



Arkansas Diamonds are locally grown plants proven to be tough and thrive in Arkansas. New plant selections are chosen and released each year.



This program is a partnership of the Arkansas Green Industry Association, The University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, local growers, and local independent garden centers. The goal is to educate Arkansas gardeners about plants that consistently perform well here so that gardeners are more successful! The Arkansas Diamonds program also serves to promote local growers and local independent garden centers in our state.



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2015 Arkansas Diamonds



Angelonia



Scaevola



Begonia Dragonwing Red

Angelonia- Plant in Sun (at least 6 hrs of sun) Space 10-12" apart. Grows 12-14" tall by 10-12" wide. Huge flowers are vibrant against glossy dark green foliage. Thrives in extreme heat, humidity, and drought. Excellent landscape performance. Plant in full sun. Very heat tolerant and accepting of a wide range of soil conditions. Hardy until frost.

Scaevola- Plant in Sun (at least 6 hrs of sun). Space 10-12" apart. Grows 6-10" {15-25cm} tall. by 18-24" wide. Performs well in baskets and containers, covered with pale lavender blue, fan shaped flowers. Thrives in high heat and humidity. Drought tolerant

Begonia- Plant in Partial Sun (at least 3 hrs of sun) Space 12-15" apart. Grows 12- 15" tall by 15-18" wide. Maintenance free, Season Long performance handles stressful conditions, excellent flower show. Allow for plenty of room to grow in container or landscape. Best performance in partial sun to partial shade.



2015 Arkansas Diamonds



Lantana Gold/Yellow



**Vinca Cora Cascade
Polka Dot**



Coleus Redhead

Lantana- Plant in Sun (at least 6 hrs of sun). Space 15-20" apart. Grows 15-20" tall by 18-24" wide. Brightly colored flower clusters cover mounds of dark green foliage. Lantanas are ideal for mass plantings. Thrives in high heat and humidity. Drought tolerant.

Vinca- Full Sun 6-8" tall, 32-36" wide Blooms continually from late spring until frost Thrives in high heat and humidity. Drought tolerant. Resistant to aerial phytophthora. Perfect for containers as a spiller.

Coleus- Plant is partial sun (at least 3 hrs of sun) Space 16-20" apart. Grows 18- 24" tall by 16- 28" wide. Bright red leaves. Complementary varieties add height, texture, and contrast to combination plantings in both sun and shade. Vigorous, versatile plants are superior performers in sun and shade.



2016 Arkansas Diamonds



Graffiti Bright Red Penta



Velvet Elvis Plectranthus



Sriracha Pink Cuphea

Graffiti- Big, bright clusters of star shaped flowers cover this compact Penta! Ideal in hot, sunny spots, these pentas attract both hummingbirds and butterflies. Mature size is 8-12" tall and wide, great for gardens and planters!

Velvet Elvis- This is an outstanding bloomer in part to full shade gardens. Very showy, large inflorescences of lavender blue blooms top dark green foliage. Mature size is 28" tall by 30" wide: excellent in both gardens and planters!

Sriracha- This sun loving, Bat-face cuphea features bright pink blooms from spring to fall and performs well in extreme heat and drought conditions. Mature size is 14-18" tall by 14-24" wide, perfect for gardens and planters!



2017 Arkansas Diamonds



Vista Bubblegum Petunia



White Christmas Caladium



**Big Whopper Bronze
Leaf Begonia Series**

Vista Petunia- This sun loving, cascading/ spreading petunia features medium pink blooms, spring to fall. Feed often for best results. No deadheading required! Mature size is up to 24" tall and wide, great in ground and in planters!

White Christmas Caladium- Large green and white leaves provide striking brightness in shady locations, both in beds and in planters. These low maintenance annuals look fresh summer to fall. Mature size is up to 12" tall and 12" to 24" wide.

Whopper Begonia- These tough, vigorous begonias are prolific bloomers from spring to fall, with flowers over 2" in size. Great for part-sun to sun gardens and planters. Mature size is 20" tall and 24" wide.



2018 Arkansas Diamonds



Vermillionaire Cuphea



Bouquet Deep Blue Torenia



Dragon Breath Celosia

Cuphea- Abundant orange- red flowers all season, loves hot sunny spaces. Loved by hummingbirds. Drought tolerant. Grows up to 28" tall, 24" wide.

Blue Torenia- Shade to part sun, mounding/trailing annual, blooms spring to fall, keep moist. Grows to 6-8" tall, use in containers, hanging baskets and beds.

Dragon Breath- Green-red foliage, blazing-red, long-lasting flowers, great performance in sun, heat, humidity and with infrequent watering. Grows to 24" tall, 16" wide.



2018 Arkansas Diamonds



Wasabi Coleus

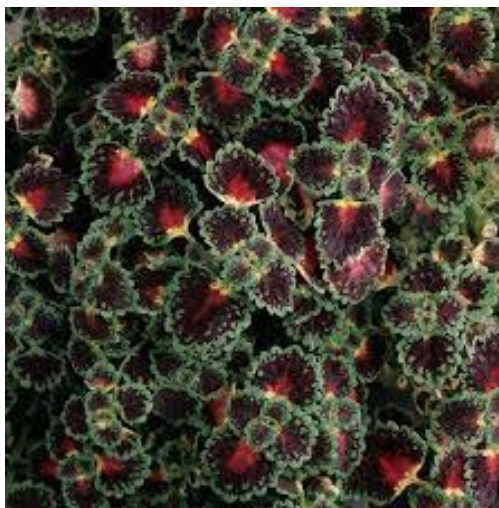
Sun/part sun, low maintenance, high impact plant for planters and landscape beds. Holds brilliant foliage color well. Grows up to 36" tall, up to 28" wide.



2019 Arkansas Diamonds



Golden Shrimp Plant



Lava Rose Coleus



**Royal Magenta Compact
Sunpatiens**

Golden Shrimp Plant- Part sun/shade flowering annual with showy yellow and white blooms. Use in landscape beds, works well planted in large groupings, or in containers.

Lava Rose Coleus- Part sun/shade, trailing annual, with small colorful eye-catching leaves.
Use in containers, hanging baskets and landscape beds.

Royal Magenta Sunpatiens- Sun/part sun mounding annual with bright magenta blooms all season. Use in containers and landscape beds. Water frequently.



2019 Arkansas Diamonds



Silver Falls Dichondra

Sun/ part sun, low maintenance, silver foliage plant for hanging baskets, containers, and landscape beds. Trailing or spreading habit.



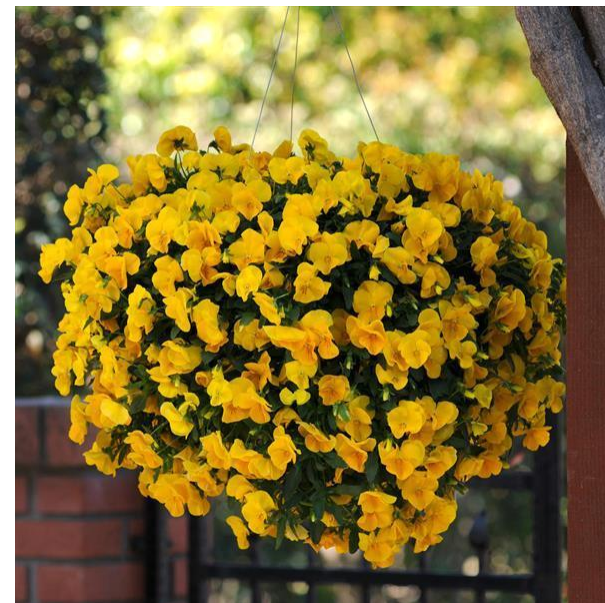
2019 Arkansas Diamonds Cool Season



**Violet Wing Cool Wave
Pansy**



**Bright Lights Swiss
Chard**



**Golden Yellow Cool
Wave Pansy**

Violet Wing Cool Wave Pansy-Outstanding cool season annual for hanging baskets, containers, and landscape beds. Trailing or spreading habit. Eye catching blooms.

Bright Lights Swiss Chard- Cool season edible annual or winter vegetable with brightly colored yellow, orange, white, violet, and red stems. Use in containers or landscape beds.

Golden Yellow Cool Wave Pansy- Durable cool season annual with vibrant yellow blooms. Great in hanging baskets, containers, and landscape beds. Trailing or spreading habit

2020 Arkansas Diamonds



Persian Shield



Bandana White Lantana



Solar Power Black Heart Ipomea

Persian Shield- Part sun/ sun annual with showy iridescent purple foliage. Drought and heat tolerant. Mass plant or use as accent. Striking when planted with Shrimp Plant. Spacing 18-24".

Bandana White Lantana- Full sun annual with white/ pale yellow blooms. Mounding habit. Easy care, heat and drought tolerant. Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Plant in containers or beds. Spacing 12-24.

Solar Power Black Heart Ipomea- Sun/ part sun, mounding/ spreading annual with attractive dark purple foliage. Easy care, heat, and drought tolerant. Use in containers and landscape beds. Spacing 18-30".



2020 Arkansas Diamonds Cool Season



Rose Pink Nature Series Pansy



Glamour Red Kale

Rose Pink Nature Series Pansy- Sun/ part sun, cool season annual for container & landscape bed plantings. Quick to rebound after rain and frost. Extremely floriferous with pink blooms. Mounding habit, 6-10" tall.

Glamour Red Kale- Sun loving, cool season annual. Features striking shiny foliage with ruffled leaf edges and bright fuchsia center. Use in containers or landscape beds. Spacing 12". Chosen as an All- American Selection (image from AAS).



2021 Arkansas Diamonds

Coleus Flamethrower Series (9 different varieties)



FlameThrower Sriracha



FlameThrower Serrano



FlameThrower Habanero

FlameThrower coleus varieties thrive in full sun but can handle light shade and does best in well drained soils. Plant is full sun to ensure continuous high-quality color. Well drained soil with pH of 5.5 to 6.5. Thrives in raised beds with adequate moisture. Will grow to 12 to 18 inches tall and 16 to 18 inches wide. Upright mounding habit. Can be grown as a border planting or used in containers. Space plants about 18 inches apart. To highlight foliage, remove flower stalks; however, flowers will attract pollinators.



2021 Arkansas Diamonds



Lemongrass



Cuphea Honeybells

Lemongrass- Plant in well-drained moist soils. Lemongrass can grow up to 3-5 feet tall and 3 feet wide. Plant in spring once danger of frost has passed. Place plants in full sun spaced 24" apart. Provide steady moisture. Fertilize every couple weeks if needed. Lemongrass should be brought inside if in pots for winter to survive.

Cuphea Honeybells- Honeybells are very adaptable to various conditions. Plant in part shade to full sun. Honeybells will bloom all summer in high heat. Deadheading is not required. Very attractive pollinator. Annual/tender perennial. Plant will grow 1' wide to 1.5' tall. Works well in pots, boxes, or edging.



2021 Arkansas Diamonds Cool Season

Pansy Cool Wave Series *(14 varieties and 3 mixes)*



Cool Wave Fire



Cool Wave Blueberry Swirl



Cool Wave Mix

Cool wave pansies have a spreading and trailing growth habit which are great for pots. Minimum of 6 hours of sun for optimum growth and blooming. Plant 3 cool wave pansies for a 10 or 12" pot. These pansies will perform well on the ground and can spread from 18 to 24" in diameter. Avoid letting plants wilt and do not let plants freeze in dry soil. If temperatures are expecting to drop below freezing be sure they have moisture 24 hours before low temperatures.



2022 Arkansas Diamonds

Colorblast Series Portulaca



Single bloom



Double bloom



Postman Joyner Caladium

Colorblast portulaca- the new standard for drought tolerant color. From the vivaciously colored single mixes to the explosive fully doubles, to the industry changing stripes, the colorblast line is bringing a lot of excitement to garden beds and borders for its low maintenance summertime color. They perform best in full sun. They will not bloom as well if in too much shade. Plants about 12" apart. Plants can grow to approximately 6" tall and spread 16-20" wide.

Postman Joyner- Red fancy leaf caladium bulbs produce plants with very large velvety looking leaves with deep red center, red veins and narrow dark green margin. Will do best in part to full shade. Morning sun is better than afternoon sun. Plants will grow 24" by 24".



2022 Arkansas Diamonds Cool Season



Dusty Miller Silverdust



Kale Osaka Series

Dusty Miller Silverdust- Plants can get 3 feet tall and 24 inches wide. Plant in full sun with well drained compost. They pair well with flowering plants in pots and beds.

Kale Osaka Series- Sun loving, cool season annual. Features striking shiny foliage with ruffled leaf edges and bright fuchsia center. Use in containers or landscape beds. Spacing 12".



2023 Arkansas Diamonds

Perennials



Purple Coneflower



Black eyed Susan

Echinacea purpurea- Purple Coneflower will grow just about anywhere when planted. Ranging in height from 2 to 4 feet, this plant holds its bloom well throughout the growing season. Additionally, it attracts butterflies and other pollinators as well as hummingbirds and songbirds.

Rudbeckia fulgida goldsturm- a.k.a Black-Eyed Susan This award-winning, classic perennial is a mainstay in sunny landscapes, producing bright golden yellow flowers with brown cones at the height of summer into fall. Its taller stems make it an excellent choice for fresh bouquets. It is especially showy in mass plantings where it can be allowed to naturalize.



2023 Arkansas Diamonds

Annuals



Asparagus Fern Sprengeri



Vinca Cora

Asparagus Fern Sprengeri- is a dense herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden. This plant does best in partial shade to shade. S Asparagus Fern is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers.

Vinca Cora- series thrives in heat and humidity – this vinca can survive all types of climate stress, including seasonal rain and cold snaps in fall. Cora is super easy to grow, produces tons of gorgeous blooms, and lasts until frost. Plant it in containers or in the garden – it's also useful as a border or ground cover – just be sure Cora gets lots of sun and has good drainage.

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