

GIRIDLIAN'S BILLBERGIA BROMELIAD CATALOG ENTRIES 1946 to 1960

(L = Listed & described)

Item	Description (from 1946 or whenever first introduced)	1946	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1960
Amoena	<i>A dwarf variety with brilliant orange-scarlet bracts. Flowers green edged deep blue. This variety will flower throughout the Summer on well-established plants.</i>	L	L	L	L	L	See Buchholtzi No. 1		
Amoena x Saundersi	<i>A new hybrid combining the brilliant color of Amoena with the attractive foliage of Saundersi. May bloom at any time.</i>				L	L	L	L	
Amoena x Rubro-Cyanea	<i>A new hybrid combining the brilliant flower of Amoena with the attractive foliage of Rubro-Cyanea. May bloom at any time of the year.</i>	L	L	L					
Burkholtzi	<i>Tall, light green foliage. Rose bracts and lavender flowers. Rare.</i>		L	L	L	L	See Buchholtzi No. 2		
Buchholtzi No. 1	<i>This is the species that we have been listing as B. amoena, but it has been identified as a variety of B. Buchholtzi. It is a dwarf variety with brilliant orange-scarlet bracts and deep blue flowers. It flowers several times a year when well established.</i>						L	L	L
Buchholtzi No. 2	<i>Description as 'Burkholtzi'</i>						L	L	
Buchholtzi No. 3	<i>This has very attractive leaves of huge size, deep green with bronzy shadings and barred transversely with gray. It becomes purplish in the sun. The flowers are violet with pink bracts.</i>						L	L	L
Calophylla	<i>(Red, White and Blue). Foliage wide, bronzy green and heavily barred transversely with gray. Flower bracts are blood-red and the flowers dark blue. Seems to be always in bloom. A grand house plant.</i>	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Distachia	<i>Foliage heavily spotted cream. The tall flower spikes appear very early in the Spring. Bracts rose-pink, flowers green and blue.</i>	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Elegans	<i>Urn shaped foliage of attractive appearance and silver-green color. This species is different from all others in that, the flowers are produced from the axils of the bracts rather than terminally. The flower is long, pendant and delightfully different, green and the bracts a clear shade of rose.</i>								L
Elvenia Slosson	<i>Formerly listed as nutans x Alberti. Very long, strap shaped deep green leaves which turn purplish bronze in the sun. Flower stems sometimes nearly three feet long. Bracts bright red. Flowers deep purple. A very thrifty grower and a fine pot plant. Spring bloomer.</i>				L	L	L	L	L
Euphemiae	<i>A stoloniferous plant that is ideal for hanging baskets. Wide, reflexed blue green leaves 12 inches high. The powdery bracts are rose followed by violet colored large flowers.</i>		L	L	L	L	L	L	L

Leptopoda	<i>This is commonly called Permanent Wave plant because the wide, spotted green leaves are permanently curled backward. Bracts red, flowers blue and yellow. 12"</i>				L	L	L	L	L
Lietzi	<i>A miniature form with curly, light green leaves spotted yellow, and cheerful flowers with cerise bracts. We recommend this for window gardens.</i>						L	L	L
Nutans	<i>Dark green foliage, pink bracts, green and purple flowers. Blooms in Winter. Very popular.</i>	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Nutans x Alberti	<i>Same habit as nutans, but the plant and flower much larger with deep rose bracts. Excellent for cutting.</i>	L	L	L	See Elvenia Slosson				
Nobile	<i>Largest of the varieties listed. Both in foliage and flower. The leaves are wide, stiff and deep green. The pendant flower stem hangs over the side and the tips of the flowers touch the ground. The bracts are brilliant rose, wide-spread and a foot across. The tassel of closely packed flowers are yellowish green and the petals are tightly recurved. Rare.</i>		L	L	See Porteana				
Porteana	<i>Formerly listed as Nobile. Description as above.</i>				L	L	L	L	
Rubro-Cyanea	<i>A cross between the rare B. sanderiana and B. nutans. Foliage spotted white on green or bronze ground.</i>	L	L	L					
Saundersi	<i>A very striking foliage plant with purplish bronze leaves heavily spotted cream. Bracts bright red. Flowers blue.</i>		L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Speciosa	<i>Wide, powdery green foliage, pink bracts. We recommend this for window gardens.</i>						L	L	
Speciosa x Euphemiae	<i>A very attractive variety with foliage similar to Speciosa but with bright violet flowers.</i>						L	L	
Speciosa x Nutans	<i>A prolific grower suitable for wire baskets. The foliage is attractive, the bracts pink, and the pendulous flowers yellowish. Summer blooming.</i>	L		L	L				
Thelma Darling Hodge	<i>A new hybrid raised at Oakhurst, and named for an outstanding bromeliad collector. The plant is a giant in stature with urn-shaped foliage up to three feet high. The long, hanging flower stem bears rose colored bracts and yellowish green reflexed flowers. Without doubt the best of the hybrids so far. Stock very limited.</i>								L
Theodore L. Meade	<i>A lovely variety produced by this well-known Florida horticulturist but although widely grown all over Southern California has never had a name. We are taking the liberty of naming it after the breeder. A luxurious grower with low spreading shiny foliage and huge pendant spikes of flowers. Pink bracts and green and blue flowers. Superb plant for hanging basket culture. Everblooming habit.</i>		L	L	L	L	L	L	L

Thyrsiflora	<i>Bright scarlet flower bracts, and purple-blue flowers. Erect inflorescence and Summer blooming.</i>	L							L
Thyrsiflora Hybrids	<i>A cross between B. Thyrsifolia and B. Amoena. We believe this is the finest of all hybrid billbergias to date. Light green to bronzy, wide, upright leaves. Stem stiff and upright. Large rosettes of scarlet bracts and violet flowers. Winter and summer blooming.</i>		L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Violet Beauty	<i>(Giridlian, 1956). A hybrid of B. Speciosa and B. Euphemiae. Very attractive with luxuriant blue-green foliage, rose colored bracts followed by large, wide open violet flowers. Blooms several times a year, and commands instant attention.</i>								L
Cryptbergia	<i>A cross between Cryptanthus and Billbergia. The flower is not very interesting, but the foliage is highly colored pinkish or reddish and it makes an ideal house plant. It will add color to your window garden the year round.</i>	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	See listings below
Cryptbergia Meadi	<i>(Cryptanthus beuckeri x Billbergia nutans). Essentially a foliage plant suitable for planters and the window garden. Upright leaves mottles green and pink. The color is intensified in strong light.</i>								L
Cryptbergia Rubra	<i>(Cryptanthus bahianus x Billbergia nutans). The wide open, reflexed rosette of leaves are deep bronzy red, ten inches across. The clusters of white flowers are raised from the center. Highly attractive.</i>								L