

New plants for 2025

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Dianthus 'Dart'.



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Mandevilla 'Sun Parasol Original XP Bluephoria'.



Ornamental kale 'Crane Early Red'.

Annuals

Beloved for their vivid colours and non-stop blooms, annuals bring immediate charm to garden beds, containers, and hanging baskets. With just one season to shine, these plants put all their energy into growing, flowering, and delighting. The 2025 introductions offer new forms, fresh colour palettes, and reliable performance to keep gardens lively from spring through frost.

Ageratum 'Monarch Magic' (*Ageratum houstonianum*). Brings so many pollinators to your outdoor spaces, your garden will be all aflutter. The vigorous and spreading habit helps it tumble out of hanging baskets and over balconies and window boxes. Height: under 12". Spread: 8-16". *Ball Floral Plant*.

Dahlia 'Mystic Wizard' (*Dahlia hybrid*). Deep mahogany foliage topped with jewel tone blooms. 'Mystic Wizard' has rich, magenta flowers with a dark black central disc. A great addition to the pollinator garden, ideal for containers, garden border or mass landscape plantings. Compact rounded habit. Height: 24-36". *PlantHaven International*.

Dianthus 'Dart' (*Dianthus barbatus*). Petite dianthus offering early spring colour. A star as a front-border flower or to line a welcoming walkway. The flowers put

on a show in five special colours: Pink Magician, Purple, White Picotee, Scarlet, and White. Combine any of the colours for your own mix. Height: 6-8". Spread: 6-8".

PanAmerican Seed Co.

Dipladenia 'Sun Parasol Fired Up Orange' (*Dipladenia hybrid*). A flat pinwheel-shaped flower that's sure to captivate. Its upright growth habit and narrow leaves create a sleek, modern look. Perfect for adding a fiery punch of orange colour to your patio or garden. Height: 18-24". *Suntory Flowers*.

Mandevilla 'Sun Parasol Original XP Bluephoria' (*Mandevilla hybrid*). Coral-pink buds open to reveal stunning, velvety dark blue-purple blooms. Its compact size, abundant branching, and nonstop flowering make it great for gardens, containers and hanging baskets. Height: 12-18". *Suntory Flowers*.

Ornamental kale 'Crane Early Red' (*Brassica oleracea*). This is a cut-flower type of kale. Extremely long lasting in arrangements and bouquets, it makes a stunning visual statement due to its beautiful form. Also comes in 'Early White'. Height: 36-48". *American Takii*.

Pericallis 'Senetti Blue Spoon' (*Pericallis hybrid*). This groundbreaking new spoon-type variety is closer to true blue than purple. With its mounding habit and flowers above the foliage, it is a spring magnet for bees. Height:



Pericallis 'Senetti Blue Spoon'.



Petunia 'Capella Rim Raspberry'.



Petunia 'Easy Wave Navy Velour'.



Petunia 'Easy Wave Rose'.



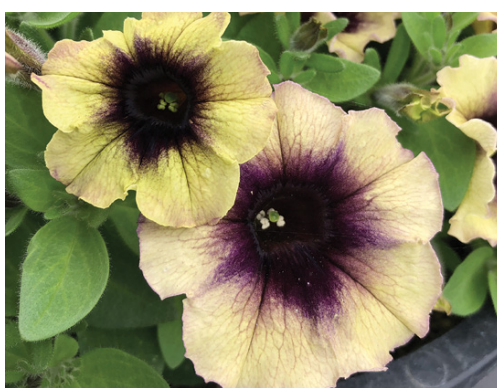
Petunia 'Easy Wave Rose Morn'.



Petunia 'Painted Love Purple'.



Petunia 'SuperCal Premium Rose Star'.



Petunia 'Surfinia Heavenly Blackberries & Cream'.



Sorghum 'Prairie Pearls'.

12-18". Spread: 12-18". *Suntory Flowers*.

Petunia 'Capella Rim Raspberry' (*Petunia hybrid*). Featuring large, show-stopping, violet blooms that are rimmed in bright white. Perfect in containers, hanging baskets or as a landscape plant, you'll be drawn to this petunia again and again. Height: under 12". *Danziger*.

Petunia 'Easy Wave Navy Velour' (*Petunia hybrid*). Do you have a favourite dark blazer or moody, oversized sweater in your closet? That's the vibe that this petunia gives your garden. Blanket your intimate outdoor spaces with these large, velvety, blue-purple-black flowers and embrace a new era. Height: under 12". Spread: 30-39". *PanAmerican Seed Co.*

Petunia 'Easy Wave Rose' (*Petunia hybrid*). A distinct colour nestled somewhere between a passionate pink and neon. Beautifully iridescent and a standout in the garden. Height: under 12". Spread: 30-39". *PanAmerican Seed Co.*

Petunia 'Easy Wave Rose Morn' (*Petunia hybrid*). Softens the garden palette with blooms of consistent rose-pink hues and a contrasting white centre. The little peek of yellow at the very centre is a cheerful sight and welcoming at entrances or on patios. Height: under 12". Spread: 25-32". *PanAmerican Seed Co.*

Petunia 'Painted Love Purple' (*Petunia hybrid*). Unique bicolor flower pattern presents a dramatic new

look in the garden, planted alone or in combinations. Mounding habits are for hanging baskets and patio containers. Tested for outstanding garden resilience and flower stability for continued performance all summer long. Height: 12-18". Spread: 18-22". *Syngenta Flowers*.

Petunia 'SuperCal Premium Rose Star' (*Petunia x Petchoa*). Part petunia, part calibrachoa, this all-weather performer stands up to cold and heat. Plus, it can withstand heavy rains and bounce right back with little to no damage. Large, flat flowers feature a watercolour star pattern. Height: 12-18". Spread: 18". *Sakata Seed*.

Petunia 'Surfinia Heavenly Blackberries & Cream' (*Petunia hybrid*). Creamy white blooms adorned with a captivating, deep blackberry jam center – a truly irresistible combination. They deliver endless blooms and thrive even in rainy conditions, adding a touch of elegance to containers, hanging baskets, or the landscape. Height: under 12". *Suntory Flowers*.

Sorghum 'Prairie Pearls' (*Sorghum bicolor*). An excellent choice for enhancing cut flower arrangements. With its natural colour options, interesting texture, and impressive vase life, this ornamental grass is perfect for bouquets, arrangements, and home décor alike. Can be used fresh or dried. Height: 3-4'. Spread: 12-16". *Express Seed Company*.



Vinca 'Soiree Double Orchid'.



Butterfly bush 'Candy Lil Raspberry'.



Delphinium 'Delgenius Kingsley'.



Dianthus 'EverLast Ruby Edge'.



Fountain grass 'Water to Wine'.



Gaura 'Flutterby Fountains Gold'.

Vinca 'Soiree Double Orchid' (*Catharanthus hybrid*). Two distinct layers of frilly lilac purple petals that light up the garden with amazing flower coverage and deep glossy green foliage. These plants keep their tight compact form all summer, with no leggy branches and tons of flower power. Height: under 12". Spread: 14-16". *Suntory Flowers*.

Perennials

The stars of a returning cast, these new introductions offer fresh takes on long-time favourites like more blooms, better form, and sometimes surprising colours. Zones are listed as provided by the growers, but don't let that stop you. Ask at your local garden centre, if they are selling a variety, whether it will overwinter in your region, or if you should grow it like an annual and enjoy the show.

Butterfly bush 'Candy Lil' Raspberry' (*Buddleia davidii*). Exceptionally compact butterfly bush that attracts abundant pollinators with hot pink-hued blooms that rebloom from spring through fall. With fragrant blooms that provide bold splashes of pink in the landscape, this variety is water-wise once established. Height: 24-36". Spread: 24-36". Zone: 5. *Plant Development Services*.

Delphinium 'Delgenius Kingsley' (*Delphinium*

hybrid). A fresh look to the classic delphinium with semi-double, royal-purple blooms edged in electric blue, a colour combination that creates a captivating display. Maintains a compact habit, producing multiple sturdy flower spikes that reduce the need for staking and increase garden resilience. Height: 18-24". Spread: 16-20". Zone: 3. *Pacific Plug & Liner*.

Dianthus 'EverLast Ruby Edge' (*Dianthus interspecific*). Enjoy more days of colour than any other perennial dianthus. Tough as nails in all types of weather, it's double-flowered and has a soft fragrance. Watch it flush in early spring, bloom late into summer, and flower again in autumn. Deep purple with white edges. Height: under 12". Spread: 10-14". Zone: 5. *Selecta One*.

Fountain grass 'Water to Wine' (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*). Add texture and four seasons of interest to the garden. Black inflorescences emerge from bright green foliage in the summer. Sturdy, bottle brush-like flowers are a nice cinnamon colour all season. As temperatures cool, foliage blushes red and purple and flowers turn tan. Height: 24-36". Spread: 36". Zone: 5. *Must Have Perennials*.

Gaura 'Flutterby Fountains Gold' (*Gaura lindheimeri*). This North America native has fresh golden central variegation to the more usual dark green



Hellebore 'Frostkiss Elemental'.



Hellebore 'JWLS Endless'.



Hydrangea 'Game Changer Giant Pink'.



Ice plant 'Kaleidoscope Razzle Dazzle'.



Primrose 'Pretty Polly! Blushing Pink'.



Rose mallow 'Cookies and Cream'.

foliage. Profusions of pink buds open to sterile clear white blooms, giving an exceptionally long flowering period attracting an abundance of pollinators to the garden. Foliage maintains a neat tidy habit all season. Compact rounded habit. Height: 18-24". Spread: 24". Zone: 5. *PlantHaven International*.

Hellebore 'Frostkiss Elemental' (*Helleborus hybrid*). Captivating with its two-toned flower type featuring bubblegum pink petals beautifully outlined in rich magenta. It's an early bloomer, boasting an abundance of flowers and a compact growth habit. Height: 12-18". Spread: 12-18". Zone: 5. *Pacific Plug & Limer*.

Hellebore 'JWLS Endless' (*Helleborus hybrid*). A compact, upward facing hellebore with an extended bloom season. Selected for its glossy, dark green foliage topped with abundant and long-lasting blooms that start out green and transition to a beautiful white. Height: 12-18". Zone: 5. *Monrovia Nursery*.

Hydrangea 'Game Changer Giant Pink' (*Hydrangea macrophylla*). *Hydrangea macrophylla* is the type you usually buy from the florist and isn't very hardy. This one is hardier than most! It has extraordinarily large panicle flowers that will bloom every day of the growing season. Flowering of new and old wood makes pruning easy. Height: 18-24". Spread:

24-30". Zone: 5. *Green Fuse Botanicals*.

Ice plant 'Kaleidoscope Razzle Dazzle' (*Delosperma hybrid*). These plants are notable for heat and drought tolerance, as well as requiring little to no maintenance. Bicolour flowers transition from raspberry red tips to fuchsia purple eyes around cream centers. Height: under 12". Spread: 20-24". Zone: 5. *Proven Winners*.

Primrose 'Pretty Polly! Blushing Pink' (*Primula x hybrid*). Brings a new level of elegance to the polyanthus family with its large, double flowers in a soft, blushing peach hue. Unlike traditional polyanthus primulas, this one is more robust in growth, featuring a taller and more vigorous habit that fills larger pots beautifully, making it a real standout. Height: 12-18". Spread: 6-8". Zone: 4. *Pacific Plug & Limer*.

Rose mallow 'Cookies and Cream' (*Hibiscus hybrid*). A night and day combination of matte black foliage and pure white flowers. 'Cookies and Cream' emerges in late spring already showing its dark foliage. Full sun will bring out the deepest foliage colour. Beginning in midsummer slightly cupped 6-7" bright white flowers will appear. Each bloom is solid white, without the typical red eye of hardy hibiscus. Height: 24-36". Spread: 42-48". Zone: 4. *Proven Winners*.



Salvia 'Blue By You'.



Sedge 'Bunny Blue'.



Shasta daisy 'Lemon Puff'.



Shasta daisy 'Real Jewel'.



Abelia 'Suntastic Peach'.



Boxwood 'Better Boxwood Renaissance'.



Burning bush 'Fire Ball Seedless'.

Salvia 'Blue By You' (*Salvia nemorosa*). Bright blue-purple flower spikes bloom from summer to frost. With deadheading, it can rebloom up to five times per season. Attractive to hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees. Deer resistant and drought tolerant. Height: 18-24". Spread: 20-24". Zone: 4. *American Meadows*.

Sedge 'Bunny Blue' (*Carex laxiculmis*). Neat and well-behaved, showing off strappy foliage with beautiful, cool blue tones. Evergreen and naturalizing, it will slowly spread for a versatile groundcover or alternative lawn. An excellent selection for shade gardens. Good for rain gardens and moist soil, while also tolerant of hot, dry shade. Deer resistant. Height: under 12". Spread: 12-28". Zone: 5. *American Meadows*.

Shasta daisy 'Lemon Puff' (*Lucaanthemum x superbium*). Delightful double flowers with soft lemon-yellow petals and darker golden centers on a compact plant with a tight, low habit. Incredible flower power with a profusion of blooms. Excellent for container gardening or at the front of a border. Height: 12-18". Spread: 18-22". Zone: 4. *Think-Plants*.

Shasta daisy 'Real Jewel' (*Leucaanthemum hybrid*). Shredded banana-yellow petals give excellent garden performance in high rain areas. Elegant small foliage gives excellent resistance to higher temperatures. Compact habit. Height: 12-18". Spread: 12". Zone: 5. *PlantHaven International*.

Shrubs and trees

Lots of beauties here. Only a couple are hardy to Zone 3 and none are listed below that. What can you do in Zone 2? Just look through with interest and thank heaven for lilacs!

Abelia 'Suntastic Peach' (*Abelia*). Tidy and compact shrub with fantastic colours: new foliage is yellow and green, turning caramel through winter. Fragrant flowers. Height: 36-60". Spread: 30-60". Zone: 7. *PlantHaven International*.

Boxwood 'Better Boxwood Renaissance' (*Buxus*). Scientifically bred for its ability to resist blight! Rich green foliage and a conveniently compact habit. A great pick for parterre and knot gardens, borders and low hedges. Height: 12-18". Zone: 5. *Plant Development Services*.

Burning bush 'Fire Ball Seedless' (*Euonymus alatus*). The only seedless, sterile, non-invasive burning bush on the market! It has all the durability and inferno-red colour that you expect but no risk of spreading into wild areas like conventional burning bush. Height: 5-6'. Zone: 4. *Proven Winners*.

Doghobble 'Paisley Pup' (*Leucothoe fontanesiana*). A handsome broadleaf evergreen with foliage that blazes an array of pink, green, cream, white, bronze,



Doghobble 'Paisley Pup'.



Hydrangea 'Bouncy'.



Hydrangea 'FlowerFull Smooth'.



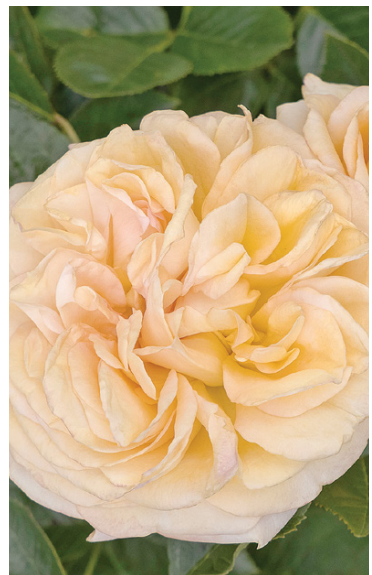
Redbud 'Garden Gems Amethyst'.



Redbud 'Midnight Express'.



Rhododendron 'Bloombux Blush'.



Rose 'Eau de Parfum Blush'.



Rose 'Oso Easy En Fuego'.

and yellow hues. Racemes of fragrant white flowers dangle elegantly from the slender, arching stems, enticing pollinators. It has a versatile, low habit, outstanding deer resistance and it's shade tolerant. Height: 3-4' Spread: 5'. Zone: 5. *Proven Winners*.

Hydrangea 'Bouncy' (*Hydrangea paniculata*). Very strong red stems hold large pure white panicle flowers each summer. As fall approaches, white flowers become red and pink for a new season of beauty. Height: 60-72". Zone: 3. *Bloomin' Easy*.

Hydrangea 'FlowerFull Smooth' (*Hydrangea arborescens*). Bold blooms and sturdy upright stems that won't flop in the wind and rain. With two-to-three times more blooms per season than other smooth hydrangeas, it makes an outstanding focal point plant. Disease-resistant and low-maintenance. Height: 36-48". Spread: 48-60". Zone: 3. *First Editions*.

Redbud 'Garden Gems Amethyst' (*Cercis canadensis*). This compact tree is an elegant focal point in small gardens and when potted on patios. Its size and burgundy foliage give a similar effect to Japanese maple, but it has native North American parentage. A spring flush of pink blooms will attract pollinators. Height: 8-10'. Spread: 8-10'. Zone: 5. *Star Roses and Plants*.

Redbud 'Midnight Express' (*Cercis canadensis*). Bright pink, pea-shaped spring blooms followed by velvety, deep burgundy foliage. Adds a dramatic flair to any setting, whether it's a meticulously planned landscape or a natural-style garden. Gold and orange fall foliage. Height: 20-30'. Spread: 10-20'. Zone: 5. *Proven Winners*.

Rhododendron 'Bloombux Blush' (*Rhododendron hybrid*). Blush pink flowering and low growing. Perfect as a low hedge alternative to boxwood. Height: 18-24". Zone: 5. *Bloomin' Easy*.

Rose 'Eau de Parfum Blush' (*Rosa*). Big, fully fragrant blooms provide the classic romance of roses with the added benefit of disease resistance brought to you by modern breeding. Blush pink blooms form a lovely bud, then slowly unfurl to their full glory. The lush foliage makes these excellent shrubs in the garden. Blooming repeatedly from early spring until first frost. Height: 3-4'. Zone: 5. *Monrovia Nursery*.

Rose 'Oso Easy En Fuego' (*Rosa*). Graces the garden with intensely colourful flowers that start off yellow and red and fully open to an electric orange. The large flower size and glossy green foliage make the effect especially memorable. It has outstanding disease resistance. Height: 3-4'. Zone: 4. *Proven Winners*.



Basil 'Everleaf Lemon'.



Broccoli 'Skytree'.



Cabbage 'Verve'.



Hot pepper 'Hot Portugal'.



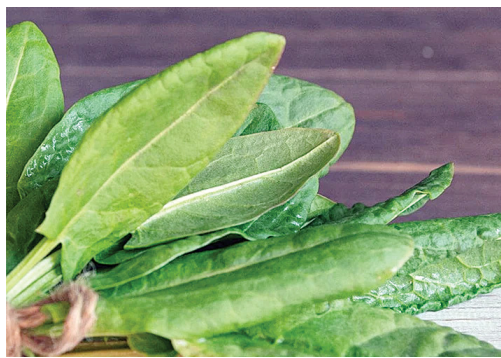
Pak choi 'Polly-Pak'.



Pepper 'Pillar Peppers Luna Red'.



Pepper 'Pumpkin Spooky Red'.



Sorrel 'Red Apache'.



Squash 'Ceres'.

Herbs and vegetables

These new edibles are bred for gardeners who want beauty, flavour, and performance in one tidy package. Whether you're growing on a balcony or in backyard beds, this year's selections may offer better disease resistance, more compact habits, or standout taste.

Basil 'Everleaf Lemon' (*Ocimum basilicum*). Tall, upright and highly branched for plenty of harvest potential. They are also very late to flower – up to eight weeks later than standard basil – for season-long enjoyment of tasty leaves. It has a bright lemon flavour, great for adding to dressings, marinades, and fresh salads. Height: 24-36". Spread: 8-12". *PanAmerican Seed Co.*

Broccoli 'Skytree' (*Brassica oleracea*). This broccoli is an 'easy floret' variety with a segmented head allowing for easier harvest and preparation. It has a sweeter stem than traditional broccoli varieties. Height: 12-36". Spread: 12". *Seminis/Bayer.*

Cabbage 'Verve' (*Brassica oleracea*). This non-heading leafy cabbage produces beautiful mounds of hearty leaves. Prepared similarly to collards, leaves tenderize and offer a subtle sweet flavour and unctuous chew when cooked. To use leaves as carb-free wraps, lightly blanch and lay flat to cool. Height: 24-36". Spread: 24-36". *Bejo Seeds.*

Hot pepper 'Hot Portugal' (*Capsicum annuum*). 60-85

days to maturity from transplant. Suitable for growing in containers, garden plots, raised beds, and greenhouses. Resistant to tobacco mosaic virus. Elongated fruit, bright red when mature. Height: 24-36". Spread: 12-24". *True Leaf Market.*

Pak choi 'Polly-Pak' (*Brassica rapa*). Fast-growing pak choi with bright purple leaves that hold well in the garden and add a beautiful pop of colour. Slow to bolt. Height: under 12". Spread: 6-10". *Pure Line Seeds.*

Pepper 'Pillar Peppers Luna Red' (*Capsicum annuum*). Sweet, red fruits on a compact plant habit, perfect for pots. Height: 12-18". Spread: 5-7". *Pure Line Seeds.*

Pepper 'Pumpkin Spooky Red' (*Capsicum annuum*). Pumpkin-shaped sweet peppers. The immature fruit starts in a creamy, ghostly green colour and matures to a deep red. Pot-sized. Height: 24-36". Spread: 5-7". *Pure Line Seeds.*

Sorrel 'Red Apache' (*Rumex acetosella*). Sorrel is a perennial herb with a tangy, lemon-earthy flavour often used in salads and sauces. It is easy to grow from seed and a great addition to your herb garden. Highly ornamental, drought and heat-tolerant sorrel variety. Height: 12-18". Spread: 5-12". *True Leaf Market.*

Squash 'Ceres' (*Cucurbita moschata*). Early maturing butternut is ready in 90-95 days from direct seeding. The creamy tan exterior is very smooth with no ribbing



Tomato 'Honey Bee'.



Tomato 'Lemonsugar'.



Tomato 'Pink Gal'.



Tomato 'Pink Pixie'.



Tomato 'RuBee Prize'.



Tomato 'Unicorn'.



Tomato 'WonderStar Red'.



Tomato 'Woodstock'.

and the interior firm, solid, dark orange flesh. Vigorous plant habit with intermediate resistance to powdery mildew. Height: 12-18". Spread: 3-5'. *Sakata Seed*.

Tomato 'Honey Bee' (*Solanum lycopersicum*). Honey Bee is an early, improved artisan type with excellent flavour. Beautiful 1-inch red- and yellow-striped fruit. Compact plant habit, high yields, and less cracking than others of its type. Late blight-resistance. Height: over 6'. Spread: 24-36". *Johnny's Selected Seeds*.

Tomato 'Lemonsugar' (*Solanum lycopersicum*). Indeterminate golden yellow round cherry that has strong vigor, good flavour and excellent cracking tolerance. It has a uniform cluster and good disease resistance. Height: 5-6'. *Seminis/Bayer*.

Tomato 'Pink Gal' (*Solanum lycopersicum*). An early producing indeterminate pink round beefsteak tomato with very good taste. Fruits are smooth, have excellent quality and uniformity and a nice pink colour. Nice slicer with great internal quality and a long shelf life. Average fruit weight is about 8 ounces. Excellent disease resistance package as well and has high resistance to gray leaf spot. Height: 5-6'. *Seminis/Bayer*.

Tomato 'Pink Pixie' (*Solanum lycopersicum*). A round indeterminate cherry tomato with excellent flavour, shiny skin and nice pink colour. Large uniform fruit size with minor cracking and great fruit quality. High

yield, heavy fruit set. Height: 5-6'. *Seminis/Bayer*.

Tomato 'RuBee Prize' (*Solanum lycopersicum*). Expect loads of very large (9-10 ounce) fruit with colour and show-stopping flavour in just 65 days. The compact indeterminate plants are leafy with good fruit cover, are disease resistant and super productive. The fruit are deep red, juicy, almost seedless with a slightly flattened globe shape. Height: 24-36". Spread: 24". *Sakata Seed*.

Tomato 'Unicorn' (*Solanum lycopersicum*). A indeterminate tomato that produces medium to large size, deep red fruits. Fruits are tolerant to cracking, firm, and have an excellent sweet-tasting flavour. Height: 5-6'. *Seminis/Bayer*.

Tomato 'WonderStar Red' (*Solanum lycopersicum*). Determinate plants produce early maturing, bright-red fruits with excellent flavour. Good disease resistance, specifically to late blight and septoria leaf spot. Days to maturity from transplant is 60-65 days. Height: 18-24". Spread: 24-36". *PanAmerican Seed Co*.

Tomato 'Woodstock' (*Solanum lycopersicum*). Sugary and rich, with plenty of acid. Green when fully ripe with a psychedelic swirling interior. Productive yields of 8 to 12 ounce beefsteak-sized fruit. Easier to harvest than some green tomatoes as the bottom of the fruit shows a nice pink blush when ripe. Height: over 6'. Spread: 12-24". *Johnny's Selected Seeds*. 🌱