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MONOCARP

is not a type of fish...

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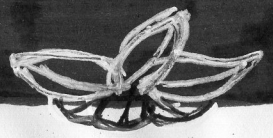
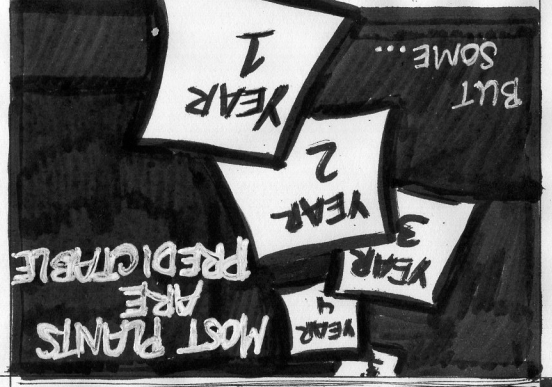
Have you seen THIS...

Well... Wh'dn is it?! The answer is... yes.



It seems like they are waiting for something... but what, exactly?



What is an annual?

No, most "annuals" sold at garden centers are not annuals. If you take a plant out of its native habitat or climate and plant it where it isn't hardy, that doesn't make it an annual.

This practice is just intentionally killing plants because capitalism.

A true annual, where it is naturally hardy, will germinate... grow... bloom... and set seed and die within 1 year (no matter what)

Tip: if you want cheap house-plants, just check the garden center sales end of season...

Notes from the Garden...

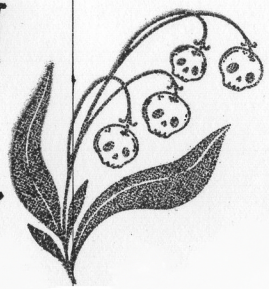
I think it is time we start to look to the future of native gardening, and that means making real changes to horticulture trends. The meadows are nice, but they are just the tip of the iceberg. We need to think about all the ways people love to garden, and find new, native alternatives to those - and do this before the mega commercial nurseries get ahead of us. I will be offering some native annuals in the nursery, and I want you to try them. Plant hanging baskets and planters. We still have a chance to set the trends, so are you with me?

-Mag!

So, what is a MONOCARP?

(or monocarpic plant...)

A monocarp is <u>any</u> plant which flowers and sets seed <u>only</u> <u>once</u> in its lifetime.



Annual... biennial... perennial... these deal with timing, and timing depends on many factors. Some may germinate → grow → bloom → set seed even within months! Some, like Agave, may take decades. In all cases, once they bloom and set seed, they're done.

Wouldn't it be easier if the nurseries told you they're monocarpic?