



## Patty's Plants Hummingbird Perennial Plants for 2010



**Agastache foeniculum 'Golden Jubilee'**-is a unique, gold-leaved variety of anise hyssop. The tall stems are topped with lavender blue flowers from mid summer to fall. All-America Selections winner in 2003. Hardy in zones 5-10. height 30"-D

**Agastache rupestris -Licorice Mint or Sunset Hyssop**-36-42" x 18" wide. **1997 Plant Select** winner. Licorice Mint Hyssop is a superior perennial enjoyed in the garden for its spicy fragrance, uniquely colored flowers and finely textured foliage. Like lavender, it is an indispensable perennial for water-thrifty gardens loves a hot, sunny position in well-drained soil. Blooms June-Sept. W &M

**Agastache foeniculum- Anise Hyssop**-sometimes referred to as Anise Hyssop or Hummingbird Mint. 3-5', Attracts bees, blooms July-Sept., edible flowers; leaves for flavoring or teas; crafts; seeds used in cookies, cakes, and muffins. W &M

**Alcea rosea-Nigra**-is as nearly black as any flower gets. It is an heirloom variety which Thomas Jefferson grew. The species is native to the Mediterranean region, & has been gardened throughout Europe since at least 1500. The black form was described in 1629 by John Parkinson as, "Of dark red like black blood." Has large rosettes of round, hairy leaves by autumn, and will bloom the following summer with stalks six to eight feet high. Blooms June-Sept. Hollyhocks thrive in full sun and in soils that are not too rich or wet. USDA Zones 3-8 NSP

**Alcea rugosa "Yellow Fig-leaved Hollyhock"**-A rare and beautiful perennial Hollyhock from Caucasus. It has a more fuller and branching form than regular Hollyhocks and the delicious shade of pale yellow flowers continue to open throughout Summer. The best part is that this one is rust and mildew resistant! To 5' tall.NSP

**Aquilegia hybrida- Red Hobbit**-12-14" x 12" wide. Red Hobbit is a dwarf Danish selection with eye-catching red and white flowers. it likes compost-enriched soil with regular irrigation and protection from the afternoon sun. This stable hybrid comes true to color when reseeding in the garden, unlike many other hybrid varieties. Zones 4-8 NSP

**Aquilegia vulgaris -Nora Barlow"Columbine"** A must for the flower arranger! Fully double flowers of suffused red, pink and green arranged in perfect symmetry. Comes remarkably true from seed. Flowers late spring/early summer. Height 24-30in. Zones 3-8 NSP

**Aquilegia hybrida-Mckanna Giant**-is an extra large flowered Columbine available in a wide assortment of colors. Height: 24-30" Prefers Light Shade, but will grow in the Full Sun with enough water in any well-drained soil. USDA Zone: 3-10. May-June D

**Aquilegia Canadensis-Wild Columbine**-Likes moderately moist soils, sun or shade, blooms in May and June. Attracts hummingbirds & moths. Height: 1-3ft TG

**Aquilegia chrysantha "Yellow Queen"Columbine.** Upright perennial, mid-green leaves, divided into leaflets. Nodding pale and golden yellow flowers. Flower color Yellow. Flowers from May to August. Herbaceous. Hardy. NSP

**Chelone lyonii 'Hot Lips'**-Emerging in spring, the handsome, purple-bronze 2-foot stems show off bright pink tubular flowers from midsummer to midautumn. Zone 3-8, 24"NSP

**Delphinium x elatum 'Black Knight'**- has tall spikes of flowers in a gorgeous shade of dark violet-blue with a black bee in the center. Hardy in zones 4-8, height 4-5' D

**Delphinium x elatum Pagan Purple-** New Millennium New Zealand Hybrid) Very strong stemmed delphiniums with heavily petalled flowers of excellent color & form. Considered to be longer lived and more tolerant of heat & humidity, while retaining cold hardiness. Very dark blue/purple. 6 feet. Cut.NSP

**Delphinium x elatum Sweethearts-** shades of rose to soft pink with a contrasting white “bee” in the middle. The deeply-cut leaves form a medium-sized bushy mound with superior vigour. Stems may require staking in windy areas, best done before they reach 3 feet or so in height. Removing spent spikes right after flowering will encourage repeat blooming in fall.NSP

**Delphinium Pacific Giant mix and Magic Fountain mix.**

**Dicentra eximia Burning Hearts-** - Fern-leaved Bleeding Heart - Short 10-12" - Plant 12" apart. zone 3-9. Award winning performance! Deep rose-red heart shaped flowers edged in white are produced through the entire summer on compact blue-gray textured foliage. NSP

**Dicentra spectabilis Goldheart-** Well-divided, fern-like foliage in brilliant gold with pink stains up the stems. The flower spikes bearing rosy pink Dutchman breeches flowers rise up to 3 ft. Spring. 24 in. x 26 in. Rosy Pink flowers Shade, Part Shade Zones 5-9 NSP

**Digitalis purpurea 'Candy Mountain'** -a Foxglove that shows its face! These large rosy-pink to mauve bells are upturned, revealing their freckled interiors even from a distance. Very showy, they create a unique new look for Digitalis, 3 to 4 feet tall and 1 to 2 feet wide, with exceptionally strong stems that make staking unnecessary. Zones 4-9. NSP

**Digitalis purpurea 'Foxy'**-The "Foxy's" bloom the first year, and have extra-bright bi-colored blooms. 36-50" tall, zones 4-9. L

**Heuchera sanguinea-'Firefly'**-18" x 15" wide. The bright red flowers are held high on long thin wands over the tidy mounds of scalloped foliage. Heavy blooming in well-drained, compost enriched soil, flowering is prolonged by deadheading of faded flowering spikes. Zones 3-8, NSP.

**Kniphofia hirsuta-Fire Dance-**18" x 15-18" wide. Is one of the shortest, prettiest and most reliably cold-hardy species in the genus. Easily grown in average and compost-enriched garden soils. This is an improved cultivar with lovely coral-red and yellow bi-color flower spikes.

Zones 5-8. NSP

**Mertensia Virginia-** Virginia Bluebells-Erect plant with smooth gray-green foliage and nodding clusters of pink buds that open into light blue trumpet-shaped flowers. The 1-2 ft.. Zone 4, NSP

**Mimulus ringens-Monkey Flower**

This low growing flower thrives in wet soils and will bloom for many weeks in late summer. A member of the Snapdragon family. June-Sept, WI Native. Moist to wet soil in full sun or part shade. Zone 4. 18"-20". NSP

**Monarda hybrid- "Jacob Cline"** is not a man-made hybrid, but a natural selection of wild bee balm, now famous for its mildew-resistance. A "bright red crown-shaped" flowers, a description of the large scarlet blooms. Zone 4, 36"- 48". NSP

**Monarda hybrid-Fireball-Beebalm** is a traditional favorite for the perennial border. This more compact selection produces heads of large, shaggy dark-red flowers in mid to late summer. Foliage is delightfully fragrant, and significantly more resistant to powdery mildew than most older varieties. 15-20", zone 4.NSP

**Monarda fistulosa-Wild bergamot,** WI Native, Clusters of lavender flowers, looking like ragged pompoms, 36-48". TG

**Nepeta faassenii 'Six Giant Hills'**-36" x 30" wid. This is a large, impressive plant sport-

ing equally large, impressive flower spikes of violet blue flowers. This cultivar is like *Nepeta x faassenii* on steroids; a big, tough, long-lived, reliable bloomer which adds size to visually fill big beds. Have patience, it takes this plant two seasons to reach full size. Zones 4-9.

**Penstemon 'Prairie Fire' - Prairie Fire Beard-Tongue:** orange/red, tubular flowers borne on thin spikes from June - July, well drained soil, good for borders and cut flowers. 18", zone 4.

**Penstemon virgatus 'Blue Buckle'**- Grows 12 inches tall and produces abundant large blue-purple flowers over narrow dark green leaves with a glossy sheen, blooming June-July. Zone 4.

**Penstemon digitalis-Foxglove Beardtongue:** WI Native can grow to 3 feet with white flowers on a tall stem. Toothed leaves are in pairs on the stem. Bronze fallcolor. Prefers fields, prairies and open woods. Blooms from May to July. TG

**Phlox paniculata 'Norah Leigh'** - A striking plant with clusters of light pink flowers with a dark eye atop green and creamy-white variegated leaves. Grows best in rich, moist soil. Excellent for attracting butterflies too. Good cut flower for summer. July/August, 24". Zone 4.

**Phlox paniculata 'Orange Perfection'** - With deep orange flowers, Orange Perfection provides a brilliant spark or hot contrast in a perennial bed when grouped with yellows or deep blues and purples. Long blooming, from mid summer through early fall. 30"-36", zone 4.

**Phlox paniculata 'Blue Paradise'**- mildew resistant form of our elegant native. The flowers open a deep blue with white eyes and take on purplish shades during the heat of midday, then regain their original indigo coloring in the evening. They attract butterflies and hummingbirds and their spicy vanilla-clove perfume is perfectly enchanting in bouquets. Grow in average soil that doesn't dry out. 24"-36". Zone 4.

**Phlox pilosa Prairie Phlox**— WI Native, Found throughout the Tallgrass Prairie region on the dry soils of open woods and cleared areas. Flowers from May to June and the blooms from range from pink to rose to violet; sometimes white. Leaves are opposite on the stem and have no petiole (leaf stem). Seed pods "explode" when dry. 12-24", Zone 4 TG

**Salvia nemorosa Rosenwein** translated to 'Rose Wine' and this pretty much describes the colour of the flowers. They emerge from deep pink (almost red) buds and open to shades of rose pink, and cover the neat, mound forming foliage in summer. Bloom: June/July, 18". Zone 3

**Silene regia-Royal Catchfly**— Midwest native . The 5-petaled, scarlet-red flowers are stunning in the garden. *Silene regia* looks great with other native wildflowers. Hardy in zones 4-9. Height 3' NSP

**Silphium perfoliatum-Compass Plant**— WI Native, This native perennial plant is about 4-10' tall and remains unbranched, except for the panicle of flowering stems near the apex. The central stem is thick, hairless, and four-sided. The large opposite leaves are up to 8" long and 5" across, which join together around the central stem to form a cup that can hold water for thirsty birds. Zone 3. NSP

**Spigelia marilandica Indian Pink**— This actually has tubular flowers that are bright crimson with a bright yellow lining. WI Native blooms July-August. 24", Zone 5

