2020 Price/availability adjustments:

E. grandiflorum ‘Lavender Lady’ (Cc. 950094) $18
E. grandiflorum E. grandiflorum ‘Lilafee’ (Cc. 910001) $15
E. grandiflorum ‘Sirius’ (Cc. 920024) $10
E. perralderianum (Cc. 980085) $15
E. ‘Anju’ (Cc. 050047) $12
E. ‘Beni Goromo’ (Cc. 050046) $12
E. ‘Tanima No Yuki’ (Cc. 050040) Not available
E. ‘Sasakii’ ‘Melody’ (Cc. 950230) Not available

2020 New Additions:

E. pauciflorum (Several clones/Cc. numbers) O ∞
Native to the parched regions of western Sichuan Province, this charming species is especially drought tolerant. Attractive small, glossy, rounded leaflets with and especially very spiny margins. Spreads by very thin 8-12” rhizomes. Best used as a very low (4-6” high) vigorous, evergreen groundcover. Produces 2 to 5 medium-sized, white-with-hints-of-lavender flowers on sporadic stems. $12

E. sempervirens ‘Creamsickle’ (Cc. 050060)
I have been growing several variegated forms of E. sempervirens, and have finally decided that this one is different enough to offer. The new spring growth surrounds its clean, white flowers a riot of deep pink and olive green swirls of color for several days during bloom. Later the leaves green up, holding onto traces of white variegation. Leaves are more limey-green in variegation than the other E. semp. 'Variegated #1' that we obtained in Japan, and have offered for years. $35

E. ‘Spish Splash’ (Cc. 150004)
This beauty is a 2013 Plant Delights Nursery introduction that is certainly worth of a place in the garden. The arrow-shaped spring leaflets are heavily mottled in rich mahogany during the cool spring weather. The dark green mottled foliage serves as a great background to show off the multitudes of clean white flowers. Up to 12” in bloom. Semi-evergreen. $22

E. ‘William Stearn’ (Cc. 150004)
A hybrid from Robin White of the former Blackthorn Nursery in Hampshire, England. As one of the earliest "red" flowering epimediums, it was named for the late William Stearn who wrote the monograph on Epimediums in 1938 (revised in 2002 by Timber Press). The arrow-shaped, semi-evergreen leaflets form a handsome clump, exhibiting reddish-brown mottling in the spring. Produces short, few-flowered stems of muddy red and yellow flowers. I have found it to be slow to establish in the garden. The foliage is its greatest asset, in my opinion. $35

Iris cristata ‘Little Jay’
A beautiful blue form of Iris cristata from Iris breeders Marty Shafer and Jan Sacks of Joe Pye Weeds Garden in Carlisle, MA. The blue and white crest saturates the flower with color. 4.5” tall in bloom. A vigorous spreader. $10

Lathyrus vernus ‘Albo-roseus’
Another tough, long-lived perennial native to Europe for either full sun or partial shade. It tolerates many situations and is a good foliage plant throughout the season. Showy racemes of bi-colored pink and white pea-like flowers in earliest spring, on neat clumps to 18”. Leaves pinnately compound. Easy to grow and long-lived. $15

Phlox stolonifera ‘Wister Pink’
This dusky pink form of this easy to grow native plant is not commonly available in the trade. The rounded leaves form a thick groundcover 2-3” high, above which the large flowers bloom in mid-May in Massachusetts. 6-8” tall in bloom. Spreads by 6-8” runners. Semi-evergreen. $12