

2020 Hillcrest Nursery Herb Descriptions

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| Arugula <i>Eruca vesicaria sativa</i> | a, fs | 10"-24" | Tangy, with a peppery flavor; used in salads |
| Arugula Wasabi <i>Eruca vesicaria 'Wasabi'</i> | a, fs/ps | 10"-24" | Flowers and leaves are edible and add a unique punch to salads and stir fries. Flavor is spicy and nutty. Does better in spring or fall when temperatures are cooler |
| Balm Lemon <i>Melissa officinalis</i> | p, fs, bf, dr | 12"-18" | Fresh, lemon flavor for soups, salads, sauces and teas |
| Basil African Blue <i>Ocimum x kilimandscharicum x basilicum</i> | a, fs, bf | 36"-48" | Purplish-green leaves, purple flower spikes |
| Basil Amethyst <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> | a, fs, bf | 16"-20" | Nice, thick, turned down leaves are almost black. The darkest purple basil |
| Basil Aroma <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> | a, fs, bf | 24"-36" | This genovese type has a heavenly fragrance and flavor. More disease resistant and less reluctant to go to flower than other varieties |
| Basil Cuban <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> | a, fs, bf | 24"-36" | Columnar shape, green leaves with a spicy aroma |
| Basil Genovese <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> | a, fs, bf | 24"-36" | The best for pesto! Dark green foliage |
| Basil Greek Columnar <i>Ocimum x citriodorum</i> | a, fs, bf | 24"-36" | Green leaves, narrow, upright habit. Sweet flavor, rarely flowers |
| Basil Holy <i>Ocimum tenuiflorum</i> | a, fs, bf | 12"-18" | Many cultures find this plant sacred, with many medicinal uses |
| Basil Lemon <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> | a, fs, bf | 24"-36" | Lemon-scented leaves are good in salads and teas. White flowers |
| Basil Mini Purple <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> | a, fs, bf | 8"-9" | Compact, purple leaves with spicy flavor |
| Basil Pesto Perpetuo <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> | a, fs, bf | 24"-48" | Greek Columnar basil, upright with light green leaves edged creamy white. Rarely flowers |
| Basil Sweet <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> | a, fs, bf | 24"-36" | Fragrant, green leaves. Most popular variety of basil |
| Basil Thai 'Siam Queen' <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> | a, fs, bf | 18"-24" | Anise flavor basil. Culinary use in Asian & Thai dishes |
| Catmint <i>Nepeta faassenii 'Blue Wonder'</i> | p, fs, dr, Zones 3-8 | 12"-15" | Highly aromatic blue violet flowers May-September. Grey green leaves form into a compact spreading clump. Good for borders or herb gardens |
| Catnip <i>Nepeta cataria</i> | p, fs, bf, dr | 24"-36" | Leaves can be used in tea. Intoxicating effect on cats |
| Chamomile German <i>Matricaria recutita</i> | a, fs, bf, dr | 18"24" | Daisy flowers are dried and used for tea |
| Chives <i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> | p, fs, bf, dr | 8"-12" | Onion flavored leaves, culinary use |
| Cilantro <i>Coriandrum sativum</i> | a, fs | 12"-18" | Leaves are used to flavor Mexican dishes, salads, soups, and beans |
| Coriander Vietnamese <i>Persicaria odorata</i> | tp, fs | 12"-18" | Cilantro-flavored leaves are used in salads and to flavor meats |
| Curry <i>Helichrysum italicum</i> | tp, fs | 24"-48" | Silver leaves are used to flavor rice, vegetables, and eggs |
| Dill <i>Anethum graveolens</i> | b, fs, dr | 24"-36" | Ferny leaves flavor potatoes, eggs, fish and seafood, seeds are used in pickles |
| Echinacea <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> | p, fs, bf | 24"-48" | Purple flowers in summer. Medicinal use. Seed pods are favored by goldfinches. |
| Fennel Bronze <i>Foeniculum vulgare 'Rubrum'</i> | p, fs, bf | 36"-48" | Anise-flavored, feathery, bronze leaves |
| Germander Upright <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> | p, fs, dr | 12"-24" | Glossy foliage with lavender flowers, nice in a knot garden |
| Hyssop Blue Flower <i>Hyssopus officinalis</i> | p, fs, bf | 18"-36" | Blue-flowered variety used in soups, salads and meat dishes |
| Lavender Bridget Chloe <i>Lavandula x intermedia</i> | p, fs, bf | 10"-12" | Cloned from <i>Lavandula 'Provence'</i> . Hardy in hot, humid environment. Long-lasting aromatic dried flower buds. |
| Lavender Dutch <i>Lavandula x intermedia</i> | p, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zone 5 | 24"-36" | Blue-violet flowers above large, gray leaves |
| Lavender Fern Leaf <i>Lavandula multifida</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zone 8 | 24"-36" | Blue-violet flowers and feathery, grayish-green leaves |
| Lavender Fringed French <i>Lavandula dentata</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr | 24" | Green leaves with serrated edges and purple flowers |

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| Lavender Goodwin Creek Lavandula heterophylla | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr | 24" | Silvery foliage with lavender-blue flowers. Not hardy below 20 degrees |
| Lavender Grosso (Fat Spike) Lavandula x intermedia | p, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zone 5 | 36"-48" | Large, violet-blue flowers atop grayish-green foliage |
| Lavender Hidcote Lavandula angustifolia | p, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zone 5 | 18"-24" | Gray-green leaves, violet flowers |
| Lavender Munstead Lavandula angustifolia | p, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zone 5 | 18"-24" | Green foliage and lavender-blue flowers |
| Lavender Provence Lavandula x intermedia | p, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zone 5 | 24"-36" | Grayish-green leaves, dark violet, edible flowers |
| Lavender Provence White Lavandula x intermedia | p, fs, bf, hb, dr | 24"-36" | White flowering 'Provence' |
| Lavender Sweet Lavandula heterophylla | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr | 36"-48" | Green, notched leaves with purple flowers |
| Lavender Vera Lavandula angustifolia | p, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 5-9 | 36"-48" | Heirloom English Lavender known for its sweetly fragrant oil, dark lavender-blue flowers and compact habit. 15"-20" flower stems |
| Marjoram Golden 'Aureum' Origanum majorana | tp, fs, bf, dr | 6"-8" | Small, yellow, puckered leaves and creeping habit, highly ornamental; not much aroma |
| Marjoram Sweet Origanum majorana | tp, fs, bf, dr | 18"-24" | Green leaves on an upright form. Used in sauces, soups and meat dishes |
| Marigold Mexican Mint Tagetes lucida | a, fs | 24"-36" | Yellow flowers above green leaves. May be used as a substitute for Tarragon |
| Mint Berries and Cream Mentha x Berries and Cream | p, fs/ps,bf,hb,dr | 14"-16" | Semi-upright with dark green foliage. Unique flavor and aroma |
| Mint Corsican Mentha requienii | tp, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | > .5" | Pungent, round leaves form a dense mat, nice between flagstones, used to flavor liqueurs |
| Mint Double Mentha peperita spicata | p, fs/ps,bf, hb,dr | 12"-24" | Large leaf, nice flavors of both spearmint & peppermint. Lavender flower. Culinary |
| Mint Emerald and Gold Mentha x gracilis 'Variegata' | p, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | 12"-24" | Green and gold, variegated leaves in cool temperatures. Used to flavor melon, tomatoes, fruit salads and teas |
| Mint Julep Mentha spicata | p, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | 12"-24" | Green, spearmint-flavored leaves are used in drinks |
| Mint Mojito Mentha x villosa | p, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | 8"-10" | Leaves are bright and dark green. Originally from Cuba. Classically known as the official mint for the mojito beverage. |
| Mint Orange Mentha x piperita | p, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | 12"-24" | Green leaves tinged with purple are used in teas, salads and iced drinks |
| Mint Pennyroyal Mentha pulegium | p, ps, bf, hb, dr | 6"-8" | Low growing leaves have culinary and medicinal use, essential oils used in aromatherapy. Insect repellent |
| Mint Peppermint Mentha x piperita | p, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | 18"-24" | Purple-tinged leaves, creeping habit. Used in teas and iced drinks |
| Mint Peppermint Chocolate Mentha x piperita 'Chocolate' | p, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | 18"-24" | Purplish-green stems, peppermint-patty aroma and flavor. Used in teas and iced drinks |
| Mint Peppermint Variegated Mentha x piperita 'Variegata' | p, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | 18"-24" | Dark green leaves with cream variegation. Used in teas, iced drinks and salads |
| Mint Pineapple Mentha suaveolens 'Variegata' | p, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | 12"-24" | Green leaves have cream-colored variegation and a fruity fragrance. Used in mint sauces, teas, iced drinks and salads |
| Mint Spearmint Mentha spicata | p, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | 24"-36" | Green leaves are used in mint sauce, teas, iced drinks and salads |
| Mint Spearmint Kentucky Colonel Mentha spicata | p, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | 24"-36" | Not as aggressive a grower as Spearmint. Used to flavor drinks, salads and sauces |
| Oregano Italian Origanum x majoricum | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr | 18"-24" | All-purpose Oregano, green leaves |
| Oregano Golden 'Aureum' Origanum vulgare | p, fs, bf, hb, dr | 6"-12" | Bright yellow leaves, spreading habit. Used in Italian, Greek and Mexican cooking |
| Oregano Greek Mountain Origanum ssp. Hirtum | p, fs, bf, hb, dr | 12"-24" | Green leaves are used in Italian, Greek and Mexican cooking |

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| Oregano Hot & Spicy <i>Origanum vulgare</i> | p, fs, bf, hb, dr | 6"-12" | Green foliage is spicier than Italian Oregano. Used in salsa and chili dishes |
| Oregano Kent Beauty <i>Origanum rotundifolium</i> | tp, fs/ps, bf, hb, dr | 6"-24" | Forms a low trailing mound of powdery blue-green foliage. Summer through fall it bears drooping heads of hop-like flowers |
| Oregano Mexican Poliomintha <i>Poliomentha longiflora</i> | tp, fs | 18"-24" | Tiny, bright green leaves with pink, tubular flowers. Oregano flavor and aroma |
| Parsley Curly <i>Petroselinum crispum</i> | b, fs | 8"-12" | Curly leaves are used in salads and many dishes; often used as a garnish |
| Parsley Plain <i>Petroselinum neapolitanum</i> | b, fs | 12"-24" | Dark green leaves with flat segments, strong flavor. Used to flavor sauces, butter, and assorted dishes |
| Patchouli <i>Pogostemon cablin</i> | a, fs | 24"-36" | Large leaves are valued for their fragrance. Used in potpourri, oils and incense |
| Rosemary Arp <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | p, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 24"-36" | Very hardy, to about minus 10 degrees with protection. Gray-green leaves and light-blue flowers. Found at Arp, Texas |
| Rosemary Barbeque <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 48"-60" | Light green leaves with nice aroma. Gets its name because the plant stem can be used as a kabob and it flavors your food while it's grilling |
| Rosemary Blue Rain <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 6"-8" | Long runners with long flowering- light blue flowers. Good prostrate variety for hanging baskets, container gardening. In warm climates will spill down over walls |
| Rosemary Foresteri <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 36"-48" | Dark green leaves with blue flowers, upright shrub form |
| Rosemary Foxtail <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 36"-48" | Foliage grows with a plum-like habit. Pale blue flowers early to mid-summer. Culinary, 1"-3" in height, then branches |
| Rosemary Gorizia <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr | 48"-60" | Large, green leaves on sturdy stems, blue flowers. Named after Gorizia, Italy. Hardy to 15 degrees |
| Rosemary Hill Hardy <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | p, fs, bf, hb, dr | 36"-40" | Fragrant, needlelike leaves and blue flowers. Survives temperatures down to 0 degrees |
| Rosemary Irene <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 6"-12" | Fine-needled, prostrate variety. Good aroma and flavor. Trailing habit looks great in baskets or pots, or cascading over a wall |
| Rosemary Lockwood de Forest <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 12"-24" | Dark, shiny foliage, blue flowers, mounding/trailing habit. Looks good in window boxes |
| Rosemary Mrs. Howard's Creeping <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 12"-24" | Very fragrant, wide, green foliage. Small, blue flowers, with cascading form. Fast grower. |
| Rosemary officinalis Upright <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 24"-36" | Dense, multi-stemmed, lavender flowers at the ends of the stem in early spring. Culinary |
| Rosemary Prostrate <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> 'Prostratus' | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 8"-12" | Trailing form looks nice as a ground cover or in baskets |
| Rosemary Salem <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | p, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 36"-48" | Dark green foliage with purple flowers. Upright growth habit |
| Rosemary Shady Acres <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 24"-36" | Dark green leaves and strong upright growth. Deep blue flowers |
| Rosemary Spice Island <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 24"-36" | Broad, green leaves, blue flowers. Upright habit |
| Rosemary Tuscan Blue <i>Rosmarianus officinalis</i> | tp, fs, bf, hb, dr, Zones 8-10 | 36"-60" | Glossy leaves, dark blue flowers, strong upright habit |
| Sage Berggarten <i>Salvia officinalis</i> | p,fs,bf,hb,dr | 18" | Large, rounded, bluish-gray foliage. Used to flavor meat, soups and teas |
| Sage Dwarf <i>Salvia officinalis</i> 'Nana' | p,fs,bf,hb,dr | 8"-12" | Small, green leaves, compact form. Used to flavor meat, soups and teas |
| Sage Golden Variegated <i>Salvia officinalis</i> 'Icterina' | p,fs,bf,hb,dr | 18" | Yellow-and-green, variegated leaves. Used to flavor meat, soups and teas |
| Sage Grower's Friend <i>Salvia officinalis</i> | p,fs,bf,hb,dr | 18"-32" | Green foliage, rarely blooms. Flavors meat and soups |
| Sage Pineapple <i>Salvia elegans</i> | tp ,fs,bf,hb,dr | 36"-60" | Light green leaves are pineapple-scented. Used in cold drinks or fruit salads. Showy, red flowers |
| Sage Purple <i>Salvia officinalis</i> 'Purpurascens' | p,fs,bf,hb,dr | 18"-24" | Purple-gray foliage. Used to flavor meat and soups |
| Sage Tricolor <i>Salvia officinalis</i> | p,fs,bf,hb,dr | 15"-18" | Irregular pink and ivory variegation |

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| Santolina Gray Chamaecyparissus 'Gray' | p,fs,dr | 24" | Silver-gray, highly aromatic foliage; yellow flowers. Ornamental; nice in knot gardens |
| Savory Winter Satureja montana | p,fs,bf,dr | 15" | Fragrant, green foliage is used to flavor beans, meats and marinades. White flowers |
| Savory Winter Dwarf Satureja 'nana' | p,fs,bf,dr | 6"-12" | Dwarf version of Winter Savory with the same uses |
| Sorrel French Rumex acetosa | p,fs,ps | 36" | Long, tangy flavored leaves are used in soups and salads. Grows in moist soil. Keep trimmed for better flavor |
| Sorrel Red Veined Rumex sanguineus | p,fs,ps | 1'-3' | Contrasting dark maroon veins add color and taste to salad mix. Same sharp, tangy flavor as regular sorrel |
| Stevia Rebaudiana | tp,fs | 24" | Green leaves, white flowers. Used as a sugar substitute |
| Tarragon French Artemisia dracunculus | p,fs,dr | 36" | Narrow, green leaves have a licorice aroma. Used in salad dressing, egg dishes, sauces, and to flavor meat dishes |
| Thyme Archers Gold Thymus citriodorus | p,fs,bf,dr | 6"-9" | Bright yellow leaves that do not fade, pale purple flowers. Good for walkways |
| Thyme Cascata Lemonade Thymus citriodorus | p,fs | 4"-6" | Wonderful lemonade scent, perfect for beverages. Great for use in hanging baskets. |
| Thyme Doone Valley Thymus citriodorus | p,fs,bf,dr | 4"-5" | Dark green leaves with splashes of yellow in cool weather. Mauve-pink flowers, ornamental |
| Thyme English Thymus vulgaris | p,fs,bf,dr | 6"-12" | Green leaves flavor fish, meat, soups and vegetables. Light mauve flowers |
| Thyme English Wedgewood Thymus vulgaris | p,fs,bf,dr | 12" | Fragrant, dark green leaves have light-green markings. Light lavender flowers. Culinary |
| Thyme Foxley Thymus pulegioides | p,fs,bf,dr, Zone 5-9 | 8" | Shiny broad, dark green/off-white irregularly variegated leaves. 8". Prostrate, vining growth. Culinary, deer resistant |
| Thyme French Thymus vulgaris | p,fs,bf,dr | 12" | Narrow, grayish-green foliage with lavender flowers. Use with vegetables, poultry and seafood. Upright habit |
| Thyme Golden Variegated Thymus aureus | p,fs,bf,dr | 12" | Green and golden leaves have lemon-scented foliage. Culinary and ornamental uses |
| Thyme Hi Ho Silver Thymus argentea | p,fs,bf,dr | 8"-12" | Silver-and-white variegation. Good flavor, very ornamental |
| Thyme Lavender Thymus thracicus | p,fs,bf,dr | 3"-6" | Dark, green leaves have lavender fragrance. Lavender-purple flowers. Used to flavor meats, vegetables, and rice |
| Thyme Lemon Thymus citriodorus | p,fs,bf,dr | 10"-12" | Green leaves with lemony fragrance are used to flavor fish, chicken and vegetables |
| Thyme Lime Golden Thymus citriodorus | p,fs,bf,dr | 6"-12" | Gold foliage has lime fragrance. Tiny, light-pink flowers. Used to flavor seafood, |
| Thyme Lime Green Thymus citriodorus | p,fs,bf,dr | 6"-12" | Green foliage with white flowers. Lime fragrance and flavor; used with seafood, chicken and sauces |
| Thyme Mother of Thymus serpyllum | p,fs,bf,dr | 1"-3" | Ornamental variety; pink to purple flowers on green leaves |
| Thyme Mother of Red Thymus coccineus | p,fs,bf,dr | 1"-3" | Bright magenta flowers |
| Thyme Pink Chintz Thymus serpyllum | p,fs,bf,dr | .5"-3" | Grayish, hairy leaves and flesh-pink flowers |
| Thyme Silver Edge Thymus argenteus | p,fs,bf,dr | 6"-12" | Variegated silver and green leaves are very ornamental. Fragrant leaves are used to flavor meat, fish, salads and sauces |
| Thyme Silver Edge Lemon Thymus citriodorus | p,fs,bf, dr | 8" | Variegated foliage has lemon scent and flavor. Used to flavor fish, chicken and vegetables, |
| Thyme Transparent Yellow Thymus vulgaris | p,fs,bf,dr | 3" | Chartreuse foliage is used for culinary and ornamental purposes |
| Thyme White Flower Thymus albus | p,fs,bf,dr | 1" | Tiny, white flowers over mats of green foliage |
| Thyme Woolly Thymus pseudolanuginosus | p,fs,bf,dr | 1"-3" | Woolly leaves and pink flowers |
| Verbena Lemon Aloysia triphylla | tp,fs | 3'-6' | Lemon-scented leaves are used in teas and to flavor cold drinks, fish, poultry, salads and salad dressings |

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