



Unique Garden Centre

The Best Perennials for Dried Flowers

Flowers for drying should be picked in mid morning after the dew has dried from their petals and leaves, and place them in a location out of direct sunlight to prevent fading. Some of the best varieties for drying are as follows.

Astilbe	Goldenrod	Sage (foliage)	Baby's Breath
Iris (seedpods)	Sea Holly	Blanketflower	Masterwort
Shooting-Star	Blue Oat Grass (seed heads)	Moor Grass (seed heads)	Sneezeweed
Clematis (golden)	Obedient Plant (seedpods)	Speedwell	Delphinium
Ornamental Onion	Statice	False-Sunflower	Peony
Thyme (for mini arrangements)	Globe Thistle	Poppy (seedpods)	Russian Sage
Yarrow			

The Best Perennials for Ground Covers

A groundcover is a massed group of a single type of plant that covers the ground with thick foliage. These plants are low-growing and tough. They may provide a solution for areas where little else will grow. Many gardeners like groundcovers simply because they require so little maintenance! Groundcovers spread quickly, reduce water loss and soil erosion on slopes, and retard the spread of weeds. (An asterisk (*) indicates plants best suited to shady areas.

Anemone*	Clematis (some types)	Cranesbill	Creeping Jenny*
Bergenia* (sun or shade)	Fleeceflower	Goutweed* (sun or shade)	Hops
Lady's Mantle*	Lamium*	Lily of the Valley*	Potentilla
Sage	Sedum	Snow in summer	Solomon's Seal*
Thyme			

The Longest Blooming Perennials

The following perennials bloom for six or more weeks, some beginning in late spring and others starting in midsummer and continuing through fall. The ones marked with an asterisk (*) will grow in shade.

Baby's Breath	Beebalm	Bellflower	Bitterroot
Black-eyed Susan	Blanketflower	Bleeding Heart – Fernleaf*	Blue Sage
Catmint	Checker Mallow	Clematis	Coral Bells
Daylily (some)	Evening Primrose	False Sunflower	Flax
Fleabane	Foxglove	Garden Mum	Geranium
Goldenrod	Honeysuckle*sun or shade	Lady's Mantle*	Liatriis
Monkshood*	Pinks	Poppy (Iceland)	Rockcross
Sea Holly	Sea Thrift	Sedum	Shasta Daisy
Soapwort	Speedwell (some)	Spiderwort*	St. John's Wort
Strawberry	Thyme	Tickseed	Viola*
Yarrow			

The Best Perennials with Interesting Foliage

Thin not only of flowers when planning your garden, but also of foliage. Include perennials with various leaf shapes, colors, sizes and textures to both unify and diversify the overall effect of your garden. Many of those perennials also have glorious flowers, but even when they are not blooming their foliage enhances the flowers of other plants. Plants marked with an asterisk (*) area suited to shady areas.

Artemisia	Bishop's Hat*	Blue Fescue	Blue Oat Grass
Catmint	Coralbell (* some)	Cushion Spurge	Daylily
Dwarf Bleeding Heart*	Elephant ears* sun or shade	Flax	Geranium
Globe Thistle	Goutweed * sun or shade	Hens & chicks	Hops
Hosta*	Iris	Lady's Mantle*	Lambs Ears
Lamium*	Lupin	Lythrum	Meadow rue
Monkshood	Moor Grass	Native Fern*	Pearly Everlasting
Plume Poppy	Pulmonaria*	Rayflower*	Russian Sage
Blue Sage	Saxifrage*	Sea Holly	Snakeroot*
Snow in Summer	Stone Crop	Sweet Woodruff*	Thyme
Yarrow	Yucca		

The Best Perennials For Cut Flowers

Almost all perennials can be used for cut flowers, but the best ones have showy blooms, strong stems and last as long as two weeks in a vase.

Aster	Astilbe	Baby's Breath	Bellflower (tall ones)
Blue Sage	Delphinium	False-Sunflower	Fleabane
Foxglove	Goldenrod	Hollyhock	Iris
Lady's Mantle	Liatrix	Lily	Lily of the Valley
Lupin	Monkshood	Obedient Plant	Ornamental Onion
Peony	Phlox (tall ones)	Pinks	Russian Sage
Shasta Daisy	Sneezeweed	Soapwort	Speedwell
Statice	Tickseed	Yarrow	

The Best Perennials For Fragrance

Make the most of fragrant flowers by planting them along a walkway, near the back deck, close to a doorway, or under a window that is often open. Perennials with fragrant foliage should be planted where you will brush them as you pass by, releasing the aroma of their leaves.

Artemisia (foliage)	Beebalm (foliage)	Butterfly Weed	Daylily (some varieties)
Catmint (foliage)	Gasplant	Hosta (some varieties)	Lavender
Lily of the Valley	Peony	Phlox (garden)	Pinks
Primrose (auricular types)	Russian Sage (foliage)	Sage (foliage)	Soapwort
Sweet Rocket	Sweet Woodruff	Thyme (foliage)	Yarrow (foliage)