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## free newsletter

Don't let a week go by! We have so much terrific gardening information it won't all fit in the magazine. Go to [gardeningclub.com](http://gardeningclub.com) and sign up for the free Extra Dirt newsletter.



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**'Supreme Cantaloupe' coneflower**

light: Full sun • height: 24 to 30 inches  
width: 12 to 15 inches • zones: 4 to 9



**'Sea Heart' brunnera**

light: Part sun to full shade • height: 6 to 12 inches  
width: 12 to 24 inches • zones: 4 to 8



**'Rain Dance' big bluestem**

light: Full sun • height: 6 feet  
width: 3 to 4 feet • zones: 3 to 9

**'Supreme Cantaloupe' coneflower**

If you love echinacea and want to add a head-turner to your gardens, you can't beat 'Supreme Cantaloupe' from **Terra Nova Nurseries** and **Blooms of Bressingham**. One of three varieties in the Supreme echinacea series, this new introduction boasts anemone-type blooms the color of ripe cantaloupe. Compact, drought-resistant and attractive to butterflies, this variety is sure to please.

**Blooms of Bressingham**,  
[bloomsafbressinghamplants.com](http://bloomsafbressinghamplants.com)

**Terra Nova Nurseries**, [terranovanurseries.com](http://terranovanurseries.com)

**'Sea Heart' brunnera**

Brunnera typically turns heads in shade gardens until hot weather causes it to fade. Not so with 'Sea Heart' (*Brunnera macrophylla*), a new introduction from **Plants Nouveau** and **Skagit Gardens**. 'Sea Heart', widely available for the first time in 2014, keeps its shape and color in summer heat. Heart-shaped green leaves are accented with bright silver veins. Delicate blue blooms appear in spring.

**Plants Nouveau**, [plantsnouveaux.com](http://plantsnouveaux.com)  
**Skagit Gardens**, [www.skagitgardens.com](http://www.skagitgardens.com)

**'Rain Dance' big bluestem**

This new big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*) from **Santa Rosa Gardens** gives ornamental grass-lovers, even in cold climates, a spectacular new option that packs a pretty punch. Dark green, red-tipped foliage turns purple in late summer and bright red in fall for an outstanding end-of-season show. Small red flowers that form on the red stems make this cultivar even more interesting. Plant it near gold foliage plants for added drama!

**Santa Rosa Gardens**, [santarosagardens.com](http://santarosagardens.com)