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A photograph of a Common Yellowthroat bird perched on a purple flower. The bird has a bright yellow throat and breast, a black face mask, and brown wings and back. The flower is purple with yellow stamens. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and blue.

COMMON
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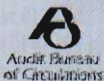
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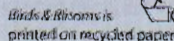
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From the Editor:

Whew! I always knew *Birds & Blooms* readers were a creative bunch, but I was blown away by the inventive and enthusiastic response to the Name This Plant challenge we announced in our Feb/Mar issue.

We received close to 20,000 suggested names for this beautiful new coreopsis from Terra Nova Nurseries. And, after reading all the E-mails and opening all the envelopes, the *Birds & Blooms* and Terra Nova staffs have narrowed the list to this final six:

Crimson Snowflakes, Fire and Ice, Peppermint Kisses, Peppermint Twist, Ruby Frost, Valentine Lace

TIME TO VOTE. Now it's up to you to help decide the final name for this plant. Due to the quick turnaround needed to get this plant ready for Terra Nova's 2009/2010 lineup, we are asking you vote on-line at www.birdsandblooms.com. (If you don't have a computer, we hope you can find a friend or family member to submit your vote for you. Or visit your local library to use the Internet.)

Voting ends April 8, and then Terra Nova will announce the new name in their summer catalog, and *Birds & Blooms* will publish it as well. We'll also print the names of the readers who submitted the winning moniker. (Each of these six final names was submitted by more than one person.)

GET YOUR OWN COREOPSIS. If you want to add this unique red and white coreopsis to your landscape, it will be available in spring 2010. We'll let you know then where you can purchase it.

This coreopsis has been in development at Terra Nova's Canby, Oregon nursery for 5 years. Dan Heims, the president and co-owner of Terra Nova, says this plant is a long-blooming color breakthrough that will also attract butterflies.

Based on what we've already heard from readers, I think it's going to attract a lot of attention from gardeners, too!

Heather Lamb



What's the best name for this new coreopsis?
Cast your vote at www.birdsandblooms.com.

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Common yellowthroat
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