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C R O T O N S

Because of their highly colored foliage and great variety of leaf form, Crotons are perhaps the most interesting group of tropical foliage plants. They are, therefore, of real value to all those concerned with home beautification in South Florida, as also to those interested in unusual house plants and conservatory specimens in colder sections. Aside from Mealy Bug, which can easily be controlled by applications of Fish Oil Soap in which "Black Leaf 40" may be added for greater effectiveness, Crotons have few natural enemies and given a fair amount of light and an adequate amount of water and fertilizer make beautiful specimens in a very short length of time.

The question of nomenclature has always been very puzzling, since the colors vary greatly according to the condition of the plant, amount of light, fertilizer, etc. We have, however, spent considerable time and trouble in checking up with other growers, both on the Florida East Coast and in the North and we believe that the varieties on this list will be found in accord with general practice at this time.

There are at the present time well over two hundred varieties of the valuable subject being grown in Florida, most of which will be found listed and described in the following pages. Many of these are new and rare, and propagating material is extremely limited. Some, also for various reasons are more difficult to grow than others. We have, therefore, divided our list into several different groups and priced them accordingly.

Those interested in a large collection of varieties should ask for our additional lists covering discarded varieties, and specialties and novelties not yet in commerce.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE USE OF CROTONS

The idea that Crotons cannot be used for landscape planting, often advanced by the northern landscape architect is entirely erroneous, and born of their unfamiliarity both with our tropical conditions, atmosphere, and materials. Properly used, Crotons are one of the most important group to aid in creating that brilliance of color which is one of the essentials of what has come to be known as tropical atmosphere. Some notes, however on their use will aid in their effectiveness.

As Crotons are among the highest colored plants known, their use must be limited to those situations where a mass of color would be desirable in the design. No beautification scheme can be made up entirely of Crotons. The best use of Crotons is in beds, or as specimen plants at definite points, particularly in formal planting, or as grouped of color against a darker background. Properly placed they may be used as hedges or as edgings around beds in formal gardens. Skillfully used they may be used to great advantage in foundation plantings.

In group plantings it should always be remembered that different varieties have a different rate and character of growth. Dwarf growing varieties such as *Davallatissima*, *Sunburst*, *Weismanni*, *Rubrum Compactum*, etc should be used to cover the trunks of the taller growing varieties, and this prevent that "leggy" effect with no foliage at the bottom, which is the commonest defect in most Croton plantings. In group plantings of mixed varieties care should be taken to secure a contrast not only of colors but of different sizes and shapes of leaves. The black leaved forms should be used more frequently to secure additional contrast between red and yellow.

GROUP 1. COMMON VARIETIES

PRICES:

	Each	10	100
Small size 2½ and 3 pots	.15	1.25	10.00
Medium size, 4" pots	.25	2.00	15.00
Large size, gal cans	.50	4.00	35.00
Tub plants	1.50 and up		

- ★ ACUBAEFOLIUM--Large green leaf, spotted yellow. Underside pinkish
- ★ ANDREANUM--(Canned Sunshine) large yellow leaf, shading orange-red with age.
- ★ AUREO-MACULATUM--Small myrtle shaped, green leaves, spotted yellow.
- ★ C. I. CRAGIN--Long, bright green leaf, white zone along midrib.
- ★ CORNUTUM--Short narrow leaf, veined and margined clear yellow
- ★ DELIGATISSIMA--Golden Thread. A miniature form of Picturatum with curly leaf
- ★ DISRAELI--Oak leaf form with green and yellow leaves, becoming orange-red with age.
- ★ DORMANNIANUM--Small, curved leaves, dark red and bronze-green.
- ★ EDWIN T. MEREDITH--Long, narrow leaves, brilliantly colored yellow.
- ★ ETHEL CRAIG--Medium sized leaves, blotched with yellow and pink.
- ★ EXCURRENS--Thick, strap-shaped leaves; dark red and bronze-green, red midrib
- ★ FACATUM--Broad leaf, green and yellow, no red; very showy
- ★ GENERAL LAWRENCE--Exquisito Ft. Myers A broad leaved, brilliant yellow variety
- ★ ILLUSTRIS--Odd, three lobed leaves, green and yellow; midrib protruding.
- ★ INTERRUPTUM--Like Picturatum, but some leaves divided into two or more parts.
- ★ IRREGULARIS--Irregular shaped leaves, broader at the point, spotted yellow & red
- ★ JOHANNIS--Long, narrow leaves; center and margins light yellow.
- ★ KATONI--Maculatum Katoni. Green leaves, partly tri-lobed; spotted creamy white
- ★ LONG LEAF YELLOW--Long, narrow, dark green leaf, blotched golden yellow
- ★ LYRATUM--Long, narrow tri-lobed form, green and bright yellow, never red
- ★ MAJESTICUM--Narrow leaves, very long, dark green, spotted red and yellow
- ★ MORTII--A tall growing variety, with leaves veined yellow; sometimes all yellow
- ★ MRS. FRED SANDER--Large oak leaf, center and lobes splotted brilliant yellow
- ★ NESTOR--Broad leaf, similar to Earl's Court; veined and spotted yellow and red
- ★ NOBILIS--Small, lanceolate leaf, green and yellow, turning dark red with age.
- ★ PHILADELPHIA--Rather small, brilliant yellow leaves of oak leaf type.
- ★ PICTURATUM--Long, narrow leaves, yellow midrib; bright red with age.
- ★ PRINCE OF WALES--Long, odd shaped, irregular leaves; green and pale yellow.
- ★ PUNCTATUM--Small, fine, narrow leaves, profusely spotted with yellow.
- ★ QUEEN VICTORIA--Large, long, dark green leaves, veined and mottled red.
- ★ REX--Long narrow leaves, somewhat spiral, turning brilliant red with age.
- ★ RUERUM COMPACTUM--No. 14. A very dwarf, compact grower of the narrow leaved type. Red and green coloration. Similar to Picturatum. Names in 1937.
- ★ RECURVIFOLIUM--Broad, recurved leaves, mottled red, yellow and green.
- ★ SPIRALE--A small, dark green and bronze corkscrew shaped leaf.
- ★ SPIENDENS--Semi-oak leaf form, mottled yellow, turning red in the sun.
- ★ STEWARTII--Yellow veins and margin, midrib & petiole red. The most cold resistant
- ★ SUNRAY--No. 8 Long, narrow, linear leaves, brilliant yellow never turning red somewhat curled and twisted. An old Croton named in 1937.
- ★ SUPERBA--Long, very narrow leaves, almost hair like-green and yellow.
- ★ TORTILIS--Red corkscrew narrow, spiral leaves; a brilliant dark red.
- ★ VEITCHII--Large, long leaves veined and mottled yellow, flushing pink.
- ★ WEISMANNI--Narrow leaves, veined brilliant yellow; dwarf compact grower.
- ★ YELLOW EXCURRENS--A form of Excurrens, brilliant, blotched and marked with yellow.

GROUP II STANDARD BETTER VARIETIES

PRICES:

	Each	10	100
Small size 2½" and 3" pots	.25	2.00	15.00
Medium size 4" pots	.50	4.00	35.00
Large size, gal cans	1.00	9.00	85.00
Tub plants	2.50 and up		

- ★ ALBICANS--A sport from Veitchii, with white or light cream variegations.
- ★ BARONESS ROTHSCHILD--Large, broad, dark red leaf, strongly marked with cream.
- ★ BEAUTY OF WYNNMERE--Mottled cream and pink leaves, vivid carmine reverse.
- ★ BRILLIANTISSIMA--Long, rather narrow leaves, very brilliant orange and red.
- ★ CATHERINE GEPHART--Short leaved corkscrew, mottled green and yellow.
- ★ CHRISTIANA--(Christian) Rather long narrow leaves, thick and tough, veined and mottled yellow and orange. Stands wind and cold well.
- ★ CHRYSOPHYLLIA--Medium long leaves, center and petioles brilliant yellow.
- ★ COMPTE DE GERMANY--Long, dark green leaves, mottled orange, red and yellow.
- ★ CRAIG SUPREME--Large, oak leaf type, veined and blotched bright yellow.
- ★ C. VAN--Dark green leaf, veined & mottled dark red; under surface solid dark red.
- ★ DAYSRING--Very long, brilliant leaves, suffused red, yellow and green.
- ★ DELIA MAGEE (Coppinger) Large, recurved, semi-oak leaf, center carmine-rose profusely spotted reddish orange, reverse of leaf dark red.
- ★ EARL'S COURT--Large, crumpled leaf, yellow and red, reverse chocolate brown.
- ★ GENERAL PAGET--Immense green & yellow leaves; the largest leaved Croton we know.
- ★ JOHANNA COPPINGER--Medium long leaves, spotted brilliant red and yellow.
- ★ JULIETTE DELARUYE--Oak leaf type, lobes spreading, bright yellow; no red.
- ★ LADY CLAIRE--A yellow sport of the Tortilis variety.
- ★ LINEARIS--Very narrow bread-like leaves, sport from Linearis.
- ★ LORD HOPE--Medium sized leaves veined light yellow, deeping to orange-crimson.
- ★ MIAMI BEAUTY--Very large, dark oak leaf, purplish green profusely spotted red.
- ★ MORTIMER--Narrow leaf, very brilliantly spotted red, yellow and cream.
- ★ MRS. DUNCAN MACAW--Semi-oak leaf type, orange-red veins and midrib.
- ★ MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT--(Coppinger) Long, medium-narrow foliage, heavily spotted yellow, changing with age to dark red, spotted carmine.
- ★ MUSAICUS--Long, narrow crinkled leaf, profusely veined and spotted yellow shaded.
- ★ NORWOOD BEAUTY--A brilliant oak leaf type, shaded red and yellow.
- ★ ORVILIA--Medium sized leaves, oddly rounded at end. Veined and blotched yellow.
- ★ PORTER'S PINK VEITCHII--More cream and pink than the type. Very good.
- ★ REEDII--Very large leaf, heavily veined. Under best conditions shows almost all creamy-pink with darker veins.
- ★ REGINA (no.3) (Radena) Long medium sized leaves, brilliantly colored orange-red.
- ★ ROBERT CRAIG--Medium large leaf; a very brilliant dark red and bronze-green.
- ★ ROBERT LAVALOIS--Medium sized leaved, profusely spotted clear yellow.
- ★ ROSEO PICIUS--Dark leaves, spotted and suffused with cream and carmine-rose.
- ★ STUPROCK'S NARROW LEAVED VEITCHII--Much narrower leaves than type and stronger pigmentation.
- ★ SUNBURST--Profusely mottled orange-crimson with midrib orange-yellow.
- ★ SUPERBISSIMA--(yellow Corkscrew) Long, spiral, green and yellow leaves.
- ★ TORTILIS MAJOR--Large leaved form of the corkscrew type. Dark green and red.
- ★ VAN HOUTII--Red and yellow leaves of semi-oak leaf type, becoming dark red with age.
- ★ VIRGINIA--A blotched form of W. W. Coles, and more highly colored yellow & orange.
- ★ VOLUTUM--(Ram's Horn) Short leaves, very much re-curved, veins & midrib yellow.
- ★ W. W. COLES--Semi-oak leaf type, mottled and veined brilliant orange-yellow.

GROUP III FANCY SORTS

PRICES:

	EACH	10	100
Small size 2½" and 3" pots	.50	4.00	35.00
Medium size, 4" pots	1.00	9.00	85.00
Large. gal cans	1.50	12.50	
Tub plants	2.50 and up		

- * AMABILE--Rooster's Tail. Oldly curved leaves, variegated pink, cream and red.
- * ARTHUR BRISBANE--(Fascell) Medium Long dark green leaf, red veins, suffused pink.
- * BARON DE COMPTE--Very dark medium broad leaves, brilliantly blotched orange-red.
- * BLOTCHED WOOTON BEAUTY--Large blotches of yellow, flushing pinkish orange.
- * CARDINAL--Long narrow curved leaves of a brilliant cardinal red.
- * CHARMER--Long, broad leaf, marbled orange, pink and cream, carmine midrib & veins.
- * COMPTE DE CASTILIAINE--Midrib and center rich pinkish-crimson.
- * DAYBREAK--(Jacobs) Dayspring sport with large brilliant blotches at base of leaf.
- * EBURNEUM--Broad, peculiarly shaped leaf, marbled and blotched with white & cream.
- * EDNA--Small dark spatulate leaf, veined and splashed orange-red.
- * ELAINE--Semi-oak leaf type, very brilliant in shades of pink, cream and yellow.
- * FAYE MILLER--(Miller) Dark recurved leaf like Philip Geduldig, but narrow and more pointed, more profusely spotted with larger orange-crimson spots.
- * GOLDEN GLOW--(Coppinger) Sister seedling to Johanna Coppinger and Mrs. Roosevelt and coloration intermediate between them.
- * GOLDEN GREEN--(Fascell) large, broad leaf, heavily blotched golden yellow.
- * LEOPARDIA--(Fascell) Medium sized green leaf heavily spotted with yellow and rose.
- * LILIAN STOFFREGEN--Medium sized green leaf, strongly veined yellow.
- * LORD BEHAVEN--(Coppinger) Very large long leaf, veined deep yellow & orange-red.
- * MAJOR DADE--(Coppinger) Large leaf, suffused & blotched brilliant orange-yellow.
- * MIKE FASCELL--(Fascell) Long dark leaf with prominent carmine midrib and veins.
- * MME ERNESTINE DELARUYE--Semi-oak leaves, colored copper, crimson and orange.
- * MME FERDINAND KOHL--Immense oak leaves, veined & mottled yellow, pink & orange.
- * MONS. FLORIN--Large broad leaf, light yellow, always well colored.
- * MRS. ICETON--Rather small leaves of deep rose, margined with olive green. Very fine.
- * MRS. WN. F. DREER--Long, medium narrow leaves of a rich crimson red, very showy.
- * NOBILISSIMA--(Reasoner) A sport from Nobilis. Small leaves with bright yellow center, shading to bright crimson with age.
- * PAUL WEHER--Long rather large leaf, veined and splotted pink and orange.
- * PHILIP GEDULDIG--Semi-oak leaves, profusely spotted light red on dark maroon-green.
- * PIERRE CHEVOIN--Dark background veined & marbled intense scarlet.
- * PITCAIRN--Broad, rather recurved leaf, green, veined with red; center irregularly blotched with orange shading to red.
- * RAPHAEL--(Christian) Shade loving variety. Semi-oak leaved, green and cream on new growth, aging to dark green, suffused cream and lavender rose.
- * ROSE CHARMER--A sport from Charmer but shorter leaf, suffused rose and cream.
- * TAPESTRY--(Christian) long narrow, slightly lobed leaves. New Growth intermingle green and yellow, veined red, becoming dark green and lovely rose.
- * THOMAS ROLAND--Large reddish-black leaved veined in flaming scarlet.
- * VICTOR LEMOINE--Dark undulate leaves, veined and blotched with dark red and orange. S slow grower but very brilliant.
- * WILLIE STOFFREGEN--Large dark leaves veined in yellowish orange.
- * WM. JENNINGS BRYAN--(Fascell) Stewartii seedling, semi-oak leaf of orange & yellow.
- * WOOTON BEAUTY--Reddish-orange midrib and veins; heavily marbled yellow & orange.
- * YULETIDE--Small dark semi-oak leaves, veined and marbled scarlet and orange.

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