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- ① – full sun
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## Glorious Perennials to Grace Your Garden

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- ② 1. ***Ilex decidua* 'Paco's' - Paco's Possumhaw Holly** - A single or multi-trunked native, small ornamental tree where the female is absolutely covered with showy, bright red berries all fall, winter, and early spring. As the berries age going into spring, the color changes to a red-orange and eventually will be devoured by birds in minutes! Possumhaw is tough, drought tolerant, and will take periodic wet conditions. Grows to about 18' tall. Sun or part shade. It glows in the landscape during the dreary winter months!
- ③ 2. ***Aesculus pavia* - Texas Red Buckeye** - A unique and beautiful native under-story tree abundant in the east Texas woods. Produces showy, 10"-12" tall panicles of red flowers in early spring. The foliage emerges a beautiful copper color, then unfurls into palmate, widespread leaves. The gorgeous flowers, attractive course-textured foliage, and sculptural form makes the buckeye an outstanding specimen as a small tree, especially when planted in groups in partially shaded conditions. All buckeyes grow best if protected from direct afternoon sun and watered during prolonged dry spells. They will go prematurely dormant if they get too dry or stressed. Averages 12'x 8' but can reach 20'x 10'. Moist, well-drained soil. Afternoon shade.
- ① 3. ***Cordia boissieri* - Mexican Olive** – This outstanding small ornamental tree, with velvety, silver-green leaves, blooms with a profusion of large trumpet-shaped, crepe-like white flowers in spring and summer. The olive-like, yellow-green fleshy round fruit is relished by birds and wildlife. It's a deciduous tree that's drought tolerant, deer resistant, and cold hardy to about 20 degrees. It can grow anywhere from 12'-25' tall and as wide. Full sun and needs good drainage.
- ① 4. ***Ungnadia speciosa* - Mexican Buckeye** - A drought tolerant, sun loving, native flowering tree. The limbs are covered with pink flowers in March and then the tree produces interesting and ornamental seedpods. Mexican Buckeye is normally a multi-trunked 18' tree. Requires good drainage.
- ① 5. ***Eremophila sp.* - Blue Emu Bush** – A graceful 6' shrub with a spreading, fountain-like growth habit and narrow, light green leaves. It produces a profusion of tubular, lilac-blue flowers in spring and summer. Evergreen. Very drought tolerant once established. Needs full sun, good drainage. Responds well to pruning. **Hummingbirds!**
- ② 6. ***Malpighia glabra* 'Nana' – Dwarf Barbados Cherry** - Unique and colorful native shrub with pink and white flowers summer and fall, and then producing an abundance of red cherry-like fruit! Evergreen most winters. The dwarf variety makes a 3'-4' shrub. Sun, part shade.
- ② 7. ***Callistemon citrinus* 'Little John' – Little John Bottlebrush** – Evergreen in mild winters, this low mounding 3' x 3' shrub has aromatic, dense green foliage. Blooms with bright red flowers, resembling the bristles on a bottlebrush, from spring to fall. Full sun or light shade. Moist, well drained soil. **Butterflies and Hummingbirds!**
- ② 8. ***Murraya paniculata* 'Min-A-Min' – Dwarf Orange Jasmine** – Fragrance!!!! A heavenly orange-blossom fragrance emits from the beautiful clusters of white flowers on this adorable shrub! This dwarf variety, with its glossy, rich green, miniature citrus-like foliage blooms in heavy flushes from spring to fall. It forms a compact, rounded 3' bush that's root hardy in the Houston area. Grows in full sun or light shade in a moist, well-drained bed. Dwarf Orange Jasmine also makes a spectacular container plant.
- ② 9. ***Prunus sp.* 'Hirome' – Hirome Cherry** - A dwarf flowering and producing cherry grown as a 3'-4' "shrub." In very early spring, every stem is covered with pink flowers and later in the year it produces ½" red cherries that are tart but edible. The fruit is also very ornamental and attracts birds. Full sun to light shade and moist, well-drained soil.
- ③ 10. ***Gardenia jasminoides* 'Daisy'- Daisy Gardenia** - A compact 2'-3' shrub with wonderful glossy dark green leaves and extremely fragrant 2"-3" white flowers in spring and summer. This attractive compact plant prefers light shade and moist, but well drained soil.
- ① 11. ***Lespedeza liukiensis* 'Little Volcano' - Little Volcano Lespedeza** – A graceful, deciduous shrub that erupts with bright rosy wine flowers in the fall (and normally a surprise bloom cycle in the spring). Upright, clumping branches are covered with small, dark green leaves. Forms a mound 5' tall by 8' wide. Sun. Well drained soil.

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- ③ 12. ***Callicarpa americana* - American Beautyberry** – One of our finest native, deciduous shrubs for late summer and fall color. Famous for the clusters of berries that form on arching stems in late summer. Berry color ranges from plum pink to rosy-purple. Showiest after the leaves drop in late fall. Needs understory conditions, best in part shade. Average 5'-6'. Prune in late winter for a fuller, lusher plant. **Birds!**
- ② 13. ***Callicarpa mexicana* – Mexican Beautyberry** – Could be called our native beautyberry on steroids! This lush plant produces much larger clusters of gorgeous burgundy-wine berries along the stems in the fall and all winter. The berries remain into the winter, and are eaten by several species of birds. Averages 6'-8' tall. Deciduous. Full sun to dappled shade. Drought tolerant once established. **Birds!**
- ③ 14. ***Callicarpa dichotoma* - Chinese Beautyberry** - This is an outstanding 3' x 4' deciduous shrub with graceful arching stems. Small pale pink flowers are borne in clusters along the leaf axils in summer followed in the fall by clusters of spectacular rich lavender berries. This is a more delicate looking form of our native beautyberry with smaller leaves and a smaller growth habit. Grows best in light shade.
- ② 15. ***Malvaviscus arboreus v. drum.* - Native Turks Cap** - A tough, non-stop blooming perennial shrub that produces red flowers almost all spring, summer, and fall in heavy bloom cycles. It also produces interesting red seed pods normally in fall. Sun or part shade. **Hummingbirds and birds!** Also comes in a pure white form. It responds well to pruning for a fuller looking plant. Beautiful in mass plantings, especially red and white together.
- ② 16. ***Malvaviscus arboreus v. drum. alba* - White Native Turks Cap** - Another tough, easy Texas native that is practically a constant bloomer. Produces nodding, twisted white flowers in the Turk's Cap form from spring to late fall. Small, apple-like fruits follow the flowers and attract a variety of birds. 3'-4' tall. Tolerates both wet and dry conditions. Light shade, sun. **Hummingbirds!**
- ② 17. ***Malvaviscus hybrid* 'Pam's Pink' – Pam's Pink Turk's Cap** – A new color of this perennial favorite. Greg Grant created this one by crossing our Big Momma Turk's Cap with the native White Turk's Cap. Tough, non-stop bloomer with beautiful pink flowers all summer and into fall in heavy bloom cycles. Will tolerate drought and periods of wet. Blooms in sun or part shade. **Hummingbirds!**
- ② 18. ***Brugmansia* 'Super Nova' - Super Nova Angel Trumpet** – Aptly named this striking, fragrant white flower is one of the largest in the Brugmansia family, reaching up to 10" across and over 18" long. Brugmansias average 8'-10'. Bloom mainly in late spring and then again in late summer and early fall. Will take full sun but prefers some afternoon shade. Deciduous and root hardy (may freeze to the ground depending on where planted). Easy to grow, brugmansias add a tropical look to any garden.
- ③ 19. ***Crinum* 'J. C. Harvey' - J. C. Harvey Crinum** – A late 19<sup>th</sup> century hybrid crinum. Displays attractive, shell pink goblet shaped blossoms and lush, heavily ribbed foliage. Blooms early summer and may bloom again in late summer. Multiplies well. Part shade and deep planting in rich soil to encourage lots of blooms.
- ② 20. ***Crinum* 'Summer Nocturne' - Summer Nocturne Crinum** – A vigorous, heavy flowering crinum with clean, erect foliage. 2' tall spikes hold 5-6 large, open, attractive pale blush pink flowers with a sweet fragrance. Blooms in cycles from June into fall. Light shade or sun. Moist, well drained soil.
- ② 21. ***Cuphea varia* - Pink Mist Cuphea** - An incredible cuphea! Enchanting and dainty-looking yet tough, this low mounding cuphea forms a solid mass of small green leaves with a burgundy tinge, and a cloud of thousands of tiny pink "star-shaped" flowers from spring to fall! It averages 18" tall by 2' wide. 'Pink Mist' Cuphea goes dormant in winter and returns from the roots and from seed. Moist, well drained soil. Sun to part shade. **Butterflies.**
- ② 22. ***Justicia betonica* 'White Pearl'- White Pearl Shrimp Plant-** A striking new shrimp plant! Nothing like any shrimp plant you've ever seen!!! Throughout late spring, summer, and fall it produces tall, elegant, upright 12" tall spires of white bracts with intricate green venation and tiny lavender flowers. This 3'-4' tall mounding perennial is almost always covered with these elegant spires until the first freeze. Root hardy, sun or light shade, and moist, well-drained soil. Responds well to pruning for a super full look and makes a beautiful cut flower! **Hummingbirds!**
- ② 23. ***Hypoestes aristata* - Ribbon Bush** – A beautiful upright shrubby perennial to 3' or 4' tall. Produces an intense show of lavender purple, ribbon-like flowers late fall to mid-winter. Root hardy in most winters. **Hummingbirds and butterflies.** Sun to part shade.

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- ③ 24. **Salvia miniata- Salvia Miniata** - Bright red, tubular flowers summer to fall on a tropical-looking salvia 2' – 3' tall. Responds well to pruning; gets fuller and more floriferous! Prefers part shade. **Hummingbirds!**
- ② 25. **Salvia blepharophylla 'Painted Lady' - Painted Lady Salvia** – Attractive, mounding salvia with lush, dark green foliage and beautiful, rich red tubular flowers in heavy cycles spring through fall. Averages 18". Full sun or light shade. Evergreen in mild winters. **Hummingbirds!**
- ② 26. **Salvia chionophylla - Trailing Silver Sage** – Extraordinary evergreen, silver salvia that hugs the ground. Beautiful cascading over rocks or from pots. Small electric blue flowers repeat bloom in heavy cycles. The foliage will eventually form a thick carpet averaging 3"-5". Full sun to light shade. Moist, well-drained soil.
- ① 27. **Liatris spicata – Blazing Star** - A striking architectural native perennial with multiple 2'-3' tall, narrow, bottle-brush looking spikes covered with fragrant, fringed, mauve-purple flowers during the summer into fall. The flowers open from the top of the stalk down. The stalks emerge from a fine grass-like basal tuft. They tolerate poor soil, withstand heat and humidity, cold, drought, deer and rabbits. They also make a fabulous cut flower! Prefers full sun and a moist, well-drained soil. **Butterflies!**
- ① 28. **Panicum virgatum – Prairie Sky Switch Grass** – Versatile and attractive, this native clumping grass tolerates a wide range of soil and climate conditions. It has an erect upright form with showy, airy flowers in summer. Valued for showy flowers, brilliant fall color and winter silhouette. Switch Grass tolerates moist, wet soil making it a great choice for water gardens and pond edges. Beautiful planted alone or in a mass. Great for naturalizing and for attracting wildlife. 3'-4' tall.
- ① 29. **Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'** - Burgundy-tinged foliage makes this native clumping grass an attractive addition to any landscape. Valued for its erect, upright form, showy summer flowers, fall color and winter silhouette. Switch Grass tolerates moist, wet soil making it a great choice for water gardens and pond edges. Beautiful planted alone or in a mass. Great for naturalizing and for attracting wildlife. 3'-4' tall.
- ② 30. **Russelia sarmentosa – Red Rocket Russelia** – A spectacular Russelia that forms a very lush, extremely showy plant with many elegant, 3'-4' tall arching stems topped with clusters of a multitude of small, tubular, bright red flowers almost constantly from mid-spring through fall. This variety of Russelia has small, dark green leaves instead of needle-like leaves. Full sun or light shade. Moist, well-drained soil. Great texture. Gorgeous in the landscape or cascading out of urns or containers. **Hummingbirds!**
- ② 31. **Muhlenbergia capillaris - Gulf Coat Muhly** - A gorgeous, clumping, native Texas grass with very fine foliage. It's an absolute show stopper in the fall with a cloud of pink flowers! Averages 2' tall. It prefers moist, well drained conditions; but, once established, it's fairly tough. Sun, part shade.
- ② 32. **Senecio 'Kilimanjaro' – Silver Fingers** – Stunning root hardy succulent for sun or light shade. Well mannered clumping habit with narrow, silver-blue foliage. Beautiful in sun or light shade and also does well in containers. Evergreen in mild winters. Moist, well-drained soil.
- ① 33. **Abelmoschus - Oriental Red Mallow Hibiscus** - An extraordinary 3' mounding "hibiscus" that's smothered with 3" bright, coral-red flowers from April to the first frost. An unbelievable performer for sun gardens. It's root hardy and will also lightly re-seed. It's quite tough once established. Responds well to pruning. Great texture and color!
- ① 34. **Cestrum sp. - Gold Cestrum**– A large, normally evergreen perennial shrub displaying showy clusters of bright golden-yellow tubular flowers practically year round, with heaviest bloom cycles spring through fall. The flowers are an excellent source of nectar for Butterflies and Hummingbirds. Grows 5'-7' tall. Can be trained into a small tree form. Prefers full sun. Responds well to pruning.
- ① 35. **Hamelia x 'Holik' – Holik Hamelia** – This beautiful Hamelia is a cross between the Golden Bells Hamelia and Hamelia patens. Clusters of burnt orange flower buds explode into open flared, trumpet shaped, bright saffron flowers throughout the heat of late spring, summer and fall. Glossy foliage gives this large perennial shrub a lush, rich look. Averages 5'-6'. Full sun. Moist, well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**
- ① 36. **Hamelia patens 'Compacta' - Compact Hummingbird Bush** - A tight, compact version of the Hummingbird Bush with semi-glossy, lance-shaped, green leaves tinged with burgundy. It blooms all season, producing terminal clusters of tubular, orange-red and yellow flowers, attracting hummingbirds from all over! Averages 3' tall. Full sun. **Hummingbirds!**

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- ① 37. ***Senecio confuses* - Mexican Flame Vine** - A fast growing, extremely showy vine with wonderful glossy, bright green foliage. The 1" bright orange daisy-like flowers blanket the vine all summer and fall, especially if grown in full sun. Normally root hardy. **Butterflies!**
- ② 38. ***Passiflora caerulea* 'Constance Elliott' - Constance Elliott Passionvine** - A tough, stunning, evergreen passionvine with gorgeous 3"-4" pure white flowers that bloom in heavy cycles spring to fall. The attractive foliage adds wonderful contrast and texture with its dark green, five-fingered leaves. Performs well in full sun or light shade with moist, well-drained soil. Fast growing once established.
- ② 39. ***Passiflora* 'Lady Margaret' - Lady Margaret Passionvine** - Stunning crimson red flowers with white centers and white tipped corona. Flowers all year. Passion vines are easy to grow and will tolerate a wide range of conditions. Sun or light shade and preferably a moist, well-drained soil. **Host plant for Gulf Fritillary Butterflies.**
- ② 40. ***Passiflora mooreana* – Mooreana Passionvine** – An evergreen passion vine that blooms with 3" sky-blue flowers that have a purple halo from spring to fall. The blue-gray foliage with deeply lobed leaves forms a thick tapestry on a fence or arbor. Fast growing once established. Sun or light shade with moist, well drained soil.
- ② 41. ***Aster carolinianus* - Climbing Carolina Aster** - A very hardy aster with long, wiry stems that can reach up to 12' high. It's an outstanding fall bloomer, covered with lavender-blue daisies starting in September. Does not die back like other asters, but is deciduous. Grows in full sun or part shade. Also grows well in wet ground and bogs. A native of SC to FL.
- ② 42. ***Solanum jasminoides aureovariegata* - Variegated White Potato Vine** - An evergreen vine with 2", yellow and green variegated lance-shaped leaves and showy clusters of 1" pure white star-shaped flowers spring to fall. In a slightly shaded garden the variegated foliage is very bright and showy. Full sun or light shade with a moist, well-drained soil. A tough, beautiful vine once established.
- ④ 43. ***Hydrangea anomala petiolaris* - Climbing Hydrangea** – One of the finest woody perennial vines for shade gardens. Known for its large domed clusters of creamy white flowers in late spring and early summer that offer a sweet aroma. Crisp dark green foliage turns bright yellow in the fall. Fabulous winter interest after the foliage drops with peeling cinnamon colored bark and interesting twists and turns of the stems accented by dried flower heads. Self clinging habit, must have afternoon shade. Once established it's a vigorous grower and may reach 20' or more but takes well to pruning. Moist, well-drained soil.
- ② 44. ***Thunbergia battiscombeii* – Mercer Blue Thunbergia** - Impossible to pass up! This eye-catching herbaceous perennial "vine" with its 5"-7" heart shaped leaves produces 15" racemes constantly covered with 2" velvety royal purple trumpet-shaped flowers with deep yellow throats. Use as a 2' x 3' perennial or as a short 3' x 4' climber in sun or light shade. It's easy to grow, virtually pest free, heat resilient, and a non-stop bloomer spring to fall. Root hardy. Moist, well-drained soil.
- ④ 45. ***Clerodendron buchananii* var. *fallax* – Pagoda Flower Clerodendron** – Large handsome multi-stemmed perennial with 10"-12" tropical looking leaves. Produces huge showy clusters of orange-red flowers held above the foliage practically all summer and fall. Fast growing, root hardy, averages 3'-5' each growing season. Slowly colonizes. Shade. Best in enriched, moist, well-drained soil. Loves warm and humid conditions! **Hummingbirds.**
- ④ 46. ***Farfugium tussilaginea* 'Gigantea' – Giant Ligularia** - Evergreen perennial for shade. Large dark green glossy round leaves. A tropical looking accent that grows into a 3' clump. Blooms with clusters of yellow daisy-like flowers on 4' stalks in the fall. Shade. Best in moist, well-drained soil.
- ④ 47. ***Spigelia marilandica* - Indian Pink** - Showy native perennial for light shade! Bright red trumpet star-shaped flowers with brilliant yellow throats all spring and can rebloom in summer. Glossy green foliage grows in an 18" mound. Light shade, shade. Good drainage. A Hummingbird magnet!
- ③ 48. ***Phlox pilosa* 'Forest Frost' - Forest Frost Prairie Phlox** - Introduced by Peter Loos, this extraordinary native, evergreen, pure-white form of *Phlox pilosa* has wonderfully textured needle-like green foliage. Forms a beautiful carpet of showy clusters of white star-shaped flowers each spring. Beautiful when planted in drifts. Averages 6"-8" tall in bloom. Thrives in moist, fertile soil in light shade.

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- ② 49. ***Stokesia* sp. 'Peachie's Pick' – Peachie's Pick Stokesia** – Stunning! Considered the best Stoke's Aster available. Tight evergreen rosette of foliage. A multitude of compact upright flower spikes are topped with dozens of large, lavender-blue flowers in early summer. Averages 18"-24". Sun or part shade. **Butterflies!**
- ③ 50. ***Zingiber zerumbet darceyi* - Variegated Pinecone Ginger** - An absolutely striking, tall, tropical looking accent plant for a shade or sun garden with elegant 4' stalks of white-edged green leaves along the length of the stalks. Produces very colorful red cones in summer with tiny yellow flowers peeking out of them. Slowly multiplies to form a spectacular accent or backdrop for almost any garden. Light shade or sun. Moist, well-drained soil.
- ③ 51. ***Curcuma* 'Purple Prince' – Purple Prince Ginger** - A beautiful new curcuma with an unusual blue cast to the 2'-3' foliage. It produces stunning 10"-12" flower stalks with glossy burgundy bracts and small yellow flowers in late summer. Prefers light shade, some sun, and a moist, well-drained soil.
- ③ 52. ***Aristolochia fimbriata* - Fimbriata Dutchman's Pipe** - A smaller version of Dutchman's Pipe with 2" – 3" rounded green leaves that have a light-green pattern on the surface. It blooms in cycles from spring to fall in miniature burgundy and yellow flowers. Can be used as a little vine, or as a groundcover. Host plant for the Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly. Moist, well-drained soil.
- ④ 53. ***Pilea cadieri* 'Mrs. Titlebaum' - Mrs. Titlebaum Aluminum Plant** – Lovely ornamental foliage for shade gardens! Glossy green foliage with white "flash" type markings. Forms a lush 1'-2' mound suitable for borders and containers. An heirloom variety grown from plants that a TreeSearch Farms employee received 40 years ago. Root hardy in mild winters. Best in shade with moist, well-drained soil.
- ③ 54. ***Ledebouria socialis* – Silver Squill** – Unique plant for light shade gardens. Low growing, multiplies well. Plants arise from small reddish bulbs with 5"-6" strap-like silver-gray leaves. The succulent-like foliage is accented with leopard-looking dark green splotches. Produces small greenish-white flowers on slender stems. Great as a textural ground cover and also does beautifully in containers. Must have well-drained soil.
- ④ 55. ***Drimiopsis maculata* - African Hosta** – A hosta look-alike from Africa that's tough enough to take our summers! Each spring attractive fleshy green leaves emerge with translucent maroon spots. Tight clusters of bright white flower buds that open and turn a pale green form on stalks that stand 6"-8" above the clump of foliage. Multiplies easily to form a lush groundcover in full shade. Needs a well-drained location. Also makes a good container plant.
- ③ 56. ***Rivina humilis* - Pigeonberry** - A unique native groundcover perennial that is almost always covered with pink and white flowers and berries. Foliage turns burgundy in fall. Birds love the berries. Goes dormant in winter. Can be pruned back for thicker plants. Part shade.
- ④ 57. ***Xanthosoma atrovirens* 'Albomarginata' – Mickey Mouse Taro** – A stunning variegated Taro with green, cream and white variegation on large, unique 18" leaves. The leaves range in shape from perfect hearts to fascinating, artistic pinched ridges that add an unusual sculptured character to some of the leaves. The tip normally forms a pinched pocket (with a "tail") that holds water. Butterflies and hummingbirds are known to perch on the tip of the leaf for a drink of water. It's a beautiful accent plant for shade gardens and at the edge of water gardens. Averages 3'-4' tall. Root hardy to the teens, possibly colder.
- ④ 58. ***Scadoxus multiflorus* – Blood Lily** – A spectacular, naturalizing bulb from South Africa that puts on a stunning show of color in early summer. Exploding out of the ground on thick solitary stems are dazzling, 7"-8" globe-like flowerheads consisting of up to 200 brilliant red starry flowers followed by attractive, upright, dark green, glossy spear-shaped foliage. It thrives in shade gardens, is striking in large groups under trees, does beautifully in containers and as an indoor plant. Also makes an excellent cut flower. It needs a moist, well-drained soil. It is poisonous if eaten, causing low toxic.

## Additional Plants Available at the Garden Art and Plant Sale

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- ③ 59. ***Acalypha pendula* - Firetail Chenille** - An attractive and unusual groundcover for partial shade that slowly carpets the ground and is almost constantly covered with 3" – 5" long crimson flower tassels. Evergreen in most winters. Partial shade, moist, well-drained soil.
- ① 60. ***Allium texanum* – Allium White Star** - Native, evergreen, clump forming perennial for full sun. Narrow blue-grey foliage forms a 12" mound, topped each spring with a mass of white pom-pom flowers that stand 18" tall. Sun. Moist, well-drained soil. **Butterflies!**
- ① 61. ***Aloysia virgata* - Almond Verbena** - Small single or multi-trunk "tree" with delicate-looking foliage and a constant show of 6"– 8" spikes of feathery white flowers. It's known for its unbelievable fragrance of a heavenly honey-vanilla scent that wafts across the garden. Prefers full sun. **Butterflies!**
- ② 62. ***Anthericum sandersonae* – Shooting Star Lily** - An evergreen grass-like lily that forms clumps of 12"-14" slender, slightly arching foliage and produces delicate looking 18"-24" stems covered with small white star shaped flowers almost all year round! It grows in full sun or light shade. Moist, but well-drained beds.
- ② 63. ***Bulbine flavescens* - Tangerine Bulbine** - Unique, normally evergreen clump-forming perennial. Tangerine Bulbine foliage has narrow, aloe vera-type foliage and produces dense, terminal racemes of gorgeous star-shaped tangerine on slender 18" stems most almost 11 months of the year! Has been evergreen down to 25 degrees. Requires good drainage. Sun, part shade.
- ② 64. ***Bulbine fruticosa* 'Shorty' - Shorty Bulbine** - New more compact yellow form! Evergreen clumping perennial for full sun. Green, narrow, aloevera-type foliage 12"-15" tall. Forms dense, terminal racemes of small, star-shaped yellow flowers on slender 18" stems almost 11 months of the year! Sun, light shade. Drought tolerant once established, needs good drainage.
- ① 65. ***Callistemon sp.* 'Hannah Ray' - Hannah Ray Bottlebrush** - Beautiful as a specimen or when used as a hedge. Aromatic, normally evergreen small tree with soft, feathery, apple-green foliage on limbs with a slightly weeping form. Long spring blooming cycle with large bright red bottlebrush flowers. Averages 10'-12' tall. Sun and good drainage. A **hummingbird magnet!!!**
- ② 66. ***Capsicum annuum var. aviculara* - Chili Pequin** - This native perennial pepper makes a beautiful addition to the garden. It is a 2'– 3' mounding shrub that is covered with tiny white flowers and bright red, "bird's eye" peppers much of the year. Does well in containers. Birds love the fruits! Sun, light shade, and good drainage.
- ② 67. ***Clerodendron ugandense* - Blue Butterfly Flower** - an upright growing root hardy plant with stalks that can reach 6'-8' tall topped with panicles of beautiful 1" two-toned blue and white flowers reminiscent of butterflies in shape. It's practically ever blooming! The height can easily be kept shorter with pruning. Pruning creates a fuller plant and even more blooms. Sun, part shade. **Butterflies!**
- ③ 68. ***Clerodendron wallichii* - White Waterfalls Clerodendron** - Extremely glossy, dark green, tropical-looking foliage. Incredible 10" – 12" weeping panicles of soft creamy-white flowers with red calyxes. Flowers are reminiscent of 'Blue Butterfly Bush' in shape. Responds well to pruning and can be grown as a shrub or small tree. Grows 5'-9' tall. Light shade or sun. Gorgeous!
- ① 69. ***Crinum sp.* 'Ellen Bosanquet' - Ellen Bosanquet Crinum** - Considered one of the finest crinum lilies for the home garden. Begins flowering in mid-June and continues through most of the summer. The large reddish-purple flowers, on 2' stalks, emit a delightful spicy fragrance. The rosette of wavy, glossy, tropical-looking foliage is a great addition to the garden, even without the flowers. Multiplies slowly. Sun.
- ② 70. ***Crinum* 'Stars and Stripes' – Stars and Stripes Crinum** - Talk about star power! Spectacular, free flowing blooms with white petals and dramatic red stripes down the center. Foliage forms a tight clump about 20" tall, with the flower stalks averaging 2 ½'. Sun or part shade. Multiplies slowly.

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- ② 71. ***Cuphea llavea* – Bat Face Cuphea** - This unusual and tough cuphea is a beacon of adorable, fluorescent red and purple “bat-face” tubular flowers throughout the heat of late spring through summer to fall. It forms an 18” mound of arching stems, grows in sun or light shade, and likes good drainage. Root hardy to the low 20’s. Blends well at the front of a perennial bed or cascading over a wall or container. Also works well in hanging baskets. **Hummingbirds.**
- ③ 72. ***Dianthera nodosa* ‘Brazil’ - Dianthera** – It’s related to *Justicia* and produces clusters of beautiful bright pink, tubular, three-lipped flowers along the stems on this 2’ mounding perennial in spring, summer, and fall. The foliage is more of an apple-green in color and the plant seems to prefer part shade with a moist, well drained soil. It goes dormant in the winter, but, if kept in a container and protected, it might continue to bloom through the winter. **Hummingbirds.**
- ② 73. ***Diets iridiodes* ‘Orange Drop’ – Orange Drop Butterfly Iris** - Beautiful heirloom butterfly iris! Blooms almost all summer long once established. Tall, graceful stems with flowers that open continually as the spire extends. The flowers are creamy white with a “drop” of intense orange on each petal. Beautiful, clumping, vertical growth habit. The only known stand of this plant was rescued by Josephine Shanks with the Garden Club of Houston.
- ② 74. ***Duranta erecta* ‘Cuban Gold’- Cuban Gold Duranta** - Rich chartreuse foliage makes this shrubby perennial a marvelous accent even in the toughest summer heat. Adapts well to containers or creates a unique glow in mixed borders. Occasionally produces light blue flowers, but choose this one for the foliage! 4’-6’ tall. Full to part sun.
- ② 75. ***Duranta erecta* ‘Sweet Memory’ - Sweet Memory Duranta** — A fabulous, long blooming root hardy shrub that’s covered with large, tight clusters of purple flowers edged in white. It blooms in heavy cycles from mid spring through fall and also produces dangling clusters of yellow berries. *Durantas* form large full 4’-6’ shrubs or can be trained into small 6’-8’ “trees”. **A must for any Butterfly garden!!!** Full sun or light shade.
- ② 76. ***Dyckia brevifolia* – Pineapple Dyckia** – An easy to grow stemless, terrestrial bromeliad that looks like miniature yuccas with rich green, rigid, spiny succulent leaves radiating out from the center of the plant. In late spring, early summer, 2’-3’ slender stems appear carrying brilliant yellow flowers above the 12”-18” plant. Full sun or light shade. Needs very well-drained soil.
- ① 77. ***Hibiscus* ‘Peppermint Flare’ – Peppermint Flare Hibiscus** – This amazing introduction from Greg Grant produces large 9” flowers which emerge light pink and age to white with red streaks and flecking throughout the petals. Mature plants average 4’ by 4’. They prefer full sun, moist but well-drained soil and are tolerant of alkaline soils.
- ② 78. ***Jatropha multifida* - Cutleaf Jatropha** – A distinctive, tropical-looking large shrub or small tree that’s great in the landscape, containers or poolside. Large, glossy, dark green leaves are deeply cut with 7-11 lobes. Bright coral red flowers form in clusters held high above the foliage all summer long. It will bloom all year round if protected during the winter months. Averages 6’-10’. Moist, well drained soil.
- ① 79. ***Lantana camara* ‘Butter Cream’ – Butter Cream Lantana** – Elegant and tough! This low mounding perennial has the same growth habit as ‘New Gold’ Lantana but the flowers are unique. Each flower starts out bright golden-yellow and as it ages, a creamy white edge forms and blends in until the entire flower is white. Looking at the 18”-24” mound of flowers, you see a beautiful blend of gold, creamy yellow and white. Drought tolerant once established. Sun. Moist, well-drained soil. **Butterflies!**
- ② 80. ***Megaskepasma erythrochlamys* - Brazilian Red Cloak** - A stunning, super showy, root hardy tropical shrub from South America that grows into a large 10’–12’ lush plant with large, glossy leaves and unbelievable 12”-18” panicles of bright red bracts and white flowers late summer and all fall. An incredible showstopper as a featured plant at the back of any garden! **Butterflies!** Sun and a moist, well-drained bed.
- ① 81. ***Miscanthus sinensis* ‘Gold Bar’ PP#15,193 – Gold Bar Miscanthus PP#15,193** – Drama! Heavily banded gold stripes make this grass a show-stopper. The wide horizontal markings are much closer together than other banded miscanthus. Exceptionally upright with a compact habit. Burgundy flowers appear just above the foliage in mid fall. Beautiful as a specimen in any size garden or as an accent in a large container. ‘Gold Bar’ grows slower than other miscanthus and will eventually form a 3’ x 3’ clump. Sun.

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- ③ 82. ***Odontenema strictum* - Red Firespike** - A handsome, tropical looking perennial for shade gardens! Rich, glossy green leaves on a 4'-6' plant. Produces 12" spikes of bright red flowers in the fall and will bloom all winter if in a protected area. A new pink form is now available. **An absolute must for fall HUMMINGBIRD migration!** Responds well to pruning. Prefers shade or part shade.
- ② 83. ***Orthosiphon labiatus* - Pink Surprise Shell Bush** - 'Pink Surprise' is a fabulous 3' x 3' perennial with mint-like leaves, square stems, and an absolute profusion of pink salvia-like flowers late spring to fall in heavy bloom cycles. Full sun or light shade and it responds well to pruning. **Hummingbirds!**
- ③ 84. ***Orthosiphon stamineus* - Purple Cat Whiskers** - Showy! Tender, shrubby, "mint" with terminal lavender flowers in heavy bloom cycles spring to fall. Responds well to pruning. Another **butterfly and hummingbird** nectar plant. 3'-4' tall. Part shade.
- ② 85. ***Penstemon digitalis* 'Husker Red' - Husker Red Penstemon** – 1996 Perennial Plant of the Year. Rich maroon-red foliage provides bold contrast to striking masses of white, tubular flowers on 2'-3' stalks that form in late spring. Clump-forming, evergreen. Makes a good cut flower. Sun, part shade. Moist, well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds and Butterflies!**
- ② 86. ***Prunus mexicana* - Mexican Plum** – An outstanding native spring blooming tree with very fragrant white flowers! Slowly grows to about 20'. Sun, part shade. Produces a tasty small plum. Great for eating, for jellies and jams, and for sharing with the birds! Butterfly nectar and host plant.
- ① 87. ***Punica granatum* 'Nana' - Dwarf Pomegranate** – A fabulous dwarf variety with a compact, dense growth habit and an almost constant display of 2" orange-red single flowers throughout the hot summer months followed by adorable 2" red fruit. It does equally well in a landscape or in a container and is one of the most popular of all dwarf trees for bonsai hobbyists. This colorful, wonderfully textured deciduous shrub loves the heat, tolerates a variety of soils, and is drought tolerant once established. It reaches 3'-4' tall but can easily be kept much smaller. Sun and well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds.**
- ① 88. ***Salvia greggii* 'Baby Pink' – Baby Pink Salvia greggii** - Wonderful, soft color! A shrubby, evergreen, native salvia with small oval leaves and an abundance of gorgeous light pink flowers spring through fall in heavy bloom cycles. Forms a beautiful 3' shrub. Sun, good drainage. **Hummingbirds!**
- ① 89. ***Salvia greggii* 'Dark Pink' – Dark Pink Salvia greggii** - Wonderful, soft color! A shrubby, evergreen, native salvia with small oval leaves and an abundance of gorgeous dark pink flowers spring through fall in heavy bloom cycles. Forms a beautiful 3' shrub. Sun, good drainage. **Hummingbirds!**
- ① 90. ***Salvia madrensis* - Big Yellow Sage** - A striking fall blooming salvia with incredible texture and spectacular 18"-24" spikes of yellow tubular flowers in the fall. This is a very long lived salvia that forms spectacular upright clumps of very architectural 1/2"-1" square stems covered with wonderfully textured foliage. The flowers are the icing on the cake! Grows 4'-6' tall and prefers full sun. Known as the "Forsythia Sage" **Hummingbirds and Butterflies.**
- ① 91. ***Salvia sp* 'Otahal' – Otahal Salvia** - Amazing spikes of blue-violet flowers with silver calyx against silver-green foliage. A non-stop bloomer. Averages 2' tall. Sun, moist, well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**
- ③ 92. ***Salvia x Costa Rica* – Costa Rican Salvia** - A majestic salvia with large, beautifully textured leaves and 10"-12" panicles of rich, blue flowers spring into fall in bloom cycles. Averages 4' tall and prefers part shade. Moist, well drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**
- ① 93. ***Scutellaria* 'Dark Pink' - Dark Pink Skullcap** - A wonderful, tough, dynamite perennial from Northern Mexico. Forms a 6" to 8" tall mound of tiny foliage and is smothered with small snapdragon-like dark pink flowers spring to fall in heavy bloom cycles. Sun, good drainage. A very long-lived perennial.
- ② 94. ***Scutellaria* 'Red Fountains' – Red Fountains Skullcap** – Colorful, low mounding perennials with small glossy green foliage covered with clusters of red tubular flowers through the warm season months. These skullcaps mound or slightly "carpet" an area and will gently cascade over edges of raised beds. They average 8" – 10" tall. Sun or light shade. Moist, well-drained soil.

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- ② 95. **Scutellaria sp. – Fuchsia Fountains Skullcap** – Colorful, low mounding perennials with small glossy green foliage covered with clusters of deep fuchsia tubular flowers through the warm season months. These skullcaps mound or slightly “carpet” an area and will gently cascade over edges of raised beds. They average 8” – 10” tall. Sun or light shade. Moist, well drained soil.
- ② 96. **Sinningia sellovii - Hardy Red Gloxinia** - This fascinating, wonderfully textured hardy gloxinia forms a 20” clump composed of thick, green, sandpaper-like leaves on slightly arching stems. From late spring to fall 30” spikes of pendant, scarlet-orange 1” bell-shaped flowers emerge from the tips of the stems. This hardy perennial grows in full sun or light shade and does beautifully in rock gardens, perennial borders, or as a specimen container plant. Needs moist, well-drained soil. Goes dormant in winter and flushes out in mid-spring into a full and gorgeous plant.
- ① 97. **Sophora tomentosa - Yellow Necklace Shrub** - A unique native shrub to the Texas coast. Beautiful, velvety, silvery-green foliage on a 4’, multi-stemmed shrub. Produces 2’-3’ panicles of butter-yellow flowers in summer along with necklace-like seedpods. Evergreen along the coast, root hardy in Houston. **Butterflies and hummingbirds!**
- ③ 98. **Stachytarpheta jamicensis - Purple Porterweed** - A Cockrell Butterfly Center find. Bushy herbaceous plants that, depending on variety, grow anywhere from 2’ to 4’ tall with rich lavender flowers. The flowers appear a few at a time, from the bottom up, along long, narrow flower spikes all summer and fall. Prefers part shade. Tender in a hard winter. **Hummingbirds and butterflies!**
- ① 99. **Tagetes lucida- Mexican Mint Marigold** - A wonderful fall blooming perennial that bears clusters of golden-yellow, single flowers on attractive, 2’-3’ upright, many-branched mounds. The aromatic foliage has a pleasing, anise-like scent and is popular as a substitute for tarragon. It grows best in a sunny, well-drained bed.
- ① 100. **Verbena bipinnatifida – Hot Pink Moss Verbena –Native** form of the Great Plains Verbena colors the garden with 1”-2” magenta-pink flowers in spring and summer. Finely textured foliage spreads to form a carpet 4”-6” tall. Tough in summer heat and drought conditions. Sun. **Butterflies!**
- ③ 101. **Viola hederacea - Australian Violet** - An outstanding evergreen groundcover for shade gardens! Forms a lush carpet, 1”-2” tall, of bright green foliage and is almost constantly blooming adorable white and blue violet flowers in heavy cycles spring, summer, and fall. Must have under-story conditions and especially afternoon shade. Also looks great cascading out of containers. Moist, well-drained soil.
- ③ 102. **Whitfieldia longiflora - White Candles** – Brighten up a shady spot! Glossy dark green foliage really sets off the 6”-8” spires of pure white flowers that can last for a week. Blooms spring to fall. Distinctive, upright growth habit, averages 4’. A great landscape accent and a good option for containers. Shade or part sun. Moist, well-drained soil.
- ② 103. **Zephyranthes sp. ‘Labuffarosa’ – Labuffarosa Rainlily** – A real showstopper! Blooms beautiful 2” flowers with two toned-petals of white and soft pink during rainy periods in spring, summer and fall. Attractive grass-like foliage 10” tall. Multiplies from bulb and seed. Sun or part shade. Rainlilies are spectacular in mass plantings, wonderful tucked in pockets throughout the garden, and also love showing off in containers. For a delicate looking plant, these are quite tough. Will tolerate wet and dry.