

ASTILBE 2023

Varieties, description and culture.....



Black Pearls	\$10.99 / <i>Chinensis</i> group / Mid to late season / 28" tall. Large plumes of purple with an unusual blue tinge. Dark green foliage
Bridal Veil	\$9.99 / <i>Arendsii</i> group / Mid-Season / 32" tall. Large, open pure white frothy flowers gently droop at the tips. One of the best bloomers.
Chocolate Shogun	\$10.99 / Hybrid group / Late-season / 24" tall. An award-winning selection touting purple-red foliage that mellows to bronze in summer. Loose pink plumes frosted with white.
Dark Side of the Moon	New \$11.99 / <i>Chinensis</i> hybrid group / Late season / 22" tall. Dark stems are topped with late blooming rosy purple flowers that open from darker buds. Rich concorde-burgundy leaves add interest when not in bloom. Probably prefers more sun. A PW selection.
Fanal	\$9.99 / <i>Arendsii</i> group / Early-Season / 20" tall. Vigorous grower with narrow plumes of blood-red. Reddish-bronze spring foliage turns deep green in summer.
Heavy Metal	\$10.99 / Hybrid group / Late-season / 28" tall. Very full wide plumes of hot-pinkish red. A vigorous compact habit with the plumes accounting for half the height.
Lowlands Ruby Red	\$9.99 / <i>Chinensis</i> group / Early season / 24" tall. One of the more "red" chinensis types, cerise-red plumes over glossy, sun tolerant foliage.
Mighty Chocolate Cherry	\$10.99 / <i>Chinensis</i> group / Late season / 48" tall. Red buds open to dense hot pink plumes over course red foliage that greens up by summer.
Mighty Red Quin	\$10.99 / <i>Chinensis</i> group / Late season / 48" tall. Towering showy plumes of rose red. Forms a huge clump with large foliage. Robust grower that is more sun and drought tolerant.
Montgomery	\$9.99 / <i>Japonica</i> group / Early-mid Season / 24" tall. Triangular plumes of dark red top glossy foliage. Reddish-bronze new leaves turn dark green.
Ostrich Plume	\$9.99 / <i>Thunbergii</i> group / Late Season / 36" tall. One of the tallest astilbes, large green foliage with spectacular arching and drooping rosy-pink plumes. Nice effect next to water.
Peach Blossom	\$9.99 / Hybrid (rosea) group / Early-mid season / 24" tall. Large open plumes of light salmon-pink bring life to shade. Glossy green foliage.
Purple Candles	\$10.99 / <i>Chinensis</i> group / Late season / 42" tall. Large grower with upright plumes of dusky rose that open from purple buds. Coarse dark foliage. Synonymus with 'Purpurkerze'
Rheinland	\$9.99 / <i>Japonica</i> group / Early-Season / 24" tall. Vigorous plants push early plumes of flamingo pink that are extra large and wide.
Vision Inferno	\$10.99 / <i>Chinensis</i> group / Mid-late season / 24" tall. Strong growing plants with outward branching plumes of cream or light pink.
Visions in Pink	\$10.99 / <i>Chinensis</i> group / Mid-late season / 18" tall. Pale pink plumes mid to late season. Very floriferous.
Visions in Red	\$10.99 / <i>Chinensis</i> group / Mid-late season / 18" tall. Long lasting purple-red plumes with red stems.

Astilbe Culture: All astilbe are at their best in rich moist soil. All shade or morning sun works for most although the astilbe in the chinensis group tolerate more sun and dryness. For best vigor and bloom divide every 3-4 years, either early spring or fall is fine. Note the family groups are listed below to give a generalization of habits and bloom times;

Arendsii Group: Amongst the oldest hybridized varieties, typically taller and early blooming.

Chinensis Group: Generally, more sun and drought tolerant, late blooming with typically narrow upright plumes

Japonica Group: Typified by glossy foliage with a more compact habit, early blooming with pyramidal plumes

Simplicifolia Group: Low, compact habit and nicely glossy foliage, later blooming with open, fine textured panicles

Thunbergii Group: Taller than typical and later blooming, featuring distinctively weeping plumes.