

Annual flowers

Ageratum, Floss flower	<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i>	Little mounds of fuzzy purple flowers. Great filler for summer planters.	warm season	Full Sun Partial Sun
Baby snapdragon	<i>Linaria maroccana</i>	Delicate-looking, looks like a miniature snapdragon.	cool season	Full Sun Partial Sun
Balsam, Snapweed	<i>Impatiens balsamina</i>	Shoots seeds several feet under warm weather conditions (sometimes called Touch-me-not due to the hair-trigger response). Reseeds. Colorful shade annual.	warm season	Partial Sun Partial Shade
Bedding or Fibrous Begonia	<i>Begonia semperflorens</i>	Compact flowers in pink, red, and white give lots of bloom in shade for many months. Red-leaf types can take full sun.	warm season	Partial Sun Partial Shade
Calendula	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	Reseeds freely, and may even bloom through summer. Not a refined flower, but reliable.	cool season	Full Sun
California poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	Plant seed in fall or winter for best results. Don't cover the seed. You can also plant out seedlings in early spring. Blooms into early summer. Reseeds and can be perennial.	cool season	Full Sun
China aster	<i>Callistephus chinensis</i>	Annual asters; true asters are perennials. Like zinnias, but color range more toward purple/pink/lavender.	warm season	Full Sun

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Chrysanthemum, annual

Chrysanthemum paludosum

One of the best winter annuals: bright, clean white daisy flowers on a tough little shrublet.

cool
season

Full Sun

Cineraria

Senecio cineraria

A little frost tender. Great in pots in protected locations. Very vivid colors.

cool
season

Full Sun
Partial Sun
Partial Shade

Cockscomb, Chinese

Celosia

Vivid fuzzy looking flowers, either plume-shaped or crested. Loves heat.

warm
season

Full Sun

Cosmos

Cosmos bipinnatus

Shades of pink, rose, white on tall plants. Loves heat, reseeds. Excellent late summer color.

warm
season

Full Sun

Cosmos, yellow

Cosmos sulphureus

The yellow, orange, and red flowered cosmos. Klondike, Sunny, and Bright Lights are the dwarf strains. Plant in hot weather.

warm
season

Full Sun

Creeping Zinnia

Sanvitalia procumbens

Low-growing zinnia relative with much smaller flowers in great abundance. Plant in hot weather.

warm
season

Full Sun

English primrose

Primula x polyantha

Will survive summer, but looks very rough so usually grown as annual. Amazing range of colors.

cool
season

Full Sun
Partial Sun
Partial Shade

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Forget-me-not

Myosotis sylvatica

True blue flowers for late winter and spring bloom. Will reseed and naturalize in partial shade.

cool
season

Full Sun
Partial Sun
Partial Shade

Globe amaranth

Gomphrena globosa

New varieties are short plants with strong purplish-red flowers. Old ones make great cut flowers or can be dried.

warm
season

Full Sun
Partial Sun

Iceland poppy

Papaver nudicaule

Winter-planted, spring-blooming annual in our climate.

cool
season

Full Sun

Iceplant (annual)

Dorotheanthus

Annual iceplant. For perennial ground cover ice plants, see Lampranthus, Drosanthemum, Delosperma.

warm
season

Full Sun

Impatiens; Busy Lizzie

Impatiens walleriana

America's favorite bedding plant prefers morning sun or light shade. Great color range available. Downy mildew has been decimating them since about 2010, so presently not recommended. Resistant strains slated for market in 2020.

warm
season

Partial Sun
Partial Shade

Johnny-jump-up

Viola tricolor

The easiest of the pansy family, often blooming well into summer and frequently reseeds.

cool
season

Full Sun
Partial Sun
Partial Shade

Lisianthus; Prairie gentian

Eustoma grandiflorum

Ok, so first they told us it was perennial--but they always died within a year. So now they sell it as an annual. Very, very prone to rot. Great cut flower, but not an easy garden plant.

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Lobelia	<i>Lobelia erinus</i>	May act as short-lived perennial, or reseed. True blue bedding ground cover or trailing plant for hanging baskets. Not heat tolerant. Good in spring and fall.	warm season	Full Sun Partial Sun Partial Shade
Marigold; African marigold;	<i>Tagetes erecta</i>	The tallest, biggest flowered marigolds.	warm season	Full Sun
Marigold; French marigold	<i>Tagetes patula</i>	The shortest, bushier marigolds.	warm season	Full Sun
Marigold; Signet marigold	<i>Tagetes tenuifolia</i>	Very short, profuse-blooming, small-flowered types with fine, ferny foliage.	warm season	Full Sun
Mexican sunflower	<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	Giant orange-flowered sunflower relative. Looks like a zinnia on steroids. Plant in hot weather.	warm season	Full Sun
Morning glory	<i>Ipomoea species</i>	Beautiful flowers on summer annual vines. <i>I. tricolor</i> and <i>I. nil</i> are the familiar summer morning glories. Both will reseed prolifically. <i>I. alba</i> is Moonflower, with fragrant flowers that open at night. <i>I. quamoclit</i> is Cardinal Climber, with feathery divided leaves and bright red tubular flowers that attract hummingbirds. Easy to grow from seed.	warm season	Full Sun
Moss rose; Rose moss	<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	Low succulent annual with bright-colored flowers for full, hot sun. Reseeds. Drought tolerant. Plant in hot weather.	warm season	Full Sun

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Nasturtium *Tropaeolum species*
T. majus climbers can be tied up to 6', have attractive leaves and showy flowers. Flowers and foliage have spicy scent. Look best here in summer in light shade; often overwinter. **T. peregrinum** is the Canary Bird flower, with lobed leaves and fringed yellow flowers; grows to 10' +. Easy to grow from seed.

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Full Sun

Nemesia *Nemesia strumosa*
Spring and early summer blooming annual with fragrant flowers like little snapdragons.

cool
season

Full Sun

New Guinea Impatiens *Impatiens x*
Showiest flowers of the Impatiens group. Want more sun than regular Impatiens, but not full sun. Mostly grown from cuttings. Resistant to downy mildew.

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Partial Sun

Nicotiana, Ornamental *Nicotiana alata*
Modern hybrids are compact, but aren't very fragrant. Visited by sphinx moths in the evening.

warm
season

Full Sun
Partial Sun

Orange Clock vine *Thunbergia gregorii*
Bright orange flowers on a fast-growing annual vine to 6'+. Very showy, easy to grow. May overwinter. **T. alata** is similar, with bright orange, yellow, or white flowers with purple-black throats.

warm
season

Full Sun

Orange Clock vine; Blackeyed *Thunbergia alata*
Annual vine with bright orange, yellow, or white flowers with purple-black throats. Massive amount of bloom from spring almost until frost.

warm
season

Full Sun

Pansy *Viola x wittrockiana*
Wide range of colors, some with faces. Smaller flowered types take weather better; the big ones are great in pots.

cool
season

Full Sun
Partial Sun

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Petunia *Petunia x hybrida*
Wide range of colors, including true blue, but the budworm caterpillar is a serious nuisance on petunias here, requiring repeated sprays all summer. warm season Full Sun

Phlox, annual *Phlox drummondii*
Most species of phlox are perennial. This one is a cute little bedding plant. Sweet scent. warm season Full Sun

Pincushion flower; annual *Scabiosa atropurpurea*
The perennial forms are better known, but annual pincushion flowers have really big flowers. warm season Full Sun

Pinks *Dianthus species*
Nearly always in bloom. Actually short-lived perennials. Very easy to grow. warm season Full Sun
Partial Sun

Poor Man's Orchid *Schizanthus pinnatus*
Somewhat frost tender; great in pots in protected locations for winter and early spring bloom. cool season Full Sun
Partial Sun

Scarlet Runner bean *Phaseolus species*
Showy red bean/pea shaped flowers on a vigorous summer annual vine. Young bean pods are edible, but they toughen quickly. Shelled beans can be cooked like lima beans. Easy to grow from seed. warm season Full Sun

Scarlet sage *Salvia splendens*
Vivid red flowers attract hummingbirds. There are also purplish forms and mixed strains available. Easy to grow. warm season Full Sun

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Snapdragon *Antirrhinum majus*
Hot colors, dramatic spikes of blooms. Plant in fall or early spring for a long season of bloom. May live through summer. cool season Full Sun

Spider flower *Cleome hasslerana*
Weird flowers on tall plants, good for the back of the border. warm season Full Sun

Statice, annual *Limonium sinuatum*
Great range of colors; excellent for drying. Great for full sun, ok with dry conditions. warm season Full Sun

Stock *Matthiola incana*
Plant as early in fall as you can find the plants for most abundant bloom. Sweetly fragrant. cool season Full Sun

Strawflower *Helichrysum bracteatum*
Annual strawflowers look like papery daisies. Great for drying. Two perennial shrubs are related: *H. italicum* is Curry plant; *H. petiolare* is Licorice plant (there are several forms with colorful foliage). warm season Full Sun

Sunflower *Helianthus annuus*
Many varieties available, ranging from 1' to 12'+! Super easy to grow from seed, planted April through July. warm season Full Sun

Swan River daisy *Brachyscome iberidifolia*
Low, pinkish-purple daisies bloom heavily in spring. Some related hybrids are perennial. warm season Full Sun

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Sweet alyssum

Lobularia maritima

Reseeds prolifically, and blooms in every season. Successive generations revert to white. Sweet fragrance. Attracts beneficial insects.

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season

Full Sun
Partial Sun

Sweet Pea

Lathyrus odorata

Beautiful fragrant flowers on winter/spring annual vines. Most will climb to 6'+. Plant in Sept. - Oct. (best) or February. Killed by summer heat.

cool
season

Full Sun

Verbena, Garden verbena

Verbena x hybrida

This form is a short-lived perennial usually grown as annual. The perennial forms are better-known, but these have good, strong colors. Love full sun, heat.

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season

Full Sun

Vinca rosea

Catharanthus rosea

Old name was Vinca rosea. Also called Madagascar periwinkle. Very heat tolerant. Plant in hot weather; can't stand cold soil.

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season

Full Sun

Viola

Viola cornuta

More weather resistant than pansies, and the smaller flowers are more abundant.

cool
season

Full Sun
Partial Sun
Partial Shade

Wishbone flower

Torenia fournieri

Odd little flower, good for pots. Likes shade.

warm
season

Full Sun
Partial Sun

Zinnia

Zinnia angustifolia

There are some single-flowered zinnias in this species that are popular, including the 'Classic' series. Love full sun, heat. Plant in hot weather.

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Full Sun

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Zinnia *Zinnia elegans*

The common zinnias are in this species. Love full sun, heat.

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Full Sun

Zinnia *Zinnia hybrida*

Hybrids of *Z. angustifolia* and *Z. elegans* include the 'Profusion' series. Disease resistant, lots of bloom on compact plants. Love full sun, heat. Plant in hot weather.

warm
season

Full Sun
