

Selected Perennials for the Wasatch Front

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Utah growing conditions make it difficult to grow some plants. Low humidity and high light intensity cause some plants listed for other areas to perform poorly in Utah.

This publication lists some perennials available through local nurseries that perform well in Utah.

Common Name. "Common Name" lists several names for the perennial. Cross referencing is done through the text for convenience. For example, Hollyhock is listed as Alcea. Hollyhock is listed under the common name, refers back to Alcea for more information.

Scientific Name. Common names leave guesswork when finding the right plant. Daisy can mean Bellis, Rudbeckia, Pyrethrum, Chrysanthemum or others. The scientific name is included so that the perennial enthusiast knows which perennial is referred to. Under the scientific name is a listing of some of the cultivars (cultivated varieties) currently sold in this area. The cultivar name e.g. 'Pink Star' may indicate flower color.

Height. Plant height varies with fertilization, light, soil conditions, and plant vigor. Heights ranges are given for most plants. Determining exact heights is the part of the joy and discovery of any perennial gardener. Keep records so plants can be moved into better locations at future dates. A perennial

garden can be arranged and rearranged and improve garden performances.

Blooming Time. Bloom time gives the chance to "orchestrate" and synchronize the blooming sequence. Plant this bloom sequence for continuous bloom from spring to fall.

Flower Color. Flower color lists the colors available in the nursery trade. It does not necessarily refer to the cultivars mentioned under the scientific name. If a flower color mentioned in the Flower Color column is not found among the cultivars, check other sources for the plant.

Light Requirement. This categorizes plants into one or more light regimes: full sun, partial shade, or full shade. Full sun is uninterrupted sunlight through the full day. Partial shade is filtered sunlight through tree leaves or a minimum of 6-8 hours of sunlight per day. Full shade indicates plantings under a dense foliage canopy or less than 6 hours of sunlight each day.

Landscape Use. This suggests planting locations as well as indoor uses such as cut flowers or dried flower arrangements.

Appendix. An appendix at the end of this list aids in plant selection. It lists perennials under three designing regimes: height, bloom time and light requirement. Height is categorized from 0-11" tall, 12-24" tall, and 24" and above. Bloom time is broken into spring bloom (March-June) summer bloom (June-August) and fall bloom (August-October). Light requirements are categorized into full sun, partial shade and full shade.

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Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i> spp.	2½'-3'	June-Aug.	Yellow	☀ ☐ ●	Borders, cut flowers, dry flowers
Yarrow	<i>Achillea tomentosa</i>	8"-10"	June-Aug.	Yellow	☀	Borders, groundcover
Monkshood	<i>Aconitum</i>	3'-4'	June-Aug.	Lavender-pink, white-yellow, white	☐	Drought tolerant Perennial boarder
Bishops Goutweed	<i>Aegopodium podagraria variegatum</i>	8"-14"	June-Jul.	White	☀ ☐ ●	Groundcover. Grows in poor soil. Very invasive
Anise-Hyssop	<i>Agastache</i>	3'-4'	July-Sept.	Violet	☀☐	Perennial herb, dry flower, wildflower
Bugleweed	<i>Ajuga</i> spp. 'Alba' 'Bronze Beauty' 'Gaiety'	6"-9"	April-May	Blue White	☀ ☐ ●	Groundcover, edging, rock gardens, beneath trees
Hollyhock	<i>Alcea rosea</i> (also <i>Althaea rosea</i>) cult. 'Majorette' 'Silver Puffs' 'Summer Carnival' 'Chater's Double Mixture'	2'-9'	June-Aug.	White, pink yellow lavender red	☀	Background borders, against fence or wall
Lady's Mantle	<i>Alchemilla</i> 'Alpina' 'Mollis'	6" 12"-18"	June-Aug. June-Aug.	Buff Yellow	☐ ☐	Edging, rock garden Cutting, edging, boarders
Chive	<i>Allium schoenaprasum</i>	6"-15"	March-June	Purple	☀ ☐	Herb gardens, edging vegetable plots, containers, edible foliage
Basket of Gold	<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i> (formerly <i>Allysum saxatilis</i>)	9"-10"	April-June	Golden Yellow	☀	Rock gardens, dry walls, banks, fronts of borders
Forget-Me-Not	<i>Anchusa myosotis</i>	6"-8"	May-June	Blue	☀☐	Borders, groupings
Windflower	<i>Anemone blanda</i> 'Bridesmaid' 'Pasque Flower' 'White Splendor'	3"-6" 12"-15"	April-May June	Blue, pink purple, white Blue, white, red	☀ ☐ ☀☐	Rock gardens, perennial borders, naturalized Perennial border
Japanese	<i>Anemone hybrid</i> <i>Anemone Sylvestris</i>	36"-48" 12"	Aug-Oct May-June	Pink, white White	☀☐ ☐	Tall background plant Borders, groundcover

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Golden Chamomile Golden Marquerite	<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i> cult. 'Beauty of Grallagh' 'E.C. Buxton' 'Grallagh Gold' 'Kelway' 'Moonlight'	2'-3'	June-Sept.	Yellow	☼	☼	Perennial border, cut flower
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia hybrida</i> cult. 'McKana Giant' 'Mrs.Scott Elliot' 'Rose Queen' 'Spring Song'	2'-3'	May-June	Blue, pink purple, red yellow, white	☼ ■	☼	Borders, naturalized settings
Rock Cress	<i>Arabis caucasica</i> cult. 'Snow Cap' 'Spring Charm'	12"	Late March- May	White Rose-tinted	☼	☼	Rock gardens, dry stone walls, borders, small area groundcover
Sand Wort	<i>Arenaria</i> spp.	2"-6"	May-June	White	☼ ■	☼	Groundcover, rock gardens, around stepping stones
Sea Pink Sea Thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i> cult. 'Brilliant' 'Laucheara' 'Royal Rose'	6"-15"	May-June	Pink White	☼	☼	Edging, rock gardens, cut flowers
Wormwood Angels-Hair	<i>Artemisia schmidtiana</i> 'Silver Mound'	8"-12"	Foliage plant		☼	☼	Perennial borders Perennial borders
	<i>Artemesia Ludoviciana</i> 'Silver King' 'Silver Queen'	24"-36" 24"-36"	Foliage plant Foliage plant		☼ ☼	☼ ☼	Perennial borders Perennial borders
	<i>Artemesia</i> 'Powis Castle'	36"-48"	Foliage plant		☼ ●	☼	Perennial border
Goatsbeard	<i>Aranucus</i> 'Dioicus'	4'-6'	June-July	Creamy white	■	☼	Dried flowers, water side, boarders
garden	<i>Aranucus aethusifolius</i>	8"-12"	June-July	Creamy white	■	☼	Woodland borders, rock
Butterfly Weed Pleurisy Root	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	2'-3'	June-Aug.	Orange	☼	☼	Borders, dry flowers
Sweet Woodruff	<i>Asperula odorata</i> 'Galium'	8"	May-July	Pink, blue, white	■	☼	Groundcover, rock gardens
Aster	<i>Aster navi-belgii</i> Varied	10"-60"	Summer, Fall	Pink-white, blue-red	☼	☼	
Michaelmas Daisy	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i> Varied 'Frikartii'	10"-60" 24-36"	Summer, Fall	Pink-white, blue-red Lavender-blue	☼	☼	Perennial border

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False Spirea	<i>Astilbe x arendsii</i>	2'-3'	June-July	Red	☀	Border plant	
	cult. 'Deutschland'			Pink			
	'Fanal'			White			
	'Red Sentinel'						
Master Wort	<i>Astrantia major</i>	30"	June-Aug.	Pink	☀	Borders, woodland	
	<i>Astrantia maxima</i>	18"-24"	June-Aug.	Pink	☀	Borders, woodland	
Rock-Cress	<i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i>	6"	April-May	Rose-lilac	☀	Rock gardens, dry stone walls, edge of perennial borders	
	cult. 'Bengale'			Purple			
	'Purple Cascade'			Red			
	'Red Cascade'						
Baby's Breath (see Gypsophila)							
Basket of Gold (see Allysum)							
Bellflower, Chinese or Japanese (see Platycodon)							
English Daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>	4"-6"	April-June	White Pink	☀ ☀	Edging, borders	
Heartleaf Bergenia	<i>Bergenia cordifolia</i>	12"-15"	April-May	Pink White	☀ ☀	Evergreen, rock gardens, stream banks, pools, perennial borders	
Boltonia	<i>Boltonia astroides</i>	3'-4'	Aug.-Oct.	White, pink	☀	Borders, meadows	
Bleeding Heart (see Dicentra)							
Campanula Carpathian Harebell	<i>Campanula carpatica</i>	6"-12"	June-Aug.	Blue-lilac	☀ ☀	Borders or rock gardens	
	cult. 'Blue Carpet'			White			
	'China Doll'			Purple			
Campanula Danesblood Clustered Bellflower	<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	1'-1½'	June-Aug.	White Blue Purple	☀ ☀	Borders, bedding between shrubs, cut flowers. Very invasive	
	Campanula Canterbury Bells	<i>Campanula medium</i>	2'-4'	June-Aug.	White Pink Blue, mauve	☀ ☀	Borders, isolated clumps, balconies
		cult. 'Cup and Saucer'					
Campanula Peach Leaf	<i>Campanula persicifolia</i>	2'-3'	June-Aug.	White Blue	☀ ☀	Borders	
Cupid's Dart	<i>Catananche caerulea</i>	2'	June-Aug.	Blue	☀	Borders, cutflower	
Carnation (see <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>)							
Red Valerian	<i>Centranthus 'Ruber'</i>	1'-3'	June-Sept.	Rose-pink, white	☀	Borders, slopes, walls	

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Snow-in-Summer dry	<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	6"	May-June	White	☀	Evergreen, groundcover,
	cult. 'Columnae' 'Yoyo'					stone walls, edging. Very invasive
Plumbago Leadwort	<i>Cerastigma plumbaginoides</i>	8"-10"	July-Sept.	Dark blue	☀ ■	Rock gardens, groundcover
Wallflower	<i>Cheiranthus cheiri</i> 'Erysimum'	9"-2½'	March-May	White, yellow, brown, red, pink, purple	☀	Balconies, terraces, mixed borders, flower beds, banks, rockeries, slopes
Bugbane massing	<i>Cimicifuga cordifolia</i>	3'-4'	Aug.-Sept.	Ivory-white	☀ ■	Wildflower, borders,
Columbine (see Aquilegia)						
Lily-of-the Valley	<i>Convallaria majalis</i> cult. 'Flora Plena' 'Rosea' 'Striata'	6"-12"	May	White	☀ ■ ●	Very invasive Fragrant
Coral Bells (see Heuchera)						
Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i>		June-July	Yellow	☀	Borders, cut flowers
	cult. 'Baby Sun'	18"	June-July	Yellow-chestnut		
	'Goldfink'	6"	June-July	Gold-yellow	☀	
	'Sunray'	18"	June-July	Gold-yellow	☀	
	'Verticillata'	18"	June-July	Gold-yellow	☀	
	'Moonbeam'	18"				
Corydalis	<i>Corydalis flexuosa</i>	8"-12"	May-Oct.	Blue	● □	Edgings, walls
	<i>Corydalis lutea</i>	8"-12"	May-Sept.	Yellow	● □	Walls, borders
Creeping Jennie (see Lysimachia)						
Montbretia	<i>Crocsmia</i>					Border, massing ☀
	'Lucifer'	3'-4'	July-Aug.	Flame red	☀	
	other hybrids Border massing	2'-4'	July-Sept.	Red-orange-yellow		
Daisy, English (see Bellis)						
Daisy, Gloriosa (see Rudbeckia)						
Daisy, Painted (see Pyrethrum)						
Daisy, Shasta (see Leucanthemum)						
Daylily (see Hemerocallis)						
Iceplant rock	<i>Delospurma cooperi</i>	2"-4"	June-Sept.	Magenta	☀	Drought tolerant, slopes,
	<i>Delospurma nabigenum</i>	2"-4"	May-June	Yellow garden	☀	

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Delphinium	<i>Delphinium elatum</i> cult. many	3'-6'	June-July	Many	☼	Background accent, cut flowers
Chrysanthemum	<i>Dendranthema</i> (see Chrysanthemum fact sheet)					
Dianthus terrace,	<i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	4"-6"	May-Aug.	White, pink, scarlet	☼	Cut flowers, balconies, borders, rockeries, flower bed
pot Carnation Clove Pink Divine Flower	<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> cult. 'Chabaud's Giant Improved' 'Dwarf Fragrance Mixed' 'Enfant de Nice Mixed' 'Juliet' 'Oriental Hybrid Mixed'	1'-2'	June-Aug.	White Pink Red Purple Yellow Apricot-orange	☼	Cut flowers, flowerbeds, plants, borders
Pinks	<i>Dianthus chinensis</i>	6"-12"	Summer-Fall	Red, white, pink	☼ ■	Edging, cut flowers, bedding
Maiden Pink Meadow Pink Spink	<i>Dianthus deltoides</i>	4"-12"	May-Aug.	White Pink Red	☼	Rock gardens, border plants
Bleeding Heart	<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	2'-3'	May-June	Red and white	■	Cut flowers, shaded borders
Gasplant	<i>Dictamnus</i>	18"-24"	June-July	White, pink, red	☼	Perennial borders
Common Foxglove Fairy Glove Fingerflower Purple Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i> cult. 'Leopard Foxglove'	2'-5'	May-July	Purple-pink Lavender White-apricot Rose	☼ ■	Borders, cut flowers
Leopardbane	<i>Doronicum caucasicum</i> cult. 'Finesse' 'Madam Mason'	2'	April-May	Yellow	☼ ■	Perennial borders, cut flowers
Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> Perennial border	1½'-2'	Aug.	Purple-pink, white	☼	
Globe Thistle	<i>Echinops exaltatus</i> cult. 'Tapglow Blue' x epimedium	3'-5'	July-Sept.	Blue	☼	Cut and dried flowers, back of borders
Barrenwort	<i>Epimedium</i>	8"-12"	April-May	Red, pink, yellow, white	■ ●	Woodland, borders
Fleabane	<i>Erigeron speciosus</i> Cut flowers, rock	1'-2'	June-July	Blue-pink, lavender	☼	gardens, borders
	<i>Erusimum</i> (see cheiranthus)					

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Spurge	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	8"-10"	March-May	Yellow	☀	Border plants, cut flowers, rock gardens; invasive
Cushion Spurge	<i>Euphorbia polydroma</i> (epithymoidese)	1½'	March-May	Yellow	☀	Border plants, cut flowers
	<i>E. Griffithii</i> 'Fireglow'	3'	July	Orange-red	☀	Border plants, cut flowers
Ferns (see Fern fact sheet)						
Festuca (Blue Fescue)	<i>Festuca ovina glauca</i> (see ornamental grasses fact sheet)	6"-10"			☀ ■	Edging, banks, groundcover
Foxglove, Common (see Digitalis)						
Indian Blanket	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> 'Grandiflora'	1'-2'	Summer	Yellow	☀	Cut flowers, window boxes, planters
		2'-3'	Fall	Orange, scarlet		
Cranesbill	<i>Geranium</i> spp.	6"-24"	May-Sept.	Blue Purple, red	☀ ■	Rock gardens, perennial garden
Geum	<i>Geum</i> spp.	2'-2½'	May-Aug.	Scarlet, orange, yellow	☀	Groupings in perennial borders, cut flowers
Grasses (See ornamental grasses fact sheet)						
Baby's Breath	<i>Gypsophila</i> spp.	1'-3'	June-July	Rose, purple white, pink	☀	Borders, dry flowers, rock gardens
Rockrose Sunrose	<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	1'	June-July	Yellow to rose Red and crimson White	☀	Rock gardens, slopes and pockets
Lenten Rose Christmas Rose	<i>Helleborus</i>	1'-1½'	Jan-Feb.	White, red, green	●	Moist shade
Daylily	<i>Hemerocallis</i> spp. Many cultivars	2'-4'	Spring Summer, Fall	Many	☀ ■	Foundation plants, borders
Hen-and-Chickens (see Sempervivum)						
Coral Bells Alum Root	<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i> cult. 'Bressingham Hybrids' 'Chartreuse' 'Chatterbox' 'June Bride' 'Matin Bells' 'Pluie de Feu' (Rain of Fire) 'White Cloud'	1'-2½'	May-July	Red Pink White	☀ ■	Rock gardens, borders

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Rose Mallow	<i>Hibiscus</i> Moscheutos 'Southern Belle'	3'-4'	July-Sept	Red, pink, white	☀	Borders and specimen. Needs summer heat but must not dryout
Hollyhock (see Alcea)						
Plantain-Lily	<i>Hosta</i> spp.	1'-2'	July-Sept.	White Lavender Lilac	■ ●	Borders, rock gardens, masses
Aaron's Beard	<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	1'-1½'	June-Sept.	Yellow	☀	Shady slopes, banks, flowerbeds, borders, groundcover
Rose of Sharon	'Reptens'	6"	June-Sept.	Yellow	■	Rock gardens
Evergreen Candytuft	<i>Iberis sempervirens</i> cult.	6"-12"	April-May	White	☀	Rock gardens, edging
Edging Candytuft	'Autumn Snow'	6"-12"				
	'Little Gem'	6"-12"				
	'Purity'	6"-12"				
	'Snowflake'	6"-12"				
	'Snowmantle'	6"-12"				
	'Mount Hood'	6"-12"	Extended bloom		☀ ■	Rock gardens, edging
Hardy Gloxinia	<i>Incarvillea</i> spp.	1'	June-July	Red Pink	☀	Perennial gardens, rock gardens
Iris	<i>Iris</i>					
German Iris	'C. Black Form'	24"	June	Black	☀	Cut flower
Pallida	'Albo-Variegata'	24-30"	May-June	Green white edged	☀	☉
	Cut flower					
	'Aureo Variegata' (zebra)	20-26"	May-June	Purple-yellow	☀ ☉	Cut flower
Japanese Aster	<i>Kalimeris</i>	24"	June-Sept.	White	☀ ■	Borders, massing
Red-Hot Poker	<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	2'-4'	May-Sept.	Red Yellow	☀	Borders, cut flowers
Torch Lily						
Tritoma						
Poker Plant						
Lamb's Ear (see Stachys Byzantina)						
Spotted Dead Nettle	<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	12"	April-Sept.	Purple-red White-yellow	■ ●	Shaded perennial borders, rock gardens, summer filler
Sweet Lavender	<i>Lavandula</i> spp.	1'-3'	June-Sept.	Purple	☀	Borders, rock gardens, cut flowers, evergreen
Shasta Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i> cult.	2'-4'	June-Oct.	White	☀ ■	Cut flowers, borders
	'Alaska'					
	'Esther Read'					
	'Little Miss Muffet'					
	'Marconi'					

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Gayfeather Blazing Star	<i>Liatris</i> spp.	1½'-5'	July-Oct.	White, purple pink	☀ ■	Cutting, drying, borders
Ligularia	<i>Ligularia</i>	4'-6'	June-July	Yellow	■	Moist borders, water side
Lily	<i>Lilium</i>					
	`Garden Lilly'					
	`African Queen'	4-5'	July-Aug	Golden yellow	☀ ■	Cut flower
	`Black Beauty'	48"		Maroon		
	`Latoya'	30"		Ruby		
	`London'	28"		Yellow		
	Oriental					
	`Casa Blanca'	48"		White		
	`Kyoto'	36"		White, purple speckled		
	`Paula Da Costa'	32"		Lt. pink, speckled		
	`White Stargazer'	28"		White, speckled		
	`Pink Perfection'	4-5'		Dusty pink		
	`Regal'	4-5'		Fragrant white		
	`Simply Red'					
	`Stargazer'	4-5'		Spotted crimson red		
	`Sterling Star'	28"		White, speckled		
	`Tigrum'	4-5'	June-July	Red spotted black		
	`Torino'					
	`Zsa Zsa'	34"		Clear white		
Lily-of-the-Valley (see Convallaria)						
Limonium (Sea Lavender) (Statice)	<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	1½'-2'	June-Aug.	White Yellow Blue, red	☀	Flowerbeds, borders, small clumps, rock gardens, cut and dried flowers
Flax (Golden Flax)	<i>Linum flavum</i>	12-18"	June-Aug.	Golden Yellow	☀	Rock gardens, border front
	`Perene'	12-18"	June-Aug.	Blue	☀	Rock gardens, border front
Lily Turf perennial	<i>Liriope</i> spp.	10"-15"	Aug. Sept.	Purple	☀	Evergreen, borders,
	`Muscarif'	12"-24"		Purple-white	■	gardens, rock gardens
	`Spicata	12"		Pale violet	●	
Lupin	<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i> cult. George Russell hybrids	2½'-5'	May-July	Blue, purple, reddish-purple Yellow	☀ ■	Cut flowers, borders
Maltese Cross Jerusalem Cross	<i>Lycbnis chalcedonica</i> <i>Lycbnis viscaria</i> <i>Lycbnis coronaria</i> `Blood Red'	2'-3' 10-12" 24-30"	June-July	Scarlet	☀ ■	Small groupings in border Borders. Backgrounds and groupings.
Creeping Jennie Moneywort Creeping Charlie	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	6"-8"	June-Nov.	Yellow	☀ ■ ☀	Shaded slopes and banks, walls, hanging baskets, bog gardens, submerged aquarium plant

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Gooseneck Loosestrife	<i>Lysimachia clethroides</i>	2-3'	July-Aug.	White	☀ ●	Perennial border
Purple Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	This plant has been declared noxious in many areas including Utah because it is so invasive. It should not be planted.				
Maltese Cross (see Lychnis)						
Wild Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	to 3'	June-Aug.	Lilac	☀	Borders
Bee Balm	Didyma Hybrids	2-4'	June-Aug.	Purple, white Pink-red	☀ ☀	Borders
Cat Mint	<i>Nepeta faassenii</i>	12-24"	May-June	Purple	☀	Border.
Oenothera	<i>Oenothera</i>					
Primrose	`B. Siskiyou'	8-10"	June-Aug	Pink	☀ ☀	
	`Erythrosepala' (Lamarkiana)	3'	June-Aug	Yellow	☀ ☀	
	`Missourensis'	12"	May-Sep	Yellow w/red spots	☀	Wildflower.
	`Speciosa Alba'	10"	June-Aug	White	☀ ☀	
	`Tetragona' (Highlight)	18"	Aug-Sep	Yellow	☀ ☀	
	`Tetragona' (Youngii)	20"	Aug-Sep	Yellow Poppy-like	☀	☀
Pachysandra (Japanese Pachysandra)	<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i> cult. `Green Carpet' `Variegata' (Silver Edge)	6"-8"	May	White	☀ ●	Groundcover, slopes, level ground, beneath trees
Peony	<i>Paeonia</i>	3'	May-June	Many	☀ ☀	Accent, cut flowers
Iceland Poppy	<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>	12"-15"	May-June	Many	☀ ☀	Borders, cut flowers
Oriental Poppy	<i>Papaver orientale</i>	2'-3'	May-June	Many	☀	Borders, cut flowers
Beard Tongue	<i>Penstemon</i>					
	`B. Elfin Pink Mix'	12"	June-July	Pink	☀ ☀	Drought tolerant
	`D. Husker Red'	30"	July-Aug	Red, lavender		Cut flower
	`Pinifolius'	8"	June-July	Orange-scarlet		Wildflower
	`PrarieDusk'	18-24"	June-Aug	Rose-purple		Drought tolerant, cut flower
	`Perennial Blend'	18-24"	June-Aug	Mix		Cut flower
	`Purple Haze'	68"	April-May	Purple		Cut flower
	`Scarlet Queen'	24"	June-July	Blue violet		Cut flower
	`Strictus' (Rocky Mt.)	16-20"	June-July	Blue violet		Cut flower
Peony (see Paeonia)						
Russian Sage	<i>Perovskia</i>					
	`Atriplicifolia'	48"	July-Sep	Lavender, blue	☀	Cut flower
	`A. Longin'	48"	July-Sep	Violet, blue	☀	Cut flower

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			TIME	COLOR	REQUIRED	
Phlox, creeping	<i>Phlox subulata</i>	6"-10"	April-June	White, pink salmon, purple	☀ ■	Edging, bedding, rock gardens
Phlox, tall	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	2'-3'	July-Sept.	White	☀	Border
Summer Phlox	cult.			Pink	■	Subject to mildew
Garden Phlox	Synions-Jeune Phlox			Red, blue, purple		and Spider Mites
Woodland Phlox	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	8"-12"	June	Pink-white to blue	■	
	Under deciduous trees					
Spotted Phlox	<i>Phlox maculata</i>	2'-4'	June	Purplish-pink	☀●	Perennial border; resistant to mildew and mites
Obedient Plant	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	2'-3'	July-Sept.	Rose-purple	☀	Cut flowers, back of
borders,	cult. 'Bouquet Rose'			White	■	informal wild flower
gardens	'Summer Glow'					
	'Summer Snow'					
Chinese Bellflower	<i>Platycodon grandiflorum</i>	2'	July-Sept.	Blue	☀	Cutting, rock gardens,
Balloon Flower	cult.			Pink	■	borders
Japanese Bellflower	'Apoyama'			White		
	'Shell Pink'					
Plumbago (see <i>Ceratostigma</i>)						
Jacob's-Ladder	<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>	1½'	May-June	Blue-pink, white	☀	Rock gardens, foreground
	cult. 'Blue Pearl'				■	of perennial borders
	<i>P. reptans</i>	9"	Spring	Blue	■	Groundcover
Poppy, Iceland (see <i>Papaver nudicaule</i>)						
Poppy, Oriental (see <i>Papaver orientate</i>)						
Potentilla	<i>Potentilla verna</i>	4"-6"	May-Oct.	Yellow	☀■	Groundcover
	<i>Potentilla nepalensis</i>	12"	June-Sept.	Crimson-pink, orange	■	
	Perennial garden					
Primrose	<i>Primula</i>	4"-24"	March-Aug.	All colors	■	Borders, woodland
	Many hybrids					
Primrose	<i>Primula x polyantha</i>	6"-12"	April-June	Many	■	Shaded areas in perennial borders, shaded streams
	cult. 'Colossea Hybrids'					
	'Pacific Giants'					
Bethlehem Sage	<i>Pulmonaria</i>					
Lungwort	'Apple Frost'	12"	April-May	Rose	■●	Good foliage all season
	'Baby Blue'	12"		Sky blue to pink		
	'British Sterling'	12"		Magenta		
	'Excalibur'	12"		Blue		
	'Milky Way'	12"		Wine red		
	'Pierre's Pure Pink'	12"		Shell pink		
	'Regal Ruffles'	10-12"		Purple		
	'S. Janet Fisk'	12"		Pink to blue		
	'S. Mrs. Moon'	12"		Pink, blue		
	'S. Roy Davidson'	8-10"		Pink to blue		
	'S. Sissinghurst'	12"		White		
	'Spilled Milk'	9"		Pink		

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Painted Daisy	<i>Pyrethrum</i> spp.	1½'-2'	June-July	Pink, red white	☀ ■	Rock gardens, borders, naturalizing, cut flowers
Red-Hot Poker (see <i>Kniphofia</i>)						
Gloriosa Daisy Coneflower Blackeyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta pulcherrima</i> 'Gloriosa Daisy' (<i>Rudbeckia</i> × <i>hybrida</i>) cult. 'Gloriosa Double Daisy' 'Gloriosa Irish Eyes' 'Marmalade' 'Rustic Colors'	2'-3'	July-Sept.	Golden yellow Brown	☀ ■	Cutting, background
Sage massing	<i>Salvia</i> Superba Hybrids	18"-30"	June-July	Purple	☀	Border, herb gardens,
Lavender Cotton	<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i> 'Green Santolina rosmarinifolia' ☀	12" Hardier	June 12"	Yellow June	☀ P a l e - y e l l o w	Evergreen, rock gardens, low hedge, carpet bedding
Bouncing Bet Soapwort	<i>Saponaria officinalis</i> <i>Saponaria ocymoides</i>	12"-30" 6"-8"	July-Sept. June	Pink, white Pink	☀ ■ ☀	Wild gardens, rough corners Rock garden; pest free
Saxifraga	<i>Saxifraga</i> spp.	3"-1½'	June-Aug.	Yellow, white, red, pink, purple	■	Rock gardens, borders, edging, potted plants
Pincushion Flower	<i>Scabiosa caucasian</i>	2'	June-Sept.	Blue, white, mauve	☀	Borders, flowerbeds, cut flowers
Sea Lavender (see <i>Limonium</i>)						
Showy Stonecrop Sedum		<i>Sedum spectabile</i>		1½'-2'	A u g . - O c t .	
Live-Forever	Pink cult. 'Brilliant' 'Indian Chief' 'Meteor' 'Star Dust' 'Variegatum'	●	Rock gardens,	borders Red White	■	
Sedum	<i>Sedum</i> spp. cult. 'Dragon's Blood'	6"	Aug.-Oct.	Red	☀ ■	Rock gardens, borders Groundcover
Hen-and-Chickens Old-Man-and-Woman Houseleeks	<i>Sempervivum tectorum</i>	6"-1½'	July	Purple- red	☀	Rock gardens, dry walls, edging, perennial borders, bedding plants, containers
Catch Fly	<i>Silene</i> 'Maritima Swanlake' 'Schafta'	5" 8"	July July	Double white Deep rose	☀ ☀	Tender

Snow-in-Summer (see *Cerastium*)

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Golden Rod	<i>Solidago</i> 'Brachystachys' Many hybrids	1'-3'	July-Aug	Yellow-gold	☼ ■	Borders, edgings
Solidaster	<i>Solidaster</i> Moist borders, meadows	24"-30"	July-Oct.	Yellow-pale cream	☼	■
Betonica groundcover, Lamb's Ear	<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	6"-12"	July-Oct.	--	☼ ■	Front of borders, rock gardens
Woolly Betony	<i>Stachys officinalis</i> <i>Stachys macrantha</i>	15-20" 15-20"	June-Sept. June-Sept.	Reddish-purple Purplish-pink	☼ ☼	Perennial border Perennial border
Statice (see Limonium)						
Sweet Lavender (see Lavandula)						
Sweet William (see <i>Dianthus barbatus</i>)						
American Gemander	<i>Teucrium canadense</i>	6"	June-July	Rose	☼	Edging, rock gardens
Germander hedges	<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	4"-12"	June-July	Purple	☼	Edging, rock gardens,
Meadow Rue	<i>Thalictrum</i> 'Aquilegifolium' 'Dipterocarpum' 'Hewitts Double' 'Minus adiantifolium' 'Rochebrunianum' 'Thunderclour'	12-18" 4-5" 60" 12-18" 5' 36-48"	April-June July-Sep July-Sep July-Sep July-Sep June-July	Rose, white Mauve, lilac Yellow Yellow-green Reddish lilac Bluish white	☼ ■	Cut flower Wildflower
Thyme	<i>Thymus serpyllum</i> <i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	3"-6" to 12"	June-July	Purple White, red	☼	Rock gardens, herb gardens, stone walls
Toad Lily	<i>Tricyrtus</i> Moist woodland	24"-36"	Sept.-Oct.	White w/purp. spot	■	
Virginia Spiderwort Widow's-Tears	<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	1½'-2'	June-Sept.	White Pink Red	☼ ■	Borders, foundations
Tritoma (see Kniphofia)						
Globe Flower	<i>Trollius europaeus</i>	1'-2'	May-July	Lemon, orange	●	Borders
Valeriana	<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	3'-5'	June-July	White, red, purple	☼ ■	Perennial gardens, background, herb garden
Veronica	<i>Veronica</i> spp. Many spp.	1½'	June-Aug.	Blue, pink, red, white	☼	Borders, cut flowers, rock gardens
Vinca Lesser Periwinkle	<i>Vinca minor</i>	6"-8"	March-May	Blue-purple White-magenta	■ ●	Groundcover in flowerbeds, rockeries or shrubberies

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Myrtle	<i>Vinca major</i>	12"-15"	March-May	Blue	●	Groundcover in flowerbeds, rockeries or shrubberies
Wallflower (see Cheiranthus)						
California Fuchsia	<i>Zauschneria californica</i>	12"-24"	Aug-Oct.	Scarlet red	☀ ■	Well-drained soils; edgings

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APPENDIX

FULL SUN, UP TO 11"

<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Ajuga	Achillea, dwarf	Aster, short or dwarf
Allium	Aegopodium	Betonica
Allysum	Allium	Ceratostigma
Anchusa	Allysum	Dianthus chinensis
Anemone	Anchusa	Liriope
Arenaria	Arenaria	Lysimachia
Armeria	Armeria	Potentilla
Aster, short or dwarf	Aster, short or dwarf	Sedum spp.
Aubrieta	Bellis	
Aurinia	Betonica	
Bellis	Campanula	
Cerastium	carpatica	
Cheiranthus	Cerastium	
Convallaria	Ceratostigma	
Delosperma	Delosperma	
Dianthus barbatus	Dianthus barbatus	
Dianthus deltoides	Dianthus chinensis	
Iberis	Dianthus deltoides	
Phlox, creeping	Liriope	
Potentilla	Lysimachia	
Vinca	Phlox, creeping	
	Potentilla	
	Sedum spp.	
	Sempervivum	
	Stachys Byzantina	
	Teucrium	
	Thymus	

FULL SUN, 12"-23"

<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Allium	Aegopodium	Aster, tall
Arabis	Allium	Betonica
Armeria	Aster, tall	Dianthus chinensis
Aster, tall	Astrantia	Gaillardia
Bergenia	Betonica	Geranium
Cheiranthus	Campanula	Hosta
Convallaria	carpatica	Hypericum
Dianthus deltoides	Campanula	Lavandula
Euphorbia	glomerata	Liatris
polychroma	Catananche	Liriope
Geranium	Dianthus	Saponaria
Heuchera	caryophyllus	Sedum, spectabile
Iberis	Dianthus chinensis	Solidaster
Polemonium	Dianthus deltoides	Tradescantia
	Echinacea	
	purpurea	
	Erigeron	
	Flax	
	Gaillardia	
	Geranium	
	Gypsophila	
	Helianthemum	
	Heuchera	
	Hosta	
	Hypericum	
	Incarvillea	
	Lavandula	
	Liatris	
	Limonium	
	Liriope	
	Phlox maculata	
	Polemonium	
	Pyrethrum	
	Santolina	
	Saponaria	
	Sedum spectabile	
	Sempervivum	
	Solidago	
	Solidaster	
	Stachys macrantha	
	Teucrium	
	canadense	
	Tradescantia	
	Veronica	
	Zauschneria	

FULL SUN, 24" AND ABOVE

<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Aquilegia	Achillea, tall	Anthemis
Aster, tall	Agastache	Aster, tall
Cheiranthus	Alcea	Dendranthema
Digitalis	Anthemis	Echinops
Doronicum	Aquilegia	Gaillardia
Geranium	Asclepias	Geranium
Geum	Aster, tall	Hemerocallis
Hemerocallis	Astilbe	Hosta
Heuchera	Campanula	Knipitofia
Kniphofia	medium	Lavandula
Lupine	Campanula	Liatris
Paeonia	persicifolia	Lythrum
Papaver	Centranthus	Phlox, tall
	Coreopsis	Phystostegia
	Delphinium	Platycodon
	Dianthus	Rudbeckia
	caryophyllus	Scabiosa
	Dictamnus	Sedum spectabile
	Digitalis	Tradescantia
	Echinops	
	Erigeron	
	Flax	
	Gaillardia	
	Geranium	
	Geum	
	Gypsophila	
	Hemerocallis	
	Heuchera	
	Hosta	
	Kalameris	
	Kniphofia	
	Lavandula	
	Leucanthemum	
	Liatris	
	Limonium	
	Lupine	
	Lychnis	
	Monarda	
	Paeonia	
	Papaver	
	Perovskia	
	Phlox, tall	
	Physostegia	
	Platycodon	
	Pyrethrum	
	Rudbeckia	
	Scabiosa	
	Sedum spectabile	
	Tradescantia	
	Valeriana	

PARTIAL SHADE, UP TO 11"

<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Ajuga	Aegopodium	Ceratostigma
Allium	Allium	Dianthus
Anchusa	Anchusa	chinensis
Anemone	Arenaria	Liriope
Anemone	Asperula	Lysimachia
Pulsatilla	Bellis	Potentilla
Arenaria	Campanula	Sedum spp.
Asperula	carpatica	
Aubrietia	Ceratostigma	
Bellis	Dianthus	
Convallaria	chinensis	
Pachysandra	Epimedium	
Phlox, creeping	Liriope	
Potentilla	Lysimachia	
Primrose	Phlox creeping	
Vinca	Potentilla	
	Primrose	
	Saxifraga	
	Sedum spp.	

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Allium	Allium	Dianthus chinensis
Bergenia	Campanula	Geranium
Convallaria	carpatica	Hosta
Geranium	Campanula	Hypericum
Heuchera	glomerata	Lamium
Lamium	Dianthus chinensis	Liatris
Phlox	Geranium	Liriope
divaricata	Heleborus	Saponaria
Polemonium	Heuchera	Sedum spectabile
Primrose	Hosta	Tradescantia
	Hypericum	
	Lamium	
	Liatris	
	Liriope	
	Polemonium	
	Primrose	
	Pyrethrum	
	Saponaria	
	Saxifraga	
	Sedum spectabile	
	Tradescantia	
	Trollius	
	Zauschneria	

PARTIAL SHADE, 24" AND ABOVE

Spring

Aquilegia
Aruncus
Dicentra
Digitalis
Doronicum
Geranium
Hemerocallis
Heuchera
Lupine
Paeonia
Papaver

Summer

Aquilegia
Astilbe
Campanula
medium
Campanula
persicifolia
Dicentra
Digitalis
Geranium
Hemerocallis
Heuchera
Hosta
Leucanthemum
Liatris
Ligularia
Lupine
Lysimachia
clethroides
Monarda
Paeonia
Papaver nudicaule
Phlox, tall
Physostegia
Platycodon
Pteris
Pyrethrum
Rudbeckia
Saponaria
Sedum spectabile
Thalictrum
Tradescantia
Valeriana

Fall

Dendranthema
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Hemerocallis
Hosta
Liatris
Lythrum
Phlox, tall
Physostegia
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12"-23"

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Heleborus
Hosta
Lamium
Liriope
Trollius

**24" AND
ABOVE**

Ferns
Hosta
Pteris
Tricyrtus
Trollius