

Perennials for Sun

A list of perennials that do best with a lot of sunlight



**Note: This is not a comprehensive list; Blooming seasons may vary by area.*

Early Season Bloomers

Common Name	Botanic Name	Common Name	Botanic Name
Basket of Gold	<i>Aurinia</i>	Mountain Gold	<i>Alyssum</i>
Iris	<i>Iris</i>	Pasque Flower	<i>Pulsatilla</i>
Bitter Root	<i>Lewisia</i>	Peony	<i>Paeonia</i>
Blue Star	<i>Amsonia</i>	Creeping Phlox	<i>Phlox subulata</i>
Bugloss	<i>Anchusa</i>	Poppy	<i>Papaver</i>
Candytuft	<i>Iberis</i>	Purple Rock Cress	<i>Aubrieta</i>
Cushion Spurge	<i>Euphorbia</i>	Rock Cress	<i>Arabis</i>
False Indigo	<i>Baptisia</i>	Snow in Summer	<i>Cerastium</i>
Gazania	<i>Gazania</i>	Sun Rose	<i>Helianthemum</i>
Gentian	<i>Gentiana</i>	Sea Pinks	<i>Armeria</i>

Mid-Season Bloomers

Common Name	Botanic Name	Common Name	Botanic Name
Asiatic Lily	<i>Lilium</i>	Dragon Head	<i>Dracocephalum</i>
Avens	<i>Geum</i>	Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera</i>
Baby's Breath	<i>Gypsophila</i>	Flax	<i>Linum</i>
Bachelor Button	<i>Centaurea</i>	Fleabane	<i>Erigeron</i>
Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon</i>	Gayfeather	<i>Liatris</i>
Bellflower	<i>Campanula</i>	Germander	<i>Teucreum</i>
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias</i>	Globe Thistle	<i>Echinops</i>
Cherry Skullcap	<i>Scutellaria</i>	Hardy Hibiscus	<i>Hibiscus</i>
Speedwell	<i>Diascia</i>	Ice Plant	<i>Delosperma</i>
Cupid's Dart	<i>Catanche</i>	Hens & Chicks	<i>Sempervivum</i>
Desert 4 o' Clock	<i>Mirabilis</i>	Hollyhock	<i>Alcea</i>

Mid-Season Bloomers Continued

Common Name	Botanic Name	Common Name	Botanic Name
Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon</i>	Painted Daisy	<i>Tanacetum</i>
Desert 4 o' Clock	<i>Mirabilis</i>	Creeping Potentilla	<i>Potentilla</i>
Horehound	<i>Marrubium</i>	Prairie Clover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>
Lamb's Ear	<i>Stachys</i>	Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria</i>
Larkspur	<i>Delphinium</i>	Sea Holly	<i>Eryngium</i>
Lavender	<i>Lavandula</i>	Shasta Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum</i>
Rose Campion	<i>Lychnis</i>	Soapwort	<i>Saponaria</i>
Mat Daisy	<i>Tanacetum</i>	Stoke's Aster	<i>Stokesia</i>
Sunflower	<i>Helianthus</i>	Sulfur Flower	<i>Erigeron</i>
Obedient Plant	<i>Physostegia</i>	Thyme	<i>Thymus</i>
Ornamental Oregano	<i>Origanum</i>	Twinspur	<i>Veronica</i>

Late Season Bloomers

Common Name	Botanic Name	Common Name	Botanic Name
Aster	<i>Aster</i>	Sneezeweed	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>
Hardy Mum	<i>Chrysanthemum</i>	Tall Phlox	<i>Helenium</i>
Joe Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium</i>		

Multi-Season Bloomers

Common Name	Botanic Name	Common Name	Botanic Name
Bee Balm (M-L)	<i>Monarda</i>	Lupine (E-M)	<i>Lupinus</i>
Black-Eyed Susan (M-L)	<i>Rudbeckia</i>	Pincushion Flower (E-L)	<i>Scabiosa</i>
Blanket Flower (M-L)	<i>Gaillardia</i>	Pinks (E-M)	<i>Dianthus</i>
Blue Star Creeper (E-L)	<i>Isotoma</i>	Prairie Coneflower (E-L)	<i>Ratibida</i>
California Fuchsia (M-L)	<i>Zauschneria</i>	Prairie Zinnia (E-L)	<i>Zinnia</i>
Cape Daisy (E-L)	<i>Osteospermum</i>	Red Birds in a Tree (M-L)	<i>Scrophularia</i>
Catmint (E-L)	<i>Nepeta</i>	Red Hot Poker (E-L)	<i>Kniphofia</i>
Chocolate Flower (E-L)	<i>Berlandiera</i>	Russian Sage (M-L)	<i>Perovskia</i>
Coneflower (E-L)	<i>Echinacea</i>	Lea Lavender (M-L)	<i>Limonium</i>
Crane's Bill (E-L)	<i>Geranium</i>	Silver Lace Vine (M-L)	<i>Polygonum</i>
Daylily (E-L)	<i>Hemerocalis</i>	Stonecrop (M-L)	<i>Sedum</i>
Falling Stars (M-L)	<i>Crocasmia</i>	Tickseed (M-L)	<i>Coreopsis</i>
False Sunflower (M-L)	<i>Heliopsis</i>	Whirling Butterflies (M-L)	<i>Gaura</i>
Garden Sage (E-L)	<i>Salvia</i>	Wine Cups (E-L)	<i>Callirhoe</i>
Hyssop (M-L)	<i>Agastache</i>	Yarrow (E-L)	<i>Achillea</i>
Jupiter's Beard (M-L)	<i>Centranthus</i>		