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Suggested Annual Flower Varieties for 2009

Every spring countless homeowners deluge the Cornell Cooperative Extension office with the question, "Which annuals bloom continuously throughout the growing season and perform well overall for the Long Island region?" Hopefully, seed or young transplants of certain recommended varieties can be purchased at local garden centers. Unfortunately, many varieties are often unavailable locally and must be ordered through mail-order seed catalogs. If you elect this course, be certain to order early to obtain those you want for 2009. This is especially true of new introductions, where the seed is usually in short supply for the first year or two.

The following is a list of annual varieties suggested for the Long Island area. Some of these are new introductions and All-America Selections (AAS) award winners, while others are of another era but certainly adaptable. They have been grown and evaluated under low maintenance conditions in the display garden located at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County headquarters. Those listed proved to be superior in all aspects, i.e. continuous bloom, uniformity of flower and habit and ease of maintenance. Due to the number of new and unknown varieties available, plus our limited space for trialing, many have not been grown and evaluated. The varieties listed are merely suggestions when seeking out outstanding varieties.

SPECIES	VARIETIES
• Abielmoschus	Pacific Scarlet
• Agastache	Firebird, Licorice Blue, Aurantiaca 'Apricot Sprite', Golden Jubilee (AAS '03)
• Ageratum	Blue Danube, Blue Hawaii, Blue Lagoon, Blue Horizon, White Hawaii, Garden Leader Blue, Garden Leader Fine Wine, Hawaiian Pink, Garden Leader Pure Azure
• Alternanthera	Rubiginosa, Purple Knight
• Alyssum	Carpet of Snow, Snowcloth, Wonderland White, Golf Mix
• Anagallis monelli (pimpernel)	Sky Lover
• Angelonia	Blue Pacific, Plum, Serena White, Serena Purple
• Arctotis	x Flame, x Wine
• Argyranthemum	Butterfly
• Asteriscus	Gold Coin
• Basil - Ornamental	Purple Ruffles (AAS '87), Magical Michael (AAS '02), Thai 'Siam Queen' (AAS '97), Lemon Basil 'Sweet Dani' (AAS '98), Boxwood*, Garden Leader Key Lime*
• Begonia (Wax)	Varsity Rose, Scarletta, Pink Profusion, Roxy White and Roxy Rose Pink, Spirit Pink Shades, Prelude Pink, Chocolate Red and White, Dragon Wing, Dragon Wing Pink, Harmony Pink Imp, Harmony Scarlet Imp, Harmony White Imp, Prelude Pink Imp, Prelude Scarlet Imp, Prelude White Imp, Baby Wing White
• Bidens (tickseed)	Golden Goddess
• Brachycome	Blue Splendor
• Browallia	Powder Blue, Cascade Beauties, Americana, Amethyst, Viscosa 'Zelda', Garden Leader Wine
• Cabbage/Kale (Flowering)	Red on Green, White on Green
• Cacalia (Emilia)	Harvest Mixture
• Canna	Tropical Rose (AAS '92)

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- *Catharanthus (Vinca) roseus* Snow Flake, Grape Cooler, Pretty in Rose (AAS '91), Parasol (AAS '91), Sahara Madness Bright Eye, Snow Carpet, Hot Streak Salmon, Pretty in White (AAS '92), Pretty in Pink, Cooler Orchid, Icy Pink, Apricot Delight, Tropical White, Heat Wave Grape and Deep Rose, Pacifica Red and Lipstick Mix, Sun Splash Papaya and Bright White, Stardust Orchid (AAS '00), Heatwave Blue, Heatwave Cherry, Jaio Scarlet Eye (AAS '02), Cooler Apricot, Cooler Mix, Cooler Red, Jaio Dark Red (AAS '03), Big Ruby, Cooler Coconut Imp, Cooler Deep Orchid, Mediterranean Punch, Cooler Hot Rose, Cooler Peppermint Imp, Lavender Halo, Pacifica Magenta Halo, Pacifica Punch Halo, Pacifica Orchid Halo, Titan Burgundy, Titan Blush, Titan Lavender Blue, Titan Polka Dot, First Kiss Blueberry (AAS '05), Sunsplash Red, Pacifica Deep Orchid* (AAS '05), Pacifica Really Red*, Pacifica White*, Pacifica Burgundy Halo* (AAS '07)
- *Celosia* Red Fox (AAS '74), New Look (AAS '88), Castle Pink (AAS '90), Flamingo Feather, RedGlow, Prestige Scarlet (AAS '97), Flamingo Purple, Fresh Look Red, Glow Carmine, Fresh Look Yellow, Fresh Look Gold (AAS '07)
- *Chrysanthemum (Shasta daisy)* Snow Lady (AAS '88)
- *Cineraria (Dusty Miller)* Cirrus
- *Cleome* Queen mixed, Sparkler Blush (dwarf) (AAS '02)
- *Coleus* Rainbow Velvet, Carefree Hybrids, Saber Jade, Landscaper Velvet, Kiwi Fern, Garden Leader Jazz Marble, Hong Kong Red
- *Coreopsis* Early Sunrise (AAS '89)
- *Cosmos* Cosmic Orange (AAS '00)
- *Cuphea hyssopifolia* Alba
- *Dahlia* Dandy Mixed Colors, Sunny Red, Opera Mix, Caruso Mix, Dahl Face Mix
- *Dianthus* Magic Charm, Pink Charm, Telestar Picotee (AAS '89), Ideal Violet (AAS '92), Floral Lace Light Pink, Floral Lace White, Melody Pink, Floral Lace Salmon, Melody Pink (AAS '00), Garden Leader Award Salmon
- *Diascia barberae*
- *Dichondra* Silver Falls
- *Dyssodia (Dahlberg daisy)* Golden Fleece
- *Euphorbia* Summer Icicle
- *Gaillardia* Red Plume (AAS '91), Yellow Plume, Sundance Bicolor (AAS '03)
- *Gazania* Mini-Star Tangerine (AAS '85), Galaxy Mixture, Chansonette Yellow
- *Geranium (seed)* Orange Appeal, Tetra Scarlet, Black Magic Rose (AAS '02)
- *Gloriosa Daisy* Double Gold (AAS '61), Pinwheel
- *Gomphrena (Globe Amaranth)* Buddy, Strawberry Fields, Lavender Lady, Gnome White, Purple Gomp, Logro Pink, Logro Rose
- *Grasses, Ornamental* Pennisetum ruppelii (fountain grass), Lagurus ovatus (haretail grass), Stipa capriccio
- *Helichrysum* Golden Beauty
- *Hibiscus* Southern Belle Mixed, Disco Belle Rosy Red
- *Hypoestes* Pink Splash, Confetti Mix
- *Impatiens* Shadglow series; Futura mixture; Blitz (AAS), Grande Rose; Novette Lilac; Sweet Sue; Tiny Tots; Tempo Blush, Tempo Red, Burgundy, Showstopper Salmon, Victorian Rose (AAS '98); Tempo Punch Violet and Watermelon; Showstopper Cherry, Showstopper Tropical Punch, Tempo Coral Butterfly, Showstopper Buttercream, Showstopper Burgundy Imp, Showstopper White, Showstopper Deep Orange Imp, Showstopper Lilac Imp

Medium ht. (10-15")

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- Impatiens *Dwarf ht. (8-10")* Super Elfin Hybrids; Minette Hybrids; Dazzler Pink, Apricot and Orange; Accent Violet Star, Apricot and Red; Impulse Scarlet, Violet, Apple Blossom and Orange Accent Red; Impact Red; Super Elfin Swirl; Soda Pops Deep Red, Pink Frost, Pink Mist, Super Elfin Cherry, Dazzler Merlot Mix, Stardust Salmon, Stardust Violet, Victorian Rose (AAS'98), Swirl Raspberry, Super Elfin Ruby, Dazzler Pink Improved, Dazzler Blue Pearl, Showstopper Tropical Flair, Coral Swirl, Dazzler Rose Swirl
- Impatiens *New Guinea* 'Java Jungle'
- Incarvillea *simensa* 'Cheron'
- Iresine Purple Lady
- Lavender 'Lady' (AAS '94)
- Lantana Confetti - Salmon and Yellow, Radiation - Orange and Yellow, Spreading Sunshine - Gold, variegated
- Lobelia Crystal Palace Compacta, Blue Cascade, Rapid Blue, Palace Blue with Eye, Fan Scarlet
- Lysimachia Golden Globes
- Marigold *Medium Tall* Gold Lady, Orange Lady, Deep Orange Lady
- Medium* Perfection Gold, Perfection Orange, Yellow Galore (AAS '77), Yellow Boy, Safari Yellow, Luna Yellow, Durango Outback Mix, Logro Gold, Logro Orange, Logro Yellow
- Dwarf* Bolero, Golden Gate (AAS '89), Gypsy Dancer, Gypsy Sunshine, Orange Jacket, Red 7-Star, Showboat (AAS '74), Queen Sophia (AAS '79), Mini Marietta, Janie Tangerine, Aurora Yellow Fire, Golden Gate (AAS '89), Disco Flame, Safari Scarlet, Little Hero Yellow, Little Hero Flame, Jaguar, Hero Gold, Hero Red, Hero Flame, Hero Bee, Bonanza Bolero (AAS '99), French Bonanza Gold, French Bonanza Orange, Bonanza Harmony, Durango Tangerine
- Melampodium Medallion, Show Star, Million Gold
- Millet, Ornamental Purple Majesty (AAS '03), Purple Baron
- Nasturtium Strawberries in Cream, Alaska
- Nicotiana White Bedder, Nikki-Rose, Lime Green, Nikki-Red (AAS '79), Domino White, Domino Red, Havana Apple Blossom
- Nierembergia Purple Robe, Mont Blanc (AAS '93)
- N. scoparia
- Osteospermum Passion Mix (AAS '99)
- Oxypetalum Blue Cheer
- Pansy Imperial Blue (AAS '75), True Blue, Ultimo Morpho (AAS '02), Character Spring Song Mix
- Pelargonium Vancouver Centennial
- Pepper, Ornamental Fiery Festival, Holiday Cheer (AAS '79), Black Prince, Candlelight (AAS '83), Super Chili (edible, AAS '88), Shien, Pretty in Purple, Chilly Chili (AAS '02), Black Pearl (AAS '06)
- Pentas Butterfly Lavender Light, Star White, Butterfly Cherry Red, Galaxy Mars, Butterfly Pink
- Petunia Celebrity Pink Morn, Celebrity Peach Ice and Celebrity Chiffon Morn (AAS '95), Purple Wave (AAS '95), Fantasy Pink Morn (AAS '96), Fantasy Salmon, Freedom Blueberry Vein, Freedom Blue, Misty Lilac Wave, Tidal Wave Cherry, Wave Rose, Lavender Wave, Double Cascade Mix, Tidal Wave Silver, Exp. Wave Pink, Blue Wave, Carpet Rose Star, Tidal Wave Purple, Baby Duck Yellow*, Blue Wave (AAS '03), Opera Supreme Morn, Shockwave Ivory, Shockwave Purple, Shockwave Rose

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• Petunia surfinia	Revolution, Brilliant, Pink Vein, Sky Blue
• Plectranthus arboenicus	
• Portulaca	Sunglo Rose, Double Mixed, Sundial Yellow, Sundial Peach (AAS '99), Margarita Rosita (AAS '01)
• Rudbeckia	Indian Summer (AAS '95), Sonora, Toto, Chim Chiminee, Cherokee Sunset (AAS '02), Prairie Sun (AAS '03)
• Salvia <i>Medium (10-15")</i>	Red Pillar, St. John's Fire, Carbiniere, Scarlet King, Firecracker Red, Cleopatra Violet, Firecracker Blue, Landscaper Bright Scarlet, Empire Purple, Red Hot Sally, Vista Lavender, Vista Burgundy, Sangria
<i>Dwarf (8-10")</i>	Red Hussar, Splendissima, Interrupta Waverly
• Salvia discolor	
• Salvia coccinea	Cherry Blossom, Lady in Red (AAS '92)
• Salvia farinacea	Blue Bedder, Royal Purple, White Bedder, Victoria, Strata (AAS '96), Cirrus, Evolution (AAS '06), Fahrenheit Blue, Fahrenheit White, Fahrenheit Violet*
• Salvia guaranitica	
• Salvia x 'Indigo Spires'	
• Salvia signum	
• Salvia ulignosa	
• Sanvitalia (creeping zinnia)	Gold Braid, Mandarin Orange (AAS '87), Z-scape
• Scaevola	Blue Wonder
• Scutellaria	Rose Fountain
• Snapdragon	Floral Carpet Mixed, Princess White with Purple Eye (AAS '87), Coronation Crimson, Liberty Yellow, Liberty Cherry, Sonnet Hybrid
• Strachytarpheta	Speciosa, Frantzii
• Sunflower	Taiyo, Italian White, Maximillian
• Talinum (Jewels of Opar)	Kingwood Gold
• Tithonia	Sundance, Goldfinger, Fiesta del Sol (AAS '00)
• Torenia (Wishbone Flower)	Clown Mix (AAS '89), Panda Pink
• Trachymene	Lacy Blue
• Verbena	canadensis, speciosa 'Imagination' (AAS '93), Homestead Purple, Sissinghurst, Homestead Pink, Silver Anne, Big Ruby
• Verbena rigida	Polaris, Vervain
• Vinca (see Catharanthus)	
• Viola	Princess Blue
• Zinnia <i>Tall</i>	Yellow Marvel (AAS '85), Yellow Zenith (AAS '65), Red Sun (AAS '78), Goddess Zenith, Bonanza, Gold Sun (AAS '79), Zowie Yellow Flame (AAS '06)
<i>Medium</i>	Border Beauty Rose (AAS) Scarlet Ruffles (AAS '74), Yellow Ruffles (AAS '78), Pink Ruffles, Scarlet Splendor (AAS '90), Crystal White (AAS '97), Garden Leader Cascade Beauty White, Garden Leader Phoenix Peach, Magellan Coral, Zahara Scarlet
<i>Medium-Dwarf</i>	Peter Pan Gold (AAS '79), Small World Cherry (AAS '82), Small World Pink, Dasher Scarlet, Dreamland Series, Short Stuff-Deep Red, Profusion Cherry (AAS '99), Profusion Orange (AAS '99), Profusion White (AAS '01), Profusion Knee High White, Solcito
<i>Dwarf</i>	Star White, Golden Orange, Starbright Mix, Crystal White (AAS '97), Cascade Beauties White

* Varieties added to this year's revised list.