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**Chinese Ground Orchid**  
*Bletilla striata*

**A gorgeous terrestrial orchid that's amazingly tough! The attractive pleated foliage emerges in very early spring followed by stems covered with 1"-2" purplish-pink orchids. They bloom for up to 6 weeks in March-April. Bletillas thrive in a moist, humus-rich soil, but they also will tolerate sunnier, drier locations. They bloom best when crowded, and the best time to divide them is early spring.**

