

Temperennials



TEMPERENNIALS

A new twist on hardy perennials!

The term “temperennial” was coined in 2003 by Pierre Bennerup, Chairman and CEO of Sunny Border Nurseries, Inc. who was searching for a word to describe those plants that are perennial in tropical climates but grown as annuals in colder zones. Since the term was coined, it has quickly spread through the industry and has become the accepted term for such plants.

Growers in northern climates will likely grow these plants as annuals, though they can be overwintered indoors if desired. Many can be grown through the winter as houseplants and then enjoyed again outdoors the following spring. See individual plant listings for specific zone information.

Temperennials add great foliage, extravagant color, and tropical flair to containers and gardens that otherwise contain only annuals or cold hardy perennials. As container and dish gardening increases in popularity and the line between annuals and perennials blurs more and more, the demand for temperennials skyrockets.

There is a huge range of types of temperennials available, and we have made our best attempt to offer you a diverse selection here. As suggestions for additional varieties come from our customers, this product line is expanding. We would love to hear from you!

TEMPERENNIAL KEY

G = General Temperennial
S = Succulent Temperennial
T = Tropical Temperennial



Succulent Temperennials

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Agave 'Cornelius'



NEW Agave 'Cream Spike'



Photo courtesy of Yucca Do Nursery

Agave *geminiflora* 'Spaghetti Strap'



Agave *gentryi* 'Jaws'

Agave 'Cornelius'

AGACO20, AGACO72 (Century Plant) Forms a small rosette of unusually thick, long, wavy leaves with striking, strongly contrasting variegation. Bright creamy yellow margins with chocolate spines surround the grey-green to mid-green center. Rarely offsets.

S/18in/Z9-10/20 & 72ct **T**
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt



NEW Agave 'Cream Spike'

AGACS20, AGACS72 (Hardy Century Plant) Forms a small, symmetrical, solitary rosette of blue-green to olive green leaves with wide, cream margins. Leaves are lined and tipped with deep brown spines. Produces offsets. Perfectly suited for troughs and rock gardens.

S/4in/Z8-10/20 & 72ct **T**
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt



Agave *geminiflora* 'Spaghetti Strap'

AGASS20, AGASS72 (Twin-flowered Agave, Century Plant) A softer, less rigid form that develops into a dense, spiky ball of narrow, rounded, flexible, emerald green leaves. Rarely offsets. A striking specimen for large containers.

S/2ft/Z9-10/20 & 72ct **T**
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt



Agave *guiengola* 'Creme Brulee'



Photo courtesy of Plant Delights Nursery

Agave 'Kissho Kan'



Photo courtesy of Plant Delights Nursery

NEW Agave *montana* 'Baccarat'

Agave gentryi 'Jaws'
AGAJA20, AGAJA72 (Century Plant, Hardy Agave) This ferocious looking selection was selected for its huge, protruding, purple-brown marginal spines which resemble sharks' teeth. Forms a rigidly upright, solitary rosette of glossy, apple green leaves.

S/4ft/Z7-10/20 & 72ct **T**
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt



Agave *guiengola* 'Creme Brulee'

AGACB20, AGACB72 (Century Plant) Forms an elegant, open rosette of incredibly thick, boat-shaped leaves which lay more flat than upright. Grey-green leaves with butter cream yellow

to creamy white margins lined with tiny, brown spines. Produces offsets.

S/24-30in/Z9-10/20 & 72ct **T**
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt



Agave 'Kissho Kan'

AGAKK20, AGAKK72 ('Lucky Crown') (Variegated Butterfly Agave) Rare Japanese selection that remains small. Well-suited to dish gardens. Forms a remarkably symmetrical, round rosette of soft blue-grey to blue-green leaves with clean ivory, toothed margins. Cinnamon brown spines line the margin of each leaf.

S/12-15in/Z9-10/20 & 72ct **T**
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt



NEW Agave *montana* 'Baccarat'

AGABA20, AGABA72 (Hardy Century Plant) Forms a 2-3' wide mature clump of broad, toothed, glaucous blue-green leaves tipped with a black terminal spine. Named for its silver bud imprints which mimic the patterns in fine Baccarat crystal. Selected by Yucca Do Nursery.

S/24in/Z7-10/20 & 72ct **T**
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt





Agave parryi ssp.
truncata



Agave schidigera
Queen of White Thread
(‘Shira ito no Ohi’)



Agave xylonacantha
‘Frostbite’

EXCLUSIVE



NEW *Echeveria runyonii*
‘Topsy Turvy’



Echeveria shaviana
‘Pink Frills’



Manfreda undulata
‘Chocolate Chips’



Mangave ‘Bloodspot’

Agave parryi* ssp. *truncata
AGATR20, AGATR72 (Hardy Century Plant) Often described as the most beautiful of all *Agave* species. Forms a perfectly symmetrical rosette of wide, rounded, glue-grey leaves tipped with a short, dark spike. At maturity, it produces an incredible 20ft tall flower spike.

S/18in/Z(6)7-9/20 & 72ct ①
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt
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***Agave schidigera* Queen of White Thread (‘Shira ito no Ohi’)**

AGAQQW20, AGAQQW72 (Century Plant) Striking specimen forms a solitary rosette of narrow, lance-shaped leaves lined with numerous distinctive white filifers. Dark green leaves have sharply contrasting, creamy yellow to white margins. Sharp, cinnamon terminal spine.

S/12in/Z8-10/20 & 72ct ①
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt
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***Agave xylonacantha* ‘Frostbite’**
WGI Exclusive

AGAFR20, AGAFR72 (Century Plant) This rare, exciting selection offers incredible variegation and biting spines lining the scalloped leaves. Long, narrow, rigid leaves are dark green with creamy yellow to crisp white margins. Broad spreading, solitary rosette.

S/18-24in/Z8-10/20 & 72ct ①
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt
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NEW *Echeveria runyonii*
‘Topsy Turvy’

ECHTT30 (Mexican Hen & Chicks) Very popular succulent. Powdery blue-grey leaves form a distinctive rosette of upright, curved leaves with inward pointing leaf tips. Produces offsets profusely. Coral-orange and yellow blooms in areas with long growing seasons.

S/4-8in/LSu-EFa/Z7b-10/30ct ①
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt
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***Echeveria shaviana* ‘Pink Frills’**

ECHPF30 (Mexican Hen & Chicks) Named for its bright pink, frilly edges, this plant transitions through a palette of mauve purple, silvery blue, and green as the foliage matures. Forms a central rosette surrounded by many offsets. Orange-pink flowers.

S/6-8in/MSu/Z9-11/30ct ②
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt
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***Manfreda undulata* ‘Chocolate Chips’**

MANCC20, MANCC72 (Perennial Deciduous *Agave*) One of a kind! Forms a low, broad spreading rosette of strappy, wavy edged, dark green leaves covered with prominent, deep eggplant purple to chocolate spots. Produces interesting burgundy brown flowers on a tall spike annually.

S/12in/MSu/Z(7)8-10/20 & 72ct ①
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt or 1-Gal
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***Mangave* ‘Bloodspot’**

MAGBL20, MAGBL72 (Perennial *Mangave*) *Agave* x *Manfreda* with attributes of both. Like *Agave* in form and *Manfreda* in color. Forms a symmetrical rosette of rigid, glaucous grey-green leaves covered with prominent burgundy speckles. Spotting is most prominent when exposed to UV light.

S/8-12in/Z(8)9-10/20 & 72ct ①
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Qt
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Colocasia esculenta 'Illustris'

COLIL20 (Elephant Ear) A tropical beauty; high impact specimen for large containers. Magnificent arrow-shaped leaves measuring up to 3' long are green with a heavy black-purple overlay and bright green veins. Fragrant, pale yellow flowers are occasionally produced.

T/3-5ft/Z(7)8-10/20ct ①

Recommended Finish Size: 1-Gal



Colocasia esculenta 'Mojito' PP21995

COLMO20 (Elephant Ear) Fabulous tropical! Huge, arrow-shaped, purple to near-black leaves are splashed with unique patterns of lime green and chartreuse. Stout, light pink stems with dark rattlesnake-like stripes. Excellent in large containers.

T/4-6ft/Z(7)8-10/20ct ①

Asexual propagation prohibited.

Recommended Finish Size: 1-Gal



Cordyline terminalis 'Chocolate Queen'

CORCQ72 (Ti Plant) With strap-like foliage much wider than is typical for Cordylines, this plant forms an upright stalk of strikingly variegated green leaves striped heavily with cream and white. Mature foliage is flushed with chocolate purple and deep red.

T/18-24in/Z10-11/72ct ①

Recommended Finish Size: 4in to 1-Gal



Musa 'Siam Ruby'

MUSSR20 (Banana) Huge, paddle-shaped leaves are rich ruby red with irregular splashes, blocks, and stripes of bright green. Red color intensifies in sun; thrives in heat and humidity. Best displayed in large containers that can be brought in for winter.

T/8-10ft/Z9-11/20ct ①

Recommended Finish Size: 1-Gal



Colocasia esculenta 'Illustris'



Colocasia esculenta 'Mojito' PP21995



Colocasia gigantea 'Thailand Giant'

NEW *Colocasia esculenta* ROYAL HAWAIIAN® 'Black Coral' PPAF

COLBC20 (Elephant Ear) One of the darkest leaved Colocasias. Huge, glossy, jet black leaves with deep blue veins are produced on jet black stems. Makes an extraordinary specimen in containers or pond side. Colors up well even without direct UV exposure.

T/3.5-4ft/Z7b-11/20ct ①

Asexual propagation prohibited.

Recommended Finish Size: 1-Gal

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Photo courtesy of Plant Haven

NEW *Colocasia esculenta* ROYAL HAWAIIAN® 'Black Coral' PPAF



Cordyline terminalis 'Chocolate Queen'



Photo courtesy of Ryan Hall

Musa 'Siam Ruby'



EXCLUSIVE

Coreopsis rosea
'Tahitian Sunset' PPAF



Photo courtesy of Thompson & Morgan

NEW

Rudbeckia hirta 'Cherry Brandy'



Rudbeckia hirta
'Denver Daisy'



Rudbeckia TIGEREYE™
(Tiger Eye Gold)



NEW

Salvia elegans 'Golden Delicious' PP17977



Salvia guaranitica
'Black and Blue'

Coreopsis rosea
'Tahitian Sunset' PPAF
WGI Exclusive

CORTA72 (Tickseed) Extremely floriferous selection. A tropical blend of watermelon red flowers with a golden orange blush towards the orange center. Adds a bright spot of color to the garden and containers. Green, threadleaf foliage.

G/12-18in/ESu-MFa/Z8-10/72ct ②
Asexual propagation prohibited.
Recommended Finish Size: 1-Gal
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NEW *Rudbeckia hirta*
'Cherry Brandy'

RUDCB72 (Annual Black-Eyed Susan, Gloriosa Daisy) A more consistent seed strain now offered thru Thompson & Morgan. Strong stems carry single daisy-like flowers that open deep orange and quickly mature into 3-4", maroon to cherry red

blossoms with a dark chocolate eye. Reseeds.

G/24in/ESu-MFa/annual/72ct ⑤
Recommended Finish Size: 4in to 1-Gal

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Rudbeckia hirta
'Denver Daisy'

RUDDD72 (Annual Black-Eyed Susan, Gloriosa Daisy) Gigantic, golden yellow blossoms with a prominent rusty brown eye are produced on strong stems that hold up well all summer, even under adverse weather conditions. Extremely heat tolerant. From Benary.

G/18-24in/MSu-MFa/annual/72ct ⑤
Recommended Finish Size: 4in to 1-Gal

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Rudbeckia TIGEREYE™
(Tiger Eye Gold')

RUDTE72 (Annual Black-Eyed Susan) F1 hybrid Rudbeckia. Plants display superior uniformity never before seen in these types. Rapid, uniform grower forms a compact, well-branched clump. Large 4", semi-double, growing orange-gold flowers with a brown cone. From Goldsmith.

G/16-24in/ESu-EFa/annual/72ct ⑤
Recommended Finish Size: 4in to 1-Gal

🏆 Awards: AGA
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NEW *Salvia elegans* 'Golden Delicious' PP17977

SALGD72 (Pineapple Sage) Bright yellow to chartreuse foliage forms a sizeable clump, adding a punch of color to the landscape or containers. Leaves are edible and smell like pineapple

when crushed. Blooms very late with fire engine red flowers. From Brent Horvath.

G/3-4ft/EFa-MFa/Z7-10/72ct ②
Asexual propagation prohibited.
Recommended Finish Size: 4in to 1-Gal

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Salvia guaranitica
'Black and Blue'

SALBB72 (Blue Anise Sage) A rare color in the summer garden. Vibrant true cobalt blue, hooded blossoms with contrasting near-black calyces and stems are produced in one sided racemes for many months. Fragrant foliage forms a large, upright clump.

G/2-4ft/MSu-MFa/Z7-10/72ct ②
Recommended Finish Size: 4in to 1-Gal

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Perennial Descriptive Listing

As the nation's leading wholesale perennial grower, we are excited to offer you a vast selection of over 1,000 new and classic perennials of the finest quality. In this section, you will find an abundance of daylilies, hostas, ground covers, ornamental grasses, vines, and many other perennials. We have something to fill every need from drought tolerant varieties to those that bloom all summer.

Don't miss our Proven Winners® Perennials highlighted in **green**, over 100 new items in **red**, and our exclusives and WGI introductions in **brown**.

Extensive research has been put into the following plant descriptions. While every effort has been made to portray them accurately, please keep in mind that the height, bloom time, and color may differ slightly in various climates throughout North America. Our listings typically describe the characteristics of a three year old plant. They are based on our own experience growing these plants in Michigan as well as numerous other resources including those cited on p. 201 of this catalog.





Achillea millefolium 'Saucy Seduction' PP20782



Achillea millefolium
'Strawberry Seduction' PP18401



Achillea millefolium
'Sunny Seduction' PP20808

Achillea Seduction Series

(Yarrow) This impressive Achillea series is the best we've seen! Unlike older cultivars with a weaker, open habit, these plants have a compact, sturdy and robust habit. Beautiful cultivated looking varieties; great in containers at retail and admirable performers in the landscape. Bred by Sahin. Asexual propagation prohibited. Special Blooms label required.

18-24in/ESu-MSu/Z3-8/#1 Grade, 72ct ☉



Achillea millefolium 'Saucy Seduction' PP20782

ACHSAG1, ACHSA72 Flowers open intense fuchsia pink, lightening to medium pink. New flowers are produced all summer, providing an array of color over an extended period.

Achillea millefolium 'Strawberry Seduction' PP18401

ACHSSG1, ACHSS72 Large clusters of strawberry red flowers with a gold center form a domed canopy atop a robust, compact, upright clump of grey-green foliage. Mature flowers turn buff yellow, extending the interest late into the season. 🌟

Achillea millefolium 'Sunny Seduction' PP20808

ACHSUG1, ACHSU72 Flowers open intense lemon yellow, lightening to pastel yellow. New flowers are produced all summer. A tremendous improvement over 'Moonshine'.

Achillea 'Moonshine'

ACHMOG1, ACHMO72 (Yarrow) Flat-topped, canary yellow flower clusters and bright silver, ferny foliage. This is a clump-forming selection that blooms over a long period. Plants will rebloom if they are cut back.

18-24in/ESu-MSu/Z3-8/#1

Grade, 72ct ☉



Achillea 'Pretty Belinda'

ACHPBG1 (Yarrow) An improvement over 'Apple Blossom'; improved habit and stronger flower color. Rich pink, flat-topped flower clusters age to light pink, creating a multi-tonal effect. Ferny, green foliage forms a compact, upright, non-spreading clump.

20in/ESu-MSu/Z4-8/#1 Grade ☉



Aconitum 'Blue Lagoon'

ACOBLG1 (Monkshood) A shorter selection with bright blue flowers that start to bloom lower on the stalks than typical Aconitums. Deeply divided, dark green foliage. Just the right size for containers or the front of the border.

10-12in/MSu-LSu/Z4-8/#1

Grade ☉

Cannot ship to Canada.



Aconitum fischeri

ACOFIG1 (Azure Monkshood) Produces upright spikes of lavender-blue flowers. This species has particularly strong stems that will not require staking. Deeply divided, dark green, glossy foliage.

18-24in/LSu-EFa/Z4-8/#1

Grade ☉

Cannot ship to Canada.



Achillea 'Moonshine'



Achillea
'Pretty Belinda'



Aconitum 'Blue Lagoon'



Aconitum fischeri



Aconitum napellus



Actaea pachypoda 'Misty Blue'



Adenophora 'Amethyst'



Agastache aurantiaca 'Apricot Sprite'

Aconitum napellus

ACONAG1 (Common Monkshood) Striking, upright spikes of violet-blue flowers. The deeply divided, dark green, glossy foliage makes this selection attractive even when it is not in bloom. Rarely bothered by pests or diseases.

3ft/MSu-LSu/Z4-8/#1 Grade **D**



Actaea pachypoda 'Misty Blue'

ACTMB20 (White Baneberry) Lovely native woodland perennial. Low maintenance and long lived. Forms a sizable multi-stemmed clump of blue-green foliage topped with small clusters of white flowers. Showy white fruits ("doll's eyes") are borne on red pedicels in autumn.

2-3ft/ESu-MSu/Z3-8/20ct **I**



Adenophora 'Amethyst'

ADEAM30 (Ladybells) Produces tall spikes of amethyst-blue, nodding, bell-shaped flowers arranged symmetrically on the stems. They are wonderful in fresh flower bouquets. Nice vertical accent for the middle of the flower border.

30-36in/LSp-MSu/Z3-8/30ct **S**



Agastache aurantiaca 'Apricot Sprite'

AGAAS30 (Anise Hyssop) This dwarf, compact cultivar produces vibrant peachy apricot colored flower spikes all summer long. The grey-green foliage is edible. From Thompson & Morgan.

18in/ESu-LSu/Z6-9/30ct **S**

A Award: FQM



Agastache 'Blue Fortune'

AGABFG1 (Anise Hyssop) A hybrid of *A. rugosa* and *A. foeniculum*. Lavender blue, bottlebrush-like flowers on strong, upright stems. A very long bloomer. Provides color in the

garden late in the season.

24-36in/MSu-EFa/Z4-9/#1 Grade **C**

A Awards: RHS, ISU



Agastache 'Bolero'

AGABO30, AGABO72 (Hyssop) One of the longest blooming perennials in our gardens. Vivid rose purple flower spikes rise above the bronzy green foliage. Forms a compact, branched clump of aromatic, slug and deer resistant foliage. Well-adapted to dry soils. From Jelitto.

16in/MSu-EFa/Z5-10/30 & 72ct **S**



Agastache 'Purple Haze'

AGAPHG1 (Anise Hyssop) The darkest purple variety we've seen yet! Vibrant violet-purple flowers are presented on strong, upright stems. Blue-green foliage. Can be pinched back to restrict height if desired.

3ft/MSu-EFa/Z6-9/#1 Grade **C**



Ajuga reptans

'Black Scallop' PP15815

AJUBS30, AJUBS128 (Bugleweed) Attractive smaller-scale groundcover with glossy, near-black, scalloped leaves. Shocking violet blue flowers appear on short spikes in spring. Stays compact without growth regulators.

3-6in/MSp-LSp/Z4-10/30 & 128ct **C**

Asexual propagation prohibited.

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Ajuga reptans 'Burgundy Glow'

AJUBG30, AJUBG128 (Bugleweed) Tri-colored foliage in shades of creamy-white, rose-burgundy, and dark green. In fall, mature leaves turn deep bronze, and newer growth is a rose tone. Produces short spikes of blue flowers. Evergreen.

6in/MSp-LSp/Z3-10/30 & 128ct **C**



Agastache 'Blue Fortune'



Agastache 'Bolero'



Agastache 'Purple Haze'



Ajuga reptans 'Black Scallop' PP15815



Ajuga reptans 'Burgundy Glow'

Alcea Halo Series



NEW

Alcea rosea Halo Series - Blush




Photo courtesy of Thompson & Morgan

NEW

Alcea rosea Halo Series - Cerise

Alcea rosea hybrids—Halo Series

(Hollyhock) From the breeding work of Thompson & Morgan comes this new series of hollyhocks that was 16 years in the making. Varieties were selected for their large, single, bicolor flowers. Each displays a prominent, contrasting halo in the center of the flower. Forms a bushy clump of rugose green foliage. Per the breeder, they are hardy perennials.

5-6ft/ESu-MSu/Z3-8/30 & 72ct 



NEW

Alcea rosea Halo Series - Blush

ALCHB30, ALCHB72

Large, white flowers with a prominent fuchsia red halo and yellow center

NEW

Alcea rosea Halo Series - Cerise

ALCHC30, ALCHC72

Large, cerise pink flowers with a deep purple halo

Alcea Spotlight Series



Alcea rosea
'Blacknight'




Alcea rosea
'Mars Magic'



Alcea rosea 'Sunshine'

Alcea rosea hybrids—Spotlight Series

(Hollyhock) After 18 years of development, Jelitto released their series of stable, straight color, single flowered hollyhocks. These plants are truly perennial, not biennial.

5-6ft/MSu/Z3-9/30 & 72ct 



'Blacknight' ALCBL30, ALCBL72 Deep black-purple.

'Mars Magic' ALCMM30, ALCMM72 Bright red.

'Sunshine' ALCSU30, ALCSU72 Bright yellow.