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Givin' you the dirt: Plant shopping in July

By SEAN JAMES N.P.D. PRESIDENT OF FERN RIDGE LANDSCAPING



I'll admit I have a bit of an advantage o'er my gentle readers in that I end up at nurseries at least twice each month. Still, I would encourage each of you to make the pilgrimage as often as you can. In the annual May 24 rush, we dash into garden centres and fill our carts with all that's beautiful - in May. That's great, but what about all the other months? Regular trips to the nursery to check out what's in bloom suitable for your garden will yield a yard that looks good all year long.

Try looking at plants that bloom together or at least have complimentary texture and foliage colour. I like to design gardens around various combinations of plants. Some of my favourites for July include blue delphiniums, yellow daylilies and pink roses. The flowers look good together, and even the foliage contrasts nicely. Although they're all nice, I prefer the Magic Fountains delphiniums that are more compact than traditional delphs. They don't need staking. (Remember, as you read this column, that I'm

a very efficient gardener. Also remember, it's a fine line between lazy and efficient.)

There are many great summer blooming veronicas such as Sunny Border Blue, which blooms with yellow coreopsis. A super simple, bold combination is bright yellow, perennial four-o'clocks with magenta rose campion (*Lychnis coronaria*). The two flowers will brighten anyone's spirits, and the foliage shines in the fall when the four-o'clocks turn burgundy against the silver leaves of the *lychnis*.

If you want to add a twist to the four-o'clock combo, try to find crocosmia Lucifer, or ask your garden center to order it. The burning red flowers are a super exclamation point. I just learned from a friend that crocosmia is even hardy on a windblown property in Waterdown. The secret seems to be to plant it two or three inches deeper than it was in the pot.

If you really want to make the neighbours envious, try planting a hardy prickly pear cactus (*Opuntia humifusa*) in a sunny section of the garden. It looks fascinating all year, and the bright yellow flowers in

summer are amazing. In winter the fruit is red. It really is hardy here.

I'm thrilled with a test combo of climbers in my own garden. Last year I planted a John Cabot climbing rose, which incidentally was developed in Ottawa, with a golden hops vine. It's coming into its own this year and will feature yellow leaves on the hops with repeating red flowers on the rose. It's a real showstopper.

A great combo for August is echinacea, Russian globe thistle, Russian sage and pink phlox, perhaps backed by a butterfly bush of your choice. All the different shades of blue and pink often with grayish foliage look fantastic in late summer, and all have interesting seed heads in the winter.

Regular visits to the garden centre will ensure you don't miss the neat things that the one-shot shoppers miss. You'll be guaranteed the nicest garden on the street.

Your garden can look great twelve months a year. Maybe it already does. Don't let anyone tell you different.

Dr. Bug's Bugbytes

by ROBERT CAMERON



So you want your pond treated? Not a problem. You phone up a Pest Management Professional, an exterminator, and ask him to come and treat your pond to control mosquito larvae. You want to destroy all mosquito larvae because of the threat of West Nile virus. After phoning a half dozen companies, you finally find one that does do mosquito control. Mosquito control requires a special licence and a separate insurance policy that can cost a pest control company 10 times more than its regular insurance policy. There is only one carrier and very few brokers willing to insure mosquito larviciding in Ontario.

"Be happy to treat your pond," is the reply, "but first you need a permit." The Permit Application Guide, revised in April 2003, is 31 pages long. It requires that first the water body is monitored for the presence of mosquito larvae, the number caught is recorded and the species is identified. Identification requires a good compound microscope and a trained person. As well, written permission must be obtained from the Local Medical Officer of Health and the Director of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. The permit states that a completed application "will be processed within five days of receipt." Note that some mosquito species can go through their entire life cycle in about seven days.

Assuming that the permit is approved, all properties that border on the property to be treated must be notified that a water extermination is to take place. This can be done by placing a notice in a local newspaper or by distributing a written notice to the owners of all land that is contiguous to the application area. This must be carried out at least 48 hours before the treatment is to take place. As well, signs

must be posted every 100 meters around the perimeter of the treatment area. Following the treatment, the water body must again be monitored and findings recorded to have a comparison of before and after treatment larval counts. This Permit Application process must be repeated for each treatment carried out over the season, and notification must be repeated on a monthly basis.

This Permit Guide "does not include mosquito larviciding programs intended for nuisance control." Don't ask.

This is a brief summary of the Permit Application Guide. There is more, but by now you have decided to just fill in the pond. But don't despair and don't fill in the pond. There is an alternate course of action open to you. You can go to your local hardware store and buy Bti in 500-gram shaker cans for under \$20, or go to a farm-supply store and buy five-kilogram bags of Bti for around \$90. Five kilograms will treat about one hectare, or two and a half acres. You apply this yourself, and you require no permit to do so. Makes sense to me. As Dr. Foth might have said: Don't obfuscate the bio-irrational.

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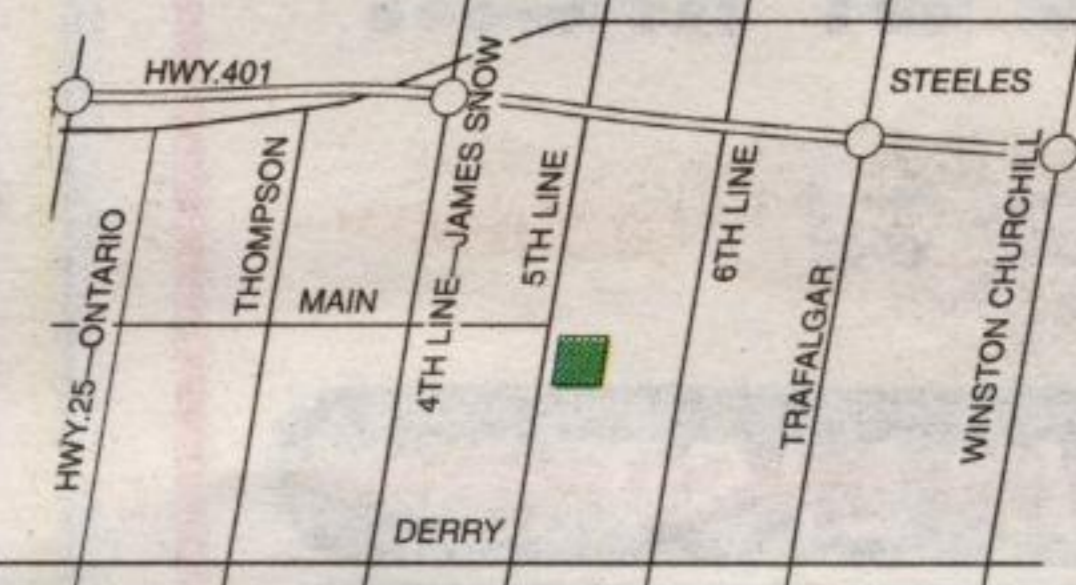
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