MOMO TARO

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Seedling #. Parentage: 'Tessera' (Lutea Hybrid Gp) x lactiflora (note tree peony as seed parent). First bloomed 2006, propagated since 2008. Cream to peach colored single flowers washed peach-blush on opening, 1-2 per stem, 5½ inches in size (14 cm). Short red flares provide dramatic accent. Cream colored sheath almost entirely encloses green carpels. Pink stigmas add the final touch to a very restful flower. Stamens present but pollen absent. No fertility noted. Excellent foliage with thick substance and waxy texture, in form typical of lactiflora x Lutea hybrid crosses. 34 inch (89 cm) height. Vigorous and easy to grow. Good candidate for landscaping due to fine habit. Bill Seidl was stationed in Japan in his military assignment and enjoyed the culture and language immensely. This peony named for lead character in the popular Japanese folktale "Momo Taro."