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# Press Release

## Seven New Varieties Available from Award Winning Breeding Programme

Thompson & Morgan is one of the few UK packet seed companies which has invested and developed its own flower breeding programme. Established over twenty years ago, the breeding programme has created many exciting and exclusive introductions to the Thompson & Morgan seed and plant ranges.

Many of the varieties from the programme have become best sellers such as Poppy 'Coral Reef'™, Dahlia 'Fireworks'™, Hollyhock 'Peaches 'n' Dreams'™ and Verbascum 'Copper Rose'. A couple of varieties from the programme however have gone on to achieve award-winning status. In 2002 Rudbeckia 'Cherokee Sunset'™ won the much sought after **All American Selections** award. In 2007 Thompson & Morgan won three **Fleuroselect Gold Medals** for **Laurentia 'Avant-Garde Blue'™ F1 Hybrid**, **Laurentia 'Avant-Garde Pink'™ F1 Hybrid** and **Zinnia 'Aztec Sunset'™**.



Nasturtium  
'Cobra'

For 2009 Thompson & Morgan's flower breeders are releasing seven more spectacular varieties, many of which have been in the breeding programme for a number of years and three of which have already received Fleuroselect Awards.

### Nasturtium majus 'Cobra' New & World Exclusive 2009

Further details in press pack. £1.99 for 30 seeds.

### Antirrhinum majus nanum 'Bronze Dragon'

**New & UK Exclusive 2009** Further details in pack. £1.99 for 100 seeds.

### Hollyhock rosea 'Fiesta Time' New & UK Exclusive 2009

Flowering quickly in its first year, these dwarf robust plants produce stout stems clothed in beautiful, double cerise-pink fringed blooms from mid-late summer. £1.99 for 35 seeds.

### Dahlia variabilis 'Black Beauty' New & World Exclusive 2009

Further details in press pack. £1.99 for 50 seeds.

### Marigold patula 'Double Mr Majestic' New & World Exclusive 2009

Thompson & Morgan first introduced the popular single-flowered 'Mr Majestic' in 1996. **New for 2009**, this eye-catching double relative has been bred from the original variety. Its strong, bushy plants will become smothered in fully double blooms with attractive golden-yellow and mahogany stripes. £2.99 for 100 seeds.

### Rudbeckia x hirta 'Cherry Brandy' New & World Exclusive 2009

Further details in press pack. £2.49 for 50 seeds.

### Agastache aurantiaca 'Fragrant Mixed'

**New & World Exclusive 2009** This first year flowering perennial produces a staggering display of tall, vibrant coloured spikes of tasselled florets. Each erupting like flames in lilac, purple and orange from the lanced, richly-fragrant foliage. Only 69p for 60 seeds.

To place an order call the order line: 01473 695225 or order online at [www.thompson-morgan.com/seeds](http://www.thompson-morgan.com/seeds). To request a free copy of the 2009 Thompson & Morgan Seed Catalogue call 01473 695224 quoting PRS9.

To locate your nearest Thompson & Morgan stockist call: 01473 688821 or visit our website.



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'Bronze Dragon'



Hollyhock  
'Fiesta Time'



Dahlia 'Black  
Beauty'



Marigold 'Double  
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