

# HOME GROUNDS FACT SHEET

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## Perennials for Special Uses

Numbers under Season of Bloom correspond to month of the year, e. g. January = 1.

### Perennials That Will Tolerate Semi-Shade

*Some perennials are more tolerant of shade, few require it.*

*A situation where uniform light from high-trimmed, deep-rooted trees exists is better than shade for part of the day, sun for the other part. The worst being, the hot sun in the afternoon.*

Latin Name	Common Name	Height	Color	Season of Bloom
<i>Anemone japonica</i>	Japanese anemone	24-48"	Various	9-10
<i>Aquilegia</i> species	Columbine	12-24"	Various	4-6
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goatsbeard	48-72"	White	6-7
<i>Astilbe x arendsii</i>	Astilbe	18-36"	Various	6-7
<i>Begonia grandis</i>	Hardy begonia	12-18"	Pink	8
<i>Brunnera macrophylla</i>	Siberian bugloss	15"	Blue	4-5
<i>Campanula lactiflora</i>	Bellflower	24-36"	Pink, White, Purple	6
<i>Cimicifuga</i> species	Snakeroot	36-60"	White	8-10
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily of the valley	10"	White	5
<i>Dicentra eximia</i>	Fringed bleedingheart	12-18"	Pink	5-9
<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	Bleedingheart	24-36"	Pink, Red	5-6
<i>Doronicum</i> species	Leopardsbane	12-18"	Yellow	4-6
<i>Epimedium</i> species	Barrenwort	12-18"	White, Red, Yellow	5
<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	Hardy ageratum	24"	Purple	9
Ferns	(assorted species/var.)	24-36"	Green, Green-cinnamon	4-10
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	6-12"	White	7
<i>Geranium</i> species	Cranesbill	12-18"	Violet, Pink, Magenta, White	5-7
<i>Helleborus niger</i>	Christmas rose	12-15"	White	12-1
<i>Hemerocallis</i> species and cultivars	Daylily	18-48"	Various	5-10
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	Dame's rocket	24-36"	Pink, White	5-6
<i>Hosta</i> species and cultivars	Plantain Lily	12-30"	White, Bluish-purple	7-8
<i>Kirengeshoma palmata</i>		36"	Yellow	9
<i>Liriope</i> species (clump forming types)	Lily-turf	12"	Purple, White	7-8
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia bluebells	12-15"	Blue/pink	4
<i>Polygonatum</i> species	Solomon's-seal	24-36"	White	5-6
<i>Primula</i> species	Primrose	6-30"	Various	4-6
<i>Pulmonaria saccharata</i>	Lungwort	12"	Blue/Pink	4-5
<i>Thalictrum</i> species		36-72"	White, Yellow, Lavender	6-8
<i>Trillium grandiflorum</i>	Trillium	6-18"	White to Rose Pink	4
<i>Trollius europaeus</i>	Globeflower	12-24"	Yellow	5-6

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## Perennials for Moist Soils

Some prefer a moist soil, others tolerate this condition quite well.

\* tolerates light shade

Latin Name	Common Name	Height	Color	Season of Bloom
* <i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goatsbeard	48-72"	White	6-7
* <i>Astilbe</i> species	Astilbe	18-36"	Various	6-7
* <i>Begonia grandis</i>	Hardy begonia	12-18"	Pink	8
* <i>Bergenia cordifolia</i>	Leather leaf	12"	Pink	4-5
* <i>Brunnera macrophylla</i>	Siberian bugloss	12-18"	Blue	4-5
<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	Clustered bellflower	18-24"	Blue	6-7
* <i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>	Black Snakeroot	48-72"	White	7-8
* <i>Epimedium</i> species and cultivars	Barrenwort	12-18"	Yellow, Red, White	5
* Ferns	(assorted species/var.)	24-36"	Green	
<i>Filipendula</i> species		18-72"	Pink, White	6-7
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Sneezewood	36-60"	Yellow, Mahogany	8-9
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Rose mallow	48-60"	Pink, White, Maroon	8-9
* <i>Hosta</i> species and cultivars	Plantain Lily	12-30"	Lavender, White	4-6
<i>Iris kaempferi</i>	Japanese iris	24-36"	Purple, Blue, White, Red/violet	6-7
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	24-48"	Yellow	5-6
<i>Iris sibirica</i>	Siberian Iris	24-36"	Purple, White	6
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue flag	36"	Purplish blue	5-8
<i>Ligularia</i> species and cultivars		36-72"	Orange, Yellow	7
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal flower	36-48"	Scarlet	8-10
<i>Lysimachia clethroides</i>	Gooseneck loosestrife	24-36"	White	7-8
* <i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia Bluebells	12-15"	Blue/Pink	5-6
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Beebalm	24-36"	Pink, White, Ruby Red	7-8
* <i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	True forget-me-not	12-14"	Bright blue	5-9
* <i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	False dragonhead	36-48"	Rose, Purple, White	7-9
* <i>Polemonium</i> species	Jacob's Ladder	12-24"	Blue, White	5-6
* <i>Primula japonica</i>	Japanese Primrose	18-24"	Pink, Red, White	6
* <i>Pulmonaria saccharata</i>	Lungwort	12-18"	Blue to Pink	4-5
<i>Rodgersia</i> species		36-48"	Pink, Cream	7-8
<i>Thalictrum</i> species	Meadow Rue	12-60"	White, Yellow, Lavender	6-8
* <i>Tricyrtis hirta</i>	Toad Lily	24"	Purple/White	8-9
<i>Trollius europaeus</i>	Globeflower	12-24"	Yellow-orange	5-6
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Valerian	36-48"	White, Pink	7

## Perennials for Dry, Sandy Soils

Plants in this category endure dry conditions and/or excessively well-drained soils better than most.

Latin Name	Common Name	Height	Color	Season of Bloom
<i>Achillea</i> species and cultivars	Yarrow	18-48"	White, Gold, Yellow, Pink	7-8
<i>Anaphalis triplinervis</i>	Pearly everlasting	12-18"	White	8
<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	Golden Marguerite	18-30"	Golden yellow	7-8
<i>Artemisia</i> species		12-36"	White	8-9
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly weed	24-30"	Orange	7
<i>Aurinia</i> ( <i>Alyssum saxatile</i> )	Basket-of-Gold	6-12"	Yellow	5
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	False Indigo	36-48"	Blue	5-6
<i>Catananche caerulea</i>	Cupid's-dart	18"	Blue	7-8
<i>Coreopsis</i> species		18-36"	Yellow	7-8
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Coneflower	36-48"	Pink, White	7-8

## Perennials for Dry, Sandy Soils - continued

Latin Name	Common Name	Height	Color	Season of Bloom
<i>Echinops ritro</i>	Globe Thistle	36-48"	Blue	7-8
<i>Euphorbia</i> species	Spurge	12-36"	White, Yellow	5-6
<i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i>	Blanket Flower	18-24"	Yellow, Red	6-8
<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>		24-36"	White	6-9
<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	Baby's breath	30-36"	White	6-7
<i>Hemerocallis</i> species and cultivars	Daylily	24-48"	Various	6-9
<i>Kniphofia</i> hybrids	Tritoma, Torch Lily	24-36"	Orange, Red, Yellow	6-8
<i>Lavendula angustifolia</i>	Lavender	12-24"	Blue	7
<i>Liatris</i> species	Blazing-star, gay feather	36-48"	Purple, White	8
<i>Limonium latifolium</i>	Sea lavender	18-24"	Lavender/Blue, White	7-8
<i>Linum perenne</i>	Perennial flax	24"	Blue, White	6-7
<i>Oenothera</i> species	Eve. primrose, sundrops	6-18"	Yellow	6-8
<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	Prickly pear	6-12"	Yellow	6-7
<i>Potentilla</i> species	Cinquefoil	12-24"	Yellow, Red, Orange	6-8
<i>Rudbeckia</i> species	Black-eyed Susan	24-36"	Yellow	8-9
<i>Sedum</i> cvs. & hybrids	Stonecrop	6-24"	Yellow, Pink, Red, White	7-9
<i>Solidago</i> hybrids	Goldenrod	18-36"	Yellow	7-8
<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>	Adam's-needle	24-36"	White	6-7

## Perennials for Lesser Maintenance

Latin Name	Common Name	Height	Color	Season of Bloom
<i>Alchemilla</i> species	Lady's Mantle	12"	Yellow-green	5
<i>Amsonia</i> species	Blue Stars	24-36"	Light blue	6
<i>Anemone hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i>	Japanese anemone	24-36"	Various	9-10
<i>Arunco dioicus</i>	Goatsbeard	48-72"	White	6-7
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly weed	24-30"	Orange	7
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	False Indigo	36-48"	Blue	5-6
<i>Bergenia cordifolia</i>	Leather leaf	12"	Pink	4-5
<i>Brunnera macrophylla</i>	Siberian bugloss	12-18"	Blue	4-5
<i>Cimicifuga</i> species	Snakeroot	36-60"	White	8-10
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	Threadleaf Coreopsis	24"	Yellow	7-8
<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	Bleedingheart	24-36"	Pink, Red	5-6
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Coneflower	36-48"	Pink, White	7-8
<i>Epimedium</i> species	Barrenwort	12-18"	White, Yellow, Red	5
<i>Filipendula vulgaris 'Flore Pleno'</i>	Meadowsweet	15"	White	6-7
<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>		24-36"	White	6-9
<i>Geranium</i> species	Cranesbill	12-18"	Violet, Pink, Magenta, White	5-7
<i>Hemerocallis</i> species and cultivars	Daylily	24-48"	Various	5-10
<i>Hosta</i> species and cultivars	Plantain Lily	12-30"	Bluish-purple, White	7-8
<i>Iris sibirica</i>	Siberian Iris	24-36"	Purple, White, Blue	6
<i>Liriope</i> species	Lily-turf	12"	Purple, White	7-8
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Blue phlox	15"	Blue	4-5
<i>Pulmonaria saccharata</i>	Lungwort	12-18"	Blue/Pink	4-5
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> var. <i>sullivantii</i> "Goldsturm"	Goldenglow	24"	Yellow	8-9
<i>Sedum</i> cvs. & hybrids	Stonecrop	6-24"	Yellow, Pink, Red, White	7-9