

## Recommended Peonies by Group

**Herbaceous Hybrids.** These are herbaceous peonies which have more than one species in their ancestry. Typically stems carry one bloom, but sometimes more. Colors tend to be purer and more vibrant than in Lactiflora Group cultivars. Plant habits, especially on many newly introduced cultivars are superior for landscape purposes. Some hybrids begin to go dormant earlier in the season. New cultivars may be difficult to source and/or are expensive.

Old Faithful	Joker	Etched Salmon
Blushing Princess	Eliza Lundy	America
Red Charm	Tranquil Dove	Dreamtime
Coral Sunset	Buckeye Belle	Athena
May Lilac	Rozella	Carnation Bouquet

**Lactiflora Group.** These are the common garden peonies descended from the Chinese herbaceous peonies. There are more cultivars of these than in any other group. Multiple blooms per stem almost always occur with plants in this group. As a group, they are latest to bloom. Many cultivars are commonly available, but many may not be suitable for landscape purposes. Those listed below are examples which have good landscape characteristics.

Sword Dance	White Cap	Minnie Shaylor
Addie Tischler	Lancaster Imp	Gay Paree
Mother's Choice	Gardenia	Jan van Leeuwen
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt	Nice Gal	Touch of Class
Pietertje Vriend Wagenaar	Mercedes	Cora Stubbs

**Herbaceous Species & Rock Garden.** Examples may be species selections from wild populations, those grown in the garden and small hybrids. Plants are generally small and early blooming. All require excellent drainage. Plants in this group may be difficult to find sources for. \* Suitable for light shade gardens.

<i>Paeonia tenuifolia</i> & variants	* <i>Paeonia anomala</i> subsp. <i>veitchii</i>	* <i>Paeonia daurica</i> subsp. <i>mlokosewitschii</i>
Fairy Princess	Little Red Gem	Royal Tot
Little Rhyme	Little Corporal	Fairy Princess

**Lutea Hybrids** (woody peony). These are woody peony (tree peony) cultivars produced through crossings between two subsections of woody peonies. Stems are less hardy than other woodies, but often bloom upon new growth. Colors are widely variable including yellows, near orange, red, pink, lavender and numerous blends and patterns. **Sourcing may be difficult** and prices are higher than for other peonies.

Theresa Ann	Leda	Hephestos
Iphigenia	Theia	Pan
Tria	Vesuvian	Wisteria Reflections
Manchurian Promise	Perfection	Age of Gold

**Suffruticosa Group** (woody peony). The group includes the traditional Chinese and Japanese woody peonies (tree peonies). Hardy plants, but may be more susceptible to disease. Large ornate/elegant flowers. Sourcing may be difficult and prices are higher than for other peonies.

Brocaded Gown	Companion of Serenity	Godaisho
Hana Kiso	Toichi Ruby	Taiyo
Shima Nishiki	Kamata Fuji	Yukitoro

**Suffruticosa/Rockii Influence Group** (woody peony). Often included in the Suffruticosa Group which have similar characteristics and are closely related genetically. Rockii Group cultivars tend to be larger, cold hardier plants. Almost all cultivars possess dark basal flower flares. Sourcing may be difficult and prices are higher than for other peonies.

Angel Choir	Angel Emily	Baron Thyssen Bornimezsa
Rock's Variety	Dojean	Xue Hai Bing Xin
Capt'n Kate	Murad of Hershey Bar	Amethyst Bunting

**Intersectional (Itoh).** Itoh Group peonies are hybrids having Lactiflora Group peonies as a seed parent and Lutea Hybrid Group peonies as a pollen parent. Features of most of these to date are woody peony-like foliage and flowers, with herbaceous plant habit.

Bartzella	Hillary	Garden Treasure
First Arrival	Pastel Splendor	Sonoma Yedo
Sonoma Halo	Julia Rose	Lemon Dream
Love Affair	Magical Mystery Tour	Unique

There are many other options within each group and research will reveal more possibilities. Use the American Peony Society's Peony Registry for further information at: <https://americanpeonysociety.org/cultivars/peony-registry/>.