



Home Grounds Fact Sheet

Herbaceous Perennials

Reliable and useful species arranged according to time of bloom and height.

SPRING FLOWERING (before June 1) and LOW (less than 1 foot)

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	COLOR
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	ajuga, bugleweed	blue, white, purple
<i>Anemone pulsatilla</i>	pasque flower	purple
<i>Arabis caucasica (albida)</i>	rockcress	white, pink
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	thrift, sea pink	rose, white, pink
<i>Aster alpinus</i>	aster	various
<i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i>	purple rock cress	violet
<i>Aurinia (Alyssum saxatile)</i>	goldentuft, basket of gold	yellow
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	English daisy	red, pink, white
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	lily of the valley	white, pink
<i>Corydalis lutea</i>	corydalis	yellow
<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	Dutchman's breeches	white
<i>Dicentra eximia</i>	wild bleeding heart, turkey corn	pink
<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	shooting star	white, lavender, crimson
<i>Epimedium sp.</i>	barrenwort	yellow, white, rose, mauve
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	cypress spurge	yellow
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	cranesbill	lavender, red
<i>Gypsophila repens</i>	creeping gypsophila	white, pink
<i>Helleborus niger</i>	Christmas rose	white
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	hardy candytuft	white
<i>Iris cristata</i>	dwarf crested iris	purple
<i>Iris pumila</i>	dwarf iris	various
<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	spotted dead nettle	pink, white
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia bluebell, cowslip	blue, pink
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	forget-me-not	blue
<i>Nepeta mussinii</i>	catmint	blue
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	blue phlox, wild sweet William	blue, white
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	moss pink, moss phlox	various
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Jacob's ladder	blue, white
<i>Primula sp.</i>	primroses	various
<i>Pulmonaria saccharata</i>	lungwort, Bethlehem sage	blue to pink
<i>Ranunculus repens</i> ð Pleniflorus	double creeping buttercup, butter daisy	yellow
<i>Saponaria ocymoides</i>	soapwort	pink, rose
<i>Thymus serpyllum</i>	lemon thyme, wild thyme	purple, pink
<i>Veronica prostrata</i>	speedwell	blue, pink
<i>Viola odorata</i>	sweet violet	various

SPRING FLOWERING (before June 1) and MEDIUM (1 to 4 feet)

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME		COLOR
<i>Aquilegia</i> sp.	columbine	1½ - 2½'	various
<i>Bergenia cordifolia</i>	bergenia	1 - 1½'	rose, pink
<i>Brunnera macrophylla</i>	Siberian bugloss	1'	blue
<i>Centaurea montana</i>	mountain bluet	1½ - 2'	blue
<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	bleeding heart	2 - 3'	pink, white
<i>Doronicum plantagineum</i>	leopard's-bane	1 - 1½'	yellow
<i>Euphorbia epithymoides</i>	cushion spurge	1-2'	yellow
<i>Iris germanica</i> hybrids	bearded iris, fleur-de-lis	2'	various
<i>Trollius europaeus</i>	globeflower	1-3'	yellow, orange

SUMMER FLOWERING (June - September) and LOW (1 1/2 feet)

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME		COLOR
<i>Campanula carpatica</i>	Carpathian harebell	6-8"	purple, white
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	harebell, bluebell	1 - 1½'	blue, white
<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	coralbelles	6-12"	pinks, red, white
<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	spotted dead nettle	8-12"	purple-red, white
<i>Nepeta mussinii</i>	catmint	1'	lavender
<i>Oenothera missouriensis</i>	sundrop, evening primrose	1 - 1½'	yellow
<i>Petrorhagia (Tunica saxifraga)</i>	tunic flower, coat flower	6-8"	pink, rose, white
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	lamb's ears	1'	pink-purple

SUMMER FLOWERING (June - September) and MEDIUM (1 to 3 feet)

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME		COLOR
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> vars.	yarrow	1½ - 2½'	reds, pinks
<i>Achillea ptarmica</i>	sneezewort, sneezeweed	1-2'	white
<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	golden marguerite	2-2½'	golden yellow
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly weed	2-2½'	orange
<i>Aster x frikartii</i>	hardy aster	2-3'	blue, purple
<i>Astilbe x arendsii</i>	astilbe, false spiraea	1½ - 3'	purple, white, pink, maroon
<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	clustered bellflower	1½ - 2'	blue, purple, white
<i>Campanula lactiflora</i>	milky bellflower	3'	pale blue, white
<i>Campanula latifolia</i>	great bellflower	3'	purplish-blue, white
<i>Campanula persicifolia</i>	peachbells, bellflower	2 - 2½'	blue, white
<i>Centaurea dealbata</i>	Persian centaurea	2 - 2½'	pink, lavender
<i>Centaurea montana</i>	mountain bluet	2'	blue, white
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Jupiter's beard	2-3'	white, red, pink, rose
<i>Chelone obliqua</i>	turtlehead	2'	rose
<i>Chrysanthemum coccineum</i>	pyrethrum, painted daisy	2-3'	pink and red
<i>Clematis heracleifolia</i> var. <i> davidiana</i>	fragrant tube clematis	2'	violet
<i>Clematis integrifolia</i>	solitary blue clematis	2-3'	blue
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	coreopsis	2'	yellow
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	thread-leaf coreopsis	2'	yellow
<i>Dicentra eximia</i>	fringed bleeding heart	1 - 1½'	pink
<i>Dictamnus albus</i>	gas plant	3'	white, red-purple
<i>Digitalis grandiflora</i>	yellow foxglove	2-3'	yellow

SUMMER FLOWERING (June - September) and MEDIUM (1 to 3 feet)

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME		COLOR
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	coneflower	3-4'	white, pink
<i>Erigeron</i> hybrids	fleabane	1½ - 2½'	orange, pink, purple
<i>Eryngium amethystinum</i>	seaholly	2-3'	blue
<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	hardy ageratum, mist flower	2-3'	blue/purple
<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	queen-of-the-prairie	4'	red, pink
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	queen-of-the-meadow	4'	white
<i>Filipendula vulgaris (hexapetala)</i>	dropwort	1½'	pink, white
<i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i>	perennial gaillardia	3'	yellow, red, orange
<i>Geum</i> hybrids	geum, avens	1-2'	red, orange, yellow
<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	baby's-breath	2½ - 3'	white
<i>Helianthus x multiflorus</i>	sunflower	3½'	yellow
<i>Hemerocallis</i> hybrids	daylily	2-4'	various
<i>Hosta plantaginea</i>	fragrant plantain lily	1½ - 2½'	white, lilac
<i>Inula royleana</i>	inula	3'	orange-yellow
<i>Iris kaempferi</i>	Japanese iris	2-3'	various
<i>Iris sibirica</i>	Siberian iris	3'	purple, blue, white
<i>Kniphofia</i> hybrids	Tritoma, torch lily	3'	scarlet, yellow, orange
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	English lavender	2'	lavender, purple, white
<i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i> (syn. <i>Chrysanthemum maximum</i>)	shasta daisy	1-3'	white
<i>Ligularia dentata</i>		2½ - 3'	yellow
<i>Linum narbonense</i>	narbonne flax	2'	blue
<i>Linum perenne</i>	perennial flax	2'	blue, white
<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i>	lupine	3'	various
<i>Lychnis chalconica</i>	Maltese cross	3'	red, orange, white
<i>Lychnis coronaria</i>	mullein pink	2-3'	rose, magenta, white
<i>Lysimachia clethroides</i>	gooseneck loosestrife	2-3'	white
<i>Lysimachia punctata</i>	yellow loosestrife	2½ - 3'	yellow
<i>Paeonia</i> hybrids	Chinese peony	2'-4'	various
<i>Papaver orientale</i>	oriental poppy	2½ - 3'	various
<i>Penstemon</i> hybrids	penstemon, beard-tongue	2-5'	various
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	phlox	2½ - 3'	various
<i>Physalis alkekengi</i>	Chinese lantern	1-2'	red, orange fruit (edible)
<i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i>	balloon flower	2-3'	blue, pale pink, white
<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>	Jacob's ladder	1-2'	blue, white
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	black-eyed Susan	2-3'	yellow
<i>Salvia azurea</i>	pitchers sage	3-5'	blue
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	meadow or clary sage	2½ - 3½'	blue, white
<i>Scabiosa caucasica</i>	pincushion flower	2 - 2½'	blue, white, pink
<i>Sedum spectabile</i> cvs. & hybrids	sedum, live forever	1½'	red & pink shades, ivory
<i>Sidalcea</i> sp. & hybrids	hybrid prairie mallow (checkerbloom)	2-3'	rose, pink, white
<i>Solidago</i> hybrids	hybrid goldenrod	1½ - 3'	yellow-gold
<i>Stachys grandiflora</i>	big betony	1½ - 2'	deep violet
<i>Stokesia laevis</i>	stoke's aster	1½'	blue
<i>Tanacetum parthenium</i> (syn. <i>Chrysanthemum parthenium</i>)	fever few	1-3'	white
<i>Thalictrum aquilegifolium</i>	meadow rue	2½ - 3'	lavender, rose pink, white
<i>Thalictrum dipterocarpum</i>	meadow rue	3'	lavender, white
<i>Thalictrum minus</i>	meadow rue	1½'	yellow
<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	common spiderwort	2½'	blue, purple
<i>Veronica spicata</i> ssp. <i>incana</i>	woolly speedwell	1-1½'	violet, lt. blue, rose
<i>Veronica austriaca</i> ssp. <i>teucrium</i>	speedwell	2'	royal blue, rose, white
<i>Veronica longifolia</i> Var. <i>subsessilis</i>	speedwell	2½'	deep blue
<i>Veronica spicata</i>	speedwell	1 - 1½'	blue, purplish-red, white

SUMMER FLOWERING (June - September) and TALL (over 3 feet)

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME		COLOR
<i>Achillea filipendulina</i>	fern-leaf yarrow	3-4'	yellow, gold, white
<i>Aconitum napellus</i>	monkshood	3-4'	various
<i>Alcea rosea</i>	hollyhock	5-9'	yellow, pink, red, lavender
<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	Italian bugloss	3-5'	blue
<i>Aruncus dioicus (sylvester)</i>	goatsbeard	4-6'	white
<i>Aster novae-angliae & Cvs.</i>	New England aster	4-6'	rose, white, violet, purple
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	false indigo	3-4'	blue
<i>Belamcanda chinensis</i>	blackberry lily	3-4'	orange
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	boltonia	4-6'	white, pink
<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	globe centaurea	3-4'	golden yellow
<i>Cephalaria gigantea</i>	giant scabiosa	6'	yellow
<i>Cephalaria tartarica</i>	giant scabiosa	up to 6'	white
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	white turtlehead, snakehead	4'	white
<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>	black snakeroot	4-6'	white
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	common foxglove	4-5'	pink, yellow, mauve
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	purple cone flower	3-4'	pinkish, white
<i>Echinops exaltatus</i>	globe thistle	3-5'	blue
<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	queen-of-the-prairie	4-6'	pale pink, rose
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	queen-of-the-meadow	4-6'	white, variegated yellow
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	sneezeweed	3-5'	yellow, mahogany
<i>Helianthus decapetalus</i>	double thinleaved sunflower	4'	yellow
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> var. <i>scabra</i>	heliopsis	3 1/2 - 5'	yellow
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	common rose mallow	4-5'	white, pink, maroon
<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i>	perennial or beach pea	(vine) to 9'	pink, reddish, white
<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	Kansas gay feather	4-5'	rose, lavender, white
<i>Macleaya cordata</i>	plume poppy	6-8'	pinkish
<i>Malva alcea</i>	hollyhock mallow	3-4'	rose pink, white
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	bee balm	2-3'	pink, scarlet, white
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Scotch thistle	to 9'	purple
<i>Rudbeckia nitida</i> ãAutumn Suní (syn. <i>R. 'Herbstsonne'</i>)		4-5'	yellow
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	false dragonhead	3-4'	lavender, rose, white
<i>Thalictrum rochebrunianum</i>	meadow rue	5-6'	lavender
<i>Thalictrum speciosissimum</i>	meadow rue	4-6'	yellow
<i>Thermopsis caroliniana</i>	Carolina lupine	4-5'	yellow
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	valerian	3-4'	pink, white
<i>Verbascum phoeniceum</i>	purple mullein	3-4'	white, lavender, purple
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	culveris root	4-5'	white

FALL BLOOMING (from September 1 on) and LOW (Less Than 1 Foot)

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME		COLOR
<i>Aster novi-belgii</i> (dwarfs)	New York aster	1'	various
<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>	plumbago, leadwort	6-12"	blue
<i>Chrysanthemum</i> hybrids	cushion mums	8-12"	various

FALL BLOOMING (from September 1 on) and MEDIUM TO TALL (1 Foot or More)

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME		COLOR
<i>Aconitum carmichaelii</i>	azure aconite	2½ - 3½'	pale blue
<i>Anemone x hybrida (japonica)</i>	Japanese anemone	2-4'	pink, white, red, crimson
<i>Artemisia lactiflora</i>	white mugwort	3-5'	white (silver foliage)
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i> & cvs.	New England aster	4-6'	rose, white, purple
<i>Aster novi-belgii</i>	New York aster	4-5'	various
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	boltonia	4-6'	white, lilac
<i>Chrysanthemum x morifolium</i>	hardy mum	1-3'	various
<i>Chrysanthemum nipponicum</i>	Nippon daisy	1½ - 2½'	white
<i>Cimicifuga foetida</i>	bugbane	3'	white
<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	hardy ageratum, mistflower	1½ - 3'	blue violet
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	sneezeweed	3-5'	yellow and mahogany
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> var. <i>scabra</i>	heliopsis	3½ - 5'	yellow
<i>Hemerocallis</i> hybrids	daylilies	2-4'	various
<i>Lespedeza thunbergii</i>	purple bushclover	to 10'	rose-purple
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	cardinal flower	3-4'	scarlet
<i>Malva alcea</i>	hollyhock mallow	3-4'	rose, pink, white
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	coneflower	2-3'	yellow
<i>Salvia azurea</i>	azure or blue sage	3-5'	blue
<i>Solidago</i> hybrids	hybrid goldenrod	1½ - 3'	yellow, gold