Selected Sun Perennials for the Wasatch Front

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Yarrow
Achillea spp.

Height: 30-36 inches
Bloom Season: June-August
Flower Color(s): Yellow
Exposure: Full sun, partial sun, and partial shade
Use: Borders, cut flowers, and dry flowers
Yarrow
*Achillea* spp.
Yarrow
Achillea ‘Summer Pastel’
Yarrow
Achillea tomentosa

Height: 8-10 inches
Bloom Season: June-August
Flower Color(s): Yellow
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Borders and groundcovers
Yarrow
*Achillea tomentosa*
Anise-Hyssop
*Agastache*

Height: 36-48 inches
Bloom Season: July- September
Flower Color(s): Violet
Exposure: Full sun or partial shade
Use: Perennial herb, dry flower, or wildflower
Anise-Hyssop
Agastache
Hollyhock
*Alcea rosea*

Also *Althaea rosea*

Cultivars:

‘Majorette’

‘Silver Puffs’

‘Summer Carnival’

‘Chater’s Double Mixture’
Hollyhock
*Alcea rosea*

Height: 24-108 inches
Bloom Season: June-August
Flower Color(s): White, pink, yellow, lavender, or red
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Background borders, against fence or wall
Hollyhock
*Alcea rosea*
Columbine
Aquilegia hybrida

Cultivars:
‘McKana Giant’
‘Mrs.Scott Elliot’
‘Rose Queen’
‘Spring Song’

Height: 24-36 inches
Bloom Season: May-June
Columbine
Aquilegia hybrida

Flower Color(s): Blue, pink, purple, red, yellow, and white

Exposure: Full sun or partial shade

Use: Border and naturalized settings
Columbine
Aquilegia hybrida
Sea Pink
*Armeria maritima*

Another common name is Sea Thrift

Cultivars:
- ‘Brilliant’
- ‘Laucheana’
- ‘Royal Rose’

Height: 6-15 inches

Bloom Season: May-June
Sea Pink
Armeria maritima

Flower Color(s): Pink or white
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Cut flowers, edging, and rock gardens
Sea Pink
*Armeria maritima*
Aster
*Aster novi-belgii*

Height: 10-60 inches
Bloom Season: in Summer and Fall
Flower Color(s): Pink-white, blue-red
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Various
Aster

*Aster novi-belgii*
Michaelmas Daisy
*Aster novae-angliae*

Height: 10 to 60 inches
Bloom Season: in Summer and Fall
Flower Color(s): Pink-white or blue-red
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Various
Michaelmas Daisy
*Aster novae-angliae*
Red Valerian  
*Centranthus*

Height: 12-36 inches  
Bloom Season: June-September  
Flower Color(s): Rose-pink or white  
Exposure: Full sun  
Use: Borders, slopes, and walls
Red Valerian
Centranthus
Snow in Summer
*Cerastium tomentosum*

Height: 6 inches
Bloom Season: May-June
Flower Color(s): White
Exposure: Full sun
Snow in Summer
*Cerastium tomentosum*

Use: Evergreen, groundcover, dry stone wall, edging

Very invasive
Snow in Summer
*Cerastium tomentosum*
Plumbago
*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*
Another common name is Leadwort
Height: 8-10 inches
Bloom Season: July - September
Flower Color(s): Dark blue
Plumbago
*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*

Exposure: Partial shade
Use: Rock gardens and groundcovers
Plumbago
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides
Tickseed

*Coreopsis grandiflora*

Many cultivars
Height: 6-18 inches
Bloom Season: June-July
Flower Color(s): Shades of yellow
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Borders and cut flowers
Tickseed
Coreopsis grandiflora
Iceplant
Delospurma cooperi
Iceplant
*Delospurma nabigenum*

Height: 2-4 inches
Bloom Season: May-June
Flower Color(s): Yellow
Exposure: Full sun
Drought tolerant
Use: Slopes and rock gardens
Iceplant

*Delosperma nabigenum*
Coneflower
_Echinacea purpurea_

Height: 18-24 inches
Bloom Season: August
Flower Color(s): Purple-pink or white
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Perennial border
Coneflower

*Echinacea purpurea*
Globe Thistle

*Echinops exaltatus*

Height: 36-60 inches

Bloom Season: July-September

Flower Color(s): Blue

Exposure: Full sun

Use: Cut and dried flowers and back of borders
Globe Thistle

Echinops exaltatus
Spurge

*Euphorbia myrsinites*

Height: 8-10 inches
Bloom Season: March-May
Flower Color(s): Yellow
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Borders, cut flowers, and rock gardens
Invasive
Spurge

*Euphorbia myrsinites*
Cushion Spurge
*Euphorbia polychroma*

Height: 18 inches
Bloom Season: March-May
Flower Color(s): Yellow
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Borders and cut flowers
Cushion Spurge

*Euphorbia polychroma*
Indian Blanket
Gaillardia pulchella

Height: 12-24 inches
Bloom Season: in Summer
Flower Color(s): Yellow
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Cut flowers, window boxes, and planters
Indian Blanket
*Gaillardia pulchella*
Geum

Geum spp.

Height: 24-30 inches
Bloom Season: May-August
Flower Color(s): Scarlet, orange or yellow
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Groupings in perennial borders, or as cut flowers
Geum

*Geum* spp.
Rockrose

*Helianthemum nummularium*

Height: 12 inches

Bloom Season: June-July

Flower Color(s): Yellow to rose, red and crimson, or white
Rockrose
*Helianthemum nummularium*

Exposure: Full sun

Use: Rock gardens and on slopes and pockets
Rockrose

*Helianthemum nummularium*
Daylily

_Hemerocallis_ spp.

Height: 24-48 inches
Bloom Season: in Spring, Summer and Fall
Flowers Color(s): Many
Exposure: Full sun or partial shade
Use: Border and foundation plants
Daylily

*Hemerocallis* spp.
Iris

Height: 20-30 inches
Bloom Season: Between May and June
Flower Color(s): Black, green white edged, or purple-yellow
Exposure: Full to partial sun
Use: Cut flowers
Iris

Iris
Red Hot Poker
*Kniphofia uvaria*

Height: 24-48 inches
Bloom Season: May-September
Flower Color(s): Red or yellow
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Borders and cut flowers
Red Hot Poker
*Kniphofia uvaria*
Sweet Lavender
*Lavendula* spp.

Height: 12-36 inches
Bloom Season: June-September
Flower Color(s): Purple
Sweet Lavender

*Lavendula* spp.

Exposure: Full sun

Use: Borders, rock gardens, and cut flowers

Evergreen
Sweet Lavender
*Lavendula* spp.
Shasta Daisy

*Leucanthemum x superbum*

Height: 24-48 inches
Bloom Season: June-October
Flower Color(s): White
Exposure: Full sun or partial shade
Use: Cut flowers and borders
Shasta Daisy
Leucanthemum x superbum
Gayfeather
*Liatris* spp.

Height: 18-60 inches
Bloom Season: July-October
Flower Color(s): White, purple, or pink
Exposure: Full sun or partial shade
Use: Cutting, drying, and borders
Gayfeather
*Liatris* spp.
Lily
*Lilium*

Many cultivars
Height: Many
Bloom Season: June-August or June-July
Lily
*Lilium*

Flower Color(s): Many
Exposure: Full sun or partial shade
Use: Cut flowers
Lily
Lilium
Flax
*Linum flavum*

Height: 12-18 inches
Bloom Season: June-August
Flower Color(s): White, yellow, blue, or red
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Flowerbeds, borders, small clumps, rock gardens, cut and dried flowers
Flax

*Linum flavum*
Maltese Cross

Lychnis chalcedonica

Height: 24-36 inches
Bloom Season: June-July
Flower Color(s): Scarlet
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Small groupings in borders
Maltese Cross

*Lychnis chalcedonica*
Wild Bergamot
Monarda fistulosa

Height: Up to 36 inches
Bloom Season: June-August
Flower Color(s): Lilac
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Borders
Wild Bergamot

Monarda fistulosa
Bee Balm

*Didyma Hybrids*

Height: 24-48 inches

Bloom Season: June-August

Flower Color(s): Purple, white, or pink-red

Exposure: Partial shade

Use: Borders
Cat Mint
*Nepeta faassenii*

Height: 12-24 inches
Bloom Season: May-June
Flower Color(s): Purple
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Borders
Cat Mint
*Nepeta faassenii*
Oenothera

Height: 8-36 inches
Bloom Season: between May and September
Flower Color(s): Pink, yellow, white, yellow with red spots, or yellow poppy like
Exposure: Full to partial sun
Use: Wildflowers
Oriental Poppy

*Papaver orientale*

Height: 24-36 inches
Bloom Season: May-June
Flower Color(s): Many
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Borders and cut flowers
Oriental Poppy

*Papaver orientale*
Beard Tongue
*Penstemon*

Height: 8-68 inches
Bloom Season: April to August
Flower Color(s): Pink, red, lavender, orange-scarlet, rose-purple, purple, or blue violet
Beard Tongue
*Penstemon*

Exposure: Full to partial sun
Use: Cut flowers or wildflowers
Drought tolerant
Beard Tongue
*Penstemon*
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Beard Tongue
Penstemon
Russian Sage

*Perovskia*

Cultivars:

‘Atriplicifolia’
‘A. Longin’

Height: 48 inches

Bloom Season: July-September
Russian Sage
*Perovskia*

Flower Color(s): Lavender or blue

Exposure: Full sun

Use: Cut flowers
Russian Sage
*Perovskia*
Phlox, Tall

Phlox paniculata

Height: 8-48 inches
Bloom Season: Between June and September
Flower Color(s): White, pink, red, blue, purple, pink-white, or purplish-pink
Phlox, Tall

*Phlox paniculata*

Exposure: Full or partial sun to partial shade

Use: Borders and under deciduous trees

Subject to mildew and spider mites
Phlox, Tall

*Phlox paniculata*
Painted Daisy
*Pyrethrum* spp.

Height: 18-24 inches
Bloom Season: June-July
Flower Color(s): Pink, red, or white
Exposure: Full sun to partial shade
Use: Rock gardens, borders, naturalizing, and cut flowers
Painted Daisy

*Pyrethrum* spp.
Gloriosa Daisy
*Rudbeckia hirta pulcherrima*

Other common names include Coneflower and Blackeyed Susan

Height: 24-36 inches

Bloom Season: July-September
Gloriosa Daisy
*Rudbeckia hirta pulcherrima*

Flower Color(s): Golden yellow or brown
Exposure: Full sun or partial shade
Use: Cutting and backgrounds
Gloriosa Daisy
*Rudbeckia hirta pulcherrima*
Sage
*Salvia*

Height: 18-30 inches
Bloom Season: June-July
Flower Color(s): Purple
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Borders, herb gardens, and massing
Sage
Salvia
Pincushion Flower
*Scabiosa caucasan*

Height: 24 inches
Bloom Season: June-September
Flower Color(s): Blue, white, or mauve
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Borders, flowerbeds, and cut flowers
Pincushion Flower
Scabiosa caucasian
Showy Stonecrop Sedum
*Sedum spectabile*

Height: 18-24 inches
Bloom Season: August-October
Flower Color(s): Pink, red, or white
Exposure: Partial to full shade
Use: Rock gardens and borders
Showy Stonecrop Sedum
*Sedum spectabile*
Sedum
Sedum spp.

Height: 6 inches
Bloom Season: August-October
Flower Color(s): Red
Exposure: Full sun to partial shade
Use: Rock gardens, borders, and groundcovers
Sedum

*Sedum* spp.
Hen-and-Chickens
*Sempervivum tectorum*

Height: 6-18 inches
Bloom Season: July
Flower Color(s): Purple-red
Hen-and-Chickens
*Sempervivum tectorum*

Exposure: Full sun

Use: Rock gardens, dry walls, edging, perennial borders, bedding plants, and containers
Hen-and-Chickens
*Sempervivum tectorum*
Golden Rod

Solidago

Height: 12-36 inches
Bloom Season: July-August
Flower Color(s): Yellow-gold
Exposure: Full sun to partial shade
Use: Borders and edgings
Golden Rod
Solidago
Solidaster

Height: 24-30 inches
Bloom Season: July-October
Flower Color(s): Yellow-pale cream
Exposure: Full sun to partial shade
Use: Moist borders and meadows
Solidaster
Solidaster
Thyme
*Thymus serpyllum*

Height: 3-6 inches
Bloom Season: June-July
Flower Color(s): Purple
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Rock gardens, herb gardens, and stone walls
Thyme
*Thymus serpyllum*
Veronica
Veronica spp.

Height: 18 inches
Bloom Season: June-August
Flower Color(s): Blue, pink, red, or white
Exposure: Full sun
Use: Borders, cut flowers, and rock gardens
Veronica
Veronica spp.
California Fuchsia
_Zauschneria californica_

Height: 12-24 inches
Bloom Season: August-October
Flower Color(s): Scarlet red
Exposure: Full sun to partial shade
Use: Edging
Needs well-drained soils
California Fuchsia
Zauschneria californica