

## Luscious Lemon Herbs

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\***Lemon Balm – Melissa officinalis** – nice delicate lemon flavor & scent w/ hint of mint. Herbaceous – perennial – sun to shade – invasive – propagate by seeds, cuttings, divisions - use younger leaves & aerial parts - pink flowers – container – deer resistant – drought tolerant – medicinal – tea – cosmetics – crafts – honeybees - sunset zone 1 – USDA zone 4 - used as a relaxing tonic & to lift the spirits - anti-viral.

\***Lemongrass – West Indian Lemongrass - Cymbopogon citratus** – Lemon scent w/ hint of rose aroma - Perennial – Herbaceous – 3' ht. & wid. - Sun to part shade – medicinal – tea – culinary – container – prop. By divisions – deer resistant – forgiving plant – frost sensitive – ornamental – up lifting lemon scented leaves - enlarged fleshy base used cooking – crafts – cosmetics – insect repellent – Sunset zone 7 – USDA zone 9.

\***Lemongrass – East Indian Lemongrass – Cymbopogon flexuosus** – Heavy in scent and flavor & sweet – annual – very frost tender – 1 to 2' ht. - sun to part shade – white flowers -culinary – container – deer resistant –medicinal – tea – sunset zone 19 - best plant for a sweet lemon grass tea - doesn't produce fleshy bulb - preferred variety for essential oil.

**Citronella grass – Cymbopogon nardus or C. winterianus** – perennial zones 10 – 12, annual further north – green w/ reddish base stems – 5 to 6' ht. – 3 to 4' wid. – container – companion – insect repellent – culinary – medicinal – oil plant.

\***Lemon Verbena – Aloysia triphylla** - Tart lemon flavor - brightest, tangiest lemon flavor - Clean, lemony scented herb, highly prized for its strong odor - more of a citronella type - Perennial – deciduous – > 4' ht. – sun to part shade – white flowers – culinary – container – prop. cuttings – use leaves - medicinal – cosmetics - crafts - culinary – tea – butterflies, bees & beneficials – average to low water –USDA zone 8.

\* **Lemon scented geranium - Pelargonium crispum 'Lemon'** - Bright cheery lemon scent – semi evergreen – perennial – sun to part shade – small delicate crinkled leaves – bi colored pink flower, showy – 1 to 2' - container – culinary – use leaves – drought tolerant – cuttings – sunset & USDA z. 7 – used for topiary.

\* **Lemon Fizz' scented geranium - Pelargonium odoratissimum 'Lemon Fizz'** – Zesty Lemon scent herbaceous – perennial – sun – 1 to 2' ht. – leaves lobed dark green – light pink flowers w/ dark spots – culinary –cuttings – use leaves.

\***Lemon Kiss scented geranium - Pelargonium, scented 'Lemon Kiss'** – Knockout fragrance/Lemon extract- semi evergreen – perennial – sun to part shade – cuttings - fan shaped leaves - pink flower – 1 to 2' ht. - Butterfly – container – culinary – craft – heat tolerant - use leaves - tea – easy to grow - sunset zone 7.

\* **Lemon Meringue scented geranium - Pelargonium, scented 'Lemon Meringue'**– Creamy lemon scent - deciduous – perennial – - leaves deeply lobed – pink & maroon flower – sun to part shade – 6" to 1' ht. - container – deer resistant – drought tolerant – cuttings – butterfly — USDA zone 5 – use leaves.

\* **Lime Scented Geranium - Pelargonium x nervosam** – Tart Lime - semi-evergreen – perennial – sun to part shade – pink flowers – 1 to 2' ht. – container – culinary – tea – cuttings – use leaves – drought tolerant - soft to the touch.

\* **Mabel Gray scented geranium - Pelargonium, scented 'Mabel Gray'**– Strong lemon – lemon sherbet – 3' ht. - 2 toned leaves, maple leaf shape – pink flowers – one of larger pelargoniums – container – culinary – tea – cuttings.

\* **Rober's Lemon Rose scented geranium – Pelargonium, scented 'Rober's Lemon Rose'** –Lemon and Rose scented - One of Rose's favorite for cooking! Semi evergreen – perennial – sun to part shade - potato leaf – lavender flower – 1' to 2' ht. - favorite in baking – culinary – container – tea – craft – propagate by cuttings - use leaves – sunset & USDA zone 7 - withstand variety of temperatures – can tolerate neglect.

**\* French Lace Scented geranium - Pelargonium crispum 'Variegated Prince Rupert' – Light Lemon** - herbaceous – perennial – sun to part shade (afternoon shade) – small, finely toothed leaves grey green w/ white/yellow variegation – bicolored pink flowers – 1 to 2' ht. - slower growing - culinary – container – USDA 9.

**\*Lemon Basil 'Mrs. Burns' – Ocimum basilicum 'citriodora' – Basil w/ Lemon aroma** –annual – 2' ht. – sun (protect from intense afternoon sun) – white flower - plenty of water & fertilizer – pinch back to prevent flowers – more delicate than sweet basil – delicious culinary basil - container – tea – prop. seeds – medicinal – pesto –salads – desserts.

**\*Lime Basil – Ocimum americanum – Basil w/ light lime flavor** – Annual – sun – 16" ht. - white flowers – light green with slender leaves - container – culinary – propagate by seeds – tea – use leaves and flowers.

**\*Lemon Eucalyptus – Lemon Scented Gum – Eucalyptus citriodora (Corymbia citriodora) – Pungent lemon/citronella scent** – tree native to N.W. Australia – perennial/annual – 60' to 100' in ground – 4' to 6' in container – pale smooth bark – prop. by seeds - sword shaped gray green leaves – tiny white flowers – shallow roots – insect repellent – honey bee – timber – essential oil – crafts – medicinal – USDA zone 9 – use leaves.

**\*Lemon Catnip – Nepeta cataria v. citrate – Light Lemony flavor** – herbaceous – perennial, hardy – 3' to 4' ht. – sun to part shade – white/pink flowers – soft leaves – propagate by seeds – drought tolerant - not as attractive to cats – tea – use leaves & flowers - Butterfly & honeybee – container – culinary – medicinal?.

**Agastache mexicana 'Sangria' - Sangria Mexican Hyssop – Lemon Scented** – Perennial – herbaceous – sun - purple flowers – hummingbird & honeybee – tea – medicinal – long lived – use leaves & flowers both lemon scented - culinary – deer – drought – sunset zone 3 – USDA zone 6.

**\*Hillary's Sweet Lemon Mint - Mentha 'Hillary's Sweet Lemon' - Sweet, fruity, spearmint with a citrus edge** - herbaceous – Perennial – purple flowers – 2-3 ft.- sunset zone 4– culinary – container – tea – invasive.

**\*Lime Mint – Mentha x piperata citrate 'Lime' – Mint w/ refreshing Lime flavor** - Herbaceous – Perennial – sun to part shade – smooth, deep green leaves with a hint of purple & reddish purple stems – upright - purple flowers – 1' to 2' ht. – sunset zone 4 USDA zone 5 – culinary – container – honeybee - tea – invasive.

**Monarda 'Lambada' – Lemon Mint Bee Balm - Light lemon scented w/ basil overtones** - herbaceous – perennial/annual – sun – 2' ht. - purple flowers – sunset zone 9 - Butterfly – cut flowers – hummingbird.

**\*Pineapple Sage - Salvia elegans – Pineapple scent** - herbaceous – perennial – sun – red flower - > 4' – sunset zone 5 – USDA zone 8 – scented leaves – culinary – tea- hummingbird – bright red flower edible.

**\*Lemon Savory – Satureja biflora – Peppery lemon** - Semi evergreen – perennial – white flowers – sun to part shade – 6" to 1' ht. - USDA 8 – Honeybee – container – culinary – medicinal – tea – slow growing.

**Sorrel, French or Garden - Rumex – Tart w/ pleasant taste of lemon** - herbaceous – perennial – part shade to shade – 1 to 2' ht. – divide – leaves edible – culinary – birds like seeds – vigorous.

**Sumac – Rhus species (with red berries)– Tangy Lemon** – shrub or tree – 3' to 32' ht. – ground berries – culinary – dye – medicinal – wood used – propagate by seeds and rhizomes – berries form in large clusters.

**\*Lemon Thyme – Thymus x citriodorus – Sweet lemon w/ light thyme aroma** – 1' ht.- container – culinary – honeybee - medicinal – tea – semi evergreen – perennial – sun to part shade (afternoon shade) – pink flower – sunset zone 1 – USDA zone 5 – border – good drainage – use leaves & flowers – propagate with cuttings.

**\*Golden Lemon Thyme – Thymus x citriodorus 'Aureus' - Sharper Lemon flavor w/ thyme aroma** - herbaceous – perennial – sun to part shade – pink flowers – sunset zone 1 – USDA zone 5 – leaves deep green rimmed in light yellow – container – not hardy – honeybee – culinary – tea.

**\*Thymus sp. 'Lime' – Lime Thyme – Citrus scented w/ thyme aroma** - semi-evergreen – perennial – sun to part shade (afternoon shade) – pink flower – lime green foliage- groundcover – 4"ht. x 15"w – container.