

HERBS

Codes: 1=Culinary, 2=Medicinal, 3=Ornamental, 4=Dye, 5=Dried Flowers,
6=Aromatic

A=Annual, B=Biennial, P=Perennial, TP=Tender Perennials, HP=Houseplant

Pot Prices

2.5" Pots - \$1.95

3" Pots - \$3.39

BASIL

2.5" Pots (unless noted)

Ocimum basilicum. 1,3. A. This king of the herb world offers an array of flavors and scents. Ideal for salads, pesto, Italian dishes, and other ethnic cuisine. Pinch off blooms to prolong the harvest.

-'**Amethyst Improved**' Very dark, almost black, thick, turned-down leaves. 16-20"H

-'**Italian Large Leaf**' Extra large, frilly leaves. Great for pesto. Sweet flavor. 16"H 2.5" & 3" Pots

-'**Mrs. Burns' Lemon**' Bright green, 2.5" long leaves with an intense, sweet & tangy, lemon flavor. 20-24"H

-'**Queenette**' One of the most aromatic and flavorful of the Thai basil. 12-18"H

BAY

4.5" Pots \$4.95

Laurus nobilis. 1,2,3. HP. An evergreen tree hardy to zone 8, the Bay plant has always been associated with glory, honor, and greatness. Dried leaves can be used in soups, stews, marinades, sauces, or added to the water when cooking grains. Full sun to part shade when outside, Bright light when inside. Can grow to 6' indoors.

BORAGE

3" & 2.5" Pots

Borago officinalis. 1,3. A. (Self Sows) Called the "Herb of Gladness" for its exhilarating effect. The chopped fresh leaves, with their cucumber-like flavor, and the flowers are delicious in salads and summer drinks. Float the blue, star-like blossoms in punches or freeze them in ice cubes. 3'H

CATNIP

3" Pots

Nepeta cataria. 2. P. Drives the felines into a frantic frenzy. Sweet, minty flavor. Tea is a soothing nightcap, a folk remedy for colds. 18-24"H

CHAMOMILE

2.5" Pots

Chamaemelum. 1,2,3. A. Tea made from the centers of the flowers is very popular as an aid to digestions, to reduce fever, and to calm inflammations. Makes a soothing and cleansing skin wash. Loamy soil with high sand content. Moist, but not waterlogged.

-'German' Apple scented. Great in teas. 18-24"H

-'Roman' Strong fragrance. 9"H Perennial to Zone 4.

CHERVIL

2.5" & 3" Pots

Anthriscus cerefolium. 1. A. Traditionally used in all spring salads. Improves any dish where parsley is usually used. A carrot relative. Does not dry well.

CHIVES

2.5" & 3" Pots

Allium. 1,3,5. P. A diminutive member of the onion family. Essential for every kitchen. Dainty, round clusters of flowers. Repels insects. Move inside for winter enjoyment. 18"H

-**'Garlic'** Flat leaved, from Japan. Combination of chive and garlic flavors. Showy white flowers.

-**'Staro'** Heavier leaves hold up better for processing, freezing, drying, or using fresh.

CORIANDER (Cilantro)

2.5" & 3" Pots

Coriandrum sativum. 1. A. Widely used culinary herb. Popular in Indian, Greek, Mexican, Latin American, and Asian cooking. The leaves have a very different taste from the seeds. The pale mauve flowers attract bees. Likes cool weather and moist, well-drained soil. 2.5'H

-**'Slo-bolt'** Bred for maximum leaf production without bolting in the heat.

DILL

2.5" Pots

Anethum. 1. A. Best known as the flavor in pickles. Seeds add interest to dishes ranging from potato salad, to sauerkraut, to apple dishes. Try the chopped leaves with sour cream, vinegar, and sliced cucumbers or as a garnish.

-**'Fernleaf'** Unique, dwarf plants with dark green leaves. Slow to bolt. 18"H

EUCALYPTUS

3" Pots

Eucalyptus. 2,3,6. TP. Broad shiny leaves on smooth grayish white stems. Cough drops and antiseptic rinses are made with oil from the leaves. Can be used indoors to neutralize and deodorize the air.

-**'Silver Dollar'** Ornamental variety used by florists for its large leaves. 24"H

FENNEL (See Vegetable Listing)

LAVENDER

3" Pots (unless noted)

Lavandula. 1,3,5,6. TP. Fragrant, blue-violet flowers for potpourris, sachets, soaps, and perfumes. Excellent border and accent plants. Attracts butterflies.

-*angustifolia* English lavender

-'**Ellagance Purple**' Purple flower spikes. 14"H

-'**Ellagance Sky**' Blue-violet flowers. Compact and bushy. 14"H

-'**Hidcote**' Fragrant lavender blue flowers. 12"H **3" & 1 gallon**

-'**Jean Davis**' Pinkish flowers. Compact, oval habit. 15"H

-'**Munstead**' Lavender blue, fragrant flowers. 18"H

-'**Vicenza Blue**' Large, deep blue flower spikes. 12-16"H

-*intermedia* Dutch Lavender, aka Lavandin. A cross between *L. angustifolia* and *L. latifolia*.

-'**Fred Boutin**' Blue flowers and silvery-gray foliage. 22"H

-'**Grosso**' Extremely fragrant, deep violet flowers. 24"H

-'**Provence**' Light purple, intensely fragrant blooms. 18"H

-*stoechas* Spanish lavender.

-'**Mulberry Ruffles**' Greenleaf. Pink-lavender veined petals.

LEMON BALM

3" Pots

Melissa. 1,2,6. P. A member of the mint family. Fresh leaves make a calming, delicious tea. Fresh chopped leaves are interesting in salads. Use in perfumes and soaps. Attracts bees. 2.5'H

LEMON GRASS, WEST INDIAN

4.5" Pots - \$4.39

Cymbopogon citratus. 1, 2, 6. TP. Aromatic grass from India. Used for flavorings, perfumes, and to treat digestive problems and fevers. West Indian Lemon Grass is the preferred species for culinary uses, the stems can be crushed or chopped and used in soups and marinades. Also an anti-inflammatory.

LEMON VERBENA

3" Pots

Aloysia triphylla. 1,3,6. TP. A strong lemon flavor compliments other teas. Used in sachets. An excellent house plant.

LOVAGE

2.5" & 3" Pots

Levisticum officinale. 1. P. Excellent flavoring for soups, stews, and casseroles. Celery-like flavor. Tall growing, handsome, tropical looking herb. 5'H.

MARJORAM

2.5" & 3" Pots

Origanum majorana. 1. A. A special, strong, spicy flavor. Rub on meat before cooking. Combines well with sage when used on poultry dishes. Oil from the top portion of the plant may be used in soaps.

-**'Sweet'** Flowers early, compact, 20"H. **2.5" & 3" Pots**

-**'Gold Tipped'** Yellow-tipped leaves with good marjoram flavor, abundant mauve flowers, 12"H. Hardy to Zone 5.

MINT

3" Pots

Mentha. 1,3. P. Grown for the familiar leaves, which have long been cultivated for their oils. See almost any cookbook for uses. Partial shade and moist soil.

Can be invasive, so plant where you want it to spread.

-**'Chocolate'** Bronzy peppermint-like foliage with a unique flavor.

-**'Kentucky Colonel'** Pungent spearmint flavor and scent. **EXCELLENT!**

-**'Orange'** Very fragrant with a neat habit.

-***piperita* 'Citrata'** Basil Mint. Shiny, high quality foliage with a compact habit, 12-18"H.

OREGANO

3" Pots (unless noted)

Origanum. 1,2,3. P. Necessary for Italian, Spanish, and Mexican cooking. Flavor nicely compliments tomatoes. Plant in full sun and in lean, fast drying soils. Roots easily - take cuttings to grow indoors for your winter cooking. Its oils are said to have antiseptic properties.

-'**Common**' Aromatic leaves and purple flowers. **2.5" & 3" Pots**

-'**Greek**' Tender, intensely flavorful leaves.

-'**Hot and Spicy**' Highly aromatic with a spicy flavor, white flowers. 36"H.

-'**Italian**' Milder flavor than Greek oregano.

-'**Variegated**' White and yellow variegated leaves. Low-growing.

PARSLEY

2.5" & 3" Pots

Petroselinum. 1. B. Balances flavors of food. Fresh green foliage makes an excellent garnish. High vitamin and iron content.

-'**Italian Dark Green**' Large, dark green, flat leaves with a strong flavor.

-'**Triple Curled**' Milder flavor than flat leaved.

PATCHOULI

3" Pots

2,6. TP. Well known for its fragrance, it is often used in perfumes. It is also used to treat intestinal issues, colds, vomiting, and nausea. Skin conditions such as burns, chapped skin, fungal problems, and acne have also been treated with its oil. Bushy plants with large, furry leaves reach 3-4'H. Prefers rich soil and part shade.

ROSEMARY

3" Pots

Rosmarinus officianalis. 1,2,3,4,6. TP. One of the most fragrant herbs. One hundred and one uses for decoration, hair and skin rinses, and cooking. Use the stems as skewers for barbecued kabobs. Butterflies and bees love rosemary and the honey produced is delicious. Attractive evergreen foliage and pale blue flowers. Fine houseplant for cool, sunny windows!

-'**Gorizia**' Large, light blue flowers. Robust habit of up to 4'H.

-'**Hill Hardy**' Sturdy, upright habit. Hardy to Zone 6.

-'**Huntington's Carpet**' Exceptionally bright blue flowers, dense, spreading habit.

-'**Prostratus**' Creeping, low-spreading groundcover. Violet blue flowers. Trails up to 3'. 6-12"H

-'**Spice Island**' Vigorous. Thick, sturdy, dark green foliage.

-'**Tuscan Blue**' Upright habit with broader leaves than other varieties. Clear blue flowers.

RUE

2.5" Pots

Ruta. 1,3. P. Evergreen, aromatic foliage. Pungent bitter leaves to be used sparingly in salads and vegetable juices. Repels fleas.

SAGE

3" Pots

Salvia officianalis. 1,3. TP. Originally found in the Mediterranean. Used in flavoring meats and cheeses. Tolerant of hot, dry conditions.

-'**Berggarten**' Large, gray blue leaves. Robust and low growing.

-'**Common**' Gray-green leaves and pale blue flowers.

-'**Golden Variegated**' Chartreuse-yellow leaves with dark green markings.

-'**Pineapple**' Delicious pineapple scent and flavor. Red flowers.

-'**Purpurea**' Aromatic purple foliage.

-'**Tricolor**' Ornamental, aromatic, white, green, and pink foliage.

SAVORY

2.5" & 3" Pots

Satureia. 1. Adds special flavor to dishes with peas, beans, or lentils. Excellent in vegetable juices and meatloaf.

-**'Summer'** A. Has a delicate flavor. Interesting addition to green beans.

-**'Winter'** P. Strong, pungent flavor. Attractive low bush for borders.

SORREL

2.5" & 3" Pots

Rumex acetosa. 1,2,4. P. Grown for greens in the old-fashioned garden. Adds zest to bland foods. Great additions to salads. Leaves high in Vitamin C. Remove flowers as they form to keep leaves tender. Harvest often.

TARRAGON

3" & 1 Gal. Pots

Artemisia dranunculus. 1,6. P. Ours is the true French strain. Use fresh leaves, in small amounts, in sauces, salads, meat, vegetable, and egg dishes. Preserve dried, frozen, or in white vinegar. Plants are heavy feeders and need plenty of water.

THYME

3" Pots (unless noted)

Thymus. 1,3,5,6. P. A fundamental herb in French cooking. Pretty pink or purple flowers. Excellent for rockeries, borders, and along pathways. Creeping and bush types. Also see our perennial listing.

-***citriodorus* varieties** (Lemon Thyme)

-**'Golden Lemon'** Pungent lemon scent and golden variegated foliage. 6-10"H

-**'Lime'** Compact clumps of light green, lime-scented foliage. 2-4"

-**'Creeping Lemon'** Strong lemon scented. Ground hugging plants.

-**'Orange Spice'** Ground-hugging plants with spicy, orange scented foliage. 6"H

THYME, continued

- doerfleri* '**Bressingham**' Strong spreading type with lilac pink flowers and gray/green foliage. 2"H.
- praecox* varieties
 - '**Coccineus**' (Creeping Red Thyme) Fuchsia red blooms. 2-4"H
 - '**Pink Chintz**' Mat forming creeper with tiny green leaves and pink flowers. 1/4"H
- pseudolanuginosis* '**Woolly**' Mat forming plants with woolly, gray foliage. 1/4"H
- NEW!**-'**Reiter**' Fast growing, also one of the best varieties for foot traffic. Deep green leaves with lavender flowers. 3"H.
- serpyllum* varieties (Mother of Thyme) Bright green, hairy leaves. Low, spreading, creeping habit.
 - '**Elfin**' Lavender flowers. 2"H
 - '**Magic Carpet**' Carmine-pink flowers. 2"H
- vulgaris* (English) Rounded leaves and a semi-creeping habit. Classic culinary Thyme. 6-8"H **2.5" & 3" Pots**
 - '**Dot Wells French**' Aromatic, flavorful leaves, tiny pale pink flowers. Upright habit, 8-12"H.
 - '**Orange Balsam**' Upright habit with dark pink flowers. 10"H