

PERENNIALS Continuous Color



In bloom from early spring through fall, **garden perennials will brighten your landscape year after year.** Combine colors that please you. Make the flower garden a **focal point.**

Plants are **listed under the time period in which they usually bloom.** Expect flowers for several weeks, or longer, depending on weather conditions and the type of plant. These plants tolerate average conditions, but **pay attention to their preferences for the best results.**

Many **spring blooming plants will multiply readily (naturalize)** over the years.

Prepare the soil as you would for a vegetable garden. **The same steps apply.** → See *Growing Tips 18* Plan a Vegetable Garden.

EARLY SPRING April-May	Prefers	Color
Daffodil (<i>Narcissus</i> spp.) bulb	○△	Y, W
Dwarf Iris (<i>Iris</i> spp.)	○△	Y,B,V,W
Fairy Wings (<i>Epimedium</i> spp.)	●●△	R,Y,W,P
Helleborus (<i>Helleborus</i> spp.)	●△	Y,W,P
Lungwort (<i>Pulmonaria</i> spp.)	●△	R,B,V,P
Siberian Squill (<i>Scilla siberica</i>) bulb	○●△	B,W
Virginia Bluebells (<i>Mertensia</i> spp.)	●△	B,V
Wild Blue Phlox (<i>Phlox divaricata</i>)	○△	B,V
LATE SPRING May - June		
Bleeding Heart (<i>Dicentra</i> spp.)	●●△	Y,V,W,P
Columbine (<i>Aquilegia</i> spp.)	●△△	R,Y,B,V,W,P
Coral Bells (<i>Heuchera</i> spp.)	○●△	R, W,P
Cornflower (<i>Centaurea montana</i>)	○●△	B,V,W,P
Cranesbill (<i>Geranium</i> spp.)	○●△	B,V,W,P
Peony (<i>Paeonia</i> spp.)	○△	R,O,Y,V,W,P
Viola (<i>Viola</i> spp.) perennial	●△△	Y,B,V,W
SUMMER July-August		
Astilbe (<i>Astilbe</i> spp.)	●●△△	R,W,P
Bee Balm (<i>Monarda</i> spp.)	○●△	R,V,W,P
Bellflower (<i>Campanula</i> spp.)	△○●	R,B,V,W,P
Blazing Star (<i>Liatrus</i> spp.)	○△△	V,W,P
Blue Star (<i>Amsonia</i> spp.)	○●△	B
Coneflower (<i>Echinacea</i> spp.)	○●△	R,O,Y,V,P
Daylily (<i>Hemerocallis</i> spp.)	○●△	R,O,Y,V,W,P
False Sunflower (<i>Heliopsis</i> sp.)	○△	Y
Foxglove (<i>Digitalis</i> spp.)	○●△	Y,V,W,P
Iris (<i>Iris</i> spp.)	○△	R,O,Y,B,I,V,W,P
Lady's Mantle (<i>Alchemilla</i> spp.)	○●△	Y, G
Landscape Rose (<i>Rosa</i> spp.)	○△	R,O,Y,V,W,P
Lily (<i>Lilium</i> spp.)	○●△△	R,O,Y,V,W,P
Ornamental Onion (<i>Allium</i> spp.)	○△	B,I,V,W,P
Perennial Sage (<i>Salvia</i> spp.)	○△	B,I,V,P
Daisy (<i>Leucanthemum</i> spp.)	○△	Y, W
Tickseed (<i>Coreopsis</i> spp.)	○△	O,Y,V,W,P
Yarrow (<i>Achillea</i> spp.)	○△	R,O,Y,V,W,P

○ Sun - at least 6 hours ● Part shade ● Shade
 △ Average moisture △△ Steady moisture
 Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet. White, Pink

LATE SUMMER-FALL Sept-Oct	Prefers	Color
Autumn Stonecrop (<i>Sedum</i> spp.)	○△	R, W, P
Fall Aster (<i>Aster</i> spp.)	○△	R, B,I,V,W, P
False Sunflower (<i>Heliopsis</i> sp.)	○△	Y
Japanese Anemone (<i>Anemone</i> spp.)	○●	W, P
Garden Mum (<i>Chrysanthemum</i> spp.)	○△	R,O,Y,V,W,P

Keep it Simple

- To begin a perennial garden, **choose 2 or 3 kinds of plants for each season of bloom.**
- For **visual impact**, plant at least three of the same kind of plant together in a group. Plant hardy, naturalizing bulbs generously
- **Space** according to the directions on the label.
- Plants may take **2 – 3 years to reach full size.**
- **Label plants securely** with permanent tags.
- **Mulch, then water with care** throughout the season, as necessary. → See *Growing Tips 6* Watering New Plantings.

Great Combos (Add more as you go!)

- **Spring:** daffodils, dwarf Iris, wild blue phlox
- **Late spring:** bleeding heart, cranesbill, peony
- **Summer:** coneflower, daylily, perennial sage
- **Fall:** autumn stonecrop, fall aster, false sunflower

Nifty Note

Plant breeders create **different types of plants** (cultivars and varieties) in different colors and sizes, and often with **extended blooming periods.** For instance, many new “**landscape**” roses bloom repeatedly into the fall and resist diseases. These plants keep **the same generic name** (for example: *Rosa* spp.).

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