

2021

**İLLAHE**  
RARE BULBS



**[SPECIALTY FLOWER BULB  
CATALOG]**

## SPECIALTY BULB LIST 2021

Greetings,

It has been one epic year from historic ice storms, that knocked power out for weeks on end, to the inferno like summer temperatures, with no rain for the whole second half of the spring. This year we are dedicating the catalog to Jim McKenny. Jim was our most dedicated customer that kept us in business through all these years. Anya and I would joke how we could always count on Jim to order one of everything and he almost never failed! We were saddened to hear of his passing this year and hope that his collection is being cared for as it must have been amazing. As always, I owe a huge thank you to Jane McGary for stock and advice and most of all inspiration to keep at this through the years. I'd also like to say a huge thank you to Diana Reeck: her work with Erythroniums the last few years has been inspiring to me as well, and she is added another great selection this year that is sure to be a hit in the garden. A big thanks to Joleen Schilling who stepped in and helped with the sweaty and dusty task of harvest. Of course thank you to the loyal customers -- without you this wouldn't be possible. Anya is off to college this fall at the UBC and the sales from this catalog are going to help her get an education and hopefully her generation will be smart enough to fix this dying planet.

I'll probably be done shipping in 3 weeks or so. I'll do my best to update the list as stuff sells out. As always, numbers of some stuff are very limited, so order right away if you see something you want.

**The Nursery:** Illahe Nursery and Garden is located in the South Salem hills of the Central Willamette Valley of Oregon at 600 feet in elevation. The climate here has been described as Mediterranean, although it really is cooler and wetter. Rainfall occurs here primarily between the months of October and May and ranges between 40 and 80 inches. Temperatures in the winter rarely fall below 20 deg. F in the winter, but the last few winters have seen temperatures as low as 9 deg. F inside an unheated greenhouse. Summers are generally dry. The Jory loam soil here is deep and extremely fertile. Agriculture in the immediate vicinity is mostly Christmas tree production, vineyards, nursery and grass seed production.

To see pictures of the bulbs, please visit the Illahe blog at [www.illaherarebulbs.blogspot.com](http://www.illaherarebulbs.blogspot.com), or try *The Random House Book of Bulbs* by Martyn Rix and Roger Phillips, or the highly recommended Pacific Bulb Society website: [www.pacificbulbsociety.org](http://www.pacificbulbsociety.org).

**Size of bulbs:** Bulbs have been selected for large size in hopes of providing flowering in the shortest period possible, but some bulbs are available in smaller sizes and those are noted below. Often newly potted bulbs need a year to settle in before flowering. All bulbs are priced per single bulb, unless otherwise noted.

**Boiler plate:**

**Domestic customers:**

**Ordering:** Please send a list by email. All orders are filled in the order received, so get your order to me as quickly as possible for the best selection. Send orders to [illaherarebulbs@gmail.com](mailto:illaherarebulbs@gmail.com)

DO NOT FORGET TO TELL ME YOUR SHIPPING ADDRESS.

**Shipping:** I will bill you for Priority Mail postage.

**Payment:** All bulbs are available in limited quantities and you may not receive everything you want. You will be billed with your shipment, with a Paypal invoice, so you will receive an invoice in the email and I will ship when you have paid. If the money is not deposited within three days of invoicing your bulbs will be returned to the inventory rack.

### **International Customers:**

**Ordering:** Send your order via email. All orders are filled in the order received, so get your order to me as quickly as possible for the best selection. Send orders to [illaherebulbs@gmail.com](mailto:illaherebulbs@gmail.com).

**Shipping:** I will bill you for first class postage, rate will be based on your order size. If you desire a faster postage rate please let me know this, and I will let you know the rate when your order is ready to be shipped. **I will bill you for Phytosanitary certification, which costs \$45 per order.** Due to inspection/phytosanitary scheduling I can only offer a few weeks of international shipping so please place your order no later than August 30, 2017. Get together with a garden group and do one big order if you are international and that way we can all save money and time! Seriously, it would help me, you, the plant inspector and the postman if we all consolidated a bit. Due to the Covid and strange circumstances with the US government and the USPS I cannot guarantee anything, but will do my best to work with you whatever the outcome of the international orders may be.

**Payment:** International customers will be required to pay by PayPal. Your order will be filled and inspected, you will be sent an email invoice with the PayPal deposit information. When the money is deposited your order will be shipped. If you must cancel an order, please do so promptly. If the money is not deposited within 3 business days, you will be sent a notification email and your bulbs will be returned to the inventory rack. Your bulb order leaves here with Phytosanitary certificate stating that it is free from pests and diseases and therefore not subject to quarantine; however, I do not have any control over the receiving countries' agricultural inspections, so I cannot offer any guarantee, and the loss should your government hold your bulbs is on you. Please notify me immediately of any issues and I will do what I can.

Please feel free to forward this list to anyone who might be interested.

Thank you,

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## ***Bulbs***

***Allium unifolium* 'Wayne Roderick'** Late spring bloomer with electric lavender pink flowers, named for the famous California bulb man who introduced it into the trade. \$3



***Allium unifolium* 'Wayne Roderick'**

***Albuca spiralis*** South Africa, curious corkscrew foliage arising from large bulbs. The flowers are a showy verdant greenish yellow. \$6



***Albuca spiralis***

***Arum byzantinum*** Balkans-Turkey; greenish white spathe with some purple. \$5

***Arum dioscoridis*** Turkey; wonderful but bad-smelling inflorescence, greenish cream heavily spotted with black. Medium, \$3

***Barnardia japonica*** Autumn Squill, wonderful feathery spikes of lavender colored flowers emerge in the autumn. A really beautiful species that is of questionable hardiness for me but should do well for the latitudes a bit further south. \$3

***Bellevallia pycnantha*** Iraq/Iran; deep purple, almost black flowers, formerly Muscari. \$3

***Biarum davisii*** Crete; Awesome pinkish-white spathes in the fall. Some debate about the taxonomic status of this and the *Biarum marmarisense* exist, as there has also been a *Biarum davisii* ssp. *Marmarisense* classification but most consider them variants, with the cretan a shorter fatter spathe and the Turkish a taller, slender version, buy both and decide for yourself? \$5



*Biarum davisii* similar to *B. marmarisense*

***Biarum dispar*** from Sardinia and the Iberian Peninsula, dark purple spathes. \$4

***Biarum marmarisense*** Turkey; This wonderful little plant makes a terrific show specimen with its dwarf spathes arising from ground level in the fall. \$5

***Biarum* PBS 435** a nice little selection from the Pacific Bulb Societies exchange. \$3

***Biarum tenuifolium* ssp. *abbreviatum*** Blackish spathes, flowers late summer. \$4

***Biarum tenuifolium* ssp. *zeleborii*** Crete, Wonderful purple spathes, great in the rock garden. Very rare. \$6



*Biarum tenuifolium* ssp. *abbreviatum*

***Brimeura fastigiata*** Tiny plants with dark purple fls; hardy to at least 9 deg. F., for containers under protection from excess rain. \$4

***Brodiaea californica*** Large lavender fls, early summer, on stems to 30 in. \$3

***Calochortus venustus*** California, Large white flowers with stunning interior markings. The butterfly Mariposa doesn't disappoint. \$5

***Calochortus vestae*** California, Large white flowers, striking markings, very showy. \$7



*Calochortus vestae*

***Camassia cusickii*** My seed collection from grassland, meadows at about 4,500' in the Wallowa Mts. About 15 years ago. Large spikes of very light blue flowers. \$6



*Camassia cusickii*

***Camassia leichtlinii*** 'Sacajawea' Beautifully, crisped ivory margins on the leaves and Buttery-white start shaped flowers. Yes, you can get this from the dutch catalogs, but you can also support a small, boutique business trying to put a kid through college. \$2

*Chionodoxa sardensis* Starry blue flowers, early and long lasting no matter what the weather, a great welcome to spring. \$2

*Corydalis henrikii* From Turkey comes this beautiful, pale pink stunner, with it's ferny foliage and early bloom season it's a must for any collector of fine bulbous plants. \$5

## **Colchicum**-The autumn crocus

*Colchicum autumnale* 'Nancy Lindsay' large corms, Fall. \$4

*Colchicum baytopiorum* Turkey, small species, great in pots. \$5

*Colchicum bivonae* Sardinia-Turkey, large, tessellated pink flowers, dramatic. \$5

*Colchicum "innocence"* A very old hybrid dating back to the 1500s, formerly known as *C. byzantinum* 'Album' obviously a stalwart performer through the years to have lasted in cultivation this long. White flowers in the Autumn. \$6



*Colchicum byzantinum* 'album'

*Colchicum cupanii* Sardinia, Tunisia. Dainty meadow saffron, makes a lovely fall show in pots, or rock gardens. \$4

*Colchicum davisii*-Turkey. Pale pink but wonderfully tessalated flowers, this species from the Amanus mountains often blooms in early September here. \$8

*Colchicum* 'Glory of Heemstede' an heirloom dutch hybrid with huge, goblets of pink tessalated flowers with white centers. \$6



Colchicum 'Glory of Heemstede'

*Colchicum haynaldii* Macedonia, Beautiful light pink flowers. \$4

*Colchicum hierosolymitanum* native to the region around Jerusalem. Light pink flowers, I've found this to be very adaptable, tolerating well drained and even heavier clay soils. \$6

*Colchicum laetum* Southeastern Russia/Caucasus. Large pink flowers with an open form. \$4

*Colchicum minutum* A rare Turkish endemic, this is one of the smallest species in the genus, but it makes an outstanding show in late winter and early spring. Pink Flowers. \$6

*Colchicum psaridis* Southern Greece. Smaller species, great for trough or rockery, flowers bloom at the surface in the fall. \$5

*Colchicum pyrenaicum* Spain/Portugal, I guess this should be Merendera montana now, or Colchicum montanum, but whatever you call it it's got wonderful, pink flowers borne in the fall right at soil level. \$3

*Colchicum variegatum* By far the most stunningly marked of all the autumn crocus when it comes to tessellations, this species makes a dramatic show in autumn. One of my all time favorites in the genus. \$8



*Colchicum variegatum*

***Colchicum tenorii*** Rosy-Pink flowers flowers, with purple crooks at the ends of the styles. Italy \$5

***Colchicum -Fall Starter Mix-*** This offering is for a mix of 3 corms propagated from my garden beds. They can be any of a mix of *C. autumnale* hybrids I grow (look at past catalog offerings), and possibly one or two of the rarer species, for those seeking value and wanting to start or enhance a collection of autumn blooms this is a tremendous deal. 3/\$6

## ***Crocus***

***Crocus angustifolius*** 'Cloth of Gold' A very old selection from the Southern Ukraine (my ancestral homeland). A showstopper in the early rock garden with dark yellow flowers and mahogany painted on the outer petals. \$2

***Crocus cartwrightianus*** Greece/Crete, probably one of the wild precursors of the fabled saffron crocus, it is a fantastic homegrown substitute for those that like paella. \$4



*Crocus cartwrightianus*

***Crocus cartwrightianus* 'Marcel'** Stunning selection by Antoine Hoog, white, with large stigmata and anthers. \$5



*Crocus cartwrightianus* 'Marcel'

***Crocus goulimyi*** From Greece, where it grows in olive groves. Fall blooming, robust Lilac-blue flowers. Packaged 3 for \$4

***Crocus goulimyi* 'Mani White'** large flowered white selection of above, from the famed bulb purveyor Micheal Hoog. \$5

***Crocus kotschyanus*** fall; a good performer year to year; if you want a tidy autumn bloomer for the rock garden this is a good one. \$3

***Crocus kotschyanus* 'Reliance'** fall; A strong-flowering selection of the species, very reliable performer. \$3

***Crocus mathewii*** To quote Janis Ruksans, “among the showiest and most desirable plants of every Crocus collection”. Fall-blooming, discovered as recently as 1992 in the Lycian Taurus Mts. of southern Turkey. \$8

***Crocus niveus*** From Greece, this beautiful white flowered species has a long bloom species throughout the autumn months. \$4

***Crocus sativus*** I’ve been on a mission to grow saffron in my native Oregon for some time now, in hopes of funding my eventual retirement with the world’s most expensive spice. Planting them deep is supposed to help produce more flowers. This is a vigorously offsetting form. \$4

***Crocus scepusiensis*** Spring. Lavender. Sometimes considered a form of *C. vernus*. \$3

***Crocus thomasi*** A fantastic fall blooming sativus type, strong saffron fragrance and a great increaser. Adriatic coastal species. \$5

***Crocus versicolor*** Southeastern France, to Northwestern Italy, beautiful lilac flowers with a light yellow throat. Spring bloomer. \$3

***Crocus ‘Yalta’*** Did I ever tell you about the time I visited Yalta in the late 1980’s and stayed a Soviet Era Pioneer Youth camp? It’s a long story, But I do remember seeing some crazy dark plum colored irises on the rocky outcrops above the black sea as a youngster. This is a pretty selection, with wonderful bicolored flowers. \$1.

***Dichelostemma multiflorum*** Tight heads of purple-blue flowers on long stems, late spring. \$3

***New***  
***Introduction!!!***

***Erythronium 'Best in Show'***



***Erythronium 'Best in Show'*** Diana has introduced another gem! This *Erythronium revolutum* hybrid is a real beauty with large pink flowers on strong stems to 10" or more. The flowers have delicate brown markings at the base of the each tepal, with a flush of green on the back. There are usually 3 (sometimes more) to a stem when it is mature. The large leaves have a distinctive pattern of green and brown with strong silver veining. This form has heavy substance and is an excellent increaser. A real standout. \$10 each, or three for \$25

***Erythronium 'Inner Glow'*** From Diana Reeck's selection work of the Walter Blom hybrids, comes this exciting new introduction. Lemon Yellow centered flowers, with a mahogany inner ring set on white are sure to make a stunning display in the shady, early spring garden. With the fast clumping genetics that Diana's selections are known for this will no doubt make an impressive hardy and vigorous garden specimen. \$7 each or 3 for \$18



Erythronium 'Inner Glow'



Figure 1E. 'Jeanine'



***Erythronium 'Pacific Sunset Strain'***

***Erythronium 'Pacific Sunset Strain'*** Over 20 years ago, Oregon plant breeder Walter Blom created some truly unique *Erythronium* hybrids. He kept only the best, selecting for multiple flowers, vigor, and good increasing qualities. We are finally releasing this first group of his hybrids as Erythronium 'Pacific Sunset'. There are about 8 separate clones in this strain, and they may differ slightly in size or intensity of color, but all have lovely pink flowers with a delicate stain of green at the base, with silvery veined leaves. They will grow to about 12", with 2-3 flowers per stem, and increase to larger clumps every year. \$7 each or 3 for \$18

***Erythronium 'Jeannine'*** Large sulphur yellow flowers on this vigorous hybrid, said to be a cross of *E. californicum* 'White Beauty' and *E. tuolumnense*, vigorous at clumping as well. \$8

***Dichelostemma multiflorum*** Tight heads of purple-blue flowers on long stems, late spring. \$3

***Ferraria*** I have had a long-running passion for this genus and a few hard winters in the first few years I was at Illahe taught me a hard lesson about hardiness. But I'm back at it again, with a few provisions for winter protection I've been building up a stock once again. Maybe the climate change I'm seeing happen will open up the Willamette Valley to production.



***Ferraria crispa*** Highly variable species, seed grown corms. Coastal Namaqualand and the Cape of South Africa. \$4

***Ferraria crispa ssp. Nortieri*** Often earlier blooming than the straight species, from the northern border range in the Clanwilliam district. \$4

***Ferraria divaricata*** Stunning, frilled, yellow/green flowers, sweetly scented. Sure to be a head turner in anyones collection. \$4

***Ferraria divaricata ssp. arenosa*** A recent taxonomic treatment seems to have lumped this into *F. divaricata*, but I'll list it as a I got it. Intense green/brown bizarre iris like flowers. \$4

***Ferraria densepunctulata*** amazing frilly, and freckled flowers with crisped edges. From the coastal cape region of South Africa. \$4

***Ferraria schaeferi*** The starfish lily, yellow flowers with brown blotching and mottling, sweetly scented. From the winter rainfall region of Namaqualand, South Africa. \$4

***Ferraria uncinata*** blue violet, yellow tipped flowers, as with all the *Ferraria* the short lived flowers make a unique display and certain conversation starter. \$4

***Ferraria*** mixed starter pack-If you are looking to explore the genus, this is a mixed bag of any of the above species. 3 for \$5

***Freesia alba*** from the cape region of South Africa, comes this incredibly fragrant species. I found it to be reasonably hardy here in Western Oregon where it bloomed during the pretty dreary late January to February season. \$2

**Freesia Single Blue** Bluish purple flowers adorn this selection, It can be grown as an annual anywhere but turned out to be just fine grown here in our zone 7ish, Western Oregon, I brought them indoors when they budded up and it adds some color and fragrance in the cold winter months. \$2

## **Fritillaria**

**Fritillaria acmopetala 'Dark Form'** Eastern Medd, Tall, Dark and handsome, what else do you want in a plant? \$5



Fritillaria acmopetala 'Dark Form'

**Fritillaria acmopetala 'Light Form'** The lighter form of this variable and adaptable species. Eastern Med; \$5

**Fritillaria affinis Nicasio Reservoir**, The Wayne Roderick collection that I have been selling as F. affinis var. tristulis the triploid, although the F. icones website does away with that name, until the monograph is out, it's the one with the awesome yellow and brown bells and it's a stout, tall handsome plant. \$6

**Fritillaria affinis Vancouver Island** This is my favorite form of the many different ones I grow, it' has these wavy, margins along the tepals, and with it's greenish, checkering it always reminds me of little dragon heads looking down with menacing teeth. \$6

**Fritillaria bithynica** V. Pilous seed collection from Samos Island, Greece. Dwarf species with dusky yellow green bells. \$7

**Fritillaria burnatii** This one comes with some controversy, as it has considered to be a subspecies of meleagris, but also some consider it a subspecies of tubiformis. Whatever you want to call it, it is a good grower, adaptable and easy in cultivation. \$4

**Fritillaria elwesii** Southern Turkey, Beautiful narrow bells with a dusty bloom on the petals. \$4

**Fritillaria gussichiae** From a V. Pilous seed collection in Sandanski, Bulgaria. Allied to Pontica, so a good doer in the garden with lovely green and brownish purple flushed flowers, this is the species on the cover this year. \$8

***Fritillaria hermonis ssp. amana*** Green and brown flowers, nice tessellation and a good garden performer, this one grows out in the boarder under some pine trees very well. 3 for \$2

***Fritillaria kotschyana*** Originally from an Archibald collection, in Iran. I'll have to find the number at some point. Large flowers. \$5

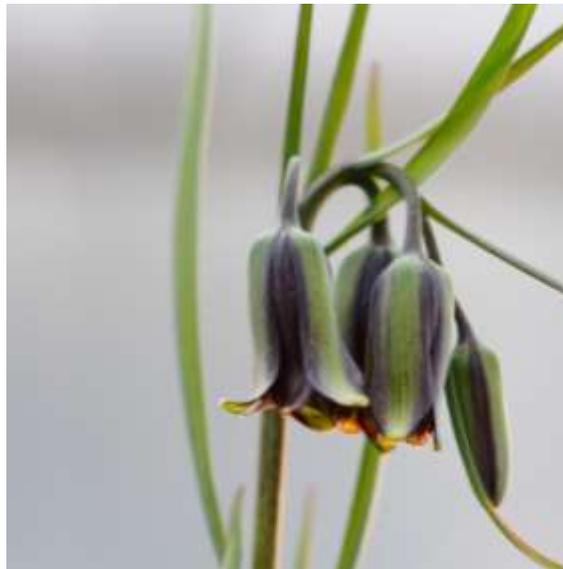


***F. kotschyana***



***F. orientalis***

***Fritillaria latakiensis*** Eastern Mediterranean to NW Syria. I like this species a lot as it's slender, thimble shaped bells, In Purple, Green and Brown have a charming quality to them. \$4



***Fritillaria latakiensis***

***Fritillaria orientalis*** Caucasus, checkered pendant bells, easy grower. \$4

***Fritillaria pontica*** Tall, pale green broad pendant bells, easy lg. \$4



*Fritillaria pontica*

***Fritillaria pudica*** Oregon, lovely, yellow, nodding bells, drought tolerant. Please specify Large bulbs \$5/Smaller offsets 3 for \$2

***Fritillaria pudica* John Day River form**-Taller, form from Oregon's longest undammed river, the John day flows through some of the most beautiful country around, if you haven't seen the painted hills in bloom, you haven't seen Oregon. \$5



Figure 2 *F. pudica* John Day form

***Fritillaria pudica* 'Richard Britten'** Wonderful selection of our NW native species. Comparatively huge yellow flowers, borne on short, stout stalks, great for troughs, show pots. Small bulbs, these are a few years from flowering but due to the high demand if you are willing to cultivate it you can start now for a lesser price. \$4



The large and stout stemmed flowers of *F.*

*pudica* 'Richard Britten' Alongside the wildtype.

***Fritillaria nigra* (*F. pyrenaica*)** Southern France/Northern Spain. The name changing is hard for me to keep up without a monograph, this is a strong growing plant with chocolate bells, lightly yellow inside, and slightly recurving tips. \$4

***Fritillaria rhodocanakis*** Greece; this selection was originally from Hoog and labeled *Fritillaria rhodocanakis* ssp. *argolica*. Which is a very rare subspecies of an already rare plant, however that ssp. has

been disputed and it may be natural variation or hybrid between *F. graeca* or *F. spetsiotica*. Beautiful brown and yellow bells. \$6

***Fritillaria reuteri*** Western Iran, The beauty is often compared to *F. michailovskyi*, but I think it's markedly better, with its brown yellow tipped bells. For some reason this one always seems to bloom when we get our obligatory February snow storm. \$7



*Fritillaria reuteri*

***Fritillaria striata*** California Super grateful that Jane was able to get seed of this beautiful pink and white species from Kern Co. the seed was crazy viable and while these are a ways a way from blooming, they are growing strongly and I'm offering them to give you a good head start from where you would be with a seed packet. If you aren't sure of the orientation these should be planted email me and I'll diagram it for you.. \$3

***Hymenocallis leavenworthii*** Mexico, one of the rarer of the spider lilies, said to grow at higher elevations in the state of Michoacan. I'm treating it as a patio in the summer/house in the winter plant. The blooms are worth the effort. It definitely did fine in my location with a good drying period between late winter and summer. \$5

***Ipheion 'Jessie'*** It's funny this plant never seems to sell, maybe it's too common and you can get it on Amazon and make Jeff Bezos more money to flaunt at us all from space. But when it was in bloom in the greenhouse this February, everyone walked over and took a closer look. The darkest blue of them all, it seems to really shine on a grey winters day. \$2



## Ipheion 'Jessie'

***Geranium macrostylum* 'Talish'** Tuberous species collected by Janis Ruksans in the Talish Mountains of Northwest Iran, it's a quick pot filler for sure and seems plenty hardy in the rock garden. \$4

***Gladiolus-*** One of the ladies at the historic garden I used to manage told me she hated Gladiolus, She said they were a "funeral flower". Funny I've never had that association, and the summer growing ones will always line my border. The ones listed below are all winter growing early spring blooming and want to have a dry summer rest period.

***Gladiolus cardinalis*** South Africa, like a candy striped, Christmas candy cane if you had to describe the flower color. Plenty hardy here in Western Oregon, winter growing/summer dormant. \$5

***Gladiolus illyricus*** The hardy European Glad. This species can be variable, mine have a pretty electric pink glow to them. \$3

***Gladiolus italicus*** Another hardy European, I read on the PBS site that the old European recommendation to sweeten bread was to mix the pounded corms in with the flour. If you run out of sugar you can order these or grow them for the early spring pink flowers. \$3

***Gladiolus tristis*** The absolutely stunning and fragrant, Marsh Afrikaner, one of my favorites in the genera of bulbous flowering plants. \$6



Figure 3 *Gladiolus tristis*

## Iris

Some of these aren't your average bearded here, be very careful with the large fleshy storage roots of the Juno's when potting up. These are for the more advanced grower. I have always loved iris, and while I had a time period where the huge, gaudy beardies in every color imaginable were not something I would entertain, after a few years managing a historic garden and seeing some of the older, mauve, and softer colors, they are back in my border. I threw a few oddities in here for the fun of it. Yes you can

probably get them from the Dutch, but you can also support a struggling, lower middle class single father trying to put a daughter through university and by them here.

### **Juno-Scorpiris:**

*Iris aucheri* 'Indigo' Deep Indigo blue flowers on this Juno species make it a showstopper. \$



*Iris vicaria x microglossa* 'Marjaneh' A Dr. Seisums hybrid, with intense smokey blue-violet flowers. \$12



*Iris vicaria x microglossa* "Marjaneh"



*Iris graeberiana* 'White Fall'

***Iris graeberiana* 'White Fall'** Scorpiris from Tajikistan, and Turkestan. Stunning iris for the collector and knowledgeable grower. \$9

***Iris planifolia*** Andalusia south to North Africa. The northernmost growing of all the juno (scorpiris) it's a small plant but large flowers. I might start some breeding work one of these days, now that I have a pretty good idea of juno's from seed. \$6

### ***Section Pogon-Dwarf Bearded:***

***Iris reichenbachii*** I have featured this one a few times before, it came from the famed Portland Rae Selling Berry Botanical Garden, which means it probably has some pedigree that says it was collected from seed in a far off Mountainous country land. It's a standout performer in the rock garden and at a max height of 8" you can't lose. Shipped bareroot. \$5



*Iris reichenbachii* Berry from.

**Iris Dwarf Yellow Bearded**-This one has the coolest shade of somewhere between yellow and green flowers, it's a bit bigger than *reichenbachii* listed above, as this one tops out about 16" but still a great one for the rock garden. The drought tolerance is exceptional.

## Reticulata

**Iris *reticulata* JS Dijt** Plum colored version of the above, with intensely marked, white, yellow and black falls. \$3

**Iris '*Hyrcana Talysh*'** This used to be considered a separate species from *reticulata* but apparently has been put in with *reticulata*, it's earlier and larger flowering. Sometimes listed as *I. hyrcana* 'talish' or *I. reticulata* 'Talish'. \$6



Iris reticulate JS Dijt.

**Dutch Iris** A long, long time ago, Clusius was traveling in Spain and picked up some nice specimens of *Iris xiphium* and brought them back to Belgium. Some time later the famous Dutch folks Van Tubergen crossed this with *Iris tingitana* and gave us the Dutch iris. I know they are common and probably surprising to find in this catalog, but I like them and you should too.

**Iris Golden Beauty** Buttery lemon yellow. Later flowering. 3/\$2

***Iris Eye of the Tiger*** Crazy bluish purple, fading to red on the falls with bright yellow eye. 3/\$2

***Iris Red Ember*** Rich Burgundy to red mahogany with a bright yellow eye. 3/\$2

***Moraea aristata*** South Africa, the stunning and rare peacock or blue eyed Moraea, this one will knock you out of your socks when it's blooming. Everyone has to take a closer look. \$13



*Moraea aristata*

***Moraea gigandra*** South Africa, large violet colored flowers with an outstanding iridescent throat, one of the easier of the Peacock's to cultivate. This and the above are both winter growing, summer dormant. \$10

***Muscari pallens*** Small species, white to very pale blue flowers, modest increase. \$2

***Muscari pseudomuscari*** It seems this name is in great dispute, either way it's a diminutive charmer, excellent pot specimen or choice in a trough.



Muscari psuedomuscari

**Narcissus** If you are designing a bulb garden to have year around flowers, you must include the genus Narcissus, some especially the hoop petticoats will bloom on their own at Christmas time and a selection of the listed species below will ensure you have nonstop color through the winter into spring.

***Narcissus bulbocodium var. nivalis*** small species from the Atlas Mountains, great for troughs or pots. \$4

***Narcissus cantabricus ssp. foliosus*** Midwinter, like just after Christmas when no other flower is blooming. Makes this a choice one for any collection, watch out for slugs if you try to grow it outside in a temperate rain forest with wet winters. Cream-white hoops. \$3



*Narcissus cantabricus ssp. Foliosus*

***Narcissus primigenius*** Classic trumpet daffodil, from Northwest Spain. A good garden subject and potential breeding candidate. \$3

***Narcissus romieuxii 'Julia Jane'*** Deep yellow widely flared "hoop petticoat" flowers, Very early. \$4

***Narcissus romieuxii*** The wild type of above, slightly less refined, but stunning and early. \$3

***Narcissus x gracilis*** a presumed hybrid between *N. jonquilla* and *N. poeticus*, you can't really go wrong with those parents, right? \$3

***Narcissus x odorus*** Hybrid between *N. jonquilla* and *N. pseudonarcissus* or perhaps *N. hispanicus*. Since it has been known in cultivation since 16th century, it is surprising the actual parents aren't known. \$3

***Narcissus watieri*** From the Atlas Mts. of Morocco, beautiful fragrant, white flowers. \$6

***Narcissus 'Xit'*** An outstanding hybrid developed with *Narcissus watieri* above as one of its parents, it's essentially a larger, more garden hardy version of the outstanding *watieri*

***Narcissus wilkommii*** A deep yellow *Jonquilla* species with a large corona. \$3

***Notholirion thomsonianum*** Kashmir/Himalaya. Winter grower. Superb lavender-pink trumpet Fls. Big bulbs \$5

***Rhodohypoxis baurii* 'Pintado'** South Africa, this wonderful selection has light pink margined white flowers. These are in growth and some blooming so will be shipped either bareroot or in Anderson rose pots. \$4



Rhodohypoxis 'Pintado'

***Rhodohypoxis baurii* 'Dark Lights'** South Africa, The darkest of them all, almost brick red. These are great selections that are hard to find, but strong growing and fast multiplying. These are in growth and some blooming so will be shipped either bareroot or in Anderson rose pots. \$5

***Rhodophiala bifida*** Argentina, These are from seed and haven't bloomed yet so could be mixed color forms since the species is variable. I'm shipping these dormant ready to grow. Medium sized bulbs will need a year or two to bloom yet. \$6

***Romulea bulbocodium*** Mediterranean, beautiful stary, white-lavender tipped flowers with a yellow throat. One for the rock garden if there ever was. \$3

***Scilla ramburei*** Lovely glaucous leaves and compact flower spikes of purple. A great pot specimen. \$3

***Scilla verna*** From the Atlantic coast of Europe, the spring squill is a lovely little wildflower for naturalizing. Lilac flowers. \$3



***Sternbergia in late autumn***

***Scilla vincentina*** Portugal, I think this is a Hyacinthoides now, but I was writing this in alphabetical order and I don't want to reorder the thing now that I'm almost done. \$3

***Sternbergia sicula*** a more compact version of the Autumn daffodil. \$5

***Sternbergia lutea*** The indomitable Autumn Daffodil, as it's sometimes called, is a beautiful fall bloomer with deep yellow flowers. \$5

***Sternbergia greuteriana*** It seems some have lumped this in with the above mentioned, although to me they seem different. Why not grow them both and find out for yourself. Either way you get the bright yellow flowers to add to your fall display. \$5



***Triteleia peduncularis***

***Triteleia peduncularis*** Tall; big white-and-purple fls on very long pedicels, inflorescence can be a foot across; plant deeply \$4

***Tritonia flabellifolia*** Beautiful creamy white flowers, marked with mahogany veins. From the South Cape of Africa, in an area known to be of winter rainfall. This species seems to take to copious amounts of water. May blooming. These are hardy to at least 27 degrees. \$/4



*Tritonia flabellifolia*

***Tulipa didieri*** Savoy, France. Interesting story on this one, Possibly extinct in the wild, or extremely rare, these “Neo Tulips” were probably introduced into Europe around the time of the Crusades and naturalized to the point of becoming native, and then wiped out by the development of ski resorts in the mountains, growing this and learning it’s history will challenge your preconceived definitions of native plants and invasive species. Crimson flowers with a dark center. \$7

***Tulipa ostrowskiana***. Central Asia, my form of this variable species, tends toward the reddish, orange of the spectrum with small yellow center. \$5



*Tulipa ostrowskiana*

***Tulipa sosnowskyi KV453*** A Kurt Vickery seed source, of the vermillion red species from Armenia. \$5

***Watsonia aletroides*** South Africa, beautiful tall spikes of Red flowers. Fast increaser. \$2

***Carnivorous Plants:*** I have to ship these as bareroots in moistened peat or vermiculite, with the pitchers cut back or folded over. Not sure about the viability of International shipping but I will try if you are willing to pay for it



***Sarracenia psittacina*** The very unique Parrot pitcher plant. I think these must have had a common ancestor with *Darlingtonia* at some point, they are a small plant perfect for the bog trough . \$14

***Sarracenia purpurea*** The northernmost growing of the Pitcher plants, I think the best common name I ever heard in a plant is this one ‘Turtle Socks’. \$14

***Sarracenia minor*** The Hooded Pitcher from pine savannas, North Carolina to Florida. One of the species capable of growing in slightly drier conditions. \$14

***Sarracenia leucophylla*** The White Topped Pitcher plant, from bogs and pine savannas from Mississippi to Alabama, a stunning bug killer. \$14

## My Botanical Oddities

The quarantine year had me doing a bit more propagation than normal so I’m offering a few things that are outside of the normal scope of the flower bulb list, but maybe of interest to those in the rock gardening and xeric plant world. I’m on a mission to find things that will survive the coming climate apocalypse because I for one want to garden as long as I can. I was planning to do some plant sales this fall, but with the vid still raging with the variants I think I’ll just put some of this out here for folks to mail order. Everything in this catalog is grown with love and hand packaged. Same disclaimer applies for international shipping, as it does for the carnivores, and I can’t ship deciduous trees in leaf to the EU so if you want the *Cercis* that bad you’ll have to wait for winter and I’ll ship it then. Orders may get split into live plants and dormant bulbs.

### Spikey things:

***Agave parryi var. huachensis***-from the Huachuca mountains of Southern Arizona, this one is hardy and beautiful if just a bit wickedly spiny. This is the one suckers freely.. Anderson Rose pots \$5



Agave parryi var. huachensis

***Puya venusta*** I heard tales of the Bromeliads of Chile that could catch sheep. I don't know if it's true or not, but this one definitely has fish hooks for leaves. Watch yourself! Seems to be pretty hardy, from WC seed Pichidangui, Chile. Anderson Rose pots, \$5

**Rocky Things:** A few things from my rock garden, I'll ship to you live and in growth. These are in Anderson Rose pots and 4".

***Campanula calaminthifolia*** a dainty little specimen for the rock garden, prostrate species from the Aegean isles. \$5

***Campanula collina***- a Good one for the meadow garden, put this in combination with the Penstemon pinifolius 'Mersea Yellow' and Zinnia grandiflora and bam! Instant rock garden. \$4

***Gentiana acaulis* 'Holzmann'** vigorous selection of the classic alpine Trumpet Gentian, true blue if there ever was one. Likes a bit of moisture and cooler root run, so not one for the zeric garden. \$4

***Penstemon newberryi* var. *sonomensis*** I'm almost 100% certain that's what this one is, intense glaucous leaves, mounding subshrub to 6" tall and 2' across, intense carmine red flowers with white "beards on the tongue" if you get my drift. If it's not what I think it is, well then you just bought a magnificent, drought tolerant spring blooming penstemon that will knock your socks off and you'll have to key it out yourself. \$5



***Penstemon newberryi* var. *sonomensis***

***Penstemon pinifolius* “Mersea Yellow”** The yellow flowered version of the pine leaf penstemon is a great doer in the rock garden, the parent plant of these has been blooming for a month and a half now with barely any water and withstood 117 degree’s with no loss in flowering. \$4

***Zinnia grandiflora*** the fun little sub shrub prairie zinnia with it’s cheerful yellow flowers and sprawling habit, will brighten the rock garden without asking much in return (very drought tolerant). \$5

**Arboreal things:** A few of my favorite trees, the native and the

***Cercis siliquastrum*** The Judas tree, or Mediterranean Redbud, is a super drought tolerant tree with spectacular pink flowers. I might have a bit of a Bob Dylan fetish and if you have ever heard the song “God on our side” you would know why.....” Through many a dark hour, I've been thinkin' about this, That Jesus Christ was, Betrayed by a kiss, But I can't think for you, You'll have to decide, Whether Judas Iscariot, Had God on his side.” Quart pots \$14

***Arbutus menziesii*** Sometimes when I get frustrated with whiny customers in the bulb business (who don’t realize this is a second job and I’m not an independently wealthy plant collector). I think about just starting a wholesale nursery specializing in Madrones and calling it Mark’s Madrones. I’ve been starting seeds of this species every year for over 15 years now. My goal is to grow the perfect specimen someday, and name a selection and I have one that might just be that growing now. My old mentor at the R.S. Berry Botanic Garden, Jack Poff gave me some great advice when I was starting out as a propagator. He said start seeds of Bulbs, Annuals, Perennials, Shrubs and Trees every year of your life and you’ll end up with a magnificent garden someday. Even when I was living in the Woodstock neighborhood of Portland with a tiny backyard I was starting flats of trees, and this one will always be

with me. My *Arbutus zalapensis* set seed this year and I'll be putting that one up soon enough! Quart pots \$16



*Fritillaria affinis* Vancouver Island

