

## **NEW VARIETIES FOR 1998**

Gardeners are looking for new plants every year. Here are new flowers and vegetables that are featured in 1998 mail order seed catalogs, seed packets or as bedding plants at garden centers. This is the second in a series.

Heliotrope arborescens 'Midnight & Twilight' are two new Heliotrope hybrids, Midnight and Twilight offer a vastly improved seed quality, in addition to improvements in uniformity and overall plant quality. 'Midnight,' the more compact of the two attains a height of only 10-12 inches while 'Twilight' reaches 14-16 inches.

Impatiens 'Cajun Series' have a unique habit which keeps them from becoming leggy in the garden, even in heat and humidity. They make beautiful hanging baskets and containers, holding their shape longer for the homeowner. New colors are Watermelon, a brilliant neon rose, and Salmon.

Impatiens 'Dazzler® Apricot Improved' produced an abundance of intensely colored, apricot orange blooms with slightly darker eyes. Excellent in the garden the compact, uniform plants flower freely until first frost.

Impatiens 'ShowStopperCherry' is a free-flowing, rich rose red variety with a branching habit. It provides superb performance in morning sun or partial shade all day long. Ideal for hanging baskets, pots and gardens.

Impatiens 'Super Elfin® Sunrise' is a unique new color combination for impatiens — the flowers have salmon orange centers with purple edges. Better branching and improved flower power give this impatiens high consumer appeal.

Impatiens 'Tempo Punch' has a warm scarlet/carmine flower that shines against its light green foliage. Plants are easy to grow and reach a garden height of 8 to 12 inches.

Impatiens Temp 'Watermelon' produces a large 1.5 to 2-inch flower that is a watermelon color with a soft cherry eye center. Plants are easy to grow and reach a garden height of 8 to 12 inches.

Impatiens 'Wild Blue Yonder' is a new species type with large lavender flowers and dark green, long narrow leaves that are reminiscent of rhododendrons or hellebores. Big, bold, shrub-like plants with succulent, thick stems grow 24-36" tall. Exotic look for shady gardens or containers.

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## Better Kid Care Workshop

SPRINGFIELD (Delaware Co.) — Training for child care providers will be offered in Delaware County on September 23 from 7-9 p.m. This workshop, sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, will provide two training credits toward maintaining licenses for child care providers. The workshop is open to any and all persons interested in quality child care and is the first of eight held throughout the current school year. For information on these workshops, call (610) 690-2655 and request a Better Kid Care brochure.

Music in our Ears is the title of the September workshop and will help child care providers recognize the importance of engaging in age-appropriate music movement activities, be able to choose these activities and integrate music, songs and movement activities throughout the school day. Also included are handouts that can be copied for parents addressing general child care topics and snack suggestions. The workshop will be held at the Delaware County Cooperative Extension office in Smedley Park, Springfield where linkage by satellite will connect the audience with the speakers at Penn State to allow interactive communications. Registration is required in advance by calling (610) 690-2655. A fee of \$5 can be sent to Delaware Cooperative Extension, Smedley Park, 20 Paper Mill Rd., Springfield, PA 19064-2705. Certificates of participation will be given at the close of the workshop.

