

NEW PLANT SELECTIONS FOR 2021



The background features abstract, overlapping green geometric shapes, primarily triangles and polygons, in various shades of green, creating a modern and dynamic feel. The word "ANNUALS" is centered in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

ANNUALS

Year of the Sunflower

The Sunflower is one of the most popular genera of flowers to grow in your garden.

First-time to experienced gardeners gravitate to these bold, easy to grow flowers.

Sunflowers originated in the Americas and domestic seeds dating back to 2100 BC have been found in Mexico. Native Americans grew sunflowers as a crop, and explorers eventually brought the flowers to Europe in the 1500s. Over the next few centuries, sunflowers became increasingly popular on the European and Asian continent, with Russian farmers growing over 2 million acres in the early 19th century (most of which was used to manufacture sunflower oil).

How to Grow and Care for Sunflowers:

Sunflower seeds can be direct sown after the risk of frost has passed or started indoors.

Seeds should be sown $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep and kept moist. Taller, larger sunflower varieties have a large taproot to keep them rooted and do not do well when they are transplanted so direct sowing of those varieties is recommended. Choose a site, or a container, in full sun, with average fertility and good drainage.



Did you know?

The tallest sunflower grown was 30' 1" in Germany in 2014.



Did you know?

Sunflower seeds traveled to space in 2012 when astronaut Don Pettit took them on board the Int'l Space Station.



Did you know?

Some people have a fear of sunflowers. It's called Helianthophobia.



<https://ngb.org/year-of-the-sunflower/>

Proven Winners 2021 Annual of the Year - Supertunia Mini Vista® Pink Star

► Meet the newest star in our annual lineup! Take a closer look at Supertunia Mini Vista® Pink Star petunia to find ideas for incorporating it into your garden and learn what it needs to thrive.

► There's no denying the popularity of Supertunia Vista® Bubblegum® petunia, and we know you are going to love her “little sister” - Supertunia Mini Vista® Pink Star. She has the amazing vigor of a Supertunia Vista® petunia but in a more petite package.

► Where a more densely mounded petunia is a better fit, try this starry patterned, smaller flowered selection with delightfully striped pink and white blossoms which completely blanket the foliage. This petunia is ideal for massing along the front of a border and filling hanging baskets and patio pots with all-season color. Like all Supertunias, there's no need to remove any of the spent flowers for continuous bloom from spring into fall.





Begonia 'Canary Wings'

- ▶ Produces quantities of scarlet-red blossoms that sharply accent its chartreuse leaves. The glowing foliage pops in shade where this Begonia excels. An ideal plant for hanging baskets and containers.
- ▶ Available in hanging baskets only.

Begonia 'I'Conia' Series

► With masses of elegant, vibrant flowers that persist throughout the season, the I'Conia line of begonias from Dümmer Orange is an exciting production choice. Featuring dark, clean foliage and robust branching, these new begonias present a tight, compact habit and strong retail appeal. I'Conia hybrid garden begonias represent the future of begonia breeding with shade to part-sun tolerance, excellent flower-power and noted consumer performance.

► Height: 12 to 16 inches

► Width: 12 to 16 inches



Bidens 'Golden Empire'



► This variety is known for its strong, upright habit and outstanding, extra-large golden flowers, making it a strong and stable variety. Blooms from spring to fall. Reaches 10 inches tall and wide. Excellent in containers.



Bracteantha 'Granvia Gold' Strawflower

- Supersized Strawflower!
- Granvia is much more impressive than a standard bracteantha. Full, vigorous plants and flowers are twice the size! Stunning in landscape beds and large patio pots. Resistant to mildew.



Calendula 'Cheers Tangerine'

► Bred to resist heat, cheers calendula boasts orange-yellow flowers later into the season than most varieties. It grows 10 inches tall and wide.





Calibrachoa 'Hula' Series

► Stunning bicolor blooms with a softer colored petals featuring a deeper colored inner hoop and vibrant yellow throats. Blooms all season long. This prolific bloomer on a semi-trailing habit is beautiful cascading out of containers and baskets.

► Large blooms!





Calibrachoa 'Calitastic
Aubergine Star'



Calibrachoa 'Atomic Orange'
& 'Frozen Ice'

Calibrachoa 'Superbells Coral Sun'





Calibrachoa 'Skywalker' &
'Firewalker'

Celosia 'Bright Sparks' Varieties

► The Bright Sparks series stands out from the competition with its large plumes (3-4 inches tall and 3 inches wide), very well branched habit and great heat tolerance. The extra branching results in more flowers per plant and the bloom size on the secondary flowers also matches the initial flower. These blooms are also less prone to color fade than competing varieties, leading overall to a superb and long-lasting garden display.



Coleus 'Fishnet Gold'



► Coleus Under The Sea™ Series

► Height: 15"-18" upright

► Beautifully-shaped golden leaves have striking red veining.



Coleus 'Golden Gate'

Coleus 'La Rambla'



Coleus 'La Freak'

► Le Freak is the chic your foliage program is craving. Stylish and sophisticatedly fashionable, this coleus works wonders in any situation, adding color, texture, and movement to garden plantings and combinations. One of the most versatile items for your foliage collection, Le Freak works in sun, shade, containers, landscapes, as well as indoors.



Cuphea 'Blackberry Sparkler'

► Cuphea Blackberry Sparkler is an outstanding new annual, covered in white and red-black tipped flowers. Blooming non-stop, this beauty provides color all summer-fall! For warmer climates, you will see flowers all year-round adding color to the winter landscapes. Blackberry Sparkler has a wonderful, tidy, round habit reaching 24" x 36" at maturity. This variety is a perfect addition to your pollinator gardens attracting hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies. Use in containers, garden borders, and mass landscape plantings. Zone 8 hardy.





Cuphea 'Funny Face'

- ▶ Prolific, whimsical flowers cover this heat and drought tolerant plant.
- ▶ Well suited to the landscape and larger pots.
- ▶ The generous, open habit makes it an ideal plan for mixed combinations.

Cuphea 'Hummingbird's Lunch'

► Cuphea Hummingbird's Lunch is an outstanding new annual, covered by bright cherry-red two-toned flowers. Blooming non-stop, this beauty provides color all summer-fall! For warmer climates, you will see flowers all year-round adding color to the winter landscapes. Hummingbirds Lunch has a wonderful, tidy, round habit reaching 24" x 36" at maturity. Like its namesake, this variety is a perfect addition to your pollinator gardens attracting hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies. Use in containers, garden borders, and mass landscape plantings. Zone 8 hardy.



Diascia 'Trinity Sunset'

► Trinity has bigger flowers which are all spread over the stem. High resistance in the sun and rain gives this series a perfect garden performance. Will become a small bush type which makes it suitable for bigger pots and containers. Later potting can be produced outside. Also very suitable for bigger mixed containers with various species.





Gompheocarpus Physocarpus 'Hairy Balls'

- ▶ Perennial for USDA hardiness zone 8 and warmer
- ▶ Fast growing annual for colder zones
- ▶ Full sun to part shade
- ▶ Height: 4 to 6 feet (can grow taller)
- ▶ Spacing: 2 to 3 ft
- ▶ Flowers: white with purple accents
- ▶ Blooms mid to late summer

Nemesia 'Raspberry Lemonade' & 'Tropical'

► Living up to their namesake, these nemesias are essential for scent in the garden. Large flowers with bold colors and intense fragrance make these a staple in the garden. Escential™ varieties are the most heat-tolerant nemesia on the market today, providing endless color from early spring through autumn.



Osteospermum 'Purple Spoon'

► Astra Purple Spoon is an early flowering Osteo with round and compact growth habit. The eye-catching blooms are made up of unique purple spoon-like petals with vivid blue centers. Astra Purple Spoon is a standout for borders and containers. It has excellent heat tolerance and a long flowering season. Prune lightly after flowering to maintain shape and extend the life span of the plant.





Marigold 'Vanilla Cream'

► Alumia Vanilla Cream is a new French marigold with large, very early blooming 2½ in. soft lemon yellow, anemone-type flowers. Plants are vigorous and branching to 10-12 in. tall, with a slightly wider spread. Alumia Vanilla Cream is a Fleuroselect Novelty Award winner.

Petchoa (Petunia x Calibrachoa)

Petchoas are beautiful sun-loving annual flowers for sun. They're relatively new plants on the market, so a lot of gardeners haven't heard of them before. Grow petchoas and you can be a trend setter! These flowers are gaining popularity because they're easy to grow and offer beautiful petunia-like flowers in a stunning range of colors. Happily, they don't suffer from some of the problems that their old-fashioned cousins do.

Most petchoa varieties have a mounding or trailing shape, making them versatile and perfect for both container gardens and landscaping. In pots, use them as lovely filler plants to add color and texture, or as spiller plants, to cascade over the side of the container. You can also use them to perfect effect in hanging baskets.

Grow petchoas in full sun (at least six to eight hours of direct light a day). They can tolerate some partial shade, but they won't bloom as well and are more likely to get lanky, unattractive stems without enough sun. Like most flowering annuals (including petunias and calibrachoa, to which they're related), petchoas prefer moist, well-drained soil rich in organic matter if you grow them in gardens. In containers, choose a potting mix designed for use in pots. Water them regularly to keep them from wilting -- but take care not to overwater. The soil should never stay wet or soggy, otherwise the roots could rot.

Fertilize petchoas regularly during the growing season or make it easy on yourself and use a slow-release fertilizer at planting time. Slow-release fertilizers deliver a little bit of nutrients to the soil each time you water and you only need to apply them once a season.

You typically don't need to worry about pinching or pruning petchoas to keep them pretty, though you can if you'd like to encourage more compact growth.





Petchoa 'Royal Red'

- ▶ Enjoy SuperCal's strong vigor and good disease tolerance in the garden. Blooms leave no sticky residue for easier handling.
- ▶ The best characteristics of petunias and calibrachoas, in one exceptional collection.
- ▶ Unique, vibrant colors, large blooms and high pH tolerance.
- ▶ Early-flowering varieties can be grown cool.
- ▶ Excellent heat tolerance and weather recovery.

Petunia 'Shock Wave Purple Tie Dye'

- ▶ Packed with petite blooms!
- ▶ You've never seen petunia hanging baskets like these - each Shock Wave plant is blanketed with masses of color from the amazing number of petite, high-impact flowers.
- ▶ Smaller blooms rebound faster from overhead watering and rain than other petunias - stays fresher-looking at retail and outdoors.
- ▶ Performs equally well in small spaces, baskets, containers and mixed combos.
- ▶ Variable purple-blue and white bicolor pattern. Pattern changes based on temperature and light levels.





Petunia
'Crazytunia
Berry
Frappe',
'Frisky
Purple'
& 'Peach
Bellini'





Petunia
'Big Deal Chocolate
Cherries' & 'Pinkadilly'





Petunia 'Surprise Sparkle'
Series





Petunia 'Splash Dance
Magenta Mambo'



Petunia 'Itsy Magenta'



Petunia 'Orchid Frost'



Petunia 'Sanguna Radiant Blue'



Petunia 'Scoop Sweet Punch'





Double Petunia 'Origami Watermelon',
'Pinkerbelle' & 'Veranda Double Sugar Plum'

Rudbeckia 'Amarillo Gold'

► 2020 AAS Flower Winner

► A beautiful Rudbeckia hirta, Amarillo Gold boasts a compact form and uniform habit perfect for landscapes, bedding, and containers. The light green center disc surrounded by bold sunshiny colors makes this a versatile plant for combinations with a multitude of other colors. AAS Judges noted how this rudbeckia was earlier to flower than the comparisons and lasted throughout the summer providing weeks of stunning color in the garden. Large 4-6" blooms cover compact 12-18" plants that are sure to be a "WOW" factor in any garden.

► Amarillo Gold is also the recipient of the Fleuroselect Gold Medal award for performance in European trials.



Senecio 'Angel Wings'

A striking new Senecio with the beautiful name "Angel Wings". Angel Wings has silky, silvery white foliage and is a perfect plant for indoors as well as outdoors. Beautiful to use for mixed containers or as a solitary on patio or balcony.

The habit is medium and Angel Wings grows to 10-12" tall and 10" wide. Plant Angel Wings in the sun in an acidic, neutral or alkaline soil. This fast growing Senecio is drought and salt tolerant.



A photograph of a Salvia 'Smokey Jazz' plant. The plant features dark, almost black, lanceolate leaves and a dense, upright spike of two-lipped purple flowers. The background is slightly blurred, showing other plants and a greenhouse structure.

Salvia 'Smokey Jazz'

► Salvia x gauranitica BODACIOUS® 'Smokey Jazz' is a phenomenal new Salvia. Boosting saturated boysenberry blooms with striking black calyx, freely reflowering throughout the season. Strong dark-green foliage color, that does not yellow during the summer heat. Same breeding as Salvia BODACIOUS® 'Rhythm & Blues' making them perfect companion plants. Improved branching created a great tight rounded habit. Perfect for hummingbird gardens, pot and containers, garden borders, and modern landscapes. Zone 8, currently testing in zone 7.

Zinnia 'Profusion Red Yellow Bicolor'

► 2021 AAS Flower Winner

► “JUST SO CUTE! WOW, WOW WOW!” When multiple judges write comments like that, it’s no surprise that it’s a Gold Medal Winner! Introducing...a beautiful new bicolor addition to the popular Profusion series of zinnias. This gorgeous zinnia starts the season with a bold vibrant red center ring surrounded by golden-yellow outer petals. As the season progresses, the aging flowers morph into soft, beautiful shades of apricot, salmon, and dusty rose to bring a plethora of color to the garden, all from one variety! Trial garden visitors clamored over this floriferous and compact plant during the summer trials noting how well the plant continued to bloom new flowers over old so there was never a decline in the beauty presented by Profusion Red Yellow Bicolor.

► Profusion Red Yellow Bicolor is also the recipient of the Fleuroselect Gold Medal award for performance in European trials.



New Mixes



New Foliage & Succulents



VEGETABLES





2021 Edible of the Year: Garden Bean

There are many species of beans in cultivation around the world, yet it is the common garden bean, *Phaseolus vulgaris* that takes on celebrity status as National Garden Bureau's vegetable focus for 2021.

One of the earliest cultivated plants, garden beans can trace their beginnings to Central and South America. Vining or climbing beans were an original member of the "Three-Sisters" - a companion planting of the first domesticated crops of maize, winter squash, and climbing beans. These became the three main agricultural crops used for trade and food for Native North Americans.

Green beans were once referred to as string beans due to the long fibrous thread along the pod seams. The first stringless green bean was developed in 1894 by Calvin Keeney who later became known as the "Father of the stringless bean". Breeders continue to breed this stringless trait into modern genetics. Other desirable traits include dark green succulent pods, good bean flavor, concentrated fruit set, stress tolerance, and disease resistance.

Basic Types of Garden Beans:

The common garden bean is anything but common! Green beans or 'snap' beans as they are also referred to come in a variety of flavors, pod shapes, sizes, and a colorful pallet including shades of green, purple, yellow, and speckled bicolors.

- Bush beans are the workhorse of the garden and the mainstay in the kitchen. Bush beans are compact and fit well into both small garden patches or patio containers fitted with cages
- Pole beans with their vining habits and can be trained up poles, trellises, netting, or supportive structures such as a teepee. With proper support pole beans can also be grown in containers.
- Filet beans or Haricots Vert (French green beans) are distinguished by elegant ultra-slim pods. Due to their delicate appearance, Filet beans are gaining in popularity with foodies and chefs. Filet beans come in both bush and pole bean types.
- Dried or shelling beans are grown for their edible seeds rather than edible pods. Pinto beans, kidney beans, and black beans fall into this category.

Garden Beans Growing Tips:

- Beans are warm-weather vegetables and are best planted after soil temperatures reach 70F.
- Avoid sowing too early in the season. Cool wet soils can lead to rot.
- Beans thrive with at least eight hours of daily sun, moderate fertility, and well-drained soil.
- Beans have shallow roots, weed carefully to prevent damage to the root system.
- Mulch the soil around the bean plant; consistent moisture results in the highest quality harvests.
- Quick to mature, harvests can begin 50-60 days after sowing.
- Bush beans typically grow 12 to 24 inches tall and produce harvests for about 3 weeks.
- Succession sowing of bush beans every 2-3 weeks will produce delicious beans all season.
- Pole beans have a long harvest season, generally lasting about six to eight weeks.
- Harvest frequently to encourage pod production.
- Pole beans can quickly grow a lush privacy wall around porches or patios.
- Create a living Fort or Teepee with pole beans for a fun play space.
- Yellow wax beans lack chlorophyll and will retain their beautiful golden color when cooked.
- Purple beans contain anthocyanins (the purple pigment) that disappear when beans are cooked.



#yearofthegardenbean

Did you know?

Wisconsin is the largest U.S. state producer of snap green beans: <> 300,000 tons!



Onion 'Red Nugent' & 'Yukon'

An attractive red hybrid with high yield potential that is highly adaptable for diverse soil types. An early maturing, long-day variety bred to perform in sandy and clay loam soils of the Pacific Northwest U.S. Medium to jumbo sized, globe-shaped bulbs have excellent early interior color. Good yield potential. Great for open field and fresh market production. Intermediate resistance to Basal Rot and Pink Root.



Yukon is one of our newest introductions and promises great storage potential. It offers excellent firmness, single centers and sizes from colossal to jumbo. Very grower friendly!

Pepper 'Armageddon'

► Armageddon is the world's first F1 super-hot chili measuring at 1.2 million scovilles. This gives a fantastic grower advantage in terms of improved plant vigor, yield and fruit uniformity. It is the earliest maturing super-hot variety, at least 14 days earlier than other super hot peppers. It is similar to Carolina Reaper.





Pepper 'PeppiGrande'

- ▶ Corno-shaped pepper has outstanding crisp texture, rich flavour and more sweetness than large-fruited peppers.
- ▶ Fruit is often seedless, which means less preparation time for chopping and cooking; great on the grill or baked stuffed with cheese.
- ▶ To produce seedless fruit, grow it in isolation from other (non-seedless) pepper varieties.
- ▶ If it is not isolated, it will produce larger, great-tasting fruit with just a few seeds.
- ▶ Best grown in-ground with support of stakes or a cage.

Pepper 'Lemon Drop'

► 100 days. Seasoning pepper from Peru ripens to a clear lemon yellow, sometimes with a dark purple blush. The flavor is a very clean, uncomplicated, slightly citrusy heat. 2-foot plants are covered with the thin-walled, conical fruit which reaches 2-3 inches in length, with very few seeds.





Pepper 'Pot-a-Peno'

► 2021 AAS Edible - Vegetable Winner

► Pot-a-peno is a fun new jalapeño pepper with a compact habit perfect for growing in containers and hanging baskets. Plentiful small, green jalapeño fruits have a traditional spicy zip that is great in any dish where you want a little punch of spice. Simply leave the fruit on the vine a few extra weeks and they will ripen to red for a sweet, spicy flavor. This variety is earlier to mature than other jalapeños giving you a head start on your garden's harvest. A unique trait of Pot-a-peno is how the fruit hangs down beneath the plant making it very easy to harvest without damaging the appearance or productivity of the plant. A dense foliage canopy makes for an attractive addition to your patio or balcony garden.

Squash 'Goldilocks'

► 2021 Edible - Vegetable Winner

► Once upon a time, there was an acorn squash named Goldilocks. In summer trials all across North America, the vigorous plant, high yield, disease tolerance, and rich nutty flavor of this variety had our judges saying, "Ahhh, this squash is just right!" like in the fairy tale. The bright orange fruits with uniform shape and color double as an ornamental decoration. Makes a great complement to AAS Winner Honey Bear acorn squash.





Tomato 'Stellar'

- ▶ The perfect slicer for areas with high disease pressure.
- ▶ Produces lots of round, red fruit that is perfect for all uses.
- ▶ Best in-ground; benefits from trellis for support.

Tomato 'Juliet'

- ▶ Great flavor, fresh or cooked.
- ▶ A larger sister variety of Santa, Juliet is one of the most disease resistant in our trials. Deep red, shiny fruits avg. 2-2 1/4" x 1 3/8-1 1/2", weighing 1 1/2-2 oz. Typically 12-18 fruits per cluster. Delicious, rich tomato flavor for salads, great salsa, and fresh pasta sauce. Good crack resistance, vine storage, and shelf life. Intermediate resistance to early blight and late blight. AAS winner. Indeterminate.





Tomato 'Chocolate Sprinkles'

- ▶ 50-55 Days
 - ▶ Beautiful, 1-1/2 inch, cherries are red, striped with dark green. Fruits have a rich sweet flavor and grow in trusses of 5 to 7. Produces more fruit with better flavor than similar open pollinated varieties. Very productive and early.
 - ▶ Indeterminate.
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Tomato 'Celano'

► 2020 AAS Edible - Vegetable
Winner

► Celano is a patio type grape tomato with a strong bushy habit. It is best grown with some support, such as a tomato cage. This semi-determinate hybrid tomato is an early producer of sweet oblong fruits weighing about 0.6 oz. each. Plants grow to 40" in height and spread to 24" and have excellent late blight tolerance. In comparing it to other grape tomatoes on the market, one judge summed it up by saying "(Celano) is sweeter, the texture is better, the color is deeper, the plants are healthier, and the yield is phenomenal." Prova Celano oggi!





Tomato 'Fantastico'

► 2014 AAS Edible - Vegetable Winner

► Fantastico is a must for any market grower or home gardener looking for an early-maturing, high-yielding grape tomato with built-in Late Blight Tolerance. Bred for small gardens, determinate Fantastico will work great in hanging baskets, container gardens as well as in small gardens. Long clusters of sweet tasty fruits are held toward the outside of the plant, making them very easy to harvest but if you let them go a few days past peak, these little beauties resist cracking better than the comparisons used in the AAS trials.

► A unique determinate bush tomato with well-flavored half-ounce grape shaped fruit. High yielding plants produce up to 12 pounds of ripe fruit. Best grown in a cage to provide some plant support, but can also be grown in a large patio container or an 18-inch hanging basket.

Tomato 'Heartbreakers Vallery'

► The Heartbreakers™ F1 - Vallery has a trailing growth habit, which makes it ideal for large containers and hanging baskets. This variety is suitable for both professional growers under high light intensity and home gardeners. The juicy fruit have a tender skin and the perfect sweet/sour balance with a brix of about 9.



2021 Herb of the Year: Parsley

Parsley is the 2021 Herb of the Year™ of the International Herb Association. It is one of the most familiar of the culinary herbs used for both flavoring and as a garnish.

There are two common types of parsley—the curly variety and flat-leaved variety, also known as Italian parsley (*Petroselinum crispum* var. *neapolitanum*).

Although they can be substituted for one another, Italian parsley is generally preferred for its richer, more robust taste. Chefs value parsley for its ability to blend with other flavors. It should be added to hot dishes at the last minute or to simmering dishes in the last 30 minutes.

Parsley is a biennial plant that is typically grown as an annual. When left to overwinter it will usually return for a second year, flower, set seed and die. The leaves of herbs in flower tend to become bitter. The plant attracts several species of wildlife. Swallowtail butterfly larvae can be found feeding on its bright green feather-like leaves for several weeks before going into their chrysalides. Bees and other pollinators will visit the flowers in the second year and small birds such as goldfinches will eat the seeds. Seeds may also be saved for future planting.

It is hardy in USDA Hardiness Zones 4 to 9, prefers a sunny to partly sunny and well-drained site. Plants can be grown from seed but because germination is slow, they are often started indoors early, or winter-sown. Many prefer to purchase starter plants. Plant them 8-10 inches apart near the last frost date for your area. A member of the same family as dill, parsley has a long tap root and, once established, does not transplant well.

Harvest parsley throughout the growing season by cutting stems at the bottom. Harvest in the morning after the dew has dried but before the heat of the day softens the leaves. Upright sprigs can be held fresh in water for several days. To dry small amounts, first wash and gently pat dry. Strip the leaves from the stems and dry on a screen or paper towels, taking care that the leaves do not touch. Conversely, gather a small number of sprigs together, secure with a rubber band, place in a paper bag with holes, and hang. It is best to dry parsley (and other herbs) away from the sun in a warm and dry location. When the leaves are crisp, you can store your dried parsley for out-of-season use in an airtight container in a cool, dark and dry place.



26th Annual Herb Fest

Saturday, June 19th

Free event celebrating
all things herbs!



Perennials



Early Bird Perennial Plant Sale

► SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH THROUGH
FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH

► 20% OFF ALL PERENNIALS



2021 Year of the Monarda

Monarda is a genus that has a long history of being used as a medicinal herb. As the common name Bee Balm implies, it has also been used to soothe bee stings.

Monarda is a member of the mint family and consists of multiple species, most of which are hardy perennials and all of which are native to certain regions of North America. Summertime flowering on all these species is quite attractive to humans and pollinators.

Native Americans used monarda to make bee balm tea to treat chills and fever.

Monarda's three most common species are *didyma*, *fistulosa* and *punctata*.

Monarda is also known as Bee Balm, a member of the mint family.

Monarda is very attractive to pollinators, especially butterflies and hummingbirds.

Monarda Species:

Monarda punctata, aka Horsemint or Dotted Mint, is somewhat of an unruly native prairie plant characterized by tall unbranched stems topped with rounded clusters of pink or lavender tubular flowers. The stacked combination of speckled flowers and colorful bracts make this distinctive and unusual.

Monarda fistulosa, or wild Bergamot, is one of the species commonly used for medicinal purposes. Being highly aromatic with showy lavender-pink flowers, it is also used as a honey plant.

Monarda didyma (Scarlet Bee Balm) has long been cherished for not only its use for tea but also its ornamental value. The bright scarlet/red flowers of *M. didyma* are still a part of many ongoing breeding programs with Monarda.

It has been a long road from these native species of Monarda to the prized ornamental cultivars available today. Some of the first hybrids of *M. didyma* x *M. fistulosa* produced vibrant flower colors with a more well-behaved plant, but they continued to be plagued by their native attributes of being highly susceptible to mildew, somewhat tall and leggy and had a tendency to spread by rhizomes.



Monarda Selections



'Coral Reef'



'Fireball'



'Raspberry Wine'



'Purple Rooster'



Balmy Series



Sugar Buzz
Series



'Gardenview Scarlet'



2021 Proven Winners Perennial of the Year: Nepeta 'Cat's Pajamas' Catmint

A purr-fect Catmint for fans of 'Cat's Meow' who love the look but want a smaller scale version. In addition to being a little over half the height, 'Cats Pajamas' also blooms about 2-3 weeks earlier than 'Cat's Meow'. The ball-shaped habit carries long, dark flower stems that hold indigo blue flowers. Unlike older varieties that only produce flowers at the top of the stems, this improved Catmint has blooms from the soil to the tips of the stems. Even when the flowers are past peak, the color of the rosy purple calyxes give your garden an additional splash of color. As an added bonus, the small, aromatic leaves keep deer and rabbits away. Try this shorter stature plant in city gardens or near the front of the border.

Height: 12-14 Inches

Spread: 18-20 Inches

Hardiness Zones: 3-8

Sunlight: Full Sun



2021 Perennial Plant of the Year: *Calamintha nepeta* spp. Calamint

► 2021 Perennial Plant Association
Plant of the Year™

► This sun-loving perennial is the perfect choice for attracting pollinators, since it blooms from early summer until frost. Tiny, white flowers cover the bushy habit. Since this is in the mint family, the leaves carry a mint scent. Perfect for rock garden enthusiasts and herb gardens. Use in the landscape as you would *Nepeta* (Catmint).

► Height: 12.0-16.0 Inches

► Spread: 12.0-16.0 Inches

► *Hardiness Zones: 5-9*

► Sunlight: Full Sun





Allium 'Lavender Bubbles' Ornamental Onion

► Nearing the end of summer, this beautiful perennial brings life to a garden with its beautiful bubble-shaped flowers. Dark dusty purple flower globes are produced above attractive glaucous blue-green foliage. The leaf blades twist and curl to provide additional interest. Compared to the popular 'Millenium', 'Lavender Bubbles' blooms later and is a darker shade of purple. Like other Allium, 'Lavender Bubbles' is carefree, easy to grow, and deer and rabbit resistant.

► Alliums are charming plants for the rock or herb garden. When the foliage is bruised, it smells like onions since they are in the onion family. Butterflies and honeybees adore the flowers' sweet nectar but deer and rabbits steer clear of this perennial beauty. **Height:** 18-24 Inches

► **Height:** 12-14 inches

► **Spread:** 20-22 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-8

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade

Anemone 'Spring Beauty Pink'

Japanese Anemone

► From the Netherlands comes Spring Beauty Pink a brand new type of Anemone. A hybrid of *Anemone sylvestris*, its bubblegum pink flowers will encourage you to get in the garden to enjoy its beautiful blossoms. Extremely long blooming, its flowers first appear in spring and continue throughout summer. Delicate looking, but extremely tough, its perfectly pink flowers flutter in the wind attracting all the early pollinators with its nectar. Its emerald leaves mature into attractive mounds.

► Growing only 12" tall and 15" wide makes the compact plant perfect for smaller gardens, and for the front of the border. It tolerates considerable shade. It looks beautiful in woodland settings and mixed with other perennials in cottage, cutting, and pollinator gardens. It spreads by underground rhizomes and can be used as a ground cover. New plants may grow near the original plant and can be easily transplanted elsewhere.

► Plant Anemone in soil that has been amended with organic matter in part shade. Its ideal condition is dappled shade protected from the afternoon sun, yet it will also grow in full shade. Although once established drought tolerant, for best results water during dry spells, and when plants are setting up buds and blooming.

► **Height:** 10-12 Inches

► **Spread:** 12-15 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-8

► **Sunlight:** Part Shade-Shade





Aquilegia 'Earlybird Mix' Columbine

- ▶ Bred for vibrant colors, neatly mounded habit, programmable flowering and unusual combinations. Unique color combination, upward facing flowers on compact short stems.
- ▶ Columbine is not a fussy plant (as evidenced by those random seedlings you often see poking out of corners in the garden), but there are a few things you can do to make sure they not only grow, but thrive:
 - ▶ Make sure that your 'dappled shade' has plenty of 'dappled' and not too much 'shade.' Columbine needs light to flower well.
 - ▶ If you're in a climate with a hotter summer, site Columbine to take advantage of afternoon shade.
 - ▶ If you don't wish to stake your plants, do not overfeed Columbine. Though they like rich soils, they also grow well in average ones, and will remain bushier if light levels are relatively high and soils are not too fat.
 - ▶ Water evenly during the first year. Once established, Columbine is more tolerant of occasional drought conditions.
 - ▶ Cut the foliage to the ground after flowering to rejuvenate the foliage which may be marked with tunnels from leaf miners. Throw that foliage away - don't compost it.
- ▶ Resist the urge to divide your plants if you can help it. Columbine don't enjoy the process and may sulk for a full year.
- ▶ **Height:** 9-11 Inches
- ▶ **Spread:** 10-12 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 3-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Sun

Astilbe 'Black Pearls'

► Produces the darkest foliage of any astilbe!

This attention-getting variety adds stunning color and rich texture to shade gardens and other areas of the landscape throughout the growing season. In mid to late summer, it bears lots of large, long-lasting plumes, each of which consists of hundreds of tiny, purple flowers tinged in blue. During the rest of the season, it's the divided, fernlike, extremely dark green leaves of Black Pearls that steal the show. Flower plumes are gorgeous in bouquets. Grows easily in regular to moist soil when the earth is not allowed to dry out. Deer resistant plants grow quickly.

► **Height:** 20-28 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

► **Sunlight:** Part Shade to Full Shade



Aruncus 'Chantilly Lace' Goatsbeard

► With the addition of 'Chantilly Lace' to the Proven Winners® program, you can be well on your way to a complete shade garden lineup! This part shade-loving plant produces beautiful sprays of lacy, cream-colored flowers in late spring to early summer. It is very floriferous when it's in bloom, completely covering the deep green foliage. Goatsbeard is similar in appearance to Astilbe in the garden, but it is more drought tolerant.

► 'Chantilly Lace' will be shorter if grown in full sun, closer to 24" tall, than if grown in shade or a sun-filtered area, where it will grow to a height of 30-32".

► Though Aruncus tends to be a slow-grower the first couple of seasons, once it is established it puts on a fabulous show year after year. Make sure it has plenty of room to grow when you first plant it; transplanting this species is a very difficult task. This species is native to North America.

► **Height:** 24-32 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-7

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Full Shade



Astilbe 'Mojito'

► *Astilbe chinensis* 'Mojito' is relatively new on the scene, but certainly makes its presence known! The feathery plumes of white flowers open from pale green buds above a neat clump of dark green foliage - the overall effect is both elegant and refined. This hardy perennial enjoys those damp, shaded spots in the garden where many plants struggle to grow. With a free-flowering habit, you can expect early summer blooms that will illuminate shaded borders, creating a lovely focal point.

► Spikes of graceful plumes, mostly erect but on some types arching. Flowers are effective in dried arrangements. Prefers a rich and moist soil in a shady location. Dense creamy-white flower spikes with lovely tips of green. Bronze foliage, early flowering.

► **Height:** 20 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Part Sun to Full Shade



Astrantia 'Burgundy Manor' & 'Sparkling Stars White' Masterwort

► Astrantias are superb perennials for growing under trees, on a stream bank or in a moist border. They prefer moist soils but will tolerate drier conditions as long as the plants are mulched. For best results grow Astrantias in moist but well-drained soil in partial shade. After flowering, Astrantias can be rejuvenated by cutting them back close to the ground - fresh new foliage and a late crop of flowers are produced soon after. Astrantias don't spread far but they do self seed.

► Astrantia major 'Burgundy Manor' is a beautiful variety with ruby-red pincushion flowers with a persistent bract, shading from pink through to greenish-white. It's ideal for growing in containers and makes an excellent cut flower.

► **Height:** 24-28 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-7

► **Sunlight:** Part Sun to Full Shade

► Sparkling Stars has stunning pure white flowers from early summer rise above compact green foliage and attract bees to your garden. Foliage dies down in autumn and it is hardy.

► **Height:** 24 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-7

► **Sunlight:** Part Sun to Full Shade



A close-up photograph of the Baptisia 'Blue Bubbly' plant, showing several tall, slender stems densely packed with small, vibrant blue-purple flowers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a garden setting. The image is positioned on the left side of the page, partially overlapping a green geometric design element.

Baptisia 'Blue Bubbly'

► All Baptisia have a substantial presence in the garden, but the members of the DECADENCE® DELUXE are larger than their counterparts of the DECADENCE® Series. New to DELUXE is 'Blue Bubbly', a lavender-blue flowering variety. Its vase-like habit is topped with densely packed, blue flowers. The long, 16" flower spikes make for an extended season of bloom. Compared to 'Blueberry Sundae', 'Blue Bubbly' has a taller habit with a different shape, and a lighter blue flower color. Use in place of a shrub in the landscape for a centerpiece in the garden.

► Baptisia is easy to grow and will thrive with little maintenance. There are many potential applications in the landscape including meadow plantings, as a backdrop in borders, or as a specimen. Plants are very long-lived once established.

► The roots of the DECADENCE® series run deep. What started as a fun botanizing trip in the lower Midwest with a fellow horticulturist blossomed into a complex hybridizing project for breeder Hans Hansen. Hans has made countless crosses with the many native Baptisia species he has collected across Texas and Oklahoma. These crosses have resulted in an array of seedlings with unique flower colors and plant habits, the best of which are introduced into the DECADENCE® Series.

► **Height:** 4-4.5 Feet

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade

Dicentra 'Ruby Gold' Bleeding Heart

► The first gold foliage Dicentra spectabilis with true red flowers. Developed from purposeful breeding, all other gold foliage varieties have been mutations. The stems are strong and upright, the flowers are large and numerous but the color... WOW, brilliant red with a touch of unusual orange! A great container habit and is long lasting in the garden; a great improvement over the still popular 'Gold Heart'. Exceptional vigor.

► **Height:** 26"

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-8

► **Sunlight:** Part to Full Shade



New Clematis Selections



'Claire de Lune'



'Crystal Fountain'



'Filigree'



'Giselle'



'Guernsey Cream'



'HF Young'



'Huldine'



'Killian Donahue'



'Paulie'



'Rouge Cardinal'



'Sally'



'Sarah Elizabeth'



'Silver Moon'



'Stand By Me'



Dodecatheon 'Aphrodite'

- ▶ Slender stalks topped with a cluster of lilac-pink reflex-petal flowers bloom above a compact mound of foliage.
- ▶ **Height:** 10-12 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 3-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Part Shade



Echinacea 'Kismet Raspberry'

- ▶ Remarkable in many ways. Flowers from early summer until frost. It has large raspberry flowers on a fabulous upright, compact habit. Each flower lasts for weeks with a lovely color. Flowers show well in containers to gardens.
- ▶ Height: 16 Inches
- ▶ Hardiness Zones: 4-9
- ▶ Sunlight: Full Sun

Echinacea 'Smoothie Strawberry Mango'

► The Smoothie™ series of Coneflower was bred to produce vigorous, compact plants with masses of unique, bi-coloured flowers. This selection produces large, single flowers with rich, red petals surrounding a yellow centre. Ideal for sunny borders and growing in mixed containers. Attractive to butterflies. Excellent for cutting. Coneflowers begin blooming midsummer and continue for months if faded flowers are regularly removed. However keeping some dried flower heads on the plants in fall will provide food for wintering song birds. Dried seed heads also add interest to the winter garden.

► **Height:** 23-27 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun





Heliopsis 'Bleeding Hearts'

► Prized as the first seed strain of Heliopsis without yellow on its flowers, this blooms from July until frost. The new flowers emerge intense orange red and mature to golden orange with red centers. Deep green leaves with bronze highlights and black flower stems complete the look. A taller plant suitable to the middle or back of the border. From Jelitto.

► Heliopsis have traditionally been an excellent tall perennial for the middle or back of the flower border. It has a bushy, well-branched form and glossy, deep green, triangular leaves - a real workhorse in the garden! Use this plant in combination containers, as a cut flower, or to attract butterflies to your garden.

► **Height:** 36-40 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun

Heliopsis 'Fire Twister'

► AVAILABLE IN SUMMER

► Fire Twister has unique, dark purple foliage and black stems that set off the bright orange and red flowers. An easy-to-grow, upright perennial with intense red sunflower-like blooms bloom from June till October. Showy foliage along with long summer bloom. Attracts butterflies. Perfect for massing in the middle or back of a garden. It can be used effectively in containers. Great cut flower.

► **Height:** 24-28 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun





Helleborus 'Mother of the Bride' Lenten Rose

- ▶ The WEDDING PARTY® series showcases double flowered selections, available in numerous, beautiful color shades.
- ▶ 'Mother of the Bride' has 3", double apricot flowers with a light pink picotee edge.
- ▶ Hellebores are the harbingers of spring, blooming for six weeks or more beginning in late winter. They are often flowering during the Christian season of Lent, from which they get their common name, Lenten Rose. This is the perfect plant for naturalizing in moist, woodland areas where its extensive root system will spread as far as it is allowed.
- ▶ Very deer resistant!
- ▶ **Height:** 18-24 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Part Shade to Full Shade

New Daylily Selections



'Black Arrowhead'



'Black Stockings'



'Frans Hals'



'Midnight Dynamite'



'Orange Smoothie'



'San Luis Halloween'



'Space Coast
Sea Shells'



'Storm Shelter'



'Sun Dried
Tomatoes'



'Tiger Blood'



Hosta 'Captain's Adventure'

- ▶ Three colored Hosta. Creamy white, green and yellow.
- ▶ Distinctive for its deeply cupped foliage, this is a large, nicely spread hosta. The blue-green leaves are puckered in texture, and very large with an almost round shape. White flowers.
- ▶ Good multipurpose plants for the shade and woodland garden, the border and containers. Excellent as groundcovers or for edging
- ▶ Prefers partial shade and humus, moisture-retentive soil.
- ▶ Height: 15"

Hosta 'Pin-Up'

► Pin Up features a narrow strip of snowy white down the center of each blue, heart-shaped leaf. Lavender flowers in summer..

► **Height:** 18 Inches





Hosta 'Risky Business'

- ▶ 'Risky Business' is an all white-centered sport of 'Striptease' that shines in the hosta garden.
- ▶ Dark green leaves contrast beautifully with the thin bright white center.
- ▶ There are lighter green streaks that often appear where the margin and leaf center overlap.
- ▶ Vigorous grower of slightly wavy foliage
- ▶ Pale lavender flowers top this hosta in mid-summer.

Hosta 'Snake Eyes'

- ▶ Hosta 'Striptease' is always sporting and here is another mutation that offers more white between the leaf center and margins.
- ▶ Large mound of contrasting leaves with gold centers and a dark green margin. There is a splash of bright white between the center and margins.
- ▶ The extra white in the leaf really makes this hosta stand out.
- ▶ Has been a very popular hosta selling for big money over the last few years and we now have some to sell at a more reasonable price.
- ▶ Lavender flowers in summer.





Hosta 'Sunny Halcyon'

- ▶ Gold leafed form of H. 'Halcyon'.
- ▶ Nice heart-shaped leaves are very thick and form a perfect mound.
- ▶ Leaves will be more chartreuse in shade and a brighter yellow in more sun.
- ▶ Lavender flowers in summer.

Hosta 'Velvet Moon'

- ▶ Tetraploid sport of 'Abiqua Moonbeam' with thicker leaves and a much wider bright gold margin.
- ▶ Dark green leaves have a wide, bright yellow margin.
- ▶ Very showy hosta for the shade garden but will handle a lot of sun as well.
- ▶ Lavender flowers in summer.





Hosta 'Wiggles and Squiggles'

► A unique looking hosta that lives up to its fun name! Bright yellow leaves are very long and thin and notable for their incredibly wavy margins. It forms a low, wide habit that really highlights the "wiggly" edges. Leaves will be more chartreuse green in more shade: for best yellow color, plant in a site with morning sun and afternoon shade. Lavender flowers.

► Hostas are exceedingly popular perennials in today's gardens due to their versatility in the landscape. Their subtle colors, tall flower scapes, and broad, coarse leaves fill a niche in garden designs that few other plants can achieve. Their large leaves provide excellent coverage for dying bulb foliage. Hostas also grow well in city environments where the air may be polluted by car exhaust, etc.



German Iris

- ▶ Batik
- ▶ Mariposa Autumn
- ▶ Savannah Sunset
- ▶ That's All Folks



Japanese Iris

- ▶ Dinner Plate Harlequinesque
- ▶ Sugar Dome



Siberian Iris

Butter & Sugar

Peacock Butterfly Solar Energy

Peacock Butterfly Uncorked

Pink Parfait

Tipped in Blue



Lily

- ▶ Njoyz
- ▶ Hotel California
- ▶ Anouska
- ▶ Playtime





Monarda 'Sugar Buzz Berry Taffy' & 'Rocking Raspberry' Bee Balm

► This brand new series of SUGAR BUZZ® Monardas is perfectly suited to the middle of the flower border. All four unique colors in this series are similar in size, bloom time, and vigor, making it easy for growers to offer the whole lot.

► In midsummer, they form a solid dome of vibrant colors, 2-2½" flowers on strong, well-branched stems. The dark green foliage forms an upright clump that will fill out containers nicely but won't run all over the garden. It displays above average resistance to powdery mildew.

► Height: 24"

► Bloom Time: Mid-Summer

► Full Sun to Part Shade

► Zones: 4-9



New Peony Selections



'Gardenia'



'Joker'



'White Cap' (\$49.99 Variety)

Patio Peony 'London'



'Sea Shell'



'Marie Lemoine'



'Kansas'



'Madame Emile Debatene'



Itoh 'Scrumdiddlyumptious'

(\$49.99 Variety)

Penstemon 'Prairie Dusk' Beardtongue

► Rose-purple, trumpet-shaped flowers are borne in profusion on thin spikes in early summer. They make a tremendous color statement when planted in groups.

► Penstemons are very drought tolerant perennials that are easy to grow and are rarely bothered by insects or diseases. Plant them in full sun and watch as hummingbirds feast on their delicious nectar.

► **Height:** 24-30 Inches

► **Spread:** 15-18 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun





Perovskia 'Blue Jean Baby' Russian Sage

►Need a shorter, manageable Russian Sage that is still vigorous in the landscape and production? Try 'Blue Jean Baby'! Lavender blue flowers held in smoky purple calyxes bloom for a long period starting in midsummer, with the color from the calyxes extending appeal into fall. This variety is one of the earliest Perovskia to bloom. This bushy selection joins the lineup of Perovskia from the Walters Gardens hybridizing and, like the others this program has introduced, resists lodging.

►A perfect perennial for hot, dry climates and also exceptionally cold hardy. Perovskia can be used in a wide variety of environments with little attention through the season - a reason they have long been a staple of landscapers. Expect these plants to be a little later to emerge in spring, but also to offer color well into fall.

►**Height:** 28-34 Inches

►**Spread:** 36 Inches

►**Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

►**Sunlight:** Full Sun

Phlox

‘Fashionably Early Flamingo’

► This type of Hybrid Phlox blooms earlier than the average Tall Garden Phlox (*P. paniculata*), starting about 2-3 weeks earlier than the typical Phlox. Each member of the Fashionably Early series has exceptional mildew resistance, thick leathery leaves, and a stoloniferous habit (as opposed to the tightly clumping *P. paniculata* types).

► ‘Fashionably Early Flamingo’ is a taller variety of Hybrid Phlox that will work best for the middle to back of the border. In addition to being early blooming, it boasts a long season of color. Perfectly defined panicles of light lavender pink flowers bloom prolifically well into midsummer with some rebloom in fall. Broad, thick, bright green foliage stays beautiful all season.

► These perennials are a favorite of gardeners around the world and a staple of North American native gardens. Be sure to locate these plants in full sun for the best flowering performance and to help avoid powdery mildew concerns. A favorite of pollinators.

► **Height:** 30-36 Inches

► **Spread:** 26-30 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-8

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade





Phlox 'Luminary Opalescence & Ultraviolet'

► The flagship variety of the LUMINARY™ Collection and the gold standard of powdery mildew resistance. In an extensive mildew trial, this was the very best variety to display resistance. Light pink flowers have dark pink eyes and are produced over dark green leaves; the darkest green we've seen on a Phlox paniculata.

► Very dark, magenta violet flower panicles are held above a full, bushy habit of bright green foliage. An improvement on the industry standard 'Nicky', with darker stems and buds, bronzed leaves, more floriferous performance, and better resistance to powdery mildew.

► Tall Garden Phlox are a favorite in the garden, but often are plagued by powdery mildew in hot, humid conditions. These varieties are selected especially for their improved resistance over typical Phlox paniculata varieties. With beautiful colors and incredible performance, these are varieties to plant and watch them grow, with little work required.

► These perennials are a favorite of gardeners around the world and a staple of North American native gardens. Be sure to locate these plants in full sun for the best flowering performance and to help avoid powdery mildew concerns. A favorite of pollinators.

► Height: 32-36 Inches

► Spread: 28-32 Inches

► Hardiness Zones: 3-8

► Sunlight: Full Sun to Part Shade



Phlox 'Opening Act Ultrapink'

► Tall Garden Phlox are a mainstay in the midsummer sun garden, and this hybrid type will extend the color of Phlox by blooming even earlier; starting in early summer. The dark green, glossy foliage is mildew and disease resistant, an improvement on older varieties of Phlox that don't hold up as well in the heat and humidity of summer. Plant these in an area with good air circulation and plenty of sunshine for the best performance. With a stoloniferous growth habit, this Phlox will spread slowly over the years.

► This Phlox isn't just pink, it's ULTRApink! With this addition to the Opening Act Phlox Collection, it is officially the brightest, most vibrant color of the set. In early summer, this plant produces fluorescent rose pink flowers that are slam-on-your-breaks intense. If sheered back, these plants will rebloom later in the season. Spreads slowly through stolons. A must have!

► These perennials are a favorite of gardeners around the world and a staple of North American native gardens. Be sure to locate these plants in full sun for the best flowering performance and to help avoid powdery mildew concerns. A favorite of pollinators.

► **Height:** 22-28 Inches

► **Spread:** 32-36 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-8

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade





Creeping Phlox 'Eye Candy' & 'Eye Caramba'

► Creeping Phlox are a classic harbinger of spring, exploding with color as a sign that the final days of winter are past. 'Eye Candy' forms a mound of bright green, needle-like foliage that is totally covered in light lavender pink flowers with a dark wine purple eye. This has a more refined habit than 'Emerald Pink', but has a healthy, vigorous habit in line with the popular 'North Hills'.

► Medium pink flowers with a red eye. A richer pink than 'Eye Candy'.

► Creeping phlox is a low-growing species which forms a carpet-like mat no taller than 6". This popular little perennial is best utilized in rocky areas, on slopes, and in flower borders.

► Height: 4-6 Inches

► Spread: 18-20 Inches

► Hardiness Zones: 2-9

► Sunlight: Full Sun

Platycodon 'Fairy Snow' Balloon Flower

► Fairy Snow White Balloon Flower has masses of beautiful spikes of white bell-shaped flowers with creamy white eyes and creamy white veins rising above the foliage in mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

► Height: 8-12 Inches

► Hardiness Zones: 3-8

► Sunlight: Full Sun to Part Sun



Platycodon 'Pop Star' Series Balloon Flower

► A fun perennial, Pop Star Balloon Flower, Platycodon, features flower buds that swell into huge plump balloon-like orbs then pop open to reveal huge star-shaped violet blue, star-shaped blossoms. It has a very compact habit, growing only 6-8" tall and 10-12" wide. Long blooming, you can expect to see its beautiful blossoms throughout summer.

► One of the last perennials to emerge in spring. Plants have long roots which makes them difficult to move. Wonderful in the mixed garden, in containers and as a cut flower.

► Plant in full sun to part shade in well-drained soil. Cut plant back to the ground after the first hard frost.

► Height: 6-8 Inches

► Hardiness Zones: 3-9

► Sunlight: Full Sun to Part Sun





Polemonium 'Apricot Delight' & 'Purple Rain Strain' Jacob's Ladder

Polemonium Carneum 'Apricot Delight'

- ▶ Soft clusters of pink-apricot blooms top attractive green foliage, tends to re-seed
- ▶ Height: 15-20 in.
- ▶ Spacing: 12 in.
- ▶ Hardiness Zone: 4
- ▶ Part Sun

Polemonium Yezoense 'Purple Rain Strain'

- ▶ Unusual dark purple foliage, reddish purple during winter, nice blue flowers during blooming
- ▶ Height: 20-30 in.
- ▶ Spacing: 12 in.
- ▶ Hardiness Zone: 4
- ▶ Part Sun



Prunella 'Bella Blue'

► Bella Blue Self-Heal is a vigorous, long-blooming groundcover with short spikes of violet-blue flowers that attract butterflies.

► Zones: 4 - 9

► Advantages:

- Attract Butterflies
- Easy To Grow
- Deer Resistant
- Rabbit Resistant
- Groundcover
- Extended Bloom Time (more than 4 weeks)
- Full Sun to Full Shade
- Height: 6-8" tall
- Spread: 18-24" wide
- Bloom Time: Summer





Rudbeckia 'American Gold Rush'

► 2020 All America Selections Perennial Award Winner

► Finally, a Black Eyed Susan that's resistant to the Septoria leaf spot! Thanks to the thinner and hairier leaves, this hybrid Rudbeckia shows no signs of the fungus even in wet, humid conditions. A dome-like habit of golden yellow flowers with black centers are produced heavily from July to September here in Michigan, with some color until frost. Destined to be the new staple for landscapes! From Brent Horvath of Intrinsic Perennial Gardens.

► Height: 22-26 Inches

► Hardiness Zones: 4-9

► Sunlight: Full Sun

Salvia 'Perfect Profusion'

► The flagship variety for the Profusion Salvia series is in a class of its own! This Salvia nemorosa hybrid reblooms multiple times throughout the summer if the spent flower stems are cut back—one of the very best for consistent rebloom. Soft icy blue flowers cover the perfectly rounded plant. The sheer density of flower stems will certainly catch your eye as you walk past!

► Salvia is a staple item for every sunny garden. It asks little more than sunshine and a little drink every once in a while in return for producing a bountiful mass of colorful flower spires from late spring into early summer. It forms a uniform, rounded clump of aromatic, rugose green foliage that looks nice all season long and is not enjoyed by rabbits or deer.

► **Height:** 16-20 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun



A close-up photograph of the Salvia 'Bumblesky' plant, showing several upright spikes of small, light blue-purple flowers. The foliage is a deep green and appears rounded and healthy. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the flower spikes.

Salvia

'Bumblesky'

► If you've ever had the opportunity to walk in a garden of Salvia in late spring, you know that bumblebees and other pollinators swarm to this perennial in droves. 'Bumblesky' produces light sky blue flowers on a low, rounded habit of healthy, deep green foliage. This cute sized package is perfect for the front of the border or grown in a quart pot.

► Salvia is a staple item for every sunny garden. It asks little more than sunshine and a little drink every once in a while in return for producing a bountiful mass of colorful flower spires from late spring into early summer. It forms an upright clump of aromatic, rugose green foliage that looks nice all season long and is not enjoyed by rabbits or deer.

► **Height:** 14-16 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun

Sedum 'Superstar'

► This low maintenance, compact Stonecrop will be the star of your late summer garden. Dark turquoise succulent leaves have a smoky gray overlay. Later in the season, rosy pink flowers with hot pink carpels explode over the dome-like habit with great flower coverage. Dark purple seed heads extend the color long after it has finished blooming. Although compact, 'Superstar' is more of an intermediate groundcover.

► This plant falls into a category of hardy, dome shaped Sedum hybrids. These plants typically bloom in early fall on round mushroom cap-type habits. Especially vivid when planted en masse. Through the year they showcase succulent foliage and are well adapted to low water and rock gardens. If left standing, they provide winter interest and food for birds.

► **Height:** 10-12 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun





Sidalcea 'Candy Girl'

- ▶ Related to Hollyhocks but much shorter! Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. Great for cut flowers.
- ▶ 'Candy Girl' is a deciduous perennial with glossy green, shallow-lobed foliage and wide, saucer-shaped, dark rose-pink flowers borne in dense spikes in summer.
- ▶ **Height:** 18-24 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun

Tradescantia 'Lucky Charm'

► Dwarf gold leaf Tradescantia. Blue flowers and a compact habit. It has the most contrasting colors of the Charm Series. Planting something Lucky and Gold in your garden will surely be a sign of good fortune to come.

► **Height:** 8-12 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade



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Lilac 'Little Lady'

► In late spring, the dark pink buds open to lilac pink, with a heady fragrance that will tickle your nose! The mature size makes this plant perfect for foundation plantings, but it can also be used en masse, or as an informal hedge where you don't need a lot of height.

- Height: 4-5'
- Spread: 4-5'
- Shape: Upright
- Exposure: Full Sun
- Zone: 2-7





Sambucus 'Laced Up'

► Beautiful elderberries like Black Lace® and Black Beauty® have long been some of our most popular varieties - but as fairly large plants, not everyone has space for them. Enter Laced Up® elderberry, an amazing narrow, upright variety that takes up only a few square feet of ground. Feathery black foliage covers broomstick-straight stems that shoot toward the sky but stay in a narrow column. Early summer brings hundreds of pink flowers to contrast with the leaves. It's an exotic looking plant that's surprisingly hardy and easy to grow! Available in better garden centers in spring 2018. This plant was formerly known as Strait Laced® elderberry.

- Height: 72-120"
- Spread: 36-48"
- Exposure: Full Sun to Part Sun
- Zone: 4-7

Spirea 'Spot On' & 'Little Spark'

Blazing shades of red, orange and yellow make this the prettiest fall color spirea we have ever seen. If you like Spirea Tor, but want light pink flowers, this is your plant. Blooms in early June with sporadic summer rebloom. Spot On™ has a mounded habit that needs little pruning

Height: 3-4'

Width: 3-5'

Exposure: full sun to part shade

Hardiness zone: 3-8

This little spirea has orange new growth and holds its yellow foliage color throughout the summer, even in full sun situations. A summer bloomer, the pink flowers arise just above the foliage, and if you give them a quick shear when they are done, it will bloom again in late summer. Fall color includes shades of pink, creating a multi-toned effect.

Height: 18-24"

Width: 18-30"

Exposure: full sun to part shade

Hardiness zone: 3-8



Viburnum 'All That Glitters' & 'All That Glows'

► Beautiful, low-maintenance, and elegant! The foliage of All That Glitters® viburnum is super glossy, which gives it a handsome presence in the landscape. Early summer brings hundreds of white flower clusters, which are followed by shiny blue fruit in fall if its pollinator, All That Glows® viburnum, is planted nearby. This versatile plant is smaller than most viburnums, which makes it perfectly suited to foundation plantings, hedges, screening, or as a distinctive specimen. Native to North America and deer-resistant.

► Height: 48 - 60 Inches

► You've never seen a plant with foliage this glossy. All That Glows® viburnum is a handsome landscaping plant that can be used as a hedge, screening, specimen plant, or foundation planting. In spring, this shrub is covered in hundreds of white flower clusters, and they are followed by shiny blue fruit in fall, provided that its pollinator, All That Glitters® viburnum, is planted nearby. Smaller than most popular viburnums, native to North America, and deer-resistant, too!

► Height: 48 - 72 Inches





Rhododendron 'Helsinki University'

- ▶ Extremely hardy selection displays large trusses of lightly scented, deep pink blooms with orange-red specks. Dense, dark green glossy foliage is tinged red upon emerging in spring. Upright rounded form makes a nice background to finer textured plants. Evergreen.
- ▶ USDA Zone: 4 - 8



Lollipop Crab

► True to its name, this useful crabapple is a confection of fragrant white flowers in spring perched on top of a sturdy trunk. Tiny, shiny red fruits in fall attract birds and wildlife. Thanks to its truly dwarf genetics, it perpetually maintains the neat form that will make homeowners everywhere fall in love with it.

Top reasons to grow Lollipop crabapple tree:

- True dwarf size will always stay petite in the landscape.
- Perfect ball of foliage and flowers atop a straight trunk.
- Pretty red fruit supports wildlife.
- **Bloom Time:** May
- **Plant Size:** 8-10' tall x 8-10' wide
- **Flower Color:** White
- **Fruit:** Golden-amber
- **Sunlight:** Full Sun

White Fringetree



- ▶ Prized large shrub or small tree with upright branches forming dome shape. Soft green leaves back magnificent clusters of fringe-like blooms. A terrific accent for the landscape. Deciduous.
- ▶ Slow growing to 20 to 25 ft. high, 25 ft. wide.
- ▶ **Exposure:** Full Sun
- ▶ **Zone:** 4-9