

At a glance

Baptisia spp. and cvs.

USDA HARDINESS ZONES:
3 to 9

CONDITIONS:
Full sun; moist,
well-drained soil

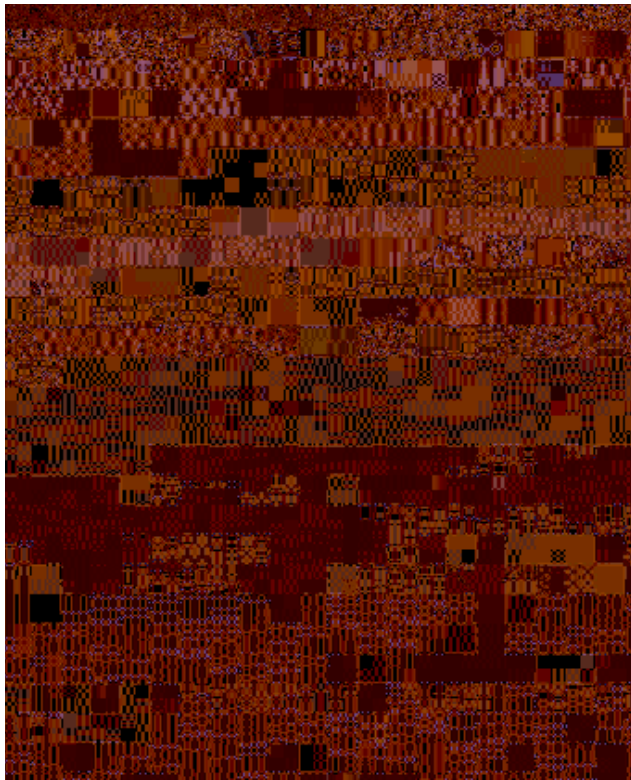
BLOOM TIME:
Late spring to midsummer

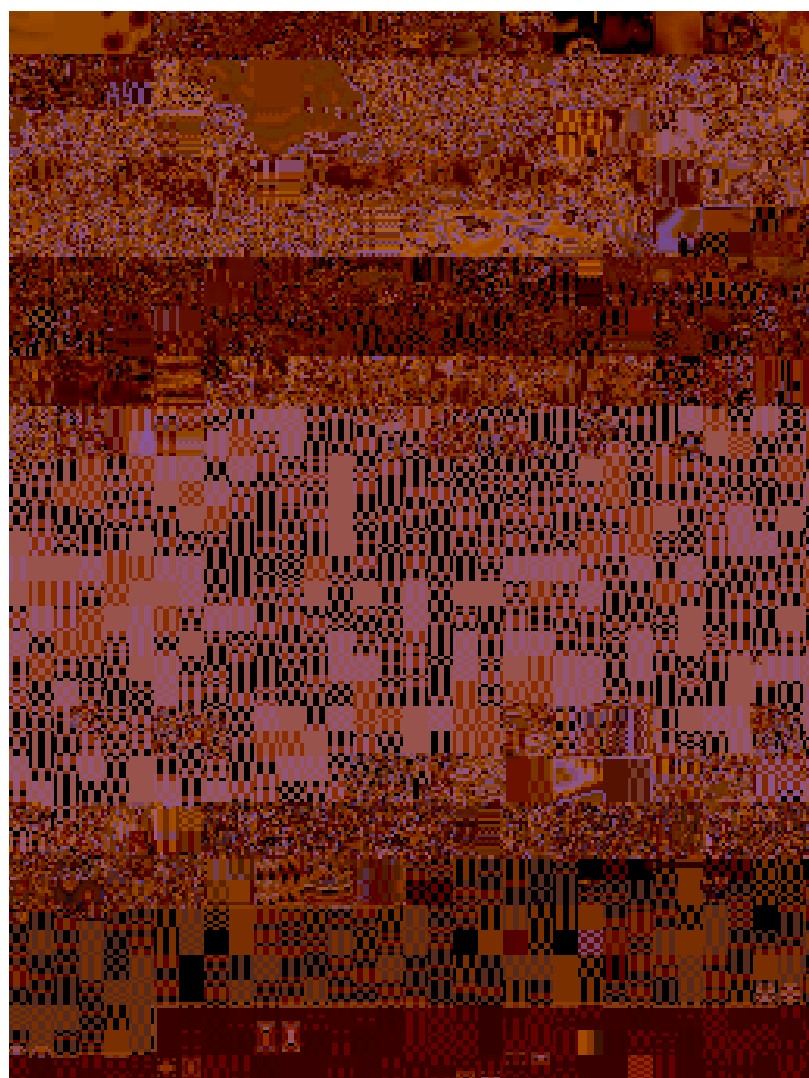
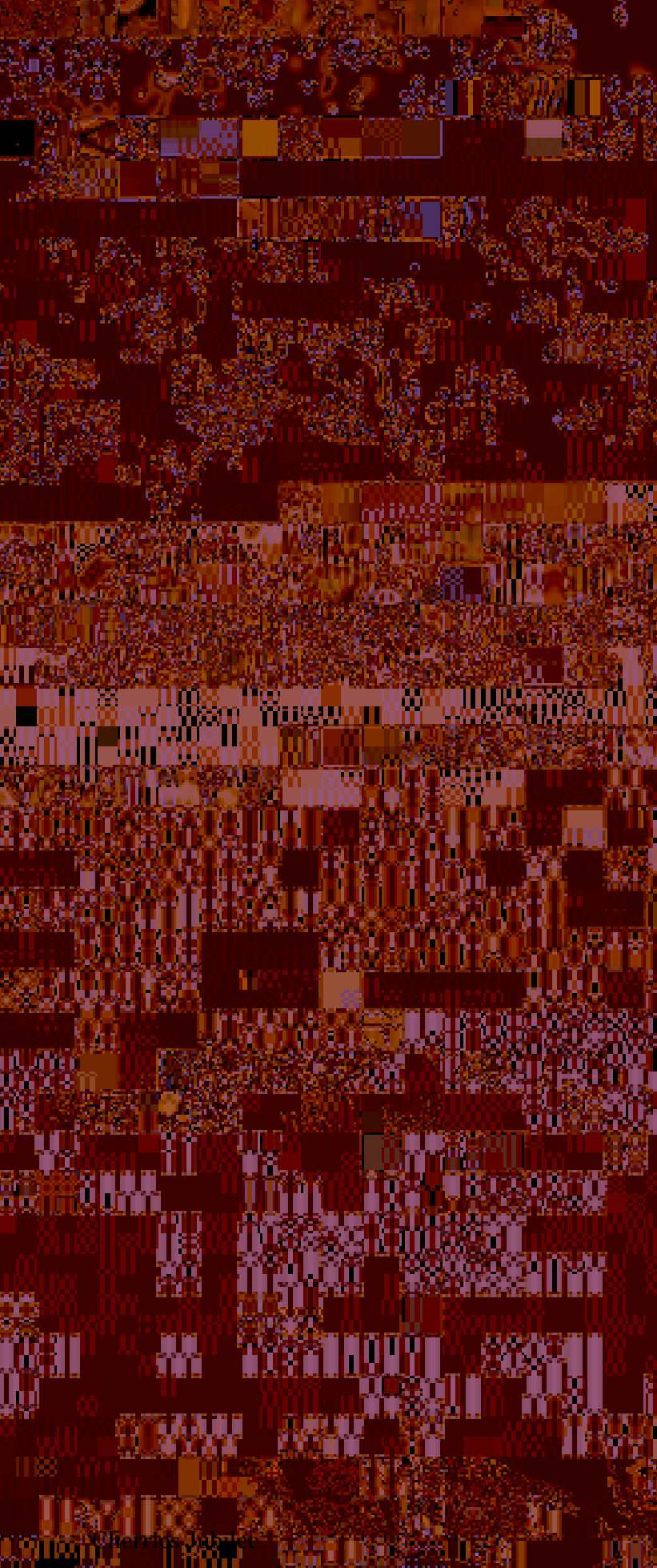
PROPAGATION:
From seed or tissue culture

MAINTENANC



*'Blueberry
Sundae'*

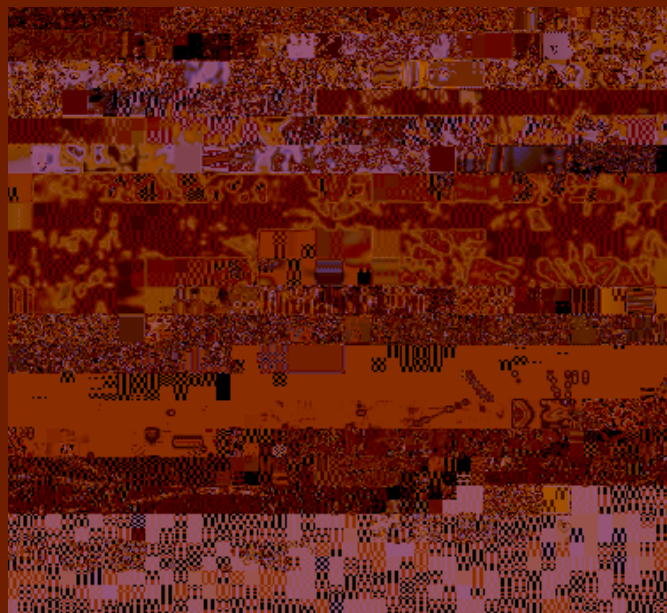
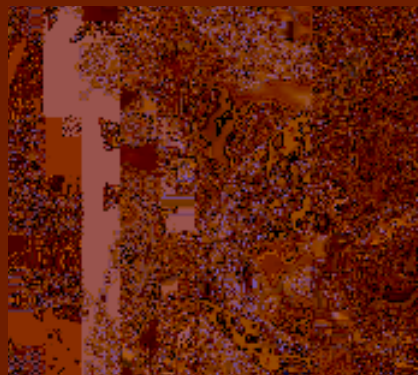
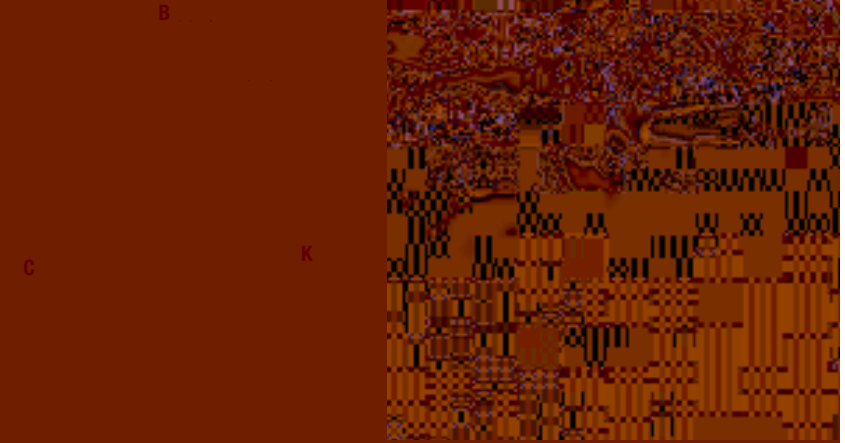




Baptisia 101

These durable, long-lived plants are heat and drought tolerant, and essentially trouble-free. Here's what else you need to know:

► **FLORAL DISPLAY:** You'll see blossoms show up in mid- to late spring. The pealike blooms are held in many-flowered racemes, rising dramatically above or arching outward from the plant. Structurally, the butterfly-shaped flowers consist of the banner, two wings, and the keel—the two lower petals fused together (drawing top left). Flowers open from the bottom first, elongating the inflorescence as upper flowers gradually follow. Baptisias can bloom for up to a month, but their floral display is at the mercy of capricious spring weather. In cool temperatures, vibrant colors and longer bloom times are common. If you blink in a hot spring, though, the flowering season



1.1 Introduction



My excitement for the latest baptisias is not only about the expanded color palette but also their rock-solid garden performance.

Midnight