

GREAT PLANT PICKS

Astrantia Field Evaluation Report 17 June 2003

Closed Loop Park, Thurston County
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All plants were given a numerical score from 1 (worst) to five (best). Scores on this report reflect the average of 6-7 individual scores.

Astrantia	Overall Score	Habit	Foliage	Flower	Disease Resistance	Pest Resistance	Comments	Image
<i>A. major</i> 'Alba'	4.8	4.67	4.67	4.8	5.0	5.0	dense, sturdy habit, vigorous but not floppy; large dissected leaf with nice texture; abundant clean, white flws, not as large as some but quite decorative	
<i>A. m.</i> 'Claret'	4.2	3.84	3.84	3.17	5.0	5.0	sturdy, compact habit; handsome dark green leaves have reddish tinge on margin; small, dark red flws	
<i>A. m.</i> 'Lars'	4.0	3.29	3.58	3.3	5.0	5.0	small plants with compact habit; deep green foliage w/dark margin; small, dark red flws	
<i>A. m.</i> 'Primadonna'	4.7	4.84	4.15	4.34	5.0	5.0	compact habit; dark green foliage w/good texture; small red flws not as dark as 'Claret'	
<i>A. m.</i> 'Roma'	4.7	4.58	3.86	4.92	5.0	5.0	sturdy habit; leaves deeply dissected, some yellowing on lower leaves; attractive dark pink flws in good quantity, not as large as some but stand up well; "pretty," "would plant in my garden" "most attractive of pinks in bloom"	

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<i>A. m.</i> 'Rosensinfonie'	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.5	5.0	4.5	inconsistent habit w/some flopping; large, coarse, leaves; large pink flws w/long stems; signs of insect damage on a few leaves	
<i>A.m.</i> 'Ruby Cloud'	4.9	4.79	4.86	4.84	5.0	5.0	neat, clumping habit w/ dense, tight foliage; small, med. green leaves dissected almost to base; prolific dark red flws on sturdy stems; "outstanding"	
<i>A. m.</i> 'Sunningdale Variegated'	4.5	4.15	3.86	4.5	5.0	5.0	mounding, slightly irregular, but dense habit; cream and green variegated leaves are attractive but inconsistent, new leaves emerging green; whitish-pink flws	
<i>A. m.</i> subsp. <i>involutrata</i> 'Shaggy' (syn. 'Margery Fish')	3.6	2.5	2.86	2.67	5.0	5.0	plants from two sources very different in appearance; both displayed loose mounding habit w/ sparse foliage; large, coarse leaves; white flws w/ large bracts fading to a yellowish color	
<i>A. maxima</i>	4.5	4.0	3.72	4.84	5.0	5.0	tall, vigorous, slightly floppy habit, less dissected 3-lobed leaves; large, attractive med. pink flws w/ distinctive bracts on floppy stems; might look best growing up through a sturdier plant or used as a cut flower	

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A. 'Rainbow'	4.5	4.86	4.15	3.5	5.0	5.0	full, clumping habit, larger than most; non-descript foliage; flws brown out, large bracts but not as attractive as <i>A. maxima</i> ; "ugly"	
A. 'Snowstar'	4.0	3.67	3.84	2.2	5.0	5.0	mounding habit; dull green foliage; sparse flowering but more coming on	

Notes: This evaluation represents a coordinated effort between staff of the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden and volunteers from the Thurston County Master Gardener program to evaluate one-year-old plantings at Closed Loop Park. Under the leadership of Tam Crocker, Thurston County Master Gardeners are developing a trial garden for Great Plant Picks. Unlike other evaluations, the Great Plant Picks selection committee did not participate in this evaluation.