

## **WATER PLANTS 2008** (available by mid May)

### **Floating Plants:**

#### **Eichornia crassipes (*Water Hyacinth*) - \$3.99**

Shiny dark green leaves, the stems are expanded into pseudo bulbs, which serve as air chambers. Lavender flowers in late summer. The long, bushy roots are excellent for receiving the spawn of goldfish. Spreads fast by mid summer and is an excellent water clarifier. Treat as annual.

#### **Pistia stratioides (*Water Lettuce*) - \$3.99**

Floating rosettes of light green hairy leaves that are spirally arranged around the axis. Excellent in sun or shade and tolerates moving water. The feathery roots provide a good spawning medium for goldfish. Avoid cold nights and treat as annual.

### **Shallow Water and Bog Plants:**

#### **Acorus calamus, Variegatus (*Sweet Flag*) - \$7.99**

Fans of iris like foliage with distinctive vertical variegation and unique sweet-nutty fragrance. Spreads quickly by rhizomes, but is not invasive. Plant at the edge of ponds and streams or 0-2" below water. Winters well. Zone: 3-9

#### **Colocasia esculenta, Illustris (*Imperial Taro, Elephant Ear*) – \$12.99**

An awesome plant with almost black leaves and dramatic green venation. Does best in moist soil at the edge of the pond or in shallow water (0-1"). Looks also nice in a container planting. Height: 12-48" Needs warm temperatures; overwinter indoors. Zone: 8

#### **Colocasia esculenta, Black Magic (Taro) - \$13.99**

Velvet-maroon leaves on burgundy stems, 3-4' tall. Loves hot and humid weather but must have some shade. Zone: 8

#### **Cyperus papyrus 'Alternifolius' (*Umbrella Palm*) - \$7.99**

Umbrella palm is equally happy in or out of the water and can be wintered as a houseplant (keep moist!) It grows 3-5' high with grassy, umbrella-like heads of leaves and makes an attractive, upright accent. Plant 0-6" below water. Zone: 8

#### **Hydrocleys nymphoides (*Water Poppy*) – \$6.99**

Oval leaves float like a miniature lily. Yellow poppy like flowers (3-4 cm) appear profusely in June-July. Water too shallow or too deep discourages bloom. 6-8" is best. Winter in water >60F. Zone: 8

#### **Lobelia cardinalis (*Cardinal Flower*) - \$5.99**

The native cardinal flower blooms in Aug-Sept with bright red flowers over attractive foliage of red and green lanceolate leaves. Grows in moist soil and 0-2" below water in sun to partial shade. A short lived perennial, hardy to Zone 4.

#### **Lysimachia nummularia 'Aurea' (*Creeping Jenny*) - \$3.99**

Round, golden leaves with yellow cup-shaped flowers. Excellent ground -and pond edge cover, especially at the edge of waterfalls. Plant in moist soil or 0-1" below water. Zone: 3

**Marsilea mutica (*Variegated Four Leaf Clover or Fern*) - \$6.99**

A flowerless aquatic plant related to the ferns. Variegated with shades of green, the leaves float quietly on the water surface. If allowed to grow near the edge of the pond, it will send up aerial leaves. Plant 3-6" below water. Overwinter in water >65F. Zone: 7

**Myriophyllum aquaticum (*Parrot Feather*) - \$3.99**

Feathery, needle-like leaves grow in dense whorls around long stems. An essential plant for ponds with falls or any type of rock work. Parrot's Feather is a good oxygenator and creates fish spawning habitat. Plant 1-4" below water. Winter indoors. Zone: 5-10

**Nasturtium officinale (*Watercress*) - \$2.99**

Watercress is a fast-growing, evergreen plant that grows best in wet soils and flowing shallow water. It has a crisp, peppery taste, reminiscent of radish, and is particularly delicious in a fresh spring salad or on a sandwich. White flowers by mid summer. Zone: 4

**Nymphoides geminate (*Snowflake*) - \$8.99**

A miniature lily substitute with mosaic purple-green pads and a fringed yellow flower. Blooms April-Sept. Plant 4-6" below water. Winter in water 60-65F. Zone: 8

**Sagittaria latifolia (*Arrowhead*) - \$9.99**

A native plant with prominent arrow shaped leaves and white flowers (1-2' tall). It goes dormant in winter and grows back from tubers (duck potatoes). Plant 0-3" below water. Zone: 3

**Scirpus cernuus (*Isolepsis*) (*Fiber Optic Grass*) - \$3.99**

This bright green grasslike plant gets its name from the small flowers on top of each stem. Grows in water (0-2" water depth) as a marginal plant or in moist soils. An outstanding addition in any container garden, small ponds or tubs. Twice a season, shear off 3-4" to promote growth and form. Height: 12" Zone: 8

**Thalia dealbata (*Water Canna*) - \$9.99**

Unique powdery leaves and silvery purple lasting flowers that rocket 5-6 ft above main plant. A graceful focal point for any medium to large pond. Does best in moist soil at the edge of the pond or in shallow water (0-1"). Overwinter indoors, >60F with additional light. Zone: 8

**Typha minima (*Cattail, Dwarf*) - \$6.99**

A perfect cattail for smaller ponds or tubs. 12-18" tall with small catkins. Plant 1-4" below water. May overwinter in Zone 4 if protected.

**Zantedeschia aethiopica (*Bog Arum or Calla lily*) - \$9.99**

Forms dense clumps of 1-1.5' tall, glossy arrow like leaves with large, pure white, chalice shaped flowers. Plant 0-3" below water, preferably in partial shade. Winter as houseplant >60F. Zone: 9

**Hardy Water Lilies (Nymphaea):** - Easy to grow, hardy water lilies will live for years if planted 12-48" deep and given a sunny site, still water and fertilizer.

'Colorado' - \$31.99

This lily is a break-through in aquaculture as the first salmon-pink hybrid. Holds fragrant blooms 4" over surface and spreads 4 sq ft. Plant 8-12" deep. Winters very well.

'Darwin' (Hollandia) - \$28.99

Produces soft pink, double blooms all summer and fall. Reliable, showy and easy to grow. 4-5 sq ft spread, 10-12" depth. Winters well.

'Joey Tomocik' - \$28.99

A robust plant with large speckled green leaves and big yellow flowers, which stand well above the water and stay open late in the day. Tolerates some shade. 5 sq ft spread, 12" depth. Winters very well.

'Red Attraction' - \$28.99

The standard lily for MN and WI. Very large flowers with wine-red petals, white sepals and edges. Can tolerate some shade and winters well. 4-5 sq ft spread.

**Lotus (Nelumbo):**

'Mrs. Perry D. Slocum' - \$42.99

9-12" bloom changes from lush pink to yellow; pads are 18-23" wide and stands 4-5 feet. Frequently 2-3 different colored flowers command attention at the same time.