

# ASTILBE 2022

*Varieties, description and culture.....*



- Black Pearls** ..... **New** \$10.99 / *Chinensis* group / Mid to late season / 28" tall. Large plumes of purple with an unusual blue tinge. Dark green foliage
- Bridal Veil** ..... \$8.99 / *Arendsii* 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.
- Delft Lace** ..... **New** \$10.99 / *Chinensis* group / Late season / 28" tall. Airy peach-pink plumes on red stems. Sun tolerant foliage with hints of red and silver.
- Fanal** ..... \$8.99 / *Arendsii* group / Early-Season / 20" tall. Vigorous grower with narrow plumes of blood-red. Reddish-bronze spring foliage turns deep green in summer.
- Lowlands Ruby Red** ..... \$9.99 / *Chinensis* group / Early season / 24" tall. One of the "redder" chinensis types, cerise-red plumes over glossy, sun tolerant foliage.
- Ostrich Plume** ..... \$8.99 / *Thunbergii* 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** ..... \$8.99 / *Hybrid (rosea)* group / Early-mid season / 24" tall. Large open plumes of light salmon-pink bring life to shade. Glossy green foliage.
- Purple Candles** ..... \$9.99 / *Chinensis* 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** ..... \$8.99 / *Japonica* group / Early-Season / 24" tall. Vigorous plants push early plumes of flamingo pink that are extra large and wide.
- Vision Inferno** ..... **New** \$10.99 / *Chinensis* group / Mid-late season / 24" tall. Strong growing plants with outward branching plumes of cream or light pink.
- Visions in Pink** ..... \$9.99 / *Chinensis* group / Mid-late season / 18" tall. Pale pink plumes mid to late season. Very floriferous.

*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.