

# Kartuz Greenhouses

## Achimenes, Eucodonia, xAchicodonia, xAchimenantha, and xSmithicodonia Rhizomes

Available February through April 2018

Common names for Achimenes: Magic Flowers, Cupid's Bower or Hot Water Plant (so named, because in the 1800's, gardeners believed incorrectly that soaking in hot water was necessary to break dormancy).

Achimenes and related hybrids, members of the Gesneriaceae, are native to Mexico and Central America. Their flowers are available in almost every shade imaginable. They are easily grown from small scaly rhizomes planted in the spring. We offer rhizomes during the spring months only, February through April. Five rhizomes will make an excellent 5 to 6 inch pot specimen.

To plant Achimenes rhizomes, use an azalea pot, and fill with a light, porous potting mix. Plant the rhizomes horizontally, spacing them evenly around the pot. Cover them with about one inch of the potting mix and water thoroughly. Then, water sparingly until they sprout. When rhizomes have sprouted and have three pairs of leaves, pinch out the tip growth to encourage branching. This pinching should be done at least twice to produce greater bloom, and will delay flowering only slightly. Keep plants well watered during the growing season and fertilize regularly. Provide strong filtered light to produce compact plants with plenty of flowers. They love warm and humid weather conditions.

When Achimenes have finished flowering in the fall, they should be allowed to die back naturally by gradually withholding water. When plants show signs of yellowing, it's an indication of the start of dormancy. The dormant rhizomes may be stored in the pot or harvested from the potting mix and stored in partially open containers or plastic bags in dry vermiculite or peatmoss. Keep cool. In the spring replant in fresh potting mix, as above.

**A. 'Ambroise Verschaffelt'** (Regal)- Large white, delicately netted purple.

**A. 'Annie Belle'** - Medium-large blue flowers with darker lines, small yellow center spot. Leaves dark with maroon reverse. Erect stems.

**A. 'Aphrodite'** (Himalayan Gardens, UK) - A rare tricolor variety with large 2.75" white flowers, pale lavender shading mostly at edges, and small yellow spot in center. Plant grows upright to 8 inches high.

**A. 'Apricot Glow'** (Brompton) - Many large coral-pink flowers, dark red backed foliage, trailing.

**A. 'Bernice'** (Lane) - Large pinkish-purple flowers with fuchsia colored mid-veins on the petals. Erect stems.

**A. 'Blue Bird'** (Mossop) - Very large deep violet-blue. Compact.

**A. 'Blue David'** (Mossop) - Variegated light and dark blue.

**A. 'Blue John'** (Townsend) - Large pastel blue flowers.

**A. 'Blue Planet'** (Lane) - Large mid-blue with large white eye.

**A. 'Blueberry Ripple'** - Large blush white with stripped rose variegation.

**A. 'Boy David'** (Mossop) - Large light blue variegated deep blue, distinctive.

**A. 'Bright Jewel'** - Orange-red with rose eye.

**A. 'Caligula'** (Worley) - Large velvety currant red flowers, trailing.

**A. 'Cascade Cockade'** (Michelssen) - Large bright pink with large white eye.

**A. 'Cascade Evening Glow'** (Michelssen) - Large bright salmon-pink, trailing.

**A. 'Cascade Violet Night'** (Michelssen) - Large deep blue, compact.

**A. 'Cattleya'** - Blue-violet flowers with lighter throats. Trailing.

**A. cettoana** - Small upright species with pretty blue flowers and dark green narrow leaves.

**A. 'Chalkhill Blue'** (Townsend) - Blue with large white eye.

**A. 'Coral Cameo'** - Dark foliage with small coral-red flower, dark spotted throat.

**A. 'Coral Sunset'** (Brompton) - Salmon-pink, bronze foliage.

**A. 'Cornell Favorite'** (Cornell Univ.) - Magenta-rose flowers, yellow in throat, purplish-red leaves.

**A. 'Desiree'** (Worley) - Masses of large flowered, double salmon-red long-lasting flowers. Compact.

**A. 'Donna'** - Large medium blue flowers with dark purple stripes in the throat. Compact, trailing.

**A. 'Dot'** - Small light pink flowers with deep rose-pink netted eye. Trailing with a huge cascade of blooms. The name does not do it justice.

**A. dulcis** - Species with medium-sized bell-shaped white flowers with a yellow throat. Native to Mexico.

**A. 'Electra'** (Lane) - Medium-sized blue-purple flowers with contrasting dark purple freckles in the yellow eye. Bronze foliage with burgundy reverse.

**A. 'Elke Michelssen'** (Michelssen) - Very large bright pink flowers, dark foliage.

**A. 'English Waltz'** - Large striking fluorescent pink with a few brown spots on the small yellow throat. Green leaves, erect stems.

**A. erecta** (Syn.: *A. coccinea*) - Small, numerous bright red flowers with small and narrow leaves. Small upright plant, eventually drooping. One of the first Achimenes species introduced into cultivation.

**A. erecta 'Tiny Red'** - Small, mostly upright-grower with prolific 1/2 inch brilliant red flowers. Leaves slightly broader than species.

- A. 'Erlkonig'** (Michelssen) - Medium-sized bright pink flower with rose eye on a compact upright plant. Name refers to Danish word Ellerkong (King of the Elves).
- A. 'Fashionable Night'** - Large blue with yellow eye, white throat, trailing.
- A. 'Flamboyant'** - Large abundant orange-red flowers, compact.
- A. 'Flamenco'** (Michelssen) - Large bright orange-red, compact.
- A. 'Fritz Michelssen'** (Michelssen) - Large mid-blue with lighter blotch in the center. Upright with dark green leaves, burgundy reverse.
- A. 'Gemini'** - Trailing with large mid-blue flowers, lighter center area.
- A. 'Glory'** - Older hybrid with medium-sized 1.5" bright orange-red flowers with a small touch of yellow in the throat. Medium green foliage. Often an award winner.
- A. 'grandiflora'** - Species with large light purple flower and white spot in the center. Erect stems. Native to Mexico and Central America.
- A. 'Habanera'** (Michelssen) - Large bright orange-red, brown spotting on small yellow center spot. Erect, compact plant.
- A. 'Hard To Get'** (Saliba) - Relatively tall hybrid with each flower a combo of purple and yellow and ranging from single to double in form.
- A. 'Harveyi'** (Syn.: A. 'Shirley', 'Fireglow', 'Burnt Orange') - Unknown origin, probably a hybrid or variation of *Achimenes erecta*. Abundant blooms of small orange flowers on compact plant with narrow leaves.
- 'Hughes Aufray'** (Saliba) - NEW! Compact growth with beautiful medium-sized bright yellow flowers edged with purple. Erect stems.
- A. 'India'** (Michelssen) - Large flat deep violet-blue flowers, dark foliage. Easy to grow, upright plant, heavy bloomer. Serge Saliba states that this is a perfect *Achimenes*.
- A. 'Jennifer Goode'** (Worley) - Very large rosy purple flowers with unusual deep purple netting.
- A. 'Jewel Glow'** - Large bright deep fuchsia flowers, compact.
- A. 'Jewel Pink'** (Lyon) - Trailing with free flowering bright pink flowers.
- A. 'Jubilee Gem'** - Rosy purple, vigorous, upright.
- A. 'Kim Blue'** - Very large medium blue flowers with wavy edges. Trailing form ideal for baskets.
- A. 'Last Dawn'** (Saliba) - A stunning double flowered cultivar that varies from dark magenta red to yellow. Flower are large, fringed, and with dots on the petals. The various color combinations can be present at the same time. Glossy, light green leaves on a compact upright plant.
- A. 'Lavender Fancy'** (Brumpton) - Medium-sized rich lavender-purple flowers, cream spot in throat. Light green leaves, maroon stems.
- A. 'Lemoncello'** (Saliba) - With medium-sized bright yellow flowers and occasional red splashes, its sturdy petals can withstand the effects of full sunlight. This first class cultivar with light green leaves is erect, compact, and self-branching.
- A. 'Lilac'** (Muller) - Large mid-purple flowers, easy.
- A. 'Lisa'** (Lane) - Small light pink flowers, netted.
- A. 'longiflora'** - Very large blue, trailing species.
- A. 'Luneberg'** (Michelssen) - Large bright pink flowers with tiny yellow spot in throat. Erect, leaves dark green, burgundy reverse.
- A. 'Margarita'** - Large pure white, compact, trailing.
- A. 'Mauve Delight'** - Large pale lavender blooms with yellow spot at bottom of throat. Green leaves, burgundy reverse. Fine for baskets.
- A. 'Minuet'** - Large pastel pink with deep rose-pink netted eye. Trailing.
- A. 'Mozelle'** (Jacobson) - Small fuchsia-rose. Very compact.
- A. 'National Velvet'** (Brumpton) - Very large mid-purple.
- A. 'Nocturne'** (Saliba) - Medium-sized very dark red flowers, especially with cooler temperatures. Contrasting lighter color on the reverse side of the petals. Makes a magnificent hanging basket if pinched at least 3 times.
- A. 'Opal'** (Townsend) - Large blush-white with faint lavender on petal edges. Green leaves, erect.
- A. 'Painted Lady'** (Townsend) - Large bright pink flowers, yellow throat with purple halo and specks. Dark green leaves, burgundy reverse. Trailing form.
- A. 'Paul Arnold'** (Van Tubergen) - Large violet-purple blooms, upright.
- A. 'Peach Blossom'** (Borges) - Large pale pink blossoms with dark green leaves, burgundy reverse. Trailing with abundant flowers.
- A. 'Peach Glow'** (Brumpton) - Salmon-pink with yellow throat.
- A. 'Pearly Queen'** - Bright pink, lavender eye, yellow throat.
- A. 'Platinum'** (Lane) - Large white with pale blue edges, trailing.
- A. 'Primadonna'** - Large coral-orange, very compact.
- A. 'Purple King'** (Syn.: A. 'Royal Purple') (Park) - Large deep purple flowers with fringed edges. Leaves dark green, reddish reverse. Compact and easy.
- A. 'Purple Queen'** - Large rosy purple flowers with a white spot in the center with dots and dashes. Green leaves, erect.
- A. 'Queen Elizabeth'** - Huge light pink flowers with dotted centers that are pale yellow. Flowers completely envelope this sturdy upright plant. A real winner!
- A. 'Queen of Sheba'** - Medium-sized florescent salmon-pink flowers with brown dashes and dots on a yellow throat. Dark green leaves, burgundy reverse. Trailing.

**A. 'Red Giant'** - Medium funnel-shaped wine-red flower with yellow throat. Upright grower.

**A. 'Rio Rita'** (Worley) - Compact habit with scalloped double rose-pink flowers.

**A. 'Rose Dream'** - Large textured bright pink.

**A. 'Rosy Crisp'** (Saliba) - Heavy flowering medium-sized bright crimson-pink flowers with darker contrasting center. Petals have wavy edges. Trailing form.

**A. 'Rosy Doll'** - Large bright pink, dark eye, compact.

**A. 'Rumpelstilzchen'** (Michelssen) - Bright pink flowers, compact.

**A. 'Sauline'** (Saliba) - NEW! Medium-sized yellow flowers sport a fuzzy wide pink border. The lobes are ruffled and finely toothed. Medium green leaves on upright plant.

**A. 'Schneewittchen'** (Michelssen) - Large white with touch of blue.

**A. 'Shere Delight'** - Very large bright pink.

**A. 'skinneri'** - Species with red flowers having a deep rose-colored border, the lobes notched.

**A. 'Strawberry Lemon'** (Saliba) - Medium-sized flower with a striking combination of mostly yellow with some red splashes. Under ideal conditions, the edges can even take on a salmon shade.

**A. 'Summer Festival'** (Easterbrook) - Large strong pink flowers with throat dark spotted and edged with a purple halo. Dark green leaves, burgundy reverse. Erect.

**A. 'Summer Sunset'** (Easterbrook) - Orange plus yellow eye. Compact.

**A. 'Sunburst'** - Pale lavender with yellow throat.

**A. 'Tango'** - Large rosy pink with small yellow spot in center. Dark green leaves, burgundy reverse. Erect.

**A. 'Tarantella'** (Michelssen) - Large salmon-pink. Compact, dark leaves.

**A. 'Teresa'** (Worley) - Large semi-double flowers of a deep fuchsia-red.

**A. 'Tetra Altrote Charm'** - Large coral-red flowers with a yellow spot in the center that is dotted with brown.

**A. 'Tetra Coral Charm'** - Large coral-red blooms, compact.

**A. 'Tetra Dazzler'** - Florescent rosy purple flowers with thick reddish patterned throat. Green leaves. Erect.

**A. 'Tetra Klaus Neubner'** (Michelssen) - Very large violet-blue flowers, compact.

**A. 'Tetra Meissner Porzellan'** (Michelssen) - Large light pink flowers like porcelain, patch of yellow at center, green leaves, pinkish underneath, compact.

**A. 'Tetra Orange Star'** - Compact, large orange-red.

**A. 'Tetra Orangerote Charm'** - Large orange-red with yellow spot in center. Heavy bloomer, compact.

**A. 'Tetra Rosamunde'** (Michelssen) - The deep pink flowers are very large (up to 2 inches) with a yellow throat spotted and streaked with darker pink. Leaves are dark green, maroon underneath with stout strong stems up to 5 inches long.

**A. 'Tetra Verschaffelt'** - Very large white netted purple.

**A. 'Topsy'** - Large solid medium blue. Green leaves, burgundy reverse. Trailing.

**A. 'Tracey Thornley'** - Large purple flowers with dark brown center spot. Erect, green leaves, maroon veins on the reverse.

**A. 'Vie en Rose'** (Saliba) - Large flowers that are light pink with darker pink edges. Compact, erect, and a heavy bloomer.

**A. 'Viola Michelssen'** (Michelssen) - Large orange-red blooms, upright.

**A. 'Violaceae Semi-Plena'** - Old Victorian variety from the 19th century with medium small semi-double bright purple flowers. Leaves dark green with burgundy reverse. Upright shoots, eventually drooping.

**A. 'Vivid'** - Mid-sized bright magenta flowers, with yellow spot and brown specks at the throat. Green leaves. Trailing.

**A. 'Wetterlow's Triumph'** (Wetterlow) - Large textured pink blooms, trailing.

**A. 'Yellow Beauty'** (Lyon) - Best yellow flowers. Trailing, bronzy leaves.

**A. 'Yellow English Rose'** (Saliba) - Large double pure yellow flowers with wavy, fringed edges. Looks like a real "English Rose." With cooler conditions blossoms can take on shades of peach and salmon. Excellent bloomer. Erect habit, green leaves.

**A. 'Yellow Fever'** (Saliba) - Beautiful cascading hanging basket plant with abundant medium-sized single to semi-double bright yellow flowers.

**A. 'Yellow Joy'** - Yellow flowers with shades of peach, red-brown specks in eye.

**A. 'Yellow Queen'** - Yellow flowers with red dots in eye.

### **Interspecific and Intergeneric Hybrids:**

**Eucodonia 'Adele'** (Worley) - Large lilac and white nodding flowers. Red backed, bronzy textured leaves. Very compact, excellent bloomer. Cross of *Eucodonia verticillata* 'Frances' x *E. ehrenbergii*.

**xAchicodonia 'Shogun'** - Large pink flowers with striped throat. Green leaves with white hairs.

**xAchicodonia 'Tyche'** (Batcheller) - Large six-petaled lavender flowers, white throat. Dark foliage, upright.

**xAchimenantha 'Cloe'** (Worley) - Clusters of large bright coral-red flowers. Strong, compact grower, dark foliage. Winter flowering.

**xAchimenantha 'Ginger Peachy'** (Worley) - Large deep peachy pink. Compact.

**xAchimenantha 'Golden Jubilee'** (Martens) - Pinkish salmon flowers, dark green leaves, reddish reverse.

**xAchimenantha 'Himalayan Sunrise'** (Himalayan Gardens, UK) - Very large flowering hybrid with a unique lemon yellow color. Upright growing 6 to 8 inches high. A cross between Achimenes and Smithiana, but looks like an Achimenes with hybrid vigor.

**xAchimenantha 'Inferno'** (Worley) - Very large intense fiery-red with large yellow eye veined red. Dark foliage, compact.

**xAchimenantha 'Pisces'** (Mossip) - Large deep purple flowers with yellow spot and reddish-brown specks at the throat. Dark green leaves, sturdy, upright plant.

**xAchimenantha 'Star of Stars'** (Martens) - Large orange-scarlet flower with toothed edges and a yellow spot with reddish specks at the throat. Dark green leaves, with burgundy veins on the reverse. Erect.

**xAchimenantha 'Texas Blue Bayou'** (Martens) - Upright dark foliage with large purple flowers with speckled throat.

**xAchimenantha 'Texas Polar Bear'** (Martens) - Large white flowers with yellow eye.

**xSmithicodonia 'Heartland's Joy'** - Tubular deep purple flowers with reddish stems.

**Achimenes are sent in plastic snack bags for shipment. The rhizomes should be planted right away, even if indoors. If they must be stored, you need to permanently open the bags and let them get fresh air and keep them in a cool location. If left sealed and with warmth they could rot.**

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**Available February through April only.**

Note: Some varieties are always in short supply. We will substitute equally good varieties of similar color and type unless a choice of substitutes is given.

**Package of 5 rhizomes per variety: \$7.95**

Shipping and handling is \$10.00 plus \$1.00 for each rhizome package or plant ordered. Rhizomes can be combined with plants to help offset shipping costs. California residents add 7.75% sales tax. We offer Achimenes as rhizomes only, not potted plants.

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