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Press Release

Sweet Pea Trio Adds to Extensive Range

Sweet peas are a favourite for many gardeners and earn a well-deserved place in Thompson & Morgan's top ten sellers list. As well as the delicious fragrance, the sweet pea is very versatile whether grown for cut flowers, in the border, or as a hanging basket variety.

To add to its already extensive range of over forty varieties, Thompson & Morgan is introducing a beautiful trio of varieties new for 2009. They have been tried and tested for performance on the company's own trial grounds, following selection from the top breeders around the world.

New 2009 Sweet Pea odorata 'Melody Rose' (*Lathyrus odorata* 'Melody Rose'). Thompson & Morgan is pleased to introduce this flamboyant variety that was bred in New Zealand by one of the leading sweet pea breeders in the world! **Sweet Pea 'Melody Rose'** produces beautiful, large, ruffled blooms with bold rose-pink upper petals and white lower petals, which create an unusual yet very decorative colour combination. An attractive climber growing up to 180cm (6ft) with highly fragrant, large flowers which grace long stems and are ideal for cutting, exhibition or adding to bouquets. £1.99 for 25 seeds.



Sweet Pea
'Melody Rose'



Sweet Pea
'Night & Day'

New and Exclusive 2009 Sweet Pea odorata 'Night & Day' (*Lathyrus odorata* 'Night & Day'). Perfect for gardeners who are looking for a dramatic and highly contrasting mixture. **Sweet Pea 'Night & Day'** is a delightful blend of two traditional Spencer varieties, one with the deepest burgundy and the other with the purest of white blooms, each delicately scented. A vigorous climber up to 180cm (6ft), quickly producing a plentiful supply of long flower stems ideal for cutting. Only 99p for 25 seeds.

New 2009 Lathyrus tingitanus 'Rosea'. These vigorous climbing plants will grow up to 1.8-2m (72-80in) and produce masses of impressive coral-rose, pink blooms, quickly smothering fences, trellis or archways with colour throughout the summer. This annual flowering lathyrus can be grown in a similar way to the traditional sweet pea. Although **Lathyrus tingitanus 'Rosea'** is not blessed with any fragrance, this spectacular species makes up for it by flowering over a longer period and lasting up to twice as long in water compared to a traditional sweet pea when used as a decorative cut flower. £1.99 for 30 seeds.

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

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Lathyrus
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