



Figure 8. Cover of California Jungle Gardens catalog. This catalog listed 123 different bromeliads for sale over 6 pages.

VRIESIA CARINATA HYBRID MARIE. The "Pointed Feather." The feather is the flat, red and chartreuse spike that extends on its slender "quill" from the heart of a shiny, green rosette. This plant remains in color for many months, and is perfect for the modern house, whether at a bright window or on a large coffee table. \$5.00

VRIESIA CONFERTA. A fine European hybrid. A large-growing, green leaved plant producing a tall, wide, and flat red spike. \$7.50

VRIESIA ENSIFORMIS. We think this an especially nice species because we like red. The plant maintains a nice balance between size of the rosette and size of the flattened spike. The green leaves take on a very light suffusion of red—the spike bracts a bright red—the flowers a showy yellow. There is a parrot-like gaiety to the plant. \$5.00

VRIESIA FAVORITA. A large green rosette producing on a slender stem a large wine-red flat spike that makes a nice contrast with the yellow flowers. \$6.00

VRIESIA GEMMA. Gem-like. An attractive small edition of *Vriesia x Mariae*. \$3.50

VRIESIA GLUTINOSA. The strap-shaped leaves are numerous, crowding together to form a dense, compact, dark green rosette. From Paraguay, and probably resistant to frost. \$7.50

VRIESIA GUTTATA. A vigorous novelty, suckering so freely that a single plant soon becomes a mass of rosettes, each about seven inches in diameter. The olive green leaves are peppered with round, brown spots. \$2.50

VRIESIA INFLATA. The leaves are tinted a soft gray purple and the plant gives a most delicate effect. The spike is bright and curved-inflated, as name suggests. \$4.00

VRIESIA KITTELIANA. This interesting *Vriesia* is spotted with wine-red on olive-green leaves. This species does not resemble any other *Vriesia* that we have seen and, according to Mez., is a cross of *V. BARILLETII* X *SAUNDERSII*. \$4.00

VRIESIA MAGNIFICA. The Goldfish *Vriesia*. From the nice green rosette emerges an inflated spike that grows more or less horizontally and has the shape and color of a fat Japanese goldfish. \$5.00

VRIESIA POELMANNII VAR. RAMIFIEE. An extremely interesting European importation. The tall forked spike is a very deep, burgundy red, in vivid contrast to the clear yellow, tubular flowers. This plant is reputedly hardy in the open on the French Riviera. To cross this novelty with other non-branching *Vriesias* should be a challenge to bromeliad lovers. \$7.50

VRIESIA POLONIA. A notable European hybrid. A rather small, light green rosette of leaves which produces a many branched, bright crimson floral structure. \$7.50

VRIESIA REGINAE. This is a giant among the genus. Until the plant is very large, many small plantlets almost detach themselves from the base of the trunk. \$10.00

VRIESIA RECURVATA. A medium size rosette of green leaves. The spike holds a curve as it drops, and, with the floral bracts, is crimson. A very beautiful and novel form. \$5.00



Vriesia carinata hybrid Marie

VRIESIA HIEROGLYPHICA. A must in every bromeliad collection. This plant is a magnificent example of symmetrical form and design. The species name refers to the attractive hieroglyph markings in purplish-black on the broad green leaves. \$5.00

Figure 9. Page 8 of the California Jungles Gardens catalog, listing some of the *Vriesia* species and hybrids available for purchase. The descriptions, although short, provided invaluable information to the early bromeliad growers in this country.