

Ornamental Herbs for Illinois Gardens. James C. Schmidt, Horticulturist. University of Illinois.
See here for the Schmidt PDF file: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cook/downloads/9223.pdf>

Below is an extracted list from the PDF article, with some notes by Bill M. and Jackie P. **Comments in red provided by Jackie Paine.**

Ocimum basilicum 'Purple Ruffles', 'Dark Opal'	BASIL, PURPLE		Purple ruffle: Johnny's \$4 , 200 seeds, best with rich, moist soil, Dark Opal - similar
Monarda didyma	BEE BALM, BERGAMOT, OSWEGO TEA		Johnny's Panorama Mix Monarda Seed, \$4.25, 100 seeds. edible blooms, mix of pinks & purple
Calendula officinalis	CALENDULA, POT MARIGOLD		Johnny's Deja Vu Organic Calendula , \$4, 50 seeds, yellow/orange flower, edible
Matricaria recutita	CHAMOMILE		Johnny's Common Chamomile , \$4, 200 seeds Seedsavers.org German Chamomile Organic \$3, 250 seeds
Allium tuberosum	CHIVES, GARLIC		Johnny's Nira Organic Chinese Leek/Garlic Chive Seed, \$4, 200 seeds Seedsavers.org Garlic Chives Organic, \$3, 250 seeds
Pelargonium species	SCENTED GERANIUMS	These are expensive and not that useful; I have grown them in the past, but don't recommend them.	Don't grow from seeds.
Marrubium vulgare	HOREHOUND	This is not at all popular; cooking herbs are better. Most people would not know/care what to do with this.	Victory Seeds , Horehound, \$2.55, 125 seeds
Stachys byzantina	LAMB'S EAR	Lamb's ear is decorative and hard to kill!! I like it; I use it as a border along my driveway and it survives the salt, etc.	Swallowtail Gardens , \$2, 100 seeds Horizon Herbs , \$3, 50 seeds
Lavandula angustifolia	LAVENDER, ENGLISH	Lavender is fussy and requires a sand amendment to the soil and FULL sun. It doesn't grow that well in my city yard. This is the wrong cultivar as well; it is not very hardy.	Seedsavers.org - English Lavendar, \$3, 250 seeds Lavender Hidcote Blue , better flower, same species name, \$3, 100 seeds
Origanum onites 'Aureum'	MARJORAM, GOLDEN		Plant World Seeds , \$3.60, # seeds? Propagate, types

Mentha suaveolens 'Variegata'	MINT, PINEAPPLE	Why pineapple mint? Peppermint or spearmint are usefull; you can use them in tabbouleh or dry the leaves for tea. Also the hybrids like pineapple, chocolate, etc., are not so hardy as the regular peppermint...	Dave's Garden : Won't come true from seeds, flowers are sterile
Tropaeolum majus	NASTURTIUM	Decorative and edible flowers.	Victory Seeds , \$2.25, 10-12 seeds Johnny's , \$4, 50 seeds
Ruta graveolens	RUE	I would not plant rue; it is not well known and what would it be used for?	SeedSavers , \$3, 250 seeds
Salvia officinalis 'Aurea'	SAGE, GOLDEN	Not as hardy as common sage; common sage has beautiful purple flowers and can have a very nice bushlike habit after a few years.	Seeds - not true to type ???
Salvia officinalis 'Purpurascens'	SAGE, PURPLE	Doesn't grow as well as common sage.	Plant World Seeds , \$3.50, # seeds?
Salvia officinalis 'Tricolor'	SAGE, VARIEGATED	Not as hardy as common sage.	Seeds - not true to type ???
Thymus x citriodorus 'Argenteus'	THYME, SILVER	I would use a common thyme, thymus vulgaris, which may not be as decorative as the silver variety, but is great for cooking. Some of these decoratives are not that great to cook with. I feel strongly that the herbs should be edible first and decorative second...	Seeds - not true to type ???
Galium odoratum	WOODRUFF, SWEET	Woodruff contains a chemical which is poisonous and the poison becomes more concentrated as the season wears on. It is really only good for making "May wine."	Horizon Herbs , \$3, 30 seeds