

# PERENNIAL Plant List



This plant list has been compiled as an aid to help design perennial plant beds in the mid-west region. The basic parameters of information include the botanical name, common name, sunlight requirements, height ranges and the timing and colors of bloom. It is paramount to keep in mind that other important cultural conditions such as soil type and amount of moisture needed must also be considered for planting success.

Because this is meant to be a quick reference for planning perennial bed areas, it would be impossible to list all of the cultivars available in the nursery trade. The height and colors of bloom listed represent the full range of the varieties for each species. Therefore, with only a little research the designer can find a specific cultivar that will work depending on the specific height or color that is needed.

**Sun — At least 6 full hours sunlight each day:**

<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Color of Bloom</u>	<u>Bloom Time</u>	<u>Height/Range</u>
Achillea	Yarrow	Yellow, Gold, Red, Pink, White	Spring/Mid-Summer	8" - 4'
Adenophora**	Ladybells	Blue to Pale Blue	Early/Mid-Summer	18"-24"
Alcea	Hollyhock	White, Yellow, Pink, Red, Lavender, Black	June to Late Aug.	3'-5'
Aquilegia**	Columbine	Red, Pink, Yellow, Blue, White, Purple	Spring/Early Summer	12"
Amsonia	Blue Stars	Light Blue	Late Spring	2' - 3'
Antennaria	Pussytoes	White, Rose, Lt. Pink	Late Spring	3" - 10"
Arabis	Rock Cress	White, Rose	Early Spring	18"
Artemisia	Wormwood	Yellow to White Flower – Silver Foliage	Summer	6 – 24"
Asclepias	Milkweed	Orange, Pink, White, Yellow, Lt. Green	Late Spring/Mid Sum.	24"
Aster	Aster	Pink, Purple, Lavender, White	Late Sum./Early Fall	12" - 24"
Baptisia	False Indigo	Blue, White, Cream	Mid to Late Spring	3' – 4'
Boltonia	False Aster	White, Lilac, Purple	Late Summer to Frost	5' – 6'
Campanula**	Bellflower	Blue, Lavender, Purple, White,	Early to Mid-Summer	1' – 3'
Centaurea	Bluet	Blue, Pink, White, Yellow(macrocephala)	Late Spring/Summer	1' - 4'
Centranthus	Valerian	Pink, Reddish, White	Late Spring/Summer	2' – 3'
Clematis**	Clematis (Vine)	White, Purple, Red, Pink, Lavender	Spring/Summer	6' – 15'
Coreopsis	Tickseed	Gold, Yellow, Pink (Orange Ray Flowers)	Late Spring/Summer	1' – 3'
Crambe	Colewort	White	Late Spring/Early Sum	4'–6'
Dictamnus	Gas Plant	White, Pink, Rose-Violet	Late Spring/Early Sum	2' – 3'
Echinacea	Coneflower	Rosy-Purple, Pink, Yellow, White, Orange	Summer	2' – 4'
Echinops	Globe Thistle	Blue, Violet-Blue	Summer (6-8wks)	3' – 4'
Euphorbia	Spurge	Chartreuse, Lime, Yellow, Red- Orange	Spring	6" – 24"
Gaillardia	Blanket Flower	Bi-Colored: Orange, Yellow, Burgundy	Summer/Early Fall	12"-24"
Gaura	Beeblossoms	White (Fading to Pink)	Early Summer/Fall	4' – 5'
Gypsophila	Baby's Breath	White, Pink	Summer	18" – 36"

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Helenium	Sneezeweed	Yellow, Orange, Bronze	Late Summer to Frost	2.5' – 6'
Heliopsis	False Sunflower	Yellow, Gold, Yellow-Orange	Mid-Summer/Fall	3' – 5'
Hemerocallis**	Daylily	Almost any Color of the Rainbow	Summer Mostly	12" – 24"
Hibiscus	Rose Mallow	Red, Pink, White, Bi-Colors	Mid/Late Summer	3' – 8'
Iberis**	Candy Tuft	White	Spring	6" – 12"
Iris**	(Many Species)	Yellow, Purple, Blue, Pink, Bronze, White	Spring/Early Summer	6" – 4'
Iris domestica	Blackberry Lily	Orange, Rose Pink, White	Summer	3'
Kniphofia	Red Hot Poker	Red, Red-Orange, Yellow, Creamy-White	Summer	2' – 4'
Lathyrus	Perennial Pea	Pink, Red, Yellow, White, Lavender	Summer	4' – 8'
Lavandula	Lavender	Lavender, Purple	Summer	12" – 24"
Leucanthemum	Daisy	White Rays and Yellow Disks	Summer	1' – 3'
Liatris	Gayfeather	Lavender, Rose, White	Mid/Late Summer	18" – 3'
Lilium	Lily	White, Orange, Red, Yellow, Pink,	Early/Mid-Summer	18" – 5'
Linum	Flax	Sky Blue, White	Late Spring/Summer	24"
Lychnis**	Maltese Cross	Red, Magenta Pink, White	Summer	24" – 36"
Malva	Mallow	Pink, Lavender	Early/Late Summer	3' – 4'
Monarda	Beebalm	Scarlet, Pink, Wine, Violet, White	Summer	2' - 4'
Nepeta	Catmint	Lavender, Blue, White	Mid-Spring/Early Sum	12" – 36"
Oenothera	Primrose	Light Pink, Yellow	Late Spring/Summer	6" – 24"
Papaver**	Poppy	Orange, Red, Pink, Salmon, White, Yellow	Late Spring/Early Sum	18" – 3'
Penstemon**	Beardtongue	Scarlet-Pink, Rose-Purple, White, Orange	Late Spring/Mid-Sum	18" – 36"
Paeonia	Peony	Pink Hues, White, Red, Yellow	Spring/Mid-Spring	24" – 36"
Perovskia	Russian Sage	Lavender-Blue	Summer	3' – 4'
Phlox**	Garden Phlox	White, Pink, Red, Blue, Purple	Late Spring/Summer	18" – 4"
Phlox	Creeping Phlox	Violet-Purple, Pink, White, Blue, Red	Early Spring	3" – 6"
Physostegia**	Obedient Plant	Rose Purple, White, Pink	Late Summer/Fall	2' – 3'
Platycodon**	Balloon Flower	Blue, Violet, Pink, White	Summer	8" – 36"
Polemonium**	Jacob's Ladder	Blue, Pink, White	Late Spring/Early Sum	18" – 24"
Pyrethrum	Painted Daisy	Red, Pink, & White Rays w/ Yellow Disks	Summer	2' – 3'
Rudbeckia	Black Eye Susan	Gold & Yellow Rays with Brown Disks	Mid/Late Summer	2' – 4'
Salvia	Perennial Salvia	Violet-Blue, Rose-Pink	Mid-Spring/Summer	18" – 36"
Santolina	Lavend. Cotton	Yellow	Late Summer	18" – 24"
Saponaria	Soapwort	Deep Pink, Rose, White	Mid/Late Spring	4" – 10"
Scabiosa**	Pincushion	Light Blue, Blue Lavender, White	Summer	18" – 24'
Sedum	Live-Forever	Rose-Pink, Wine-Red, Carmine, White	Late Summer/Fall	18" – 24"
Sempervivim	Hens & Chicks	Purple-Red, Red, Yellow	Grown for Foliage	3" – 12"
Solidago	Goldenrod	Yellow, Gold	Mid-Summer/Fall	1.5' – 5'
Stachys	Lamb's Ears	Purplish-Pink (Silvery Foliage)	Summer	12" – 18"
Stokesia	Stoke's Aster	Lavender-Blue, Blue, White	Summer	12 – 24"
Teucrium	Germander	Pale to Deep Purple, Rose-Pink	Early/Mid-Summer	12"
Thermopsis	Carolina Lupine	Yellow	Late Spring/Early Sum	3' – 5'
Thymus	Thyme	Rose-Purple, Pink, White	Late Spring/Early Sum	1" – 12"
Verbascum	Chaix Mullein	Yellow, Rose-Pink, White	Summer	36"
Verbena	Moss Verbena	Purple, Lavender, White	Spring/Frost	8" – 12"
Veronica	Spike Speedwell	Blue, Lavender-Blue, Rose-Pink, White	Late Spring/Mid Sum	10" – 36"

**Part Sun — 3 to 6 hours of sun each day:**

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Acanthus	Bear's Breeches	Purple, White	Mid-Summer	3' – 5'
Aconitum	Monkshood	Blue, Violet, Bicolored (Blue&White)	Mid to Late Summer	2' – 4'
Alchemilla	Lady's Mantle	Yellow Green, Chartreuse	Late Spring/Early Sum	16"
Anemone	Anemone	White, Light Pink, Rose (Yellow Disks)	Late Summer/Fall	2' – 4'
Aquilegia*	Columbine	Yellow, Pink, Blue, Red, White (Mixed)	Late Spring/Early Sum	1' – 3'
Aruncus	Goatsbeard	Cream to White	Early Summer	4' – 6'
Bergenia*	Pig Squeak	Pink, White, Crimson-Purple, Salmon	Early to Late Spring	12" – 18"
Campanula*	Bellflower	Blue, Lavender, Purple, White	Early to Mid-Summer	1' – 3'
Ceratostigma*	Plumbago	Deep Blue	Summer into Fall	8" – 12"
Chelone	Turtlehead	Pink, Rose, White	Late Sum./Early Fall	2' – 3'
Doronicum	Leopardsbane	Yellow, Yellow-Orange, Gold	Early to Mid-Spring	12" – 18"
Eutrochium*	Joe Pye Weed	Mauve-Pink, Purple	Late Summer to Fall	5' – 7'
Filipendula*	Meadow Queen	White	Early to Mid-Summer	6' – 8'
Gentiana	Crested Gentian	Dark Blue Corolla with White Throat	Mid to Late Summer	4" – 6"
Geranium*	Lilac Cranesbill	Lilac-Blue, Deep Blue	Late Spring/Early Sum	12" – 18"
Geum*	Avens	Scarlet, Orange, Yellow	Late Spring/Early Sum	18" - 24"
Heuchera vill.***	Coral Bells	Coral, Red, Pink, White (Leaf Contrast)	Late Spring/Early Sum	12" – 16"
Iris*	(Many Types)	Yellow, Purple, Blue, Pink, Bronze, White	Spring/Early Summer	6" – 4'
Lobelia	Cardinal Flower	Scarlet, Pink, White	Summer	2' – 4'
Lysimachia	Creeping Jenny	Yellow	Late Spring/Mid Sum.	3"
Mertensia	VA Bluebells	Blue Limb & Purple Tube	Early Spring	12" – 24"
Myosotis	Forget Me Not	Lt. Blue, White, Blue, Pink-Yellow Center	Spring to Early Sum.	6" - 8"
Penstemon*	Beardtongue	Scarlet-Pink, Rose-Purple, Salmon, White	Late Spring/Mid-Sum	3- 5'
Physostega*	Obedient Plant	Rose-Purple, White, Pink	Late Summer/Fall	2' - 3'
Rodgersia	Rodgersflower	Creamy-Pink, Creamy-White	Late Spring/Mid Sum.	3' – 5'
Tanacetum v.*	Tansay	Golden Yellow (Beautiful Fern Foliage)	Mid to Late Summer	3' – 4"
Tradescantia*	Spiderwort	Blue, Violet-Purple, White, Pink	Late Spring/Mid-Sum	18" – 24"

**NOTE - Asterisk notation following Perennial names denote flexibility to sun/shade conditions:**

\* Will also tolerate Full Sun (At least 6 full hours of sun everyday)

\*\* Will also tolerate Part Sun (3 to 6 hours of sun everyday)

\*\*\* Will also tolerate Shade (Less than 3 hours of sun everyday)

## Shade — Less than 3 hours of direct sunlight:

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Adenophora**	Ladybells	Blue to Pale Blue	Early to Mid-Summer	18" – 24"
Aegopodium	Goutweed	White Flowers (Variegated Foliage)	Late Spring/Early Sum	14"
Ajuga	Bugleweed	Violet-Blue, White, Purple	Early to Late Spring	6" – 9"
Alchemilla mollis	Lady's Mantle	Yellow Green, Chartreuse	Late Spring/Early Sum	16"
Aruncus dioicus	Goatsbeard	Cream to White	Early Summer	4' – 6'
Astilbe	False Spirea	Red, Pink, White, Lavender	Early Summer	2' – 4'
Bergenia	Pig Squeak	Pink, White, Crimson-Purple, Salmon	Early to Late Spring	12" – 18"
Ceratostigma	Plumbago	Deep Blue	Summer into Fall	8" – 12"
Cimicifuga racem.	Cohosh	White	Mid-Summer	4' - 6'
Cimicifuga simpl.	Bugbane	White	Late Sum./Mid-Fall	3' - 4"
Convallaria	Lily-of-Valley	White, Pale Pink	Mid-Spring	6" – 12"
Corydalis	Corydalis	Yellow	Late Spring to Fall	9" – 15"
Dicentra**	Bleeding Heart	Pink, White	Late Spring/Early Sum	2' – 3'
Digitalis**	Foxglove	Pink Shades, Purple, White, Yellow	Summer	2' – 5'
Epimedium	Barrenwort	Crimson, Pink, Yellow	Mid-Spring	8" – 12"
Fern (Many Sp.)	Fern	Grown Mainly for Foliage Interest	Spore Reproduction	6" – 36"
Galium	Sweet Woodruff	White	Late Spring	6" – 8"
Geranium	Lilac Cranesbill	Lilac-Blue, Deep Blue	Late Spring/Early Sum	12" – 18"
Helleborus	Lenten Rose	Purple to Pink to Cream, White	Early Spring	15" – 18"
Heuchera	Coral Bells	Coral Red, Pink, White (Foliage Interest)	Late Spring/Summer	12" - 16"
Hosta	Plantain Lily	White, Lavender (Foliage Interest)	Mid to Late Summer	12" – 48"
Lamium	Deadnettle	Mauve-Pink, White, Pink	Late Spring/Mid-Sum	8" – 12"
Polemonium	Jacob's Ladder	Blue, Pink, White	Mid Spring/Early Sum	18" – 24"
Polygonatum	Solomon's Seal	White to Greenish White	Late Spring	2' – 3'
Pulmonaria**	Lungwort	Sky Blue, Deep Blue, Violet Blue	Spring	8" - 12"
Tiarella	Foam Flower	White, Creamy White, Pale Pink	Mid-Spring	6" – 12"
Tricyrtis	Toad Lily	Pale Lilac with Dark Purple Spots	Late Sum./Early Fall	2' – 3'
Trillium	Snow Trillium	White Flowers fade to Pinkish Blush	Early Spring	18" – 24"
Vinca**	Periwinkle	Blue, Purple-Blue, White	Early Spring	6" – 9"
Viola**	Sweet Violet	Violet, Deep Violet, Rose-Pink, White	Spring	6" – 8"

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