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# WATER LILIES

Pool Supplies

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# If Price As Well As Quality...

Is one of your condsiderations in supplying your water garden with beautiful plants, this catalogue will be invaluable to you.

Water gardening needs no further introduction to the American Public as it has each year become more firmly intrenched in the hearts of true garden lovers as being the focal point around which a truly beautiful garden is built.

While in years past the water garden has been a luxury available only to the rich, we have made it, in this catalogue, easily available to the purse of even the most moderate means.

In the face of a rising market we have kept our prices at the wholesale level by working with little or no overhead, by being content with mere compensation for services, rather than large profits, and lastly, by eliminating from our catalogue many of the non-essentials of the water garden, yet leaving it complete in every respect.

Should you have any questions concerning your water garden our Advisory Department will gladly consult with you.

We ship young healthy stock true to name and GUARANTEED to GROW. If any plant shipped by us fails to grow, we will replace it free of charge if the dormant root is returned to us before July 10th, 1936.

All plant collections will be shipped postpaid. Others, express collect unless ten percent of the order is included to cover mailing (for which extra plants will be included in the order).

# HINTS ON THE CULTURE OF WATER LILIES AND AQUATICS

Water Lilies are easier to grow than anything in the garden and far less trouble. They bear flowers in direct proportion to the amount of space and quality of soil used.

Aquatic plants do best in a good rich clay loam. Probably the best is that from a pasture or good garden. Mix well with one-third well rotted cow manure. Bone meal or

dried blood are also excellent — about one pound to 1½ cubic feet of soil.

After the soil is mixed, spread it over the bottom of the pool to the required depth, about 12". In the formal pool or where it is desired to keep the varieties separate, boxes or tubs may be used. Bear in mind always that the more and better soil make more and better flowers.

In planting it is safe to allow 4 to 6 square feet of pool surface for each lily. That

will allow plenty of room for other aquatic plants.

Water Lilies should be planted with the top root or bulb about even with the surface of the soil. Then cover with sand or gravel to keep the fish from disturbing the soil. From 4" to 12" of water above the crown will do, striking a medium is always best. Start the plant with shallow water increasing the depth as they grow larger and stronger. Plenty of sunlight is essential and will repay you in size and quality of blooms.

As you see there is no mystery about the successful culture of Water Lilies. Good soil, plenty of sunlight and from 4" to 12" of water above the crown, will make your gar-

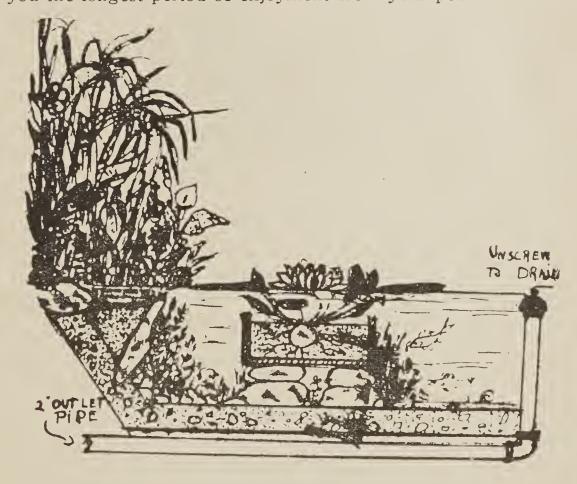
den as beautiful as any in the land.

Hardy Water Lilies do best when planted after the middle of April as at that time they start growing in their natural state.

Tropical or tender Water Lilies do best after warm weather is established, therefore

we ship strong, well grown plants after June 1st.

We are familiar with the proper time to plant in all sections of the country, and we never ship before it is time to plant in your section and we always ship in plenty of time to allow you the longest period of enjoyment from your pool.



#### ANNUAL OR TROPICAL WATER LILIES

Believing that the term "Tropical" frightens many people away from these, most gorgeous of all water flowers, we are terming them "Annuals" as they grow prolifically in the latitude of New York, Cleveland, and Chicago from June 1st until frost.

Experience has taught us that tropical lilies often become dormant if placed in the outside pool too early, so we start the bulbs for our customers in our greenhouses and ship healthy growing plants after June 1st. Plants in this class shipped earlier only at the specification and risk of the customer.

These annuals are by far the largest and most free blooming of water lilies, and it is only in them that the blue varieties may be found. Blooms are often twelve inches or more in diameter.

While we carry and produce many obscure varieties of interest to collectors, we are listing here only those lilies which experience has shown to be the most beautiful and successful with a minimum of care.

## ANNUAL OR TROPICAL WATER LILIES (Continued)

#### BLUE

BLUE BEAUTYProbably the most descriptive name of all — the clear intense blue
beauty of this old favorite, the enormous size of its extremely numerous blossoms make this the most popular of the Day Blooming Tropicals
whitaker gigantea. One of he largest flowered lilies for the show pond. Huge open lavender blue blooms over a foot in diameter merit this vigorous grower a place in the sun
AUGUST KOCH. No finer lily ever produced and it required the foremost authority on water lilies to do it. Purplish-lilac, palest wisteria violet and blue are just some of the shades embodied in this strong continuously flowering lily which also has the additional merit of reproducing itself on the surface of its leaves. Day Blooming
BLUE BIRD. One of the newest lilies with large flowers of deep blue. Viviparous, that is, the young plants growing from the center of the leaf
MRS. WOODROW WILSON. Cup shaped lavender-blue flowers, and one of the very free blooming type. It is viviparous and grows very readily
WILLIAM STONE. This is a very dark blue day blooming lily, nearly a violet purple. it opens early and rears its star-shaped flowers well out of the water. Very free Blooming



#### PURPLE

ROYAL PURPLE. A magnificant innovation with large blooms of midnight purple \$3.00 PANAMA PACIFIC. You would choose this lily for its reddish-purple blooms alone and then you would discover that it is also an exceptionally free blooming, strong grower of the viviparous type which bears young plants on the leaves \$1.00 JUPITER (Purple Zanzibar). Very large fragrant flowers, deep blue with purple tints; it rears its head a foot above the water and rewards delightfully when treated generously, although it is extremely adaptable to small space \$1.00

#### RED

#### PINK

MRS. C. W. WARD. One of the most pleasing of the pink Day blooming varieties. Profuse bloomer and vigorous grower \$1.00 CASTALIFLORA. Extremely large fragrant and a rare delightful pink bloom distinguish this beautiful flower which is one of the earliest bloomers \$1.50 GENERAL PERSHING. A large free flowering pink lily, one of the most popular varieties \$1.50 ZANZIBAR ROSEA. One of the most pleasing of the pink African lilies. Day blooming \$1.00

#### WHITE

## ANNUAL OR TROPICAL WATER LILIES (Continued)

#### STAR LILIES

STAR LILIES. These starry blossoms are produced in endless profusion all summer long. These strong vigorous plants very often produce well over one hundred blooms a season. Two or three planted in one pool will furnish cut flowers for the whole neighbor-The colors are varied; RED, STAR, BLUE STAR, ROSE STAR and PINK STAR ..... each \$1.00

#### NIGHT BLOOMING TROPICAL WATER LILIES

NIGHT Blooming Water Lilies were developed for those who have no time during the day to enjoy the restful beauty of the pool. Gorgeous color and charming appearance, enormous blooms larger than the average Day blooming Lily, make these Water Lilies unusually attractive, both day and night.



BISSET. Beautiful rose pink in color. Large cup shaped blooms from 8 to 10 inches in diameter and unusually free blooming justifies the favoritism shown this charming lily \$ .75 FRANK TRELEASE. The darkest rich crimson of the night blooming class. Very large blooms and a satisfying choice \$1.00 **DEVONSHIRE.** One of the most desirable, very free blooming, bright rosy pink flowers and one of the first of the hybrid lilies \_\_\_\_\_\_\$ .75

**JUNO.** The queen of the night, large pure white and dazzling, this Night blooming lily also remains open later in the morning than any of its class, assuring one always of a profusion of blossoms. Excellently adapted to the show pond for the evening. **\$1.00** 

Exquisitely variegated in color, rosy red tinged with white. One of the freest flowering lily of the night blooming type. \$ .75 RUBRA ROSEA. Large rosy carmine flowers which bloom freely at night make this lily a universal choice. \$ .75

#### PERENNIAL OR HARDY WATER LILIES

These lilies, as their name denotes, may be left in the pool all winter and with but part of the care devoted to other perenials in the garden, will produce dozens of blooms vear after year.

Just as the only blue shades are found among the Annual lilies, the only true yellows are in the ranks of the Perennials. Here too are found a large range of reds and delicate

Here again we are listing only the lilies which we have found to be most satisfactory to the water gardener.



RED

GLORIOSA. This glorious red lily remains unrivaled in beauty. It has all of the characteristics of an ideal lily. A most reliable hardy, it blooms constantly from May until Fall and responds with a lavish display of deep claret red blossoms. The flowers float upon the water and are ideal for cutting as they reopen daily for five or six days in succession. One root has been known to produce from one to two hundred blossoms during 



# -:- Pleasing Combinations Conveniently Arranged

Our collections provide a practical way to have a beautiful water garden. They are arranged to give you the most pleasing results with the least expense. In small pools, with small or medium growing varieties, it is safe to allow from 8 to 12 square feet for each water lily; those with leaf spread in bigger pools, 12 to 20 square feet.

For your guidance in selecting water lilies and other plants for the water garden, we give you the

following data as a guide:

Dimensions	Area	4	No. of Lilies	Other Plants
4' <b>x</b> 6' 6' x 8'	24 <b>sq.</b> ft. 48 sq. ft.	Ť.Ž	2 or 3 5 or 6	Small Collection Medium Collection
7' x 12' 10' x 15'	84 sq. ft. 150 sq. ft.	8	7 or 8 10 to 12	Double Collection Double Collection

#### HARDY WATER LILY COLLECTIONS

#### **FAVORITE TRIO, \$1.60** Collection No. 1

One of the favorite selections, for either pool or tub culture or massed planting in ponds and streams. HOPATCONG, White. W. B. SHAW, Pink. CHROMATELLA, Yellow.

#### MARLIAC TRIO, \$2.00 Collection No. 2

Three of the best of the Marliac type, a variety that is always pleasing. CHROMATELLA, Yellow. MARLIAC ROSE, Rose Pink. MARLIAC ALBIDA, White.

#### SUPERB TRIO, \$3.25 Collection No. 3

This superb trio makes a permanent foundation of beauty for the pool. JAMES BRYDEN, Red. SIOUX, Coppery-Bronze. CHROMATELLA, Yellow.

#### PREMIER TRIO, \$3.75 Collection No. 4

The premier trio will delight, with its habit of producing large quantities of beautiful blooms. GLORIOSA, Red. ALBIDA, White. CHROMATELLA, Yellow.

#### BOUQUET OF BEAUTY, \$5.00 Collection No. 5

This quintette of beautiful lilies will surely satisfy the most exacting requirements of quality, color and MORNING GLORY, Pink. BLUE BEAUTY, Blue (Tropical). e. CHROMATELLA, Yellow.

GLORIOSA, Red M GLADSTONE, White.

#### BLUE RIBBON COLLECTION, \$12.50 Collection No. 6

Each of these ten best hardies have been awarded blue ribbons. We can add no more. ATTRACTION, rich Garnet, changeable. COMANCHE, Copper-Crimson, Changeable. GLADSTONE, Pure White. PAUL HARIOT, Red, double flowers. CHROMATH MORNING GLORY, Pink, changeable. PINK OPAL, Rose Pink. GLORIOSA, ROSE AREY, Cerise-Pink. SUNRISE, Gorgeous Yellow. CHROMATELLA, Yellow. GLORIOSA, Red.

# TROPICAL WATER LILY COLLECTIONS

#### THREE SUN DODGERS, \$2.50 Collection No. 14

We offer three Night Blooming Tropical Lilies for those who cannot enjoy the pool during the day. PINK, WHITE, (Our Choice) and RED.

#### LIBERTY TRIO, \$2.50 Collection No. 15

This selection will certainly bloom well before the th of July and continue until frost.

RUBRA ROSEA, Red Night Bloomer. MRS. GEORGE PRING, White Day Bloomer. RUBRA ROSEA, Red Night Bloomer. BLUE BEAUTY, Blue Day Bloomer.

## MOONBEAM COLLECTION, \$4.50

Collection No. 16

This collection of the five finest Night Bloomers unsurpassed for evening affairs, parks, formal gardens, golf courses and country clubs.
BISSET, Rose Pink.

OMARANA, Variegated Pink. DEVONSHIRE, Red. JUNO, Queenly White. DEVO.

#### GIGANTIC TRIO, \$3.75 Collection No. 17

Each of these gorgeously beautiful lilies, when given proper space, produce blossoms of a foot or over GENERAL PERSHING, Waxen Pink. MRS. EDWARD WHITAKER, Lavender-Blue.

MRS. GEORGE PRING, Dazzling White.

#### SUN TO SUN COLLECTION, \$10.00 Collection No. 18

The 7 Best Tropical Water Lilies for All Purposes

These seven distinct types of Day and Night Blooming Tropical Water Lilies, with the wide color range of Blue, Pink, Lavender, White, Red and Purple, may be had either separately or as a collection. (Express

# MINIATURE POOL COLLECTION, \$3.00

Collection No. 7

For miniature pool or tub garden. 1 Lily, choice of pink, white, yellow or blue. 6 Aquatic plants, some floating and some to be planted in the pool. 6 Rock or perennial plants for margin or border.

1 pair of scavengers.

# ROCK PLANT COLLECTION

Collection No. 8 Six different rock plants for the border of your pool ....

#### **OXYGENATOR COLLECTION** Collection No. 9

Ten oxygenating plants for aquarium or pool. Postpaid ....

# All Collections on This Page Shipped Postpaid and Guaranteed







Beautiful Water Fern Included FREE With Every Order

# PERENNIAL OR HARDY WATER LILIES (Continued)

JAMES BRYDON. An exceptionally fine American variety with double crimson roblooms. Bronze-red foliage add to the handsome appearance of this lily	
conqueror. Very large bright red flowers, petals shaded with white on concapart and streaked with deep red on the convex part; stamens orange yellow. Most interesting variety.  \$1.	r
ATTRACTION. We know of no other lily that exhibits so many attractive qualities. I gorgeous, changeable red blooms are a never ending delight. This is one of the large lilies and opens a bright garnet red, deepening each day until it becomes a rich crimso Vigorous and very prolific, its variable shades make it one of the very best for a	ts on al
purposes BRONZE	H
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comanche. This is another of the lovely changeable varieties so much in demand. I first petals unfold a lustrous orange, blushing to copper-crimson as the days go by. The orange stamens offer a pleasing contrast to the darker petals. It lends itself charming to any color scheme. It lifts its head a trifle above the surface of the water, is mosprolific and rarely fails to give perfect satisfaction. A dependable and hard lily, equal desirable for either tub or pool. \$1.	ly ly st
SIOUX. Rich coppery-yellow flowers. Lanceolate petals, red bordered; deep yello stamens, green bronze leaves spotted with brown. Truly a marvelous display of color \$1.	
AURORA. This thrifty variety is also a changeable lily and especially good for tu culture. The blossom shows rosy-yellow petals the first day unfolding to a deep, lasting red on the third. Its stamens are a blending of orange-red accentuated with dashes brown	ala 18 od
<b>PAUL HARIOT.</b> Large magnificent flowers with the always desirable changeab feature. The bloom opens a light yellow, deepens on succeeding days to orange pink an coppery red. A strong plant with many blossoms. It presents a wonderful picture color evolution with its flowers of varying shades. <b>PINK</b>	le id
PINK OPAL. An alluring deep pink. Its dainty round petals form a shallow cup-shape blossom which lifts slightly above the water. It is outstanding as a dependable hard	lу
lily and an unrivaled pink.	
MORNING GLORY. So named because of its characteristic of opening in the early more its delicate pink petals, charmingly assembled, combined with it haunting fragrance an vigorous growth, make this lilly a favorite among pool enthusiasts. It observes an exceptionally long blooming period and is robust and very free flowering. \$1.60	ıd x-
MARLIAC ROSE. This beautiful fragrant blossom is one of the very best of the pin type. Shading from deep pink to blush rose at the tips of the petals. It is a very strongrower and one of the first to flower in the Spring	ık
ROSE AREY. Deep cerise pink. Very large flowers with pointed petals. Exceptions	al
w. B. SHAW. American variety. Large rosy pink flowers. Very fragrant. \$ .5	50
CHROMATELLA. By far the best yellow variety groun. Lovely canary yellow petal cupping deeper yellow stamens, with a background of beautiful blotched brown, maroo and glossy green leaves, make this a truly satisfying picture. A favorite of all and indispensable for pond or tub culture.	)11 S-
SUNRISE. This glorious yellow lily has so many attractive features that it is impossible to describe without superlatives. The largest hardy lily, it opens earliest of all. The petal	le
are a vivid yellow belying even its name. The stamens are a rich lemon-chrome. Leave deep green above and red flecked with dark brown underneath. Unusually beautiful and fragrant.	es ul
WHITE	J
GLADSTONE. This is the largest white lily. Its large pure dazzling white petals ar	·e
MARLIAC ALBIDA. A clear sating white lily vibrating with beauty and distracting fragrance. The stamens are ivory-yellow and the sepals slightly suffused with pink.	g A
ODORATA MINOR. One of the best whites for tub culture and useful for odd corner	7 <b>5</b> 18
HOPATCONG. This deep water lily is a native of America and is found in the south	1 -
west. It requires more space in the pool than the average lily and is therefore excellent for growing in ponds or used to beautify public parks or waterways. The flowers are large and pure white.	e
GONNERE. Large, very double and floriferous. Pure white flower with canary yellow	V

# PERENNIAL OR HARDY WATER LILIES (Continued) LOTUS

A plant of graceful oriental beauty. When used as a centerpiece or background it is most impressive.

AMERICAN LOTUS. The ivory-yellow flowers of this variety attain gigantic proportions tubers, each, \$ .90 EGYPTIAN LOTUS. Wonderfully attractive pink blossom. Quite hardy and a free

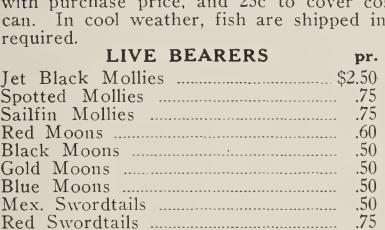
EGYPTIAN LOTUS. Wonderfully attractive pink blossom. Quite hardy and a free grower. An addition to any pool. Tubers, each, \$1.00 CHINESE LOTUS (Pekinensis Rubrum Plenum). Tremendous double-flowering red blooms, the king of the Lotus. Pot grown plants, will bloom sooner than tubers ....... \$3.00

#### TROPICAL FISHES

Not only for the aquarium in the home as an educational and interesting addition to the living room, but also in the lily pool are tropical fishes beautiful and interesting. There is no better way of insuring the absence of mosquitos from the pool than by making it the home of a few pairs of assorted tropical fishes, they will thrive and multiply during the summer months, living in luxury on mosquito larvae and other insects.

NOTE: Fish may only be shipped via Express Collect, as far as possible they are shipped in pairs, and we guarantee live delivery. All claims must be accompanied with Bad Order Report. Orders must be accompanied with purchase price, and 25c to cover cost of shipping can. In cool weather fish are shipped in thermos jugs.

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Siamese Fighting Fish

EGG LAYERS	pr.
Rosy Barb	.50
Dwarf Barb	.50
Zebra Fish	.40
Pearl Danio	.40
Flying Barb	.40
Silver Tetra	.40
Tetra von Rio	.75
Tetra von Buenos Aires	.60
Angel Fish	.75
Head and Tail Lite	.60
African Catfish	.60

# BUBBLE NEST BUILDERS pr.

Siamese Fighting Fish (Red, Blue,	
White and Green)	\$1.00
Dwarf Gourami	1.00
Blue Gourami	.75
Three Spot Gourami'	
Paradise Fish	
Albino Paradise	1.00

## MOSQUITO COLLECTION

#### **GOLDFISH**

Always the most colorful and showy in the outdoor pool, goldfish are still increasing in popularity. They are as efficient as the tropicals in keeping the pool free from mosquito larvae.

Goldfish are shipped **only express collect**. If less than 20 are ordered, 25c must be included in the order to cover the cost of the shipping can. If Young Giants, or more than 20 fish are ordered a \$5.00 deposit is required for a large shipping can, deposit to be returned upon receipt of the can **express prepaid** (expressage on empty cans is 20 cents from any point within the United States).

from any point within the omitted states).	
,	Japanese Fantails pr75 doz. 2.50
Selected Goldfish doz. 1.50 Comet Tails pr75 doz. 2.50	Calico Fantails
Shubunkin or Calico pr75 doz. 2.50	Black Moor Telescopes pr. 1.00

# AQUATIC AND BORDER PLANTS

Lilies alone cannot make a Water Garden, it is necessary to balance the picture with a few of the dozens of interesting and useful marsh, bog, and submerged plants, not only to protect and feed the fishes in your pool, but to shade it during the blazing hours of noon.



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Moneywort Cabomba

Water Hyacinth

#### MARSH AND BOG PLANTS

nbrella Palm	.25
llow or Blue Flag	.25
r. Sweet Flag	.25
r-Get-Me-Not	.25
yptian Papyrus	.25
een Taro	.25

Illustris Taro

Marsh Marigold	.25
SHALLOW WATER PLANTS	
Arrowhead	.25
Pickeral Rush	.25
Graceful Cattail	.25
Floating Heart	.25
Parrot Feather	.15
Water Nasturtium	.10
Water Poppy	.20
Wild Rice	.20
Common Cattail	.10
Purple Hyacinth	.35
Water Clover	.10
Moneywort	.10

## FLOATING PLANTS

Water Hyacillin	.10
Water Lettuce	.25
Water Snowflake	
Duckweed	.15
Riccia	.25
Salvinia	.20
Water Fern	.15
SUBMERGED PLANTS	
Anacharis	10
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# Ludwigia 10 Potomageton 10 Myriophyllum 10 Cabomba 10 Bucopa 15 Coontail 10 Vallisneria .03

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Spatterdock .....

One dozen different plants selected from the groups above, if ordered individually, these plants would value \$2.00. The perfect background for your lilies. \$1.10

NOTE: Any of the above plants may be ordered in trios at a cost of but  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times that of one plant.

# GAME FISH AND SPORTSMAN'S POOL SUPPLIES

A new departure in the aquatic products industry, the intrduction of Game Fish and accessories has leaped to instant popularity among sportsmen's clubs which heretofore have been at a loss to where to obtain fresh stock for their ponds and lakes.

We have special delivery equipment and will gladly work out any details with anyone giving us the location and size of the pond they wish to stock.

TENNESEE BREAM OR BRIM. A highly specialized variety of bluegill much meatier and more rapid growing than the common bluegill, price according to size

\$15.00 to \$30.00 per thousand

# GAME FISH AND SPORTSMAN'S POOL SUPPLIES (Continued)



## **SCAVENGERS**

No pool or aquarium is in balance without an adequate stock of scavengers to dispose of the waste material and turn it under the soil for the use of the plants.

Japanese Snails
Ramshorn Snails 6 for .25
Paper Shell Snails
Freshwater Clams 2 for .25
Tadpoles per doz35
Jumbo Tadpoles per doz. 50c
Green Frogs each .50
Jumbo Frogs each \$1.00
Newts 2 for .25
Baby Catfish each .35





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