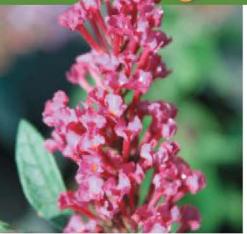
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New colors for 2011

Pacific Plug and Liner introduces three additional colors — blue violet, ivory and magenta purple — for its Buddleia Buzz series, a group of compact plants ideal for patio containers and smaller gardens. Buzz will reach a height of 24 to 36 in., yet offers butterfly- and bird-attracting blooms the size of a much larger plant. Once established, it is also drought-tolerant. Hardy to USDA Zone 5, Buzz grows quickly in warm weather. PPandL.net

From A to Zinnia

Color-filled Zahara from Ball love the heat and feature 20% larger flowers than other zinnias. They're disease-tolerant and need little watering, according to the company. Tolerant of sunny, hot and dry conditions, Zahara is available in rose, yellow, scarlet and a mixture (pictured). BallLandscape.com



Versatile viola

With a blooming season of fall to spring, summer in mild climates, **Sakata**'s Rebelina can be used in winter baskets, patio containers and in the landscape. Featuring 1.25-in. flowers, Rebelina's many blooms offer a sweet, strong fragrance. Color options include blue and yellow, golden yellow (pictured), red and yellow, and purple and yellow. **Sakata.com**

Award winner

Goldsmith's *Dianthus Barbatus* 'Diabunda' is uniform in habit and timing, offering full, branched blossoms. Its six colors include pink pearl, purple, red, red picotee, rose and purple picotee, which was the recipient of the 2009 Fleuroselect Industry Award. GoldsmithSeeds.com





Blooms ablaze

Park Seed's Chantilly Deep Orange offers a new color for the snapdragon family, as well as the new "butterfly" form — with open-mouthed flowers crowding along 4- to 4.5-in. stalks. Classified as an intermediate snap, this new variety reaches 36 to 40 in. high in bloom and spreads 12 to 18 in. wide. The blooms cluster tightly in spring and fall (and often through summer, in cool climates). ParkSeed.com

Vine divine

Garden Splendor's Clematis 'Crystal Fountain' begins flowering in late spring or early summer and continues into summer. Another strong burst occurs in late summer and autumn. With its multitude of double flowers and heights of up to 6 ft., it can be trained on archways, pergolas, arbors, trellises or even fences.

Garden-Splendor.com



Compact shrub

New from Proven Winners, Soft Serve is a compact, conical false cypress with soft fern-like branches. The leaves are bright green on top and flecked with silver-blue on the underside. Use in shrub borders, hedges, specimen, perennial borders and containers. Soft Serve requires no to low pruning, and prefers moist, loamy, well-drained, lime-free soils.

PWCertified.com

Formal foliage

'Tuxedo' from Anthony Tesselaar Plants is the firstever black-foliaged ceanothus, or native California lilac. It made its U.S. debut in California in 2009, and is now available nationwide. Powder-blue flowers provide contrast against glossy, deep purple-black foliage in a fall-blooming shrub that grows to 8 ft. high by 6 ft. wide. Tuxedo is also drought-tolerant, and able to thrive on windy slopes and in coastal conditions. Tesselaar.com



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