

May Online Plant Release

Name	Description
Annuals	
Begonia 'Aurora'	Shade Angel Begonia To quote the color of this plant from Terra Nova's website, "Absolutely iridescent foliage in aquamarine, lavender, raspberry pink and cream overlaid with mother-of-pearl." That's some serious color on a begonia that will get about 18" tall and wide. Perfect for a planter in the full shade and one that you might have to bring into the house for the winter to enjoy too!
Begonia 'Garden Angel Blush'	Begonia Supposedly cold hardy to zone 7. Somebody plant one of these inside the Watterson Expressway in a protected location and report back next spring! 2 feet tall plant with bright pink leaves and very dark veins.
Gomphrena globosa 'Auray Purple Red'	Globe Amaranth Yew Dell's Nursery Manager Jacob's wife Emma planted this at their home garden in 2020 and they both knew by the middle of summer it was a stellar plant. 2 feet tall mounded plant covered in a red/purple flower that is just as nice left in the garden or brought in and used as dried flower in arrangements.
Pelargonium 'Citriodorum'	Citronella Scented Geranium Excellent container plant for sunny sites - fuzzy, lemon scented leaves are always a hit in the garden.
Pelargonium graveolens 'Old Fashioned Rose'	Scented Geranium Excellent container plant for sunny sites - fuzzy, rose scented leaves are always a hit in the garden.
Pelargonium 'Snowflake'	Scented Geranium This scented geranium not only has rose scented leaves but the foliage is variegated with flecks of creamy white.
Plectranthus scutellarioides 'Macaw Coleus'	Coleus Another wild and crazy plant from Terra Nova Nurseries in Oregon. Forget everything you know about coleus. You know, those 3-4' amazing foliage plants that take over a mixed planter by midsummer. This selection of coleus only gets to be about 4" tall and 8" wide. Perfect for a small planter on a shaded porch or mixed in with miniature hostas in the garden.
Talinum paniculatum 'Kingswood Gold'	Jewels of Opar A favorite here at Yew Dell. Screaming chartreuse leaves that only get a few inches tall shoot up flower stalks that stand nearly 3' tall that are airy and produce purple/pink fruit. It will most certainly reseed itself year to year in the garden but isn't invasive. It adds a fun each spring.... wherever it pops up. Look for it this summer at Yew Dell around the intersectional peony bed.
Edibles	
Cymbopogon citratus	Lemon Grass Essential for chefs but not easy to find. This annual/tropical grass will make a big (4-5' tall) arching mass of fine texture in the garden.
Ocimum basilicum	Basil A sweet basil for your pesto that is easy to grow and much more disease resistant than others.
Ocimum basilicum 'Dark Opal'	Basil This is just a pretty plant. Shiny, dark purple leaves can be used in the kitchen just like normal basil or as a garnish. Add it into a mixed planter on the patio to add color to the combination and grab a few leaves off when you need them for dinner.
Salvia elegans	Pineapple Sage Just about one of the best smelling plants out there. That is if you like the sweet smell of pineapple. This green form is perfect for teas and drinks but also a great plant to have near your outdoor seating areas to run your hand through and enjoy the aroma.
Salvia officinalis 'Berggarten'	Common Sage This is an edible sage that you can add to your chicken or other dishes but it really shines as an ornamental too! Much larger leaves gives 'Berggarten' a place in the rock garden, patio planter, or other areas of the garden just for its beauty!
Thymus citriodorus	Lemon Thyme The classic with a citrusy twist. Like all thymes, best in sun to part shade on a well drained site. Excellent for containers
Thymus pseudolanuginosus	Woolly Thyme Super fun ground cover for those dry areas in the garden. Delicate, fuzzy leaves give the plant a grey color tone so it can break up the over abundance of green foliage!
Thymus serpyllum 'Elfin'	Creeping Thyme There are so many thymes . . . This is a delightfully diminutive form that hugs the ground. One of the coolest little ground covers to tuck into the area between steps or stepping stones. Best in well drained soils in full sun
Ferns	
Cheilanthes lanosa	Hairy Lip Fern Uniqe and choice fern with upright arching fronds of medium green that are twisted and crested at the tips. Nice specimen in the shade garden or shady container
Dryopteris tokyoensis	Tokyo Wood Fern Excellent groundcover fern with upright fronds that emerge tinged in red, turn to deep, glossy green for summer and can remain looking good through much of the winter
Shade Perennials	
Arisaema triphyllum	Jack in the Pulpit Could there be a more cool Kentucky native spring ephemeral? Maybe, but it is questionable! One of our few native aroid family members it has the common spathe (Pulpit) that surrounds the flowers (Jack) and can be found all around the Eastern US in April. Mature plants can be nearly 2' tall and when pollinated the flowers produce a stalk of bright red fruit that persists into summer.
Arisaema triphyllum 'Starburst'	Jack in the Pulpit All of the excellent properties of the straight species but 'Starburst' has white veination in the leaves! Amazing collector plant.
Epimedium grandiflorum 'Purple'	Barrenwort Epimediums have their place in any shade garden frequented by deer. They will even do very well in dry shade! If you want the best showing of this plant put it shade with adequate moisture, cut back in January/February and enjoy the beautiful flowers in April. Purple Pixie obviously has purple flowers but also has burgundy throughout the leaf all summer long. Photo shows new spring growth.
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Iris cristata	Dwarf Crested Iris A classic and much-loved Kentucky spring wildflower found in light woodlands and rocky soils. Growing only 6" tall or so, the sword-like green foliage is topped with bluish iris blooms. Fleeting but that just makes it all the more precious!
Iris cristata 'Eco Bluebird'	Dwarf Crested Iris This is a more robust selection of our much beloved native woodland wildflower. Six - 8" masses of sword-like foliage and rich blue spring iris flowers on top. Grow in filtered light on well drained soil
Polygonatum biflorum v. giganteum	Giant Solomon Seal Basically our common native Solomon Seal but on steroids. Where the regular Polygonatum biflorum may reach 2-3' tall if you get Giant Solomon Seal in a happy place it will easily reach 5' tall and sometimes go all the way up to 7' tall. Who doesn't need a solomon seal you have to look up at!!!
Waldsteinia ternata	Barren Strawberry Nice little shade groundcover with glossy green leaves, small yellow spring flowers and little (inedible) red fruit
Shrubs	
Aesculus parviflora	Botlebrush Buckeye Large, suckering shrub for light shade, it will reach 10-18' tall and wide over time. Deep green foliage and early summer spikes of white are great for attracting butterflies and bumble bees. Easy to grow
Calycanthus floridus 'Roy's Dark Red'	Sweet Shrub or Bubby Bush Selected by Roy Klehm of Song Sparrow Farm in Wisconsin who retired and closed up shop in 2020. This species is native to the Southeastern United States and gets to be about 8' tall. A yellow fall color will provide interest when planted along side evergreens.
Succulents	
Bulbine frutescens 'Avera Sunset Orange'	Stalked Bulbine We started these plants from seed in the nursery at Yew Dell and they had the coolest little seedlings ever. They looked like little succulent sea creatures on a coral reef. Thin, but round straplike leaves grow to about 8" tall and produce spike of beautiful flowers. Can be used as a healing herb the same as aloel
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Sun Perennials	
Amorpha nana	Fragrant False Indigo A 2 feet tall, drought tolerant as they come pollinator plant. Fine textured green leaves sit below spike of purple flowers. It is a host plant of our native Silver Spotted Skipper Butterfly.
Asclepias incarnata 'Cinderella'	Swamp Milkweed Outstanding native that grows to about 4-5' tall and produces summer to fall blooms of pink (richer pink than typical for Cinderella) with an unusual cinnamon/vanilla scent. One of the very best plants for attracting and supporting not only monarchs but a long list of native butterflies. Likes sunny moist settings. Deadhead for repeat blooms. Makes a great cut flower too.
Asclepias incarnata 'Milkmaid'	Swamp Milkweed Outstanding native that grows to about 4-5' tall and produces summer to fall blooms in white with an unusual cinnamon/vanilla scent. One of the very best plants for attracting and supporting not only monarchs but a long list of native butterflies. Likes sunny moist settings. Deadhead for repeat blooms. Makes a great cut flower too.
Asclepias incarnata 'Soulmate'	Swamp Milkweed Outstanding native that grows to about 4-5' tall and produces summer to fall blooms of deep, vivid pink with white centers and an unusual cinnamon/vanilla scent. One of the very best plants for attracting and supporting not only monarchs but a long list of native butterflies. Likes sunny moist settings. Deadhead for repeat blooms. Makes a great cut flower too.
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Weed A favorite native for sunny sites. Loose masses of green foliage grow to about 2' tall and produce late summer sprays of vivid orange flowers. Attracts monarch butterflies (and lots of others) and loads of other pollinators as well. Good cut flower. Deer proof. Loves hot, sunny and dry conditions.
Baptisia 'Plum Rosy'	False Indigo An over 3' tall Baptisia that has flowers that open a purple/pink color and fade to nearly white with age. As new flowers open the plant will have both the pink and white flowers on it giving extra character!
Crocsmia 'Walberton Yellow'	Montbretia Strap like leaves that resemble thin iris leaves make a nice upright clump over the years. 'Walberton Yellow' has very bright yellow flowers.
Cynara cardunculus var. flavescens	Cardoon A screaming purple flower standing a few feet above some of the most bold color and texture you can get on a garden plant. Yew Dell has had Cardoons in the kitchen garden for years and is a visitor favorite. 2-3' long silver leaves give way to the flowers that the pollinators absolutely love.
Echinops ritro	Globe Thistle Durable and long flowering masses of spiny looking foliage to about 3-4 tall produce mid and late summer globes of sky blue flowers. Excellent cut flower. Super pollinator plant for the summer border. Deer proof. Sun and well drained soil.
Eryngium planum 'Blue Glitter'	Sea Holly What a cool plant for the hot, sunny, dry garden! 3' tall masses of spiny-looking foliage produces mid summer masses of bright blue flowers with 'Blue Glitter' being brighter blue than normal. It is a great cut flower, excellent pollinator plant, deer proof . . . Even great as a dried flower. Oh, and it's great if just left to bloom in the garden too.
Eutrochium maculatum 'Gateway'	Joe Pye Weed The original and still hard to beat! This native perennial grows to about 6' tall with deep green foliage that is topped with dusty pink flower heads in late summer. Outstanding pollinator plant. Excellent cut flower. Deer proof. Just give it sun and stand back!
Helioopsis helianthoides 'Summer Sun'	False Sunflower Outstanding 2-3' sun perennial that produces masses of clear yellow, double flowers in late summer and fall. Great pollinator plant, cut flower and tremendously adaptable to dry sites. Theodore Klein Plant Award Winner.
Lespedeza thunbergii 'Gibraltar'	Bush Clover The most common of the Lespedezas, this one grows to 6' tall with broad, arching growth that can reach 10' in spread. Deep, gray green foliage produces vivid purple/rose blooms in late summer. A good cut back shrub and incredibly durable. Full sun to light shade. Quite drought tolerant but happier with ample moisture in the heat of the summer. Non invasive.
Liatris spicata 'Kobold's Original'	Blazing Star When a flower spike blooms it does so from the bottom up, right? Usually, but not so with this plant. Sporting a 12-18" light purple flower (much more compact than the straight species) this one is loved by butterflies.
Rudbeckia laciniatum 'Herbstonne'	Black Eyed Susan One of Jacob's favorite perennials. A tall, 6-7 feet plant that establishes large clumps in only a year or two. It was the number one plant for pollinators in his garden during the summer of 2020 and bloomed for well over a month straight in summer. We know it is big but you really need this plant in your garden!
Ruellia humilis	Wild Petunia A native plant to the Eastern US that looks very similar to those petunia baskets you see around mothers day but with none of the hassle. Staying under 2 feet tall this plant can make a clump a few feet wide at maturity and tolerate dry soils but will be just happy in moist soils.
Salvia nemorosa 'Perfect Profusion'	Woodland Sage Standing about 18 inches in flower this sage is loved by pollinators is covered in light blue flowers starting in early summer. If the spent flowers are cut back after each bloom this plant will rebloom numerous times each year. Photo courtesy of Walter's Gardens.

Symphotrichum ericoides 'Snowflurry'	Heath Aster This is a cool native plant! Shade, sun, dry soil, rocky soil, clay soil, it doesn't matter. A tough plant that will attract loads of pollinators. Snowflurry stays low to the ground, not reaching more than 12", and will be covered in white flowers giving the look of mounds of fresh snow in early fall.
Trees	
Magnolia macrophylla	Big Leaf Magnolia Stunner of a Kentucky native tree with gigantic leaves to 3' long with silver undersides. Late May flowers of creamy white can reach 12" in diameter! Grows into a medium tree to about 25' tall or so. Outstanding and hard to find.