

## Native Perennials Selections

**Amsonia 'String Theory'** a compact version that knocks a foot off of amsonia's usual height.

Amsonia hubrichtii, commonly called "bluestar," is an under-used native perennial with periwinkle spring flowers and showy fine-textured foliage that turns gold in fall. The main rap against it is that some people think it gets a little tall and floppy with its three-foot height.



New for 2022 is 'String Theory,' This variety blooms a little later in spring than the species but still retains the periwinkle-blue flower color as well as the brilliant golden fall-foliage color.

This easy care, heat and humidity tolerant, deer resistant perennial is an excellent choice for gardeners looking for low maintenance or native perennials.

### Hibiscus Summerific 'Edge of Night'



Featuring dark black foliage and 7"-8" bubblegum pink flowers with darker pink veins, this perennial will be a showstopper in your landscape! The darker colors of the foliage will be a fantastic contrast to lighter hues within your garden. Bloom times are from mid-summer to late fall, adding color later into the season. This will be a large and bountiful addition, spanning 36"-42" tall and 48"-54" wide.

Native to North America, this perennial does well planted within well drained soil or in bog planting amongst water features. This is a great addition near lower elevation areas within your garden that are prone to waterlogged conditions after a rainstorm. This is deer resistant, but enticing to your neighborhood bees. Use this in focal point planting, border planting and general landscaping.



**'American Gold Rush' Rudbeckia** 2023 winner of Perennial plant of the year.

This cultivar was first discovered by Illinois-based perennial breeder Brent Horvath in a bed sown with open-pollinated seed. Horvath states it is a hybrid between two, or likely three, Rudbeckia species, including *R. fulgida* var. *deamii*. American Gold Rush is a carefree grower with a compact habit only grows 2 feet tall and can spread twice as wide. Bright yellow, daisy-like flowers have long late season bloom time bridging the summer to fall seasons. Plant in full sun or part shade. It grows best in lean to average soil with good drainage. Avoid fertilizing, which can cause lanky growth amid Rudbeckias. This plant may reseed in the garden. USDA Zones 4–9.