

SISKIYOU

RARE PLANT NURSERY

Autumn 2010 Supplement of New and Returning Plants

The Year Twenty-Ten brought a lengthy, wet spring to many on the West Coast, and our short summer is already slipping away into fall planting-time, the gardener's best opportunity to reinvigorate and reinvent the garden. The rockery, whether it occupies a large, open rock-garden or is confined to alpine troughs, is no exception. As nights grow cooler, perennials may be dug and divided as needed, including dormant bulbs and matted rhizomes. We have a good number of new items this fall, as well as some special plants returning from years past. You may also order items from the 2010 Spring Catalog. To be sure of availability, see our website: www.siskiyourareplantnursery.com.

Our office phone is variously manned throughout the week as our staff extend their duties to the nursery, sales area, and the great autumn packing and shipping rush. Please be patient if you would like to place a telephone order and can't reach us right away. Someone will be happy to return your call if you leave a clear and audible telephone number. Otherwise, our website offers fast, easy and secure ordering, and features a growing number of photos of plants in our gardens as we are able to capture them at peak performance. Plants are gathered and reserved as orders are received, and will be shipped beginning September 13th or on the week you indicate, weather conditions permitting.

New customers please note: our catalog is arranged by botanical name only, but please do not let that dissuade you from getting to know the wonderful plants that we'd like to share with newcomers to the art of rock-gardening.

Following the item number and botanical name is the plant's family, common name, and mature dimensions (estimated after two years' growth). We use USDA Plant Hardiness Zones, which represent an estimated minimum temperature range for the plant. These are often based on limited information in literature, and results are apt to vary with consideration to microclimate, freeze duration, and many other factors. We appreciate any corrections you may have to offer from your own experience!

Shipping charges are listed in the table on the Order Form. If you are ordering only dormant bulbs, the base charge for your area applies to shipping. This list supersedes and cancels all previous offers, prices and discounts made by Siskiyou Rare Plant Nursery, and represents current pricing and inventory. Prices are subject to change after 11/30/2010.

2731 *Aethionema saxatilis* ssp. *oreophilum* (Brassicaceae)

2 in. x 12 in. A low, slowly creeping cushion-plant from Greece with rounded, glaucous-blue foliage and showy heads of pale pink flowers in spring. Rarely grown, it is a bright spot in the sunny rockery or wall in spring. Hardy to Zone 7. \$6.50

3400 *Anacyclus depressus* (Asteraceae)

Atlas Daisy- 6 in. x 24 in. Sprawling mats of finely cut, ferny foliage revel in sun and poor soil, blooming in summer with abundant white daisies, the rays ("petals") are elegantly backed with maroon-red. An easy, heat-tolerant groundcover from North Africa. Hardy to Zone 7. \$6.50

6735 *Aquilegia flabellata* var. *pumila* 'Alba' (Ranunculaceae)

White-Flowered Japanese Columbine- 8 in. x 12 in. Of smaller stature than most columbines but not quite dwarf, this hardy species has big, glaucous foliage and short-spurred, white flowers. Best in moist, gritty soil with a light manuring in spring. Hardy to Zone 3. . . \$6.50

8043 *Arenaria ciliata* (Caryophyllaceae)

Arctic Sandwort- 6 in. x 18 in. A distinctive ground-covering plant for the rockery, common throughout the arctic and other northerly reaches. Creeping stems of bristly foliage are liberally adorned with white blooms in spring. Hardy to Zone 3. \$8.00

8830 *Armeria trojana* (Plumbaginaceae)

Thrift- 4 in. x 4 in. From Turkish mountains; small clumps of linear green leaves have heads of pale rose-pink flowers, large for the plant, atop two-inch stems. Hardy to Zone 4. \$8.00

9245 *Aruncus kamtschaticus* (Rosaceae)

Siberian Goatsbeard- 36 in. x 36 in. This rarely cultivated goatsbeard from Siberia and Japan is smaller in stature than more common Euro-American subspecies of *A. dioicus*. Broad green leaflets are set on low, outspreading stems in a deciduous clump with stout spires of cream-white flowers from late spring to summer. A distinctive, very hardy perennial for a shaded site in moist, rich loam. Hardy to Zone 2. \$12.00

9925 *Aster alpinus* var. *dolomiticus* (Asteraceae)

Alpine Aster- 6 in. x 12 in. Back in stock! This blue-flowered form from the Italian Alps is outstanding, and an old favorite among rock gardeners. Cushions of wavy foliage send stems to 6-8 inches in height with large, blue-purple blooms. Hardy to Zone 3. \$8.00

34387 *Athyrium nipponicum* 'Ursula's Red' (Dryopteridaceae)

18 in. x 24 in. Back in stock! We're happy to offer this striking form again. Succulent crosiers arise in spring deep purple in color, unfurling to reveal broad, silver-green leaflets. Originating in North Carolina, it is a top performer in the South, and a richly-colored perk for the shade garden anywhere. Hardy to Zone 4. \$12.00

18640 *Codonopsis clematidea* (Campanulaceae)

36 in. x 36 in. Lax, hoary stems with clasping leaves have a vine-like appearance, terminating in large, sky-blue bells with a curious, kaleidoscopic pattern on the interior surface. Gritty, well-drained soil, moderately moist in summer, is a fine medium for this unusual harebell relative from China. A lightly shaded position in the rockery or nook in a wall give this thick-rooted, herbaceous perennial a strong foothold from where it can spread its lengthy stems. Hardy to Zone 4. . . \$8.00

- 21800** *Coreopsis auriculata* var. *nana* 'Elfin Gold' (*Asteraceae*)
10 in. x 12 in. A fine, compact perennial, bred for small stature and long bloom season. From tufts of soft green foliage, golden-orange flowers appear throughout summer. Slow to increase, this is an excellent choice for smaller gardens and containers, and packs a colorful punch in a low-profile landscape among short grasses and scattered annuals. Hardy to Zone 4. \$8.00
- 22110** *Corydalis elata* (*Fumariaceae*)
18 in. x 18 in. Radiant blue, sweetly fragrant flowers in clustered heads appear from May to midsummer above short stands of lacy, blue-green fronds. Foliage stays all summer in rich, moist soil, dying down to tiny dormant tubers in winter. Hardy to Zone 6. . . . \$12.00
- 22388** *Cotula* 'Tiffendell Gold' (*Asteraceae*)
Gold Buttons- 8 in. x 18 in. Spreading mats of ferny, grey-green foliage are studded in spring and summer with big, golden-yellow buttons atop wiry stems. This unusual, amusing groundcover endures light traffic, and thrives in a sunny or lightly shaded position in rich, moist soil. Named for the alpine resort area of South Africa from where it was introduced. Hardy to Zone 6. \$6.50
- 26383** *Dicentra* 'King of Hearts' (*Fumariaceae*)
12 in. x 12 in. Compact and floriferous, this hybrid bleeding-heart combines lacy, steel-blue foliage that lasts all through summer, with abundant corymbs of rose-pink blossoms in spring. A long-lived perennial in a shaded area in rich, moist soil. Hardy to Zone 5.. \$12.00
- 28400** *Draba cretica* (*Brassicaceae*)
3 in. x 4 in. Little information is available for this unusual Mediterranean species, forming a small bun of many spiny rosettes, with short stems of mustard-yellow flowers appearing in very early spring. Best suited to an alpine trough with other minutiae. Hardy to Zone 6. \$8.00
- Edraianthus* (*Campanulaceae*)
- 29835** *E. appenninus* 3 in. x 8 in. Back in stock! Short flowering stems radiate from tufts of tiny, green leaves with upfacing, violet-blue cups from spring to early summer. From rocky crevices on the Italian Peninsula, it is diminutive enough to enjoy in an alpine trough. Hardy to Zone 5. \$8.00
- 29838** *E. dalmaticus* 'Grandiflorus' 4-6 in. x 8 in. From rocky outcrops and screes in Serbia and Montenegro, this species has tufts of grassy, white-haired leaves and large clusters of spring flowers in violet-blue, bigger in size in this variety. Hardy to Zone 5. \$8.00
- 29885** *E. serbicus* 3-5 in. x 12 in. Smaller than *E. graminifolius*, this species hails from Serbia and neighboring Bulgaria, with small tufts of grassy leaves adorned with abundant violet-blue cups, on short, outspreading stems. Hardy to Zone 5. \$8.00
- 29950** *Elmera racemosa* (*Saxifragaceae*)
8-10 in. x 6 in. A Pacific Northwest native related to *Heuchera*. Scalloped green leaves are arranged in low clumps, blooming late in summer with short stems of glandular, green calyces with tiny, fringed, white petals. This winsome native nestles comfortably into an alpine trough or a nook in the shaded rockery, turning bronze-red in winter. Hardy to Zone 4. \$8.00
- 32260** *Erodium reichardii* (*Geraniaceae*)
2 in. x 10 in. (aka *E. chamaedrioides*) Long grown in gardens, this western mediterranean species spreads moderately into a dense cushion of half-inch, scalloped green leaves, and small but numerous pale pink, intricately veined flowers all summer. Best in full sun to partial shade in moderately moist, sandy soil. Hardy to Zone 7. \$6.50
- 38590** *Francoa sonchifolia* (*Melanthaceae*)
Bridal Wreath- 18 in. x 18 in. This unusual perennial from Chile enjoys sun to part shade in deeply moist, rich soil that resembles its streamside home. Broad, velvety leaves arise in loose rosettes; with wands of pale pink flowers with narrow petals stippled red in summer. Hardy to Zone 7. \$12.00
- 41820** *Geranium subcaulescens* (*Geraniaceae*)
10 in. x 12 in. Vivid magenta-pink flowers, made even more stunning by a deep purple-black eye, cover these tidy domes of round, scalloped foliage in late spring. An amazing species from Greece and neighboring states on the Adriatic, it prefers rich, gritty soil and blooms best in full sun. Hardy to Zone 5. \$8.00
- 42253** *Gillenia stipulata* (*Rosaceae*)
30-36 in. x 30 in. Slightly smaller in habit than the more common bowman's root, *G. trifoliata*, this species also contrasts with deeply cut, almost feathery foliage. Starry, white flowers appear in extended sprays in early summer. Hardy to Zone 3. \$12.00
- 43396** *Haplopappus acanthis* (*Asteraceae*)
3 in. x 12 in. A western American native from montane scree. Low, evergreen mats of stiff, pointed leaves are covered in spring with golden-yellow daisies. Extra-gritty soil with a deep, cool root run where it can access consistent moisture is the ideal habitat; a good candidate for an alpine trough of the deep sink type. Hardy to Zone 3. \$8.00
- 47764** *Hymenoxis acaulis* ssp. *arizonica* (*Asteraceae*)
6 in. x 12 in. Caespitose tufts of pointed green foliage are nearly hidden by big, golden-yellow daisies. From the Great Basin and Rockies; best in rock-garden grit among hardy cacti and other high-desert dwellers. Hardy to Zone 4. \$8.00
- 48040** *Hypericum rumeliacum* ssp. *apollinis* (*Clusiaceae*)
6 in. x 12 in. A new one to us via our friend Kathy Allen. Sunny yellow, half-inch flowers adorn the grey-green foliage of this compact Balkan species. Like other rock-garden St. John's wort, this revels in sun in gritty, poor soil with occasional watering. Hardy to Zone 6. \$8.00
- 48210** *Hyssopus angustifolius* ssp. *aristatus* (*Lamiaceae*)
12 in. x 18 in. Spreading stems bear narrow, fragrant foliage and short spikes of pale purple flowers. Colorful and forgiving, this summer-blooming herb is loved by pollinating insects, and spreads readily in sun, in sandy loam with extra grit and gravel added. Hardy to Zone 5. \$6.50
- 50240** *Lavandula x intermedia* 'Martha Roderick' (*Lamiaceae*)
Hybrid English Lavender- 24 in. x 24 in. A compact mound of grey-green foliage, bursting with stout stems of lavender-blue flowers. Perfect for the smaller Mediterranean garden as a dense, semi-formal hedge; equally well-suited to containers. Must have good drainage, thriving in rich, sandy soil and, of course, unimpeded sunshine. Hardy to Zone 5. \$8.00
- 51525** *Lewisia cotyledon* 'Sunset Shades' (*Portulacaceae*)
Lewisia- 8 in. x 8 in. Classic strain with a broad range of smoldering colors from pink-orange to flaming magenta. Large, succulent foliage forms clustering rosettes over time, ablaze in flowers from April to June. An excellent trough subject, easy with a shaded rest after blooming. Hardy to Zone 5. \$8.00

52820 *Litbiodora zabnii* (Boraginaceae)

12 in. x 24 in. Back in stock! This evergreen shrublet for the rockery is a mounding cushion of narrow, sharp-tipped leaves, heavily decorated with short cymes of large, sky-blue flowers in early summer. A rare and unusual member of the borage family from the Peloponnese. Hardy to Zone 7. \$8.00

71300 *Saponaria* 'Bressingham Hybrid' (Caryophyllaceae)

2 in. x 12 in. This old rock-garden hybrid forms low, congested mats of green foliage smothered in spring with bright, candy-pink flowers. Grow in deep, moist grit and full sun with shade from intense heat. Hardy to Zone 5. \$6.50

78311 *Scleranthus uniflorus* 'Olive' (Caryophyllaceae)

½ in. x 12 in. This unique alpine from New Zealand is a slowly mounding, evergreen cushion, which in this variety is a wonderfully drab olive-green color. Deep, gritty soil that is rich, well-drained and consistently moist is necessary for this drought-sensitive rockery plant. Feed lightly during summer growth. Hardy to Zone 7. . \$8.00

79839 *Silene acaulis* 'Francis' (Caryophyllaceae)

Alpine Champion- 1 in. x 8 in. A solid cushion of minute green leaves, this European alpine provides a long season of tiny pink flowers in spring. Must have gritty, well-drained soil with light feeding in summer and protection from extreme summer heat. Hardy to Zone 3. \$8.00

83750 *Tiarella wherryi* (Saxifagaceae)

Wherry's Foamflower- 10 in x 12 in. This North American native perennial, with many hybrid progeny on the market, is worthy of wider cultivation on its own merit. For moist, rich soil in open shade, it makes neat clumps of bristly, scalloped leaves similar to Heuchera, to which it is allied. From late spring through most of summer, the plants are a haze of upright stems with countless tiny, white stars. Hardy to Zone 4. \$8.00

Viola (Violaceae)

Pansy Viola Here are three species of vastly different character in this huge genus; each one occupies its own special niche in the garden.

87965 *V. cornuta* 'Rebecca' Bedding Pansy- 6 in. x 12 in. The perennial nature of this northern European species sets it apart from annual pansies. This unusual cultivar exhibits streaks of blue and purple on its ruffled, cream-white petals. The flowers are over an inch across and numerous in spring and early summer. Shear in midsummer after bloom-time and allow to rest, watering lightly as new growth resumes. Hardy to Zone 7. \$6.50

87978 *V. corsica* Corsican Pansy- 6 in. x 12 in. Found among rocks and rubble in the western Mediterranean, this has large, flowers in solid violet with a tiny yellow eye, produced liberally through late spring and summer. Longer-blooming and more heat-tolerant than other pansies. Give it gritty, moderately moist soil, with smoe shade from hot sun. Hardy to Zone 6. \$6.50

88000 *V. bederacea* Trailing Violet- 6 in. x 18 in. Long, trailing stems run in all directions, forming a throng of kidney-shaped leaves on upright stems, dappled with broad, white flowers with a radiating, deep blue center. It makes rampant growth in summer, blooming well in cool conditions in light shade and rich, moist soil. A fascinating but tender violet from southeastern Australia, it tolerates light freezes and prefers a dryish winter rest. Hardy to Zone 9. . . . \$6.50

89910 *Zauschneria californica* 'Wayne's Silver' (Onagraceae)

California "Fuchsia"- 12 in. x 48 in. Large, scarlet-red trumpets appear on extended sprays over silver-grey foliage in low, quickly-spreading mounds. A splendid perennial originally selected by Wayne

Roderick, it spreads readily through gravelly, moderately rich soil in full sun with little summer water. Hardy to Zone 7. \$6.50

Dormant tubers and bulbs:

Arisaema (Araceae)

Jack-in-the-Pulpit- Our special forms of these two imposing species are rarely found elsewhere and are hardy, long-lived additions to your summer-moist woodland garden. Both need deep, rich loam and light shade.

8320 *A. franchetianum* 36 in. x 36 in. This plant's trifoliate leaves are some of the largest in the genus, and nearly obscure the distinctively patterned spathe, striped mahogany and white, with a whip-like spadix that curls up and outward, its better length left dangling in the air. The imposing foliage dies completely in winter, and new growth often arises from the tuber quite late in spring. Hardy to Zone 6. Limited Supply! \$40.00

8325 *A. ringens* 18 in. x 24 in. This bold species from Japan is one of the best and easiest in cultivation, forming a strong colony of trifoliate leaves, glossy-green with a pale blue film on the underside. The nearly grotesque flower-spathe sits beneath, which in the form we propagate is richly striped with black. Hardy to Zone 6. . . . \$18.00

56420 *Oxalis versicolor* (Oxalidaceae)

Candy-Cane Oxalis- blooming height: 6 in. This summer-dormant South African bulb should be the next holiday impulse-buy. This unique form grows from a prolific, clustering bulb with a tough, bronze tunic. Planted one inch deep in rich, well-drained potting mix, six to eight in a four-inch pot, it commences growth soon after, and forms a mound of deeply lobed green foliage. Dozens of tightly rolled buds are striped red and white in barber-pole fashion, open in daylight to reveal satiny-white flowers, each petal stained cherry-red along one edge. Blooming usually begins around Thanksgiving and often continues straight through January with high light, consistent moisture and cool temperatures of 35 to 50 degrees. After the foliage pales and dries in late spring, the bulbs may be tipped-out and repotted in late August for another winter of bloom. Hardy to Zone 8. . 12 bulbs/\$8.00; 25 bulbs/\$12.50; 100 bulbs/\$36.00

63610 *Pleione formosana* (Orchidaceae)

Hardy Chinese Ground Orchid- Blooming height: 6-8 in. Found widespread through eastern Asia, this is among the showiest of hardy orchids. Pale pink blooms with a broad lip that is frilled at the edge and generously spotted rose-pink or yellow, appear late winter and spring. After flowering, pleated leaves to ten inches in length are borne singly from each pseudobulb, turning yellow in autumn before dropping. Sizable clumps of pseudobulbs may be established in the shaded rockery or beneath open shrubs, in humus-rich, well-drained soil. Because the plant is entirely renewed each year, container cultivation is recommended, in a moist medium of pumice or perlite and small orchid bark or peat, fed lightly and regularly until August. Dry-off in autumn for cold winter dormancy (in the cold-frame or garage); clean and repot in January. Hardy to Zone 7.1/\$8.00, 3/\$21.00, 6/\$36.00

71200 *Sanguinaria canadensis* 'Multiplex' (Papaveraceae)

Double-flowered Bloodroot- 12 in. x 18 in. We are very pleased to offer once again this rarely encountered woodland plant from the eastern United States and Canada, here in the fully double, longer-lasting variety. White, multi-petaled blossoms float like water lillies on short stems before foliage emerges in early spring. Moist, rich loam best suits the stout rhizomes, which form a thick clump of broad, blue-green foliage. We ship sections of rhizome six to eight inches long, with two to four growing points. Planted and watered immediately, they establish and bloom quite readily. Hardy to Zone 2. . . \$24.00