Rockies. Though it is said to be intolerant of dry soils, we have found it to be quite a reliable garden plant through summers wet and dry. It combines beautifully with summer *Phlox* or *Echinacea*.

- 18–24 inches tall.
- Full sun, light shade.
- Seed cultivar.
- Mid to late summer bloom, 4–6 weeks of flower.
- Works well as a cut flower.
- Tolerates drought once established.
- Zones 4–10.

### *Hibiscus syriacus* 'Antong Two' ppaf, Lil' Kim™ rose of Sharon

Lil' Kim™ rose of Sharon is a new dwarf, Korean selection. A unique little shrub with dainty little white flowers punctuated with a showy red eye. The plant appear to be polyploid because it has thick, dark green leaves and the flowers last for 3 days instead of the typical 1 day before falling. Creates many new landscape and garden uses; great for mixed containers, mixed perennial beds, or for around decks or entry gardens. Developed by noted plantsman Dr. Shim of South Korea. Zone 5, 3–4 ft

### *Rosa* Oso Easy™ Rose Series

For many years we've been searching for a better rose; a rose that can be grown like any other shrub on the farm — without fungicides. Working with breeders from across the globe, we tested many new plants but most flunked the test by developing either black spot or mildew. It turns out, however, that a few select plants met the challenge and remained clean after 4 years without a single fungicide treatment. And thus the Oso Easy roses were born and have emerged as a whole new class of rose. So throw away the sprayer and enjoy these roses because they are Oso Easy for both the grower and the gardener.

- ***Rosa* 'Chewground' pp 15,981, Oso Easy™ Fragrant Spreader rose**

A new disease resistant ground cover rose adorned with loads of fragrant, single, pink flowers. It's a low growing rose for covering large areas, banks or other difficult locations. We've never sprayed this rose, and we've never shown a spec of black spot or mildew. Hybridized by Chris Warner of the U.K. Zone 5, 1–2 ft.

- ***Rosa* 'Horcoherent' pp 15,982, Oso Easy™ Peachy Cream rose**

Put a smile on because Oso Easy Peachy Cream is going to make you happy. This lovely low-mounded rose delivers clouds of blooms that emerge peach and transform to cream. The large, doubled flowers are self-cleaning and contrasts wonderfully against the

glossy dark green foliage. We've never sprayed this rose in production and it has never shown signs of black spot. Hybridized by Colin Horner of the U.K. Supplies are limited so order early. Zone 5, 1–3 ft.

- ***Rosa* 'ChewMayTime' ppaf, Oso Easy™ Paprika rose**  
Spice up your life with Oso Easy Paprika, a remarkable low-mounded rose with loads of spicy, reddish-orange single blooms accentuated with a bright yellow eye. The glossy green foliage emerges with attractive hints of red in the new growth. This Oso Easy rose comes to us by from renowned hybridizer Chris Warner of the U.K. We've never sprayed this rose in production, and it has never shown signs of black spot. Zone 5, 1–2 ft.

### ***Rudbeckia subtomentosa* 'Henry Eilers'**

Named by Larry Loman of Ridgcrest Nursery for the person who discovered it along a stream in Montgomery County, Illinois. It produces strong upright clumps 4 to 5 ft tall and bears numerous clusters of finely quilled light yellow flower petals with brown cones in August and September. It has captivated many visitors to North Creek, many of whom asked us to grow it. Great with Joe-Pye weeds and grasses, it also has significant potential as a cut flower with its long stems and unusual flowers.

*Rudbeckia subtomentosa* is found in prairies, low meadows, open slopes, stream banks, roadsides from New York to Texas, north to Wisconsin and Michigan. It prefers average soils and even moisture, though it will easily tolerate long periods of drought.

- Blooms in late summer for 4–5 weeks.
- 4–5 ft tall, spreads 2–3 ft.
- Fragrant foliage.
- Propagation: cuttings, division.
- Zones 4–8.

### ***Silene caroliniana* var. *wherryi* 'Short and Sweet'**

This delightful selection of *S. caroliniana* var. *wherryi* is compact and easy to grow in bright shade or full sun. An excellent groundcover for average to rocky soil, it is covered in deep pink flowers in late spring. It has been very reliable for us through wet and dry seasons for 5 years now. In a cool spring it seems to bloom forever. Though tolerant of shade, it will have more blooms in sun.

*Silene caroliniana* occurs in dry, rocky woods, clearings from Vermont to Florida, west to Missouri. It is a great native substitute for *Dianthus* and more tolerant of shade and moisture! Grow as you would dianthus, in a mix with very good drainage, place in full sun or light shade, water regularly, but sparingly and fertilize lightly.

- Blooms in early spring for 4–5 weeks.
- 6–12 inches tall, spreads 12–15 inches.
- Propagation: Cuttings.
- Zones 4–7.

### ***Weigela florida* 'Eyecatcher' ppaf**

Electric yellow variegated foliage and dark red flowers in the spring make 'Eyecatcher' live up to its name. It's a great impulse plant that easily gives season long color to any garden, container, or landscape. Noted plantsman David Tristram delivers another great plant. Zone 5, 2 ft.