



### Earwig primer

All of us have been astounded by the number of hungry insects in some gardens this year.

As you know, these issues can run in cycles and one thing we've seen more of this year are earwigs. They like to hide in dark damp places in the day and feed at night. You can suspect earwig problems if you find damage during the day but can't find any insects on the plants. Confirm the presence of earwigs by checking the plants at night, or by looking for them congregated under hiding places next to your plants.



Here's [a great overview](#) from the University of Maine Extension on earwigs, what damage they cause and how to control them if you notice problems. The damage earwigs causes can masquerade as slug damage and can be confusing at first. Distinguish the damage they do by the ragged edge of the nibbling, rather than the smooth edges of slug-made holes. The strange thing is that although earwigs do eat plants, they also eat pests like aphids and you can learn more about that from the [University of Wisconsin Extension](#). At any rate, they do not crawl into ears. *Phew!* As it is frequently, here we have a situation of good and bad and we need to evaluate how to manage it.

### Summer Seminar Series

We are developing a week of seminars for this July but want your input too. Is there a class you'd like to see us offer? Let us know by replying to this email within a few days. We'll do our best to honor your wishes.

At the early spring seminars, many of you asked us to hone-in on more specific topics so we're putting our heads together and will offer classes this summer on shrubs for color, screens and hedges. Perennials are another sought after topic and so we're working out some classes on how to best grow these plants. Finally, you really wanted us to give you specific ideas on how to design gardens and landscapes. Watch for the class schedule.



Tiarella (shade)



Joan Sr. Daylily (sun)



Avalanche Feather Reed Grass (sun)



Green Wizard Rudbeckia  
(sun)



Golden Sword Yucca  
(sun)



Hosta bud (shade)

### **Save \$2 on #1 Perennials**

If you have a few holes to fill or have your heart (and back) set on an expansion of your perennial garden, come on in and save now. Choose from a huge variety of perennials (some shown above) including ornamental grasses, an expanded section of natives, daylilies, hostas and sedum. This sale is for in-stock items, while supplies last until Wednesday, June 30. This is for the 6", round pot with a volume of 2.64 qt./2.5L.

### **Secret bag coupon reminder**

Remember, our secret coupon for a free, reusable Drummers bag is still valid through July 3. Please refer to last week's newsletter for the path. Thanks to all of you who have stopped in for a Drummers bag.

### **The perfect gift**

We have the answer to a practical problem if you're seeking to give a tree or shrub as a memorial gift to a grieving family. Stop in or call us to order one of these "stand-ins" for a visitation, funeral or memorial service. You borrow the stand-in (shown below) which comes with a printed card personalized for the family and we prepare it with your gift card for the actual plant which can be installed at a time more convenient for everyone. [Click to find more memorial gift ideas from our floral shop.](#)



Evergreen stand-in with card



Tree stand-in with card