

# Seedhunt

## 2017 list

This seedlist is now divided into four sections--seed of **California native plants, Salvias, Other Seeds, Restios**. Seeds offered have, in most cases, been collected from plants grown at my garden in Watsonville, California; some offerings are contributions from friends.

Email notification of the annual seedlist update is now the standard, with a copy available on **seedhunt.com** for download. A printed seedlist will be sent to customers who have ordered a minimum of 4 packets of seed, and indicate a preference for a printed copy. Payment for orders can now be made with **PayPal**. The link for this service is on the How to Order page of the website, or pay to seedhunt@cruzio.com.

This list, as well as pictures of many of these plants, can always be found online at **seedhunt.com**. Email inquiries can be sent to **seedhunt@cruzio.com**. There are periodic updates on seeds out of stock to the website listing.

Sincere thanks go to friends and customers who have ordered over the past years, and to the gardening friends who have shared many plants and their enthusiasms with me.

Ginny Hunt

**Packets from this list are \$4.00 each.** Zones stated correspond to USDA climate zones. Packet size is at least **50 seeds**, unless otherwise specified.

*Abutilon palmeri* - Bright apricot cup-shaped flowers are held on long wands over soft gray green leaves on this subshrub. From desert habitats, germination can be erratic. Z9?

*Achyrachaena mollis* - Blow wives. The very subtle flowers of this annual composite open golden yellow, then turn to red as they mature. The prominent spherical 1.5" clusters of shining silvery white bracts provide the real show, and they last quite a while. A grassland inhabitant.

*Agoseris grandiflora* – Asteraceae, California and the west. Just a dandelion, but with truly grand fluffy seedheads over 2" wide. Lemon yellow flowers over deeply lobed leaves on a basal rosette. Perennial. Should be very tough. To 12" tall.

*Allium falcifolium* – Low very ornamental onion has gray-green falcate leaves and round heads of vivid rose purple flowers in spring. Great in containers and rock gardens. 30 seeds Z8

*Allium unifolium* – Heads of bright pink flowers on 12-18" stems show up well in spring. This cheery bulb is easy to grow and profuse in bloom. Z8 50 seeds

*Amsinckia furcata* '**Griswold Hills**' - Very pretty pale yellow flowered form of the large flowered annual golden orange fiddleneck. Flowers are sweetly fragrant. Original collection by Bart O'Brien.

*Amsinckia tessellata* [*var. gloriosa*] – Vivid orange flowers emerge from coiled spikes on robust (to 2') plants. Original collection from slopes in interior San Luis Obispo County and they painted the hills orange. Annual.

*Aristolochia californica* – Relic of a mainly tropical genus, this vine has large felted, heart shaped leaves and curious purple-brown flowers reminiscent of a meerschaum pipe. Not difficult to grow, provided that it is given rich soil from the start and never, ever allowed to become potbound. One month cold stratification yields great results. From Matt Teel. 30 seeds

*Asclepias speciosa* - Wide gray to gray-green leaves on stems to 4' tipped by large rounded heads of pinkish white flowers. Spreads at the root. This great perennial is slow to develop in its first year, and broadcast sowing is not recommended. Larval food for monarch butterflies. Z2 30 seeds

*Brodiaea californica* - Native bulb makes strong stems to 18"+ with a long display of showy upfacing umbels of dark lavender purple flowers in late spring and early summer. Z8 30 seeds

*Brodiaea elegans* – Harvest brodiaea is from California grasslands, and puts up loose umbels of upfacing vivid shining blue purple flowers in late spring and summer. Z8 30 seeds

*Carpenteria californica* – Clusters of large white showy flowers are displayed in spring over shiny green leaves on this attractive shrub. Dust-like seed to young seedling stage needs very close attention. Z8 100+ seed

*Caulanthus anceps* (*Guillenia lemmonii*) - Individual flowers are round and pinkish white, set along long, wand like gray stems. This annual is fairly subtle on its own, but sparkling in combination with other flowers, or in a mass.

*Caulanthus flavescens* (*Guillenia f.*) - Erect thin spikes carry masses of small bright, creamy yellow flowers in spring and early summer on this slender annual. Very showy when grown in a small colony. Stems to 18-24".

*Caulanthus inflatus* - Spectacular annual with striking inflated yellow stems; terminal tip and buds are dark purple. Small petals are bicolored purple and white and stigmas are pink. Needs good drainage, and grows well in containers. Can grow to 2'. There is nothing quite like this plant, commonly known as desert candle, when it blooms.

*Centaureum (Zeltnera) muehlenbergii* – Slender annual carries heads of silky clear pink flowers in spring and summer. Beautiful in a mass, or a meadow. 200+ seed

*Chaenactis artemisiifolia* – Ferny, finely dissected gray leaves are set against well branched purplish stems that can reach 5' in a season; dense white heads of "pincushion" flowers are abundant. Annual.

*Chorizanthe douglasii* – Heads of hot rose pink flowers on slender stems are held over low leaves in late spring on this buckwheat relative. Best in lean soils, found in grassland or open woodland. Annual.

*Chorizanthe membranacea* - In natural settings, this annual is rather understated, with half-inch round heads of pinkish white flowers on erect stems. Planted closer together or in containers, it can present an impressive display of densely interlaced stems carrying pinkish white round flower heads in late spring and summer.

*Chorizanthe stacticoides*- Turkish rugging. Abundant on dry slopes, this annual puts on its show in late spring or early summer. Branched stems make broad heads of bright purplish magenta, prickly flowers.

*Cirsium occidentale* – Coastal form of cobweb thistle makes rounded gray mounds to 2-3'; densely cobwebby heads open with red flowers. Described as biennial, but it acts annual. Birds love the seeds and hummingbirds visit the flowers. 30 seeds

*Clarkias* are beautiful hardy annuals; they have been hybridized and bred for larger and more double flowers, but some of the species and varieties are the best. These species have been separated in the garden by space and time of bloom, so seed should be true to name. Packets contain 100+ seeds.

*Clarkia amoena ssp. huntiana* – n. California. Lavender pink flowers have a red spot on each petal. More delicate in growth than *C. amoena whitneyi*. Limited supply

*Clarkia amoena ssp. whitneyi* - Humboldt, Mendocino Co. Very large light lavender pink fls. have whitish areas at the bases of the petals. Probably the largest clarkia in size--to 3'--of plant and of flower--to 3"+across.

*Clarkia modesta* – Delicate clarkia sets smallish pale pink flowers against red stems and green leaves and is covered with flowers in late spring and early summer. Prefers shady places in woodland settings.

*Clarkia purpurea ssp. purpurea* - This form of the species is very distinctive, with very dense heads of fair sized dark lavender flowers set against blue-green leaves. Upright to 18-24".

*Clarkia purpurea ssp. quadrivulnera* – This species is widespread and variable. This form has shiny deep reddish purple flowers with an unusual white center. Stems can reach 3-5' in a garden setting and carry many flowers.

*Clarkia purpurea ssp. quadrivulnera—white flower* - California. Erect willowy annual displays small white flowers along the stems in spring. Leaves are soft grey and fuzzy. From a population in Monterey County.

*Clarkia rubicunda* - Large lavender pink flowers have red centers on this showy annual. Floriferous and very striking in containers or the garden. Good cut flower. Can grow to 2'+, blooms for months.

*Clarkia speciosa ssp. immaculata* - Silky mauve purple flowers with striking white centers are 1.5" across in this subspecies. *Can only be sold within California*

*Clarkia unguiculata - compact form* - From a colony found in Santa Cruz County, this very distinctive seed strain makes stocky columnar plants to 18". Bright mauve-red flowers and leaves are densely held.

*Clarkia williamsonii* - Gaudy lavender pink flowers are good sized, with a broad white central zone, and wedge shaped patches of dark red violet on the petals. Best results with reasonable drainage.

*Claytonia parviflora* – Diminutive form of miner's lettuce forms tight mounds with white flowers nestled in the typical cupped leaves. Whole plant turns peachy gray as it matures. Tight buns to 6".

*Collinsia bartsiiifolia var. davidsonii* – Smaller scale collinsia has many pink and white flowers on stems to 12". Great container plant or in small scale plantings.

*Collinsia heterophylla—Sierra form* - Plants from the Sierras of this species have dark purple flowers, with light central patch and red lines in the usual places. Striking annual for part shade.

*Collinsia parviflora* - Roundish bright dark green leaves make 4" dense cushiony mounds which sparkle with vivid small violet blue flowers. Great annual for small scale or containers.

*Collinsia tinctoria* - Annual grows 2' high. Abundant flowers in "Chinese houses" tiers are creamy white, with purple lines that seem almost painted on. Easy to grow.

*Collomia grandiflora* - Erect annual to 3' with shiny green leaves and very broad dense terminal heads of beige to salmon pink starry flowers. A very unusual color in flowers.

*Coreopsis (Leptosyne) calliopsidea* – Sheets of these vivid golden yellow daisies brighten interior valleys when conditions are favorable in spring. This easy annual can have individual flowers up to an inch across.

*Deinandra (Hemizonia) corymbosa* - Cheery 1" yellow daisies appear all summer on this well branched coastal annual to 18" with aromatic foliage and an easy constitution.

*Deinandra (Hemizonia) fasciculata* – Clouds of acid yellow daisy flowers are held in dense heads on wiry stems on this well branched, airy annual. Plants can reach 3' in height. Extended bloom season.

*Dendromecon harfordii* – Island bush poppy carries its bright yellow flowers set among greenish gray leaves spring to fall. "Super Smoke Plus" will be included to encourage germination. 30 seeds Z8

*Dichelostemma capitatum* - **giant form** - Tight heads of lavender blue flowers on this form of blue dicks from Santa Cruz Island; original collection by Roger Raiche. Stems can reach to 3', and fl. heads are easily 3" across. 30 seeds

*Dichelostemma capitatum* - **white form** - Heads of sparkling white flowers appear in spring on this color variant of the typical blue dicks. Flower stems reach 18-24 ". 30 seeds

*Dudleya brittonii* – Baja California. Huge succulent silvery rosettes put up flower spikes with pale yellow flowers in spring, but the ghostly rosette is the real show. Protect from hard frost and winter wet. 100 seeds

*Eremalche parryi* - Trailing stems carry many bright silky light rose purple flowers in spring on this uncommon, pretty annual. Flower form like that of many Clarkias, and quite showy in bloom.

*Eriogonum fasciculatum* – Shrubby buckwheat covers vast hillsides in the interior part of this state. All manner of insects revel in the warm white to pale pink flowers in early summer, rusty red seedheads follow. Z8 at least

*Eriogonum giganteum* – This grand (4-7') shrub with large oval silver leaves covers itself in summer with broad lacy umbels of white flowers that age rusty. Attractive to beneficial insects. Z9

*Eriogonum grande var. rubescens* - **dark flower** - This seed strain of red buckwheat produces rose pink to exceptionally dark rose-red flowers. Low leaves are gray to greenish gray. Flower color is variable, but never light pink. Some flower stems are taller than the typical seed strains offered of this species. Z9

*Eriogonum vimineum*– Wicker buckwheat. Perfect 18" domes with vivid rose pink round flowers held along wiry interlaced stems brighten the summer and early fall garden. Showy, annual.

*Erysimum capitatum* – Annual or biennial brightens hillsides with spikes of fragrant, glowing orange "wallflowers" in spring. This seed came from particularly well branched plants.

*Erysimum concinnum* – Fragrant creamy yellow flowers are in short spikes on this perennial wallflower from central coastal California. Tidy green leafy mounds to 12".

*Eschscholzia californica* - **cream fl.** - This perennial form of California poppy has creamy to pale yellow flowers; it is smaller in stature than many robust orange cultivars, fitting into plantings easily. Z6 100+ seeds

*Eschscholzia californica* - **coastal form.** This groundcover form of California poppy develops branching stout roots, and spreading low stems. Flowers are golden yellow with orange centers. Foliage stays relatively clean all season, plants retreat to leafy rosettes in winter. Perennial. Z9 100 seeds

*Eschscholzia lobbii* – Diminutive poppy plants produce vibrant clear yellow round flowers in spring and summer. Great for containers or rock gardens. Annual. 100 seeds

*Eucrypta chrysanthemifolia* - Boraginaceae. Divided mounding foliage has a wafting sweet-lemony smell; small white flowers are carried in loose clusters in spring, early summer. Annual, and worth it for the foliage scent alone.

*Gilia achilleifolia* –More relaxed in leaf and flower than *G. capitata*, this easy annual carries cheery bright blue, pale blue or white heads of flowers in spring and early summer. 100+ seed

*Gilia achilleifolia*—**white flower** - White flowered form of this cheery annual—easy and prolific in bloom. Reseeds nicely.

*Gilia capitata ssp chamissonis* – Finely divided leaves form tight, low cushions; round heads of lavender blue flowers are held just over the low leaves. Native to coastal sandhills.

*Gilia nevinii* –Small starry blue flowers appear for months in abundance among feathery leaves on this charming annual. Mounds to 12". 200+ seed

*Gilia (Saltugilia) splendens* – This splendid annual keeps its rosette of finely divided leaves low, and sends up 1-3' slender branching stems that carry clouds of rich candy pink flowers. Not always easy in cultivation.

*Grindelia camporum*– Great Valley gumplant makes showy bright yellow daisy-style flowers on 1-2' stems in spring and summer. Big buds are ornamental and quite deserving of the “gumplant” label. Z8

*Helenium puberulum* - Round balls of fertile flowers have a short skirt of petals below. The effect is of upright stems, very nodding in bud, and many round half-inch yellow balls. Very easy, can reseed. Z8 100 seeds

*Hemizonia congesta ssp. luzulifolia* - Bright white daisies on this annual tarweed appear in summer and early fall. Aromatic leaves perfume hot summer days. 50+ seeds

*Hemizonia corymbosa, H. fasciculata* are now listed under *Deinandra*.

*Heuchera maxima* –Large rounded leaves develop into low wide cushions; spikes of warm white flowers set on pinkish stems rise to 3' in spring. Great in dry shade. 100+ seeds

*Hibiscus lasiocarpus var occidentalis* – Wetland perennial from the Sacramento Delta makes stiff stems to 6' with soft-furry green leaves and a nice display of white hibiscus flowers w/red centers if it is hot enough. 20 seeds

*Hulsea heterochroma* – Very narrow rusty red rays surround a central golden disc; glandular green leaves stay low. Can grow to 3' high. "Super Smoke Plus" will accompany seed, as it is a fire follower.

*Isomeris arborea* – Silvery light green leaves add beautiful foliage texture to any planting. Bright yellow flowers followed by fat green seedpods (hence its common name of bladderpod). Shrub to 4-5'. Z9? 30 seeds

*Lasthenia californica ssp. macrantha* – Hard to believe this perennial goldfields is closely related to the slender yellow daisy that carpets dry places in spring. Wide green leaves are form a tight cushion to 4" high and 16" across. Bright yellow flowers appear almost year-round. From the immediate coast, best with some water.

*Layia chrysanthemoides* – Smooth tidy tips. Somewhat succulent low leaves are glossy green; cheery spring flowers are good sized, abundant and yellow with white tips. Annual.

*Layia gaillardoides* – Perfumed tarweed ends the spring season with bright yellow daisies held on slender stems with that wonderful tangy aroma. Easy annual in sun or part shade. 50+ seeds

*Layia glandulosa - creamy yellow* - Palest yellow daisies in spring on branched slender stems create a great effect in spring. Aromatic leaves. Spring bloom is profuse, annual. 50+ seeds

*Limnanthes douglasii ssp. nivea* - Meadow foam. Easy annual, and it does well in winter wet soil. Pure white flowers in spring appear in abundance, before the plant disappears for the summer, to reappear with fall rains.

*Limnanthes douglasii ssp. rosea* – Charming variant of meadow foam puts out bright white flowers with pink veins that age to pale pink. Spring bloom, well adapted to wet soils—and containers.

*Linanthus "dylanae"* – Either a subspecies of *Linanthus grandiflorus* or a distinct species, dense heads (over an inch across) of dark lavender flowers are held on 12" stems. From Santa Cruz County. Annual, easy.

*Linanthus 'Stardust'* - Derived from races of *Linanthus parviflorus*, this seed strain produces masses of flowers in sparkling colors - orange, yellow, pink, and cream – in spring. 100 seeds

*Lotus (Hosackia) crassifolius var. otayensis* - Arching stems carry gray green, softly furry leaves and rise to about 18". Clusters of red violet and white fls. appear in spring and summer. Perennial. Z9?

*Lotus formosissimus (Hosackia gracilis)*- From seasonally moist meadows, harlequin lotus forms a flat perennial mat to 2' across, with bright yellow and pink pea flowers in spring, and scattered bloom in summer. Z8?

*Lotus (Acmispon) grandiflorus* - Rounded perennial to 2-3' has soft light green divided leaves and pretty clusters of cream colored flowers. Persistent fruits to 3"+ across form a stiff chestnut pinwheel. Z9 or less.

*Lupinus albifrons* – This widespread species is found in many plant communities. Leaves are silvery; flower stems with reddish to blue purple flowers wreath 2-3' shrubs in spring and early summer. 30 seeds

*Lupinus albifrons var. collinus* – Silvery leaves on spreading stems make a low mat; spikes of bright blue purple flowers extend to 18". Spring bloom on this perennial subshrub. 30 seeds limited supply

*Lupinus arboreus—blue fl* – This bush lupine also goes by the name of *L. propinquus*. It quickly makes a rounded 4'+ loose shrub with spires of lavender blue flowers in spring. Green leaves. Adaptable. 30 seeds

*Lupinus arboreus—yellow fl* – Robust bush lupine to 6' is found on sand dunes and coastal plant communities. Leaves are green, flower spikes display bright yellow flowers in spring. 50 seeds

***Lupinus bicolor*** –Annual lupine displays an abundance of small, very bright blue flowers in spring. Only 12" tall, but a patch of flowers creates quite a nice, sparkling effect. 50+ seeds

***Lupinus concinnus*** –Cute little bajada lupine creates white furry foliage mounds to 8" and decorates them with spikes of smallish bright blue purple flowers in spring. Annual. 30 seeds

***Lupinus hirsutissimus*** - The common name of stinging lupine for this annual does not begin to illustrate the charms of this plant. Covered with stiff hairs, it bristles with enthusiasm. Red violet fls. in spring. 50 seeds

***Lupinus latifolius var. parishii*** –A moisture loving California lupine, this leafy perennial makes strong stems to 4-5' and tops them with long stems of soft mauve pink flowers in late spring and summer. 20 seeds, limited supply

***Lupinus luteolus*** – The erect stems of the annual butter lupine take on a candelabra effect as they branch. Spikes of soft yellow flowers develop grey to blue tones as they mature. Late spring bloom. 20 seeds, limited supply

***Lupinus microcarpus var. densiflorus***—**pale pink** – Soft pink flowers on this chick lupine. Easy and generous with its flowers. Soft green leaves. 50 seeds

***Lupinus microcarpus var microcarpus (L. subvexus)***—**red violet** – Bright red violet to purple flowers are carried in spikes over low green leaves on this spring blooming annual. Low leaves, nice show. 50 seeds

***Lupinus microcarpus var microcarpus*** –**lavender blue**– Seed from a local race with lavender blue flowers. Dense furry flower spikes held over low green leaves. 50 seeds

***Lupinus nanus*** - Annual with bright blue flowers grows to 15", and blooms with abandon in spring. Sweet "moth ball" flower fragrance is just another intriguing smell from California grasslands. 50 seeds

***Lupinus nanus 'Pacific Pink'***- Soft pink flowered seed strain of the annual lupine that paints California spring meadows in broad swathes. Developed from a chance find of pink fl. plants. 50 seeds

***Lupinus succulentus 'Rodeo Rose'*** - Typical *L. succulentus* has blue purple flowers. This very pretty seed strain displays soft rose pink flower spikes in spring and summer. Roger Raiche selection. Annual. 30 seeds

***Madia elegans*** - Annual. Young rosettes are soft-hairy; by midsummer they can elongate from 3-7' and short branches carrying many 1.5" miniature sunflowers explode with color. Aromatic foliage.

***Madia elegans ssp. vernalis*** - Annual. The cheery spring blooming form of common madia makes masses of 1-2" bright yellow daisies on a rounded, well branched mound to 30". Leaves have the typical sweet tarweed aroma. This plant is currently considered by the botanists to be just *Madia elegans*, but its growth habit and time of flowering is so different that seed will continue to be offered separately.

***Microseris douglasii [var douglasii]*** – Douglas' silver puffs are subtle when seen in their natural setting. But with a little tending, they make charming clumps of pendant white daisies in spring that develop striking silver puff-y seedheads. Annual.

***Mimulus cardinalis* - gold flower** - Golden orange flowers appear in subtle variations in this seed strain from a golden flowered form of the perennial scarlet monkeyflower found on Santa Cruz Island. Z7 100+ seed

***Mimulus guttatus -low form*** - This desirable seed strain of common monkeyflower produces leaves that always stay low, and fairly tidy. Brilliant yellow fls. on leafless 18" stems. Wet growing. Z6 100+ seed

***Mimulus pictus*** - The beauty of this small annual is in the intricate markings on its salverform flowers. The background color is white, but it is delicately patterned with clear brown lines. Best in containers. 100+ s

***Monardella villosa ssp. obispoensis*** – Erect subshrub has round leaves with furry undersides; and the typical dome shaped flower heads crowded with lavender flowers in early summer. Z8

***Monolopia stricta*** –Small yellow daisy flowers are held in frothy abundance over smooth gray leaves on this charming small stature spring blooming annual from the dry interior parts of California.

***Muhlenbergia, Nassella*** (now back to *Stipa*) – listed in **Grasses**, next section.

***Nemophila menziesii 'Frosty Blue'*** – Typical baby blue eyes has those incredible baby blue flowers in spring set among green leaves with silver spots. This seed strain produces many plants with all silver leaves as well as the typical silver spotted ones. Annual, and shows up well in the shade.

***Papaver (formerly Stylomecon) heterophyllum*** – Wind poppy. Delicate orange flowers are held on thin stems over divided leaves. Annual. Need good drainage, best in part shade. limited supply

***Perideridia kelloggii*** – Slender perennial with divided leaves puts up flower stems to 3' which carry umbels of white flowers that feed the insects. Blooms with the hayfield tarweeds in midsummer. 30 seeds

***Phacelia bolanderi*** - Light lilac blue flowers are held on spreading stems over softly hairy, gray green leaves. Effect is subtle, but very pleasing. Good perennial plant for dry shade. Z8

***Phacelia californica*** - Attractive perennial foliage clumps are a purplish gray green. Full flower heads are an especially bright lavender and are held over the foliage on erect stems in spring. Z9, at least

***Phacelia ciliata*** - This bright lavender blue annual phacelia creates lakes of color in the Carrizo Plain area in spring during generous rainfall years. Flowers are held over lobed, soft grey-green leaves.

***Phacelia distans*** - Creamy flowers with delicate brown veining are abundant on this widespread California annual. It is much appreciated by all sorts of bees and flying creatures. 100+ seeds

***Phacelia grandiflora*** - This grand annual can easily grow to 3'. Large dark lavender flowers with white centers appear in late spring and summer with a long display if given occasional water. 100+ seeds

***Pholistoma auritum*** - Clambering annual has widely lobed green leaves with silvery spotting, and large lavender blue flowers with white then dark centers. Showy annual for dry shade.

***Romanzoffia californica*** - Mist maidens. Low clumps of shiny lobed leaves are absolutely covered with dainty white flowers in spring. Dies down to tubers in summer and fall and must be kept dry. Easy in containers, with profuse bloom in spring from fall sowing. Z7

***Romneya coulteri*** - White poppy flowers can be 6-12" wide on this glorious perennial. Not particularly easy from seed, it can be difficult to establish in the garden, and then difficult to eradicate if it settles in and begins relentless root wandering. But it is still very desirable. "Super Smoke Plus" will be supplied to aid germination.

***Salvia apiana*** - White sage. Subshrub makes 2-3' mounds of broad white, highly aromatic leaves. Flower stems to 6'+ carry white to pinkish white flowers in spring. 50 seeds

***Salvia carduacea*** - Pale lavender blue flowers with an incredibly frilly lower lip are borne in spiny, cobwebby heads. Annual, good in containers. Z8 30 seeds

***Salvia clevelandii* hybrids** - Seed was collected from *Salvia clevelandii* 'Winnifred Gilman' in the presence of other California species and they are known to cross-pollinate freely. Parent has aromatic leaves, bright blue fls. 50 seeds

***Salvia columbariae*** - Chia is a great annual for open ground. Prickly round heads of bright blue purple flowers on very straight stems. Plants can bloom at 4" or 2', depending on cultural conditions. 50+ seeds

***Salvia spathacea*** - This matting perennial has the sweetest smelling large rough green leaves; pitcher sage produces thick spikes of dark pink flowers in spring and early summer. Z8 30 seeds

***Scrophularia californica* - chartreuse fl.** The typical figwort has small dark red flowers; this seed strain has the same small flowers but they are almost always striking yellow green. Perennial, to 5'+. Z7 100+ seeds

***Stephanomeria virgata*** - Unassuming rosettes give rise to many thin stalks bearing bright light pink chicory-like flowers. Blooms for a long time with moderate water. Butterflies like it too. Annual, can reach 4-5' in a good situation.

***Stipa cernua*, *Stipa lepida*, *Stipa pulchra* (*Nassella*)** - listed under **Grasses at end of this section**

***Streptanthus farnsworthianus*** - Startling shiny red violet to navy blue bracts are up to 4" long and 2" wide on this spring annual. Actual small flowers are white. To 18" tall. Easy to grow.

***Streptanthus glandulosus* ssp *glandulosus* (*albidus* ssp. *peramoenus*)** - An uncommon annual with bright mauve-purple inflated flowers on slender stems. Easy.

***Streptanthus glandulosus* ssp. *secundus*** - Little white pouch flowers set along thin stems are pretty in mass on this easy spring annual. To 12-18".

***Streptanthus insignis*** - A slender spring annual that sends flowers up from a basal rosette. Showy sterile bracts held at the top are rich, dark purple; actual flowers are paler, but interesting. Most effective in a colony.

***Thysanocarpus curvipes*** - Lincepod is a slender spring annual with small white flowers, but elegant and well displayed fruits. Dangling round seeds display a network of veins to the edges of the "pod", and are subtly colored pink and green and cream as they mature. 30 seeds

A closer look at the California clovers has been very rewarding. Seeds offered are from annual species with richly colored flowers and often they have interesting patterns on their leaves too. Special thanks to Randall Morgan for sharing seeds.

***Trifolium fucatum*** - A very nice annual from wet meadows, lush green leaves often have interesting brown and silver markings. Large flower heads start out creamy white and age to a light rosy pink.

*Trifolium jokerstii* – Bright golden flower heads glow over green –sometimes with red markings—leaves on this small annual cushion. Spring bloom. 20 seeds

*Trifolium lilacinum* - Green, pink, cream and black are combined on (smallish) intricately patterned leaves. Flowers combine lilac and white. Included within *T. barbigerum* var. *andrewsii* in Jepson Manual.

*Trifolium phaeocephalum* Greene - Flowers are darkest purple and white on this species; and can appear for a long time if season is mild. Interesting markings on the leaves. Classified in Jepson under *T. variegatum*.

*Trifolium species or subspecies—cub clover* - Affectionately called "cub clover" because it is a junior form or subspecies of bear clover, *T. virescens*, this annual has lush green leaves with brown speckles and round greenish yellow flower heads that age rose. Grows on grassy slopes and in meadows. 30 seeds

*Trifolium virescens* Greene - Lush green leaves form strong clumps on this annual; good sized flower heads start out bright greenish yellow and age to vivid rose. A very ornamental clover; also used by native Americans. Some of the seedlings may have dark patterns on the leaves.

*Trifolium willdenovii* - Thin leaves and many rich purple and white flowers on rounded heads. Some seedlings have burgundy leaves. Annual. Good on heavy soils.

**GRASSES** - Packets contain 50+ seed

*Elymus californicus* – California bottlebrush grass has wide green leaves and gracefully draping "bottlebrush" flower spikes on 4-5' stems. Found in moist conifer forests, it appreciates at least part shade. Z8 or less

*Festuca californica* – Rich green leaf blades on 18" full clumps, this handsome grass is well adapted to summer dry climates. It inhabits north facing, often shady slopes. Airy flower stems to 4'+. Z8 or less

*Melica imperfecta* - Coast melic grows in many plant communities in California. It forms bright green tidy clumps and flower stems are narrow and somewhat drooping. Will grow in sun or part shade. Z8 or less

*Melica torreyana* - Another nice green clumping California bunchgrass, this species does well in part to full shade. Silvery flower stems are narrow and a little drooping. Neat clumps provide nice contrast to other more ephemeral flowers. Z8

*Muhlenbergia rigens* - This architectural grass has an evergreen basal foliage clump and thin, silvery, erect flower spikes in summer. Spikes persist into fall and winter. Used by native Americans for baskets. Z7 100+ seed

*Stipa (Achnatherum) coronata* – Low green leaves, flower stems to 3' with shiny florets. Z8

*Stipa (Nassella) cernua* - Nodding needlegrass. Slender stems carry long sleek 3" awns on this native California bunchgrass. Narrow leaves are blue-green. Very ornamental in flower and seed. Z8

*Stipa (Nassella) lepida* – Foothill needlegrass. Similar to *N. cernua*, but a little smaller with shorter awns. Graceful flower sprays are silky blond, over fine textured low foliage. Looks great on banks or backlit. Z8

*Stipa (Nassella) pulchra* - Purple needlegrass. State grass of California. This bunchgrass is more robust than the preceding species. There is a purplish cast to the very gracefully displayed, long awned flowers. Z8

## SALVIAS

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*Salvia apiana* – California. White sage. Subshrub makes 2-3' mounds of broad white, highly aromatic leaves. Flower stems to 6'+ carry white to pinkish white flowers in spring. 50 seeds

*Salvia barrelieri* - SW.Spain, N.Africa. Strong basal rosettes are somewhat blue green; very ornamental flower stalks to 5' rise in late spring and carry many large lavender blue flowers for a long period. A striking perennial species. Z8 ? 30 seeds

*Salvia broussonetii* - Canary Islands. Large light green leaves densely held on a rounded perennial shrub are very attractive set among other garden plants on this white flowered sage. To 30". Z9 30 seeds

*Salvia carduacea* - California. Pale lavender blue flowers with an incredibly frilly lower lip are borne in spiny, cobwebby heads. Annual, good in containers. Z8 30 seeds

*Salvia clevelandii* hybrids – California. Seed was collected from *Salvia clevelandii* 'Winnifred Gilman' in the presence of other California species and they are known to cross freely. Parent has aromatic leaves, bright blue fls. 50 seeds

*Salvia coccinea* 'Brenthurst' – Tropical S. America. Generally used as an annual bedding sage, this plant can be perennial in mild areas. Warm pink flowers are set off nicely by dark stems during a very long blooming season. 30 seeds

*Salvia columbariae* - California, southwest U.S. Chia is a great annual for open ground. Prickly round heads of bright blue purple flowers on very straight stems. Plants can bloom at 4" or 2', depending on cultural conditions. 50+ seeds

*Salvia desoleana* - Sardinia. Wide light green leaves have undulating edges and make a tight clump to 2'. Pale cream and light blue flowers are carried on 18" stems in spring and summer. Wonderfully pungent leaf aroma. 30 seeds

*Salvia disermas* - **pink flower** - South Africa. Light gray green leaves form a large mounding perennial clump; many small pale pink flowers (in this form) almost year-round. Z9, at least 50 seeds

*Salvia disermas* - **white flower** - South Africa. Light green leaves on this form look good all year and form a pleasant mound to 2'; many white flowers in spring and summer. Z9, at least 50 seeds

*Salvia hierosolymitana* – Middle East. Very large basal leaves are green. Early spring brings long flower stems with a succession of deep red purple—almost maroon-- flowers. Plants are hardy, but spring frosts can damage flowers. 30 seeds

*Salvia macrophylla*—**purple undersides** – Peru. Shrub to 6'+ with large dark green leaves with purple undersides. Spikes of dark blue flowers are abundant spring to fall. Vigorous and impressive, but tender to hard frost. 30 seeds

*Salvia macrophylla* - **upright form** - Peru. Upright sage, to 5'+. Flower spikes are a long series of lime green calyces from which bright blue buds develop into gentian blue flowers with a severely swept back lower lip. Styles and stamens are lightly blue flushed too. Broad green leaves. 30 seeds

*Salvia namaensis* – southern Africa. Twiggy light shrub to 5' has a distinctive "medicinal" aroma and small pale blue flowers. Botanists call the light green leaves "lyrate pinnatifid" and they *are* quite attractive. No hard frost. 30 seeds

*Salvia patens* '**Pink Ice**' – Mexico. Pale pink form of the large flowered sage. Plants can be over 2' tall and flowers appear throughout the summer. 20 seeds

*Salvia pratensis* '**Haemotodes**' - Europe. Green basal rosette; the great display of clouds of lavender blue flowers on dense spikes continues spring through the summer. Hardy and quite lovely. Z3 50 seeds

*Salvia scabra* - South Africa. Blooming from early summer to fall, this sage displays its pretty clear lavender, long tubed flowers very effectively. Dark green foliage is low. Z9 50 seeds

*Salvia semiatrata* – Mexico. Well branched shrub to 4-5' has rich green leaves with a pebbly texture; summer flowers combine light violet and deepest purple, and are held in a hot pink calyx. Z9 20 seeds

*Salvia spathacea* - This matting perennial has the sweetest smelling large rough green leaves; pitcher sage produces thick spikes of dark pink flowers in spring and early summer. Z8 30 seeds

*Salvia splendens* – **pink fl.** – Brazil. Majestic shrubs to 5'+ bloom all summer into fall with spikes of light peachy pink flowers set in peach calyces among lush green leaves. Backlit flowers are translucent and honeybees have been observed entering the flowers and sipping nectar, with extended tongues! Easy in a watered shady spot. Tender to frost. 30 seeds

*Salvia subrotunda* – Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina. Small vivid orange flowers are in perfect contrast to green stems and leaves on this 4' bushy tender perennial. Blooms from spring to frost, and is especially attractive to hummingbirds. 30 seeds

*Salvia taraxacifolia* - Morocco. Gray, sweet-smelling rosettes look like dandelions when they are young; spikes of palest pink flowers appear late spring to fall. Very nice combined with red-violet flowers. Perennial, to 18". Z9 30 seeds

*Salvia texana* – Texas, New Mexico, Mexico. Sturdy small perennial sage to 18" has bright blue-purple flowers. that show up well among bristly calyces. Great for dry gardens. 30 seeds

*Salvia tingitana* – perhaps Morocco, but uncertain. Large pungently aromatic leaves are luminous pale green; spring flowers are soft yellow and light lilac. Forms an erect shrub to 2'. Z9 at least 30 seeds

## OTHER SEEDS

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*Anigozanthos flavidus* - Australia. Erect iris-like clumps of leaves to 30"; dark stems to 5'+ bear fuzzy burnt orange flowers on this selection of kangaroo paw. Seedlings may be variable, but there are no other colors nearby. Z9

*Beschorneria yuccoides* - Mexico. Statuesque perennial is like a yucca, but with soft leaves and no spines. Wide blue-gray leaves form rosette to 3'; showy rose pink fl. spike has narrow green/pink flowers. Z9

*Clarkia tenella* - **maroon flower** – South America. Annual. Most likely a subspecies of *C. tenella*. Small, bright maroon flowers are abundant on low, spreading plants. Long bloom.

*Cypella coelestis* - Mexico. Upright pleated leaves form clumps; these produce open, Tigridia-like flowers in succession for many months in summer. Flowers are pale blue with yellow markings. Forms bulbs, deciduous. Z9



***Dahlia coccinea* hybrids – shades of orange** - Mexico. Masses of single, bright orange flowers in many shades are carried on bushy plants that can reach 6' from late spring through fall. Bloom within three months of sowing.

***Dahlia coccinea* hybrids – mixed colors** - Mix includes a larger range of colors than the preceding offering. Parents had white, gold, magenta and red. Masses of flowers their first year.

***Echium wildpretii*** - The biennial tower of jewels makes those massive columns of rose pink flowers in its second year. First year is a robust rosette of narrow gray leaves. Can reseed. 30 seeds limited supply

***Ferula communis glauca*** - Tall gray flower stems have a purplish cast, and rounded heads of flowers are golden rather than clear yellow on this subspecies. The typical lacy leaves are smooth and silvery gray. They rise gracefully in fall, and are striking to watch as they emerge. Z8 30 seeds

***Ferula* sp.** - Mediterranean. This may be *F. assa-foetida*, but is also generally known as *F. communis* 'Gigantea'. Ferny leaves form a substantial 18" mound of arching, lacy foliage. Flower stalks rise to 6' in early spring and carry dense globes of yellow flowers. Will die down in summer dry climates and reappear with fall rains. Z8? 30 seeds

***Freesia alba*** - S. Africa. Easy from seed, this bulb (actually a corm) grows in winter/spring and is dormant in summer. Late spring flowers are clear white with a purplish flush on the backs of the petals. Very nicely fragrant too.

***Freesia corymbosa*** – South Africa. Later to bloom than other freesia species, this species carries long arching spikes of warm soft yellow flowers with a peppery scent in late spring. 30 seeds

***Freesia viridis*** – Southern Africa. Long tubed, very green flowers in a curved spike on this unusual corm. Fl tubes turn rosy as blooms mature. Not particularly showy, but very interesting. Easy.

***Gladiolus flanaganii*** - The famous (infamous?) suicide glad produces 2", rich blood red flowers with white linear markings in the throat on arching spikes above green foliage. It is so named because it is usually seen from a distance in inaccessible locations midway along steep waterfalls and cliffs high in the Drakensberg of Eastern S. Africa. Summer growing. Needs good air circulation and consistent watering for best flowering. Easy to germinate and grow. Z8 30 seeds

***Heliophila coronopifolia*** - South Africa. This showy annual makes many thin spikes with clear blue round flowers for a long season, spring and summer. Easy, rewarding and just pretty. 100 seeds

***Lavandula viridis*** - Spain, Portugal. Aromatic light green leaves stay dense on a 3' rounded shrub; green flags perch on top of the inflorescence. An adaptable, easy shrub. Z9

***Lepechinia hastata*** - Mexico. Large, arrow-shaped gray leaves are held on stiffly upright stems, red purple flowers in terminal spikes are showy in summer and fall. Grows 4-6' high. Adaptable. Z8

***Lessertia montana*** – South Africa. 3' shrub with fine, gray divided leaves produces clusters of bright red "parrot's beak" flowers in spring and summer. These mature to inflated shiny rose pink bladder-like fruits. Z9, at least.

***Melanoselinum decipiens*** – Madeira Lush monocarpic perennial makes a strong trunk to 6' to bear its large, tropical-looking leaves. Dense umbels of cream fls. cover the leaves in the blooming year. Can take drought in shade. Z9

***Melianthus major*** - South Africa. Grown primarily for its large lush, blue gray foliage, the tall spikes of maroon flowers in spring are an added bonus. Z9 30 seeds

***Mirabilis longiflora*** - Texas, Mexico. Long stems have clusters of white flowers at their tips. The effect is very airy, as the flower tubes are 5" long, and the exotically scented, rose-centered white flowers open only at night, and all point in different directions. Not for the meticulously manicured garden, but well worth growing! Perennial. Z8 30 seeds

***Mirabilis viscosa*** - Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru. Vase shaped perennial to 30" has firm textured medium green, heart shaped leaves and bright fuchsia pink 1" flowers followed by tan "seed parachutes". Z8

***Nicotiana glutinosa*** - Peru, Ecuador, Galapagos Islands. Very distinctive and pretty dusky rose flowers have more open throats than the typical nicotiana. Flower stems reach to 4'. Probably perennial in mild climates. 100+ seeds

***Nicotiana mutabilis*** - Brazil. Properly named as a species in 2002, this remarkable plant is a beauty. Stems to 3-5' carry many pendant flowers. These open pure white, age to pale pink, then to rose pink. Perennial in Z9. 100+ seeds

***Nicotiana 'Priscilla'*** – Seed strain from a local garden displays huge white flowers in the usual fashion. Greenish buds open to lightly fragrant starry white flowers with faces almost 3" across; tubes are 2" long. 4-5' tall.

***Petromarula pinnata*** - Crete. Low pinnate leaves form substantial glossy green clump. Dense columns to 2' of starry lavender blue flowers extend over the leaves in spring and summer. Flowering goes on for months. Z8 100+seed

*Puya alpestris* - Chile. Stiff rosettes with hooked spines form dense clumps; stout flower stems rise to 5'+ and produce short branches with incredible silky, deep blue green flowers with bright orange anthers in late spring and summer. Plants can be slow to bloom, but the flower color is worth the wait. Z8

*Solanum pyracanthum* - Madagascar. Brownish leaves have prominent bright orange spines on their midribs, stems are covered with orange fuzz and violet flowers are in typical *Solanum* clusters. Great when backlit. Z10 30 seeds

*Tigridia chiapensis* - Mexico. Diminutive bulb from wet meadows blooms in summer on 8-12" stems. Pure white flowers have yellow centers and clean brown dashes near the central zone; a colony makes quite a show. Z8? 50 seeds

*Tigridia pavonia* - **white fl.** - Mexico. The typical huge bowl-shaped summer flowers are pure white in this seed strain, with a yellowish flush in the center, but none of the usual markings. Probably 'Alba Immaculata'. Z9

*Tigridia vanhouttei* - Mexico. Clusters of flowers appear for a long period in summer. Outer petals are pale yellow with purple streaks, creamy inner cupped petals have perfect painted purple veins leading to deep purple center. Z8

*Wattakaka (Dregea) sinensis* - China. This climbing milkweed displays rounded heads of fragrant starry whitish-pink flowers in summer. Deciduous in winter. Leaves usually variegated in this seed strain. Z9 or less 30 seed

## RESTIOS

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The Restionaceae is a family of rush like plants largely from the southern hemisphere. Restios -- or the species offered here-- are plants that appreciate acid soils of low fertility. January 2007 provided useful cold hardiness information on many species--night temperatures were 20 degrees F. or lower for quite a few days here.

Best germination comes when seeds are treated with "instant smoke" prior to planting, and when they experience a marked difference (30 degrees F. is ideal) between day and night temperatures after they are sown. Best in soils low in phosphorus. All restios offered here are from South Africa, and all are, of course, in the Restionaceae. **Seed pkts. are 50 + seeds** unless stated otherwise. **Price per packet is \$4.50** and includes "instant smoke" to aid germination. Seeds of other species may be added to the website in December, if germination tests yield good results.

*Cannomois grandis* - **smaller seed** This giant bamboo like clumper makes thick culms often pink to red in color when they are new. Can reach 10'. The very large seeds of this species have been difficult to germinate even after treatment with 'instant smoke', 10 % germination typical. Previously called *Cannomois virgata*. No damage at 20 degrees F. 50 seeds

*Chondropetalum (now Elegia) elephantinum* - Dark green erect culms are banded with chestnut bracts, which peel off to reveal their shiny golden undersides as culms mature. Eventual size is 5'+ tall. Can grow in water or with drought. One of the hardiest (known in cultivation) species -- seemingly untouched in the severe freeze of 1998 in inland valleys in the San Francisco Bay area. No damage at 20 deg. F. 100+ seeds

*Chondropetalum (now Elegia) tectorum* - Smaller scale than *Chondropetalum elephantinum*, tidy clumps reach 3-4', with a narrower base and very dark green culms. The same chestnut bracts reveal gold undersides as they peel from the stems. Graceful, adaptable. No damage at 20 deg. F. 100+ seeds

*Ischyrolepis (now Restio) venustus* - A mounding species to 3' high. Plants grown "lean" have shiny bright green smooth "naked" stems. From higher altitudes, so may have increased hardiness. No damage at 20 degrees F. Previously listed here as both *I. sieberi* and *I. sieberi venustus* but closer inspection and new botanical information settled the issue.

*Restio similis* - Small clumping species to 18" makes draping, fine textured clumps. Fine dark green stems, with mostly unbranched culms, are tipped by shining bronze flowers in summer. Can grow in dry gardens.

*Rhodocoma arida* - Erect blue gray columns of leafless culms reach 5'+ in this species. Typical (bronze) flowers are interesting, but not striking. Drought tolerant. No damage at 20 degrees F.

*Rhodocoma capensis* - Tall, erect columns of branched "horsetail" dark green stems droop at their tips. Small flowers are golden and line the branch tips. This is very graceful in form and creates great contrast with all other plants. Clumps here are 6'+ at present and are a visual treat in the garden. Untouched at 20 degrees F. 100+ seed

*Rhodocoma species* - Low tangled green leaves are densely clumping; smooth blue-green flowering stems to 6' dangle long lacy clusters of shiny bronze "flowers" in male plants. Similar to *Rhodocoma arida*, but with more robust and greener (or more blue green) culms. From dry areas of the interior S.A.

*Thamnochortus insignis* - Forms a hemispherical kinetic sculpture in time with its slender dark green stems moving with the slightest breeze. Stems can be 5' in length and rise from all points of the dense basal clump. Golden flowers tip these branches. Can reseed in a limited way in the garden. Good container plant. No damage at 20 degrees F. 100+ seed

*Thamnochortus spicigerus* – Tall species to 6' seems to keep a narrower profile than other species grown so far. Stems are smooth and leafless and dark gray green; shiny bronze flowers are typical form. Seems drought and cold hardy. 100+ seed

### **Ordering information**

**Most seed packets are \$4. restio seed packets are \$4.50.**

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