

## The Perfect Plant

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### INTRODUCTION

Mike Yanny recited a poem at the end of the New Plant Forum as a whimsical look at the “Perfect Plant” for the propagator, nursery production and landscape use.

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I have it.  
    In my imagination.  
        It’s beautiful! — ALL the time.  
My little shrub is 3 feet tall.  
    It gets there fast  
        And that is all.  
From that point on,  
    It’s never 4  
        And absolutely never more.  
It grows to 3 feet and STOPS!

Perfectly Perfect™, that’s its name — TM, trademark.  
    It blooms from May through August with huge red, fragrant flowers.  
Come September, loads of delicious, pea-sized, porcelain blue berries mature.  
    Deer, turkeys, squirrels, bears, chipmunks, cedar wax-wings, robins, cardinals,  
        and others, gather for the feast.  
It’s a natural wonder!  
Of course, my shrub is native,  
    to everywhere in the world!  
        So, it’s not invasive.

Oh—Oh, the leaves on Perfectly Perfect™ are purple,  
All season—  
    Until they turn bright, fire engine red in fall,  
        before dropping in mid to late October.

Perfectly Perfect™ has no disease problems.  
It resists vole, rabbit, and deer browsing,  
    And is hardy from zone 1 to 15!

From a production standpoint,  
    my shrub is the best that has ever been grown.  
It roots easily from cuttings.  
Growers typically get 110% rooting from softwood cuttings  
    taken any time from May to September.  
A traditional mist set-up works great.  
May cuttings should be rooted in a week.  
From there they go to a #1 container to fill out by the end of year one.  
The next spring, they are moved up to a #3 container.  
By October you have 24 in. × 24 in. finished plants.  
It's a grower's dream-plant!!!

Perfectly Perfect™ is even more perfect for the end user.  
It can be used in all situations.  
It grows in any soil,  
    —all exposures—  
        And never needs watering!  
And best of all, Perfectly Perfect™ greets homeowners with a warm hello  
    when they step out on the patio in the morning and sip that first cup of coffee.  
Yep—it can talk!!!!  
Perfectly Perfect™ is the perfect plant and then some!  
Everyone should have one!!!!  
At least that's what I imagine .....