

# Elachee's Spring 2008 Plant Sale - Pre-Order List

**Plant Orders due Friday, April 11, 2008**

**Plant Pickup Friday, April 25, 2008 10-2 pm and Saturday, April 26, 2008 12-2 pm**

We know that everyone is uncertain about spring planting! We discussed in detail whether to have a Spring Plant Sale, not knowing what the rain would be like in the months ahead. But our commitment has always been to offer you the best quality native plants, wildflowers, azaleas and other hard-to-find selections. Smart gardeners are familiar with water-saving techniques, and so we decided to continue our tradition of offering **drought tolerant plants** that will have the best chance of survival in your gardens. Most of the plants are natives or hybrids of natives, selected to help you beautify your landscape and attract welcome wildlife, birds, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Please note this is a unique plant list...many of these species are not likely to be at your neighborhood garden center. We select only high quality plants from reputable wholesale growers.

Our plant list is devised in February and March, based on information provided by our wholesale nurseries. Based on what nature does during the early spring, some of these plants may not be available, are not available in the sizes listed, or become sold out early due to limited results in the nursery. We'll do our best to provide all the plants you order, but we will only accept them from the nursery if they are ready and in good condition. If a container size is not available, we may substitute a size (or sizes) of equal or greater value. If a specific plant species is unavailable, we'll have an area of substitution plants for you to choose from, or you can opt to receive a refund. A limited supply of some listed plants and others will also be available for sale on pick up days.

**Special member's discount:** 10% on orders over \$100 (pre-tax) for current Elachee members. Everyone will receive a 15% discount on all gardening merchandise in the Elachee Nature Shop on pick up days....gardening gloves, books, yard art, note cards, etc.

**Return your completed order form with payment to Elachee no later than 5:00 pm, April 11, 2008. There are three convenient ways to order - in person, via fax (770/535-2302) or via phone call (770/535-1976). Additional order forms are available on our website [www.elachee.org](http://www.elachee.org). We accept MC, Visa, Discover and American Express cards. Orders received after April 11th cannot be processed.**

**Plant selection and pickup is Friday, April 25, 2008 from 10-2 pm and Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 12-2 pm. Please be considerate of our schedule, since plant inventory and organization takes time! Pick-up days are hosted by kind volunteers who give generously of their time and appreciate the opportunity to be organized. We are always willing to work with your schedule if possible! Thank you for your support!** Proceeds from the plant sale benefit our dual missions of providing the best in environmental education and green space preservation.

**FS=Full Sun   PS=Part Sun/Part Shade   S=Shade   FS/PS=Full Sun/Part Shade**

**(H)** Attracts Hummers   **(Bu)** Butterflies   **(Bi)** Birds   **(W)** Wildlife   **(DR)** Deer Resistant   **(DT)** Drought Tolerant

## **PERENNIALS and WILDFLOWERS**

**1. Shooting Star, *Dodecatheon media* – native** – The smooth, hollow, unbranched stem holds a cluster of rose, white or lilac flowers above a rosette of light green leaves. Each flower in the cluster has a yellow tip and five backward-pointing petals, thus the name. The flowers nod on a curving stalk when in bloom, and then form seed capsules. 12-14", S/PS, Spring, Bareroot plant packed in peat moss, \$2.00. **DT**

**2. 'Big Ears' Lamb's Ear, *Stachys* 'Helene von Stein'** - The furry, silver-grey foliage is the highlight of Lamb's Ear, but late summer also features spikes of purple flowers. This variety has larger leaves than usual, forms nice clumps and spreads nicely. Can be used as a ground cover or accent plant in the front of the garden border. 6-8", FS/PS, June-Sept., 1 gal. - \$6.50. **Bu/DR/DT**

**3. Hardy Geranium / Cranesbill, *Geranium* 'Rozanne'** – Just announced as a Gold Medal Award winner for 2008, this perennial is prized for its toughness and long bloom period. The 2 ½" blue-violet flowers have pale centers and bloom in the unrelenting summer heat and humidity. Trim the plants in mid-summer to renew growth and repeat blooms. 16-18", PS, May-Sept., 1 gal. - \$7.00. **BU/DR/DT**

**4. Anise Hyssop, *Agastache* 'Firebird'** – A prolific bloomer that is covered with deep orange-red flowers that last all the way to frost, 'Firebird' is an excellent choice for containers, raised beds and rock gardens. Butterflies and hummingbirds love the nectar, and the scented leaves release fragrance as you brush against them. Easy to grow and will rebloom once cut-back. 2', FS, July-Frost, 1 gal. - \$6.50. **H/Bu/DT**

**5. Dutchman's Breeches, *Dicentra cucullaria* – native** – This is a delicate plant sporting white flowers that bloom each spring. The foliage dies back during the summer after blooming. The plant gets its name from the flower which resembles a pair of short pants. 12", PS/S, April-May, Bareroot plant packed in peat moss, \$2.00. **DT**

**6. Arkansas Bluestar, *Amsonia hubrechtii* – native** – This true blue native is a well-known drought tolerant plant! Clusters of light-blue, starry flowers open in spring at the ends of stems covered by narrow, grassy leaves. Foliage stays attractive through the summer, turning a brilliant golden-yellow in autumn, 2-3', FS/PS, April-May, 1 gal. - \$8.00. **Bu/DT**

**7. Yellow Barrenwort, *Epimedium x versicolor* 'Sulfureum'** – An evergreen plant that is tolerant of shady dry sites under trees, Epimedium has beautiful green foliage mottled with red in the spring. Airy sprays of pale-yellow flowers rise above the dense spreading foliage in the spring, and the leaves form a raised ground cover. 1', PS/S, March-May, 1 gal. - \$9.50. **DR/DT**

**8. Indian Pink, *Spigelia marilandica* – native** – Indian Pink features stunning, two-inch, bicolor trumpet-shaped blooms of red and yellow. The flowers face upwards on dark stems, above a mass of green foliage. A hardy plant despite a fragile appearance, it creates an impact in any size planting. These come as bare roots plants packed in peat moss. 12-15", PS/S, May – July, Bareroot - \$2.00. **H/DR/DT**

**9. Gayfeather, *Liatrix spicata* 'Kobold'** – **native** - Purple blooms are densely packed on the foot-long spikes and open from the top down in the summer. Provides both a good vertical accent in the garden and a long-lived cut flower. 2-3', FS, June-July, 1 gal. - \$7.00. **Bu/DR/DT**

**10. Wild Ginger, *Asarum splendens*** - These evergreen plants gradually form low, compact colonies in shady spots, in neutral to acid soil. Glossy, deep-green leaves have a lovely silvery mottling that occurs in a regular pattern. 6-9", PS/S, Evergreen, 1 gal. - \$11.50. **DR/DT**

**11. Blue Spiderwort, *Tradescantia virginiana* 'Zwanenburg Blue'** – **native** – Large, royal-blue clusters of blooms begin opening in early summer from the ends of flower stalks which rise from grassy leaves. Cut back untidy plants at mid-season to rejuvenate for fall blooms. 1', FS/PS, May-Oct., 1 gal. - \$7.00. **DT**

**12. Red Swamp Hibiscus, *Hibiscus coccineus* – native** – Okay, you caught us, but just about everyone has one damp spot in their garden, and this is a great plant for that area. Six-inch red flowers with long, extended stamens are produced in abundance. Tall and robust with deep-green notched leaves, this native hibiscus actually can be grown in any soil type. 5-6', FS/PS, June-Sept., 1 gal. - \$7.50. **H/DR/DT**

**13. Autumn Fire Sedum, *Sedum x Autumn Fire*** – Large heads of tiny deep-pink flowers turn deep rusty-red through the summer, and are covered with pollinators. The fleshy leaves turn bronze in the fall and complement the flower heads. An easy plant to cultivate, leaving the flowers to dry naturally provides great winter interest. 2-2.5', FS/PS, Aug.-Oct., 1 gal. - \$6.50. **Bu/Bi/DR/DT**

**14. 'Victoria Blue' Salvia, *Salvia farinacea* 'Victoria Blue'** – This salvia is a dwarf form that reaches 1- 2 feet in height. The densely branched plant, a tender perennial, is also known as Mealy-Cup Sage because the flowers and stems are fuzzy. It is reminiscent of Mexican Sage but in a shorter form. The deep-blue flowers are magnets for all pollinators. 1-2', FS/PS, June-Sept., 1 gal. - \$7.00. **H/Bu/DR/DT**

**15. Purple Summer Phlox, *Phlox paniculata* 'Wild Purple'** – **native** - Large clusters of small deep-lilac blossoms form on top of thick, sturdy stems. Good air circulation will prevent mildew. Easy to cultivate and use for cut flowers. Attractive to all pollinators. 1', FS, June-July, 1 gal. - \$6.50. **H/Bu/DT**

## DECIDUOUS SHRUBS AND BROADLEAF EVERGREENS

**16. Fringe Tree/ Grancy Graybeard, *Chionanthus virginicus* – native** – The graceful sprays of fragrant white flowers drape over glossy dark-green leaves that turn yellow in the autumn. Once established, each tree produces many flowers. A long-lived and sturdy native that adds enjoyment to the landscape. 8-10', FS/PS, Summer, 1 gal. - \$7.00 / 3 gal. - \$20.00. **Bu/DR/DT**

**17. Parsley Leaf Hawthorne, *Crataegus marshallii* – native** – This native plant provides true four-season interest. Bright-green, ruffled leaves reminiscent of parsley emerge in spring. Showy clusters of pink and white flowers follow, replaced by shiny, bright-red fall fruit. A host plant for butterflies, a berry source for birds, great for pollinators and very hardy. 6-8', FS/PS, Spring, 1 gal. - \$8.00. **H/Bu/Bi/W/DR**

**18. Purple American Beautyberry, *Callicarpa americana* - native** - This is definitely a fall show stopper with bright purple clusters of berries. Fullest display occurs with ½ day sun but beautyberry will survive in dappled shade. Deciduous. A single specimen will get quite large so give it plenty of room. Fruits are enjoyed by most all bird species and other wildlife. 4-6', FS/PS, Fall, 3 gal.- \$15.00. **Bi/W/DT**

**19. Virginia Sweetspire. *Itea virginica* 'Henry's Garnet' – native** – A very attractive shrub with white, fragrant flowers in the spring, Itea will stay under five feet making it a good foundation shrub. The foliage turns a bright red in the autumn, and the stems retain a red tinge through the winter, making it a plant with year-round interest. 3-5', PS, Spring, 1 gal. - \$6.00. **DR/DT**

**20. Dwarf Yaupon Holly, *Ilex vomitoria* 'Nana' – native** – Dark-green, evergreen leaves, numerous tiny white fragrant flowers and bright red berries make this shrub quite decorative. An important food source for birds and wildlife in winter, Yaupon is very tolerant of a variety of site conditions. Plant several as a low hedge or windbreak. 4-6', FS/PS, year round interest, 3 gal. - \$13.00. **Bi/W/DT**

**21. Highbush Blueberry, *Vaccinium elliottii* – native** – The most distinctive of the highbush blueberries, the small leaves are borne on bright green stems that grow with a loose, open habit. Light pink flowers appear in early spring followed by delicious blue-black berries. Blooming occurs on the previous year's growth. Leaves turn scarlet in the fall. Plants are bushier and produce more in full sun, but tolerate any amount of sun. 6-8', FS/PS/S, Spring-Summer, 1 gal. - \$6.00. **Bi/W/DT**

**22. Sweet Bay Magnolia, *Magnolia virginiana*, - native** - Grown as a landscape tree because of attractive foliage and moderate growth rate, Sweet Bay has creamy white flowers with a fragrance described as "cool, sweet and fruity." The leaves are pale green with silvery undersides and crimson stems. Fruits provide a food source for wildlife and songbirds. 10-20', FS/PS, Summer, 3 gal. - \$19.00. **Bi/W**

## FERNS – GRASSES - HERBS

**23. Ebony Spleenwort Fern, *Asplenium platyneuron* – native** – This evergreen native fern occurs on rocky wooded ledges, gritty slopes, and mossy banks. Arching, somewhat glossy, dark-green fronds have a center spine that is dark purplish-brown. Spleenwort refers to the purported medicinal value attributed to the fern. 1', PS/S, Bareroot plants packed in peat moss, \$2.25. **DR/DT**

**24. Walking Fern, *Asplenium rhizophyllum* – native** – Derived from the way this fern spreads, the underside of each leaf contains sori (the propagative part). When the tip of the leaf touches the ground new plantlets sprout, creating a walking effect. The evergreen leaves have reddish patches at the base of the leaves. 6-9", PS/S, Bareroot plants packed in peat moss, \$2.25. **DR/DT**

**25. Tassel Fern, *Polystichum polyblepharum* –** The glossy, dark-green fronds of Tassel Fern form a coarse-textured, rounded, rosette. Can tolerate deep shade and acid soil and remains evergreen throughout the year. 2', PS/S, Evergreen, 1 gal. - \$9.00. **DT**

**26. 'Fireworks' Fountain Grass, *Pennisetum setaceum* 'Fireworks' –** You'll love this grass for its ability to lighten dark areas and its use as a container plant. This annual grass is a beautiful variegated grass with colors ranging from burgundy, pink, white, green and tan. Plumes appear and remain throughout the winter providing seed heads for birds. 3-4', S/PS, 1 gal. - \$10.00. **Bi/DT**

**27. Upland Sea Oats, *Chasmanthium latifolium* – native** – Long, weeping stems with flat, beige florets appear in the early summer from upright, clump-forming foliage. A beautiful grass for the garden or landscape. Flowers can be dried for lasting arrangements. 4-5', FS/PS, 1 gal. - \$6.50. **Bi/DR/DT**

**28. Corkscrew Rush, *Juncus effusus* 'Spiralis'** – Grown for its unusual, spiraled, twisting, evergreen leaves which form dense clumps, this rush thrives in wet soils, but can tolerate dry conditions once established. Perfect for fountains or ponds – you'll love the wild stems! 1', FS/PS, 1 gal.- \$8.00. **DR**

**29. Lemon Thyme, *Thymus citriodorus* 'Aureus'** – This golden-edged lemon thyme is perfect for low plantings around stepping stones or patio pavers, and can be used for cooking, either while fresh or when dried. Tolerant of foot or dog "traffic", small purple flowers appear in summer. The color and strong lemon scent remain through the year. 4-6", FS/PS, 1 gal. - \$7.00. **Bu/DR/DT**

### **COLLECTOR'S CORNER**

**30. Hardy Cyclamen, *Cyclamen hederifolium* 'Rose Petals'** – We're excited to offer this hard-to-find selection! One of the easiest and showiest Cyclamen species, the lustrous-marbled foliage and pretty pink blossoms makes it an inviting ground level plant during cool months. Leaves remain through the winter. Provide good drainage, minimal water and a little lime. 6-8", PS/S, Oct.-Nov., 2 ½" pot - \$10.50.

**31. Purple Prairie Trillium, *Trillium recurvatum* – native** – This hard to find plant puts on a great foliage display in addition to the lovely flowers. The mottled leaves in shades of green support a bloom that is red-purple fading to brown. This trillium increases slowly by underground blubs, can be divided every few years, and seems to prefer heavy clay soils! 12", PS/S, Bareroot plant packed in peat moss - \$2.00.

**32. Puttyroot Orchid, *Aplectrum hyemale* – native** – This orchid gets its name from Native Americans who crushed the bulb and used the sticky insides to glue broken pottery! A solitary leaf up to 10" long persists all winter, disappearing in spring before the stem of lovely green-yellow-purple orchids appear. It's worth the wait! 8-12", PS/S, March-April, Bareroot plant packed in peat moss - \$2.00.

**33. Green Dragon, *Arasaema draconitum*- native-** This relative of the more common Jack-in-the-Pulpit is harder to spot in the woods, as the flower hides under the foliage. Resembling the silhouette of dragon wings, the yellowish-green sheathed flowers have a long slender spathe. The fruit is a cluster of berries that turn red when ripe. 1-2', May-June, Bareroot packed in peat moss - \$2.00.

**NATIVE AZALEAS** - All species are **guaranteed to be a minimum of three years old**, which helps to assure blooms for you the first season! Oftentimes, energy in younger plants goes toward leaf and root growth. **Native azaleas are usually considered to be DT**

**34. Piedmont Azalea, *Rhododendron canescens*.** The Piedmont Azalea has flowers that range in color from pure white to blush pink to strong rose, with a robust honeysuckle fragrance. It can be a large grower. It is one of the earliest bloomers, and naturalizes well in the landscape. 10-15', PS/S, March, 1 gal. - \$9.00 / 3 gal. - \$19.00.

**35. 'Red Hills' Azalea, *Rhododendron colemanii*.** This exciting and hard-to-find native azalea starts blooming in May and continues through the summer, which means it bridges the gap between early and late bloomers. Blooms are pink, fading to white, and very fragrant. 8-10', PS/S, May-July, 1 gal. - \$10.00/ 3 gal. - \$23.00.

**36. Florida Flame Azalea, *Rhododendron austrinum*** – Always a favorite, this variety dominates the landscape with brilliant golden yellow-orange blossoms. The delightful honeysuckle fragrance is enjoyed by butterflies, hummers and humans alike. The leaves are medium green and fuzzy on both the top and the bottom. 5-7', PS/S, March-May, 1 gal. - \$9.00/ 3 gal. - \$19.00.

**37. Plumleaf Azalea, *Rhododendron prunifolium*.** A summer bloomer, the flowers have a faint fragrance, and produce colors that can range from pale-peach to orange to red to purple. A large grower, sometimes to fifteen feet, it will flower best in part shade. 12-15', PS, Summer, 1 gal.- \$9.00.

**38. 'Snowbird' Azalea, *Rhododendron atlanticum x canescens*** – This fragrant cross between the Coastal Azalea and the Piedmont Azalea has a sweet floral scent and white flowers that fade to pink. Resistant to mildew, the leaves are blue-green through the growing season and turn red-orange in the autumn. The growing habit is compact and upright. 4', FS/PS, Mid-Spring, 1 gal. - \$9.00.