

## Spring 2010!!!

Spring has most definitely arrived at Native Ideals Seed Farm! We've been busy breaking up new ground to expand our fields and watching excitedly as plants from *Camas* to *Penstemon* start to germinate and grow in established plots. It may seem early, but native plants know how to take advantage of spring moisture and early warm weather. Unfortunately, so do most of our weeds; and we've been busy weeding our way through the plots for the first of many times this year!

We are happy to report that we will have over 20 wildflower species producing seed and available for sale this year. In addition to the species we had available last year, we will be adding:



*Antennaria microphylla* – rosy pussytoes  
*Camassia quamash* – blue camas  
*Campanula rotundifolia* - harebells  
*Cerastium arvense* – field chickweed  
*Cleome serrulata* – Rocky Mountain bee plant  
*Eriogonum ovalifolium* – cushion buckwheat  
*Helianthus annuus* – common sunflower  
*Lewisia rediviva* – bitterroot (picture 3.8.2010)  
*Monarda fistulosa* – wild bergamot or beebalm  
*Packera cana* – hound's tooth groundsel

For more information on these species and for a complete listing of native, wildflower species that we are growing, check out our full catalog at: [www.nativeideals.com/catalog](http://www.nativeideals.com/catalog).

So are you ready to start growing some native wildflowers? No need to wait until summer when these species are ready, there are many species available that can be started in the spring and would love to call your yard or garden home. Look for our retail displays in and around the Hamilton, Missoula and Kalispell areas. We will also be continuing our booth at the Clark Fork River Market in Missoula, starting the first Saturday in May. For a full list of retailers, go to [www.nativeideals.com/updates](http://www.nativeideals.com/updates).

Finally, we are excited to announce the arrival of our new seed mixes! We got a lot of comments and suggestions about having a seed mix (picture), and we decided to give it a go. These mixes are comprised of 5 drought-hardy wildflower species native to the Northern Rockies, and cover approximately 50 ft<sup>2</sup>. These mixes come in a hand-crafted box made of reclaimed lumber from the Jocko Valley, and make great gifts for anyone interested in growing native plants. Of course, we also make custom seed mixes for larger projects, so if you're interested, just let us know.



Look forward to hearing from you soon ~ *Native Ideals Seed Company*