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Recommended Perennial Flowers

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Plants that live and bloom year after year are known as perennials, and are the backbone of the well-planned garden. Everything from the tiny babies' breath to the regal daylily, to the simple, delicate daisy is included in this broad category. Careful planning and preparation can offer a world of beauty with a minimum of care with perennials.

For a successful perennial garden, thorough planning and preparation are a must. Before planting, prepare the soil thoroughly to provide good drainage, adequate fertilization, ample moisture and protection from drying winds.

Purchase seeds or plants from reputable sources, preferably named and proven varieties. If you are starting from seed, either start the seed indoors or sow

them in the area where the plants will be permanently located.

Allow for the mature development of the plant. Don't overcrowd the plants and don't interplant with too many annuals which may offer competition.

Perennial plants should be considered in your total landscape plan. Consider their height, flower color, season of bloom, and their growth habit, form and texture. They often can successfully be used in front of fences or larger shrubs.

Do not consider perennials as permanent plants. Most will need periodic division for continued quality bloom.

A list of recommended perennials, their descriptions and care follows.

Botanical common name	Situation	Color	Height	Flowering Season	Remarks
Fernleaf Yarrow <i>Achillea filipendulina</i>	sun	yellow	4'	July-Aug.	Graceful appearance with deeply cut grayish foliage. A robust plant.
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> var. <i>rosea</i>	sun	pink-red	1'	July-Aug.	'Crimson Beauty' has dark color and value as a cut flower.
Woolly Yarrow <i>Achillea tomentosa</i>	sun	yellow	1'	June	A woolly, carpet-like plant suitable for rockeries. Good for cutting.
Hollyhock <i>Alcea rosea</i>	sun	assorted	5'-8'	July-Aug.	Will thrive in almost any soil. Best used in background plantings. Try some double flowering varieties.
Yellow Tuft <i>Alyssum murale</i>	sun	yellow	18"	June-July	The flowers are deep yellow in dense heads. Valuable for garden borders or in rock garden plantings.
Italian Bugloss <i>Anchusa azurea</i>	semi-shade	blue	2'-5'	June-Sept.	Will bloom all summer if not permitted to produce seed. It is very hardy but will rot unless drainage is good.
Pasque Flower <i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i>	semi-shade	purple, white	1'	April-May	Ideal for rock gardens, but needs rich soil with adequate moisture and drainage.
Golden Marguerite <i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	sun	yellow	3'	July-Aug.	Ideal for difficult, sandy soil in grueling heat. Suggested are 'Kelwayi'—deep yellow, 'Perry's Variety'—pure yellow, 'Thora Perry'—orange tint, 'Golden Dawn'—double, 'Moonlight'—primrose-yellow, 'Grallagh Gold'—butter-yellow.
Colorado Columbine <i>Aquilegia caerulea</i>	sun or semi-shade	white, blue	2'	May-June	One of the most beautiful of our native American flowers. Very hardy.
American or Wild Columbine <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	sun or semi-shade	red- orange	2'	May-June	An attractive plant for garden borders and wild gardens.
Golden Columbine <i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	sun or semi-shade	yellow	2-1/2'	May-June	An attractive plant for garden borders and wild gardens.
Long-Spurred hybrida <i>Aquilegia x hybrida</i>	sun or semi-shade	assorted	2'-3'	May-June	The modern hybrids have added a wonderful range of color in soft and brilliant tones. They require considerable winter protection. Suggested are 'Snow Queen', 'Copper Queen', 'Rose Queen', 'Crimson Star', 'Mrs. Scott Elliot', 'McKana's Giant'.

Rock Cress, Wall Cress <i>Arabis caucasica</i>	sun	white	1'	April-May	Rampant trailer, the form 'Floreplo' is a double. 'Variegata' has leaves with conspicuous variegations of creamy white.
Silver King Artemisia <i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i> var. <i>albula</i>	sun	silver foliage	2'-3'	Insignifi- cant (remove)	Does not tolerate wet winters, foliage may be cut for dried arrangements, may require annual spring division for survival. <i>Rampant spreader- USE WITH CAUTION</i>
Powis Castle Warmwood <i>Artemisia</i> 'Powis Castle'	sun	silver foliage	2'	Insignifi- cant (remove)	Quite hardy, good for tall ground cover. Feathery silver leaves form a billowing mass.
Butterflyweed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	sun	orange	2'-3'	July-Aug.	A remarkably showy plant, well suited to the garden border.
Frikart's Aster <i>Asterx frikartii</i>	sun	blue	2-1/4'	Aug.-Sept.	Profusion of lavender-blue flowers on clean gray foliage.
New England Asters <i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	sun	purple, pink, white	1'-4'	Aug.-Oct.	Hardy asters are unrivaled for their varying forms of bright colors in the perennial border. There are many varieties.
Astibe, False Spirea <i>Astilbe x Arendsii</i>	semi- shade	pink, red, white	2-1/2'	July	Ideal for moist soil, with neat compound foliage. Suggested are: 'Fanal'—garnet-red; 'Red Sentinel'—carmine; 'Federsee'—compact, crimson-rose; 'Irrlicht'—white; 'Bonn'—dainty pink; 'Peach Blossom'—soft pink.
Basket of Gold, Golden Tuft <i>Aurinia saxatilis</i>	sun	yellow	1'	Apr.-May	Showy free flowering plants. Valuable for garden borders or in rock garden plantings. 'Dudley Nevill'—early, peach-buff to chrome yellow; 'Compactum'—neater, compact plant; 'Silver Queen', 'Sulphur Queen'—lemon-yellow.
False Indigo <i>Baptisia australis</i>	sun	blue	3'	June	A strong growing plant which is well suited for wild garden or borders. Foliage is grey-green.
Blackberry Lily <i>Belamcanda chinensis</i>	sun	red, yellow, orange	4'	July-Aug.	Noted for shiny black seeds that look like blackberries and are suitable for drying. Likes light, sandy soil. Self-sows freely- USE WITH CAUTION
Heartleaf Bergenia, Pigsqueak <i>Bergenia cordifolia</i>	shade	pink	1-1/2'	April-May	Large, loose, cabbage-like evergreen foliage which bronzes in winter. Grows in wet or dry sites.
Siberian Bugloss <i>Brunnera macrophylla</i>	shade	blue	18"	April-June	Striking true-blue color, good for naturalizing and in rock gardens. Divide occasionally.
Butterflybush, Orange- eye, Summer Lilac <i>Buddleia davidii</i>	sun	purple, white	3'-4'	July-Sept.	A woody perennial which freezes to the ground every winter.
Carpathian Harebell, Tussock Bellflower <i>Campanula carpatica</i>	sun	blue, purple, white	6"-12"	July-Sept.	Fine for edging a hardy border and unsurpassed for rock gardens. Suggested are: 'Wedgewood'—blue-violet; 'White Star'—white; 'White Carpet'—white; 'Blue Carpet'—clear blue; 'Riverslea'—purple.
Bellflower <i>Campanula latifolia</i>	sun	purple	3'	June	Rather coarse, yet stately with large bell.
Canterbury Bells <i>Campanula medium</i>	sun	blue, pink, purple, white	3'	June-July	A biennial and long-time favorite. Plant every year for next-year flowering.
Willow Bellflower, Peach- Bells <i>Campanula persicifolia</i>	sun	blue, white	2'-3'	June-July	Very hardy and well suited for garden borders. Suggested are: 'Telham Beauty'—huge 3" bells of powdery porcelain blue; 'Wirral Belle'—double of steely blue-violet, 'Blue Gardenia'—double deep blue, 'Mt. Hood'—double white.
Mountain-Bluet <i>Centaurea montana</i>	sun	blue,	2"-2-1/2"	June-Sept.	Very well suited to garden borders. Flowers desirable for cutting.
Snow-in-Summer <i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	sun	white	8"	May-June	A low, creeping plant with grey foliage which bears a profusion of small white flowers. Very desirable for rock gardens and borders.
Plumbago, Blue Leadwort <i>Cerastostigma plumbaginoides</i>	sun	blue	1'	Aug.-Sept.	A late summer bloomer for rock gardens and low borders.
Painted Daisy, Pryethrum <i>Tanacetum coccineum</i>	sun	red, pink, white	2-1/2'	May-June	A popular garden subject. Well suited for cutting. Suggested are: <i>Singles</i> : 'Crimson Giant'—velvety crimson; 'Victoria'—ruby red 'Scarlet Glow'—scarlet-crimson; 'Mrs. D. C. Bliss'—Coral-orange; <i>Doubles</i> : 'Helen'—soft, rose-pink; 'Rosary'—rose-pink with silver center; 'Sensation'—small red blooms; 'Buckeye'—rose-red, flecked white; 'Pink Bouquet'—rose-pink with silver center; 'Mrs. C. E. Beckwith'—white.
Shasta Daisy <i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i>	sun	white	2'-3'	June-Aug.	Large white flowers which often bloom profusely throughout the summer. Double forms are available. Suggested are: <i>Singles</i> —'Becky', 'Snow Lady', 'White Knight'; <i>Doubles</i> —'Aglaiia', 'Wirral Supreme'.

Garden Chrysanthemum <i>Chrysanthemum</i> hybrids	sun	white	2'-3'	Sept.-Oct.	There are many early flowering cultivars that are well suited to garden culture. Greenhouse varieties are seldom satisfactory.
Feverfew, Matricaria <i>Tanacetum parthenium</i>	sun	white	2'	July-Aug.	Long flowering season, may be winter killed. Suggested are: 'Aureum', 'Silver Ball', 'Golden Ball', 'Lemon Ball'.
Clara Curtis Mum <i>Chrysanthemum 'Clara Curtis'</i>	sun	lavender, pink	3'	Aug.-Sept.	Undeniably hardy, long-lived and free flowering.
Lily-of-the-Valley <i>Convallaria majalis</i>	semi- shade	white, pink	1'	May	Very well suited to shady locations under trees and on the north side of buildings as a ground cover. Replant every few years for maximum bloom.
Lance-leaf Coreopsis, <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	sun	yellow	2-1/2'	June-Sept.	One of the best flowering perennials. Flowers are well suited for cutting. Also, <i>C. verticillata</i> cultivars are fine-leaved and excellent.
Common Delphinium, Larkspur <i>Delphinium elatum</i> hybrids	sun	blue, pink, white	6'	June-July	A garden favorite. Some winter protection necessary. Requires staking. Many hybrids of unusual merit are available, especially Pacific hybrids.
Sweet William <i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	sun	assorted	2'	May-June	One of the most beautiful flowers of the garden border. Plant should be well protected during winter. Usually treated as a biennial.
Maiden Pink <i>Dianthus deltoides</i>	sun	pink, red, white	1'	May-June	A very showy plant for the garden border or rockery. 'Brilliant' is a bright red selection.
Cheddar Pink <i>Dianthus gratianopolitanus</i>	sun	pink	6"	June	Good in walls or steps, flowers poke above a thick foliage mat, 'Rose Queen' has bright rose flowers.
Cottage Pink <i>Dianthus plumarius</i>	sun	pink	1'	May-June	Hardy border perennial with polished gray foliage. Suggested are: 'Highland Queen'—vivid scarlet; 'Cyclops'—red; 'Dinah'—semi-double rose with maroon center; 'Evangeline'—soft rose; 'Pink Princess'—coral-rose.
Fringed Bleedingheart <i>Dicentra exima</i>	shade	pink	18"	May-Aug.	East coast native has grayish blue, dissected leaves. Prefers <i>lower pH soils</i> .
Common Bleedingheart <i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	shade	pink, red, white	30"	May-June	An old standby which should be included in all perennial borders. Very hardy.
Gas Plant <i>Dictamnus albus</i>	sun	white, pink	3'	June	Fine specimen plant with glossy dark-green foliage. Variety <i>ruba</i> has pink to purplish red colorings, and variety <i>caucasica</i> has large flowers.
Foxglove <i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	sun, semi- shade	lavender, pink, white	4'-6'	June-July	A showy garden plant, but not suited for cut flowers. Plant for background color. Maintain as biennial.
Shooting Star <i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	shade	white, pink	18"	May-June	Ideal for rock gardens, or naturalizing. Needs high organic soils.
Leopard's Bane <i>Doronicum orientale</i>	sun,semi- shade	yellow	1'	April-June	One of the first perennials to bloom in the spring. Flowers are daisy-like.
Purple Cone Flower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	semi- shade	purple	4'	July-Sept.	Ideal for late summer color, foliage may be coarse and rather unkempt. Suggested are: 'The King', 'Bright Star', 'White King'.
Globe Thistle <i>Echinops exaltatus</i>	sun	blue	4'	July-Sept.	Globular heads with thistle-like leaves. 'Taplow Blue'.
<i>Epimedium</i> sp.	shade	white, yellow, red	18"	May-June	Ideal for shady, high organic locations.
Winter Aconite <i>Eranthis hyemalis</i>	sun	yellow	6"	March- April	Earliest flower in rock gardens.
Cypress Spurge <i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	sun	yellow	1'	May-June	Rock gardens and dry soil.
Cushion Spurge <i>Euphorbia polychroma</i>	sun	yellow	2'	May-June	Forms hemispherical mound with globular tumbles of brilliant chartreuse-yellow bracts. Foliage turns dark red in autumn.
Blanket Flower <i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i>	sun	yellow, red	3'	June-Sept.	There are many cultivars which are useful for cut flowers or in the landscape.
Bedstraw <i>Galium odoratum</i>	semi- shade	white	1'	July-Aug.	Vigorous plant for well-drained soils in shade. Usually is evergreen in protected location.
Cranesbill <i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	shade	red, pink	1'	May-Aug.	Attractive foliage, gives blood-red tint after hard frost.
Dwarf Bloodred Geranium <i>Geranium sanguineum</i> var. <i>prostratum</i>	sun	red, pink	6"	May-July	Compact, dwarf plant. Flowers much of summer. Neat mat of foliage is decorative.
Avens <i>Geum</i> sp.	sun	red, orange, yellow	2-1/2'	May-July	Ideal for rock gardens or in low borders. Flowers may be single or double. Foliage is crisp, dark green. Suggested cultivars are: 'Dolly North'—gold, 'Princess Juliana'—orange; 'Fire Opal'—red; 'Golden West'—yellow.
Baby's-breath <i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	sun	white	3'	June-July	Established plants are well suited to the garden border. The flowers are fine for cutting and may be dried for winter bouquets.
Common Sneezeweed	sun	yellow,	3'	Aug.-Sept.	Heleniums are especially valued for contributing autumn color to

<i>Helenium autumnale</i>		red			the garden. The flowers are well suited for cutting.
Thinleaf Sunflower <i>Helianthus x multiflorus</i>	sun	yellow	3-1/2'	Aug.-Sept.	Large, good foliage. Single and double-flowered forms.
Oxeye Sunflower <i>Helianthus helianthoides</i> subsp. <i>scabra</i>	sun	yellow	3-1/2'	July-Sept.	Ideal for specimen or small group plantings. Suggested are: 'Excelsa'—double, chrome-yellow; 'Incomparabilis'—semi-double; 'Patula'—caladium-orange; 'Light of Loddon'—lemon-chrome.
Christmas Rose <i>Helleborus niger</i>	shade	white, pink	1'	Nov.-April	Flowers through snow. Do not disturb. Plant in protected location or foliage will often winter burn.
Lenten Rose <i>Helleborus orientalis</i>	shade	white, pink	1'	Mar.-May	Early spring flower. Do not disturb. Plant in protected location or foliage will often winter burn.
Daylily <i>Hemerocallis</i> hybrids	sun, semi-	assorted	1-5'	June-Sept.	One of the most vigorous plants of the garden. They spread freely. Good for covering steep banks and in wild gardens.
Coralbelles <i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	sun	red, pink, white	1-1/2'	May-Sept.	Dainty, graceful cut flowers are produced. Excellent for rockeries or borders. Suggested are: variety alba—early white; 'Rosea'—rosy pink; 'Rosamundi'—clear pink; 'Brizoides'—soft-pink.
Common Rosemallow <i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	sun	white, red, pink	5'	Aug.-Sept.	The flowers are of mammoth size, resembling hollyhocks in shape. There are many varieties. Best used in shrub border.
Candytuft <i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	sun, semi-shade	white	1-1-1/2'	May-June	Has evergreen foliage and is useful for edging or ground cover. Suggest: 'Snowflake'; 'Purity'; 'Christmas Snow'; and 'Little Gem'—compact form.
Crested Iris <i>Iris cristata</i>	sun	lavender	6"	May	Ideal for edging.
German Iris, Bearded Iris <i>Iris germanica</i> hybrids	sun	assorted, all	1'-3'	May-June	German Iris are well suited to garden border, covering steep banks, and in wild gardens. The number of varieties is unlimited.
Japanese Iris <i>Iris ensata</i>	sun	red, purple white	3'	June-July	Japanese Iris bloom somewhat later than German Iris. They require considerable water. There are many varieties.
Dwarf Iris <i>Iris pumila</i>	sun	assorted	1'	April-May	Ideal for edging.
Siberian Iris <i>Iris sibirica</i>	sun white	purple,	3'	June	Plants of compact habit with narrow, grassy foliage. Require considerable moisture. They are well featured with water gardens.
Torchlily, Tritoma <i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	sun	red, yellow	3'	July-Sept.	Stout plants with long, grassy, leaves and poke-shaped racemes.
Spotted Deadnettle <i>Lamium maculatum</i>	semi-shade	lavender white	1'	April-Aug.	Filler plant which has green foliage with white blotch along midrib.
Lavender <i>Lavandula officinalis</i>	sun	lavender	1-1/2'-2'	July	An old-fashioned garden plant. Has evergreen foliage and is tender in Northern Indiana. Best cut to ground each year.
Blazing Star or Gay Feather <i>Liatris spicata</i>	sun	lavender, purple, white	3'-5'	July -Aug.	The long spikes of lavender flowers are well suited for mixed garden arrangements. Cultivars: 'Kobold' is compact, 'Floristan White'.
Lilies <i>Lilium</i> sp.	sun	assorted	1-7'	June-Sept.	Many new hybrids are available.
Sea Lavender <i>Limonium latifolium</i>	sun	lavender, white	2-1/2'	July-Sept.	Light, airy late summer plant. Spectacular wide sprays.
Blue Flax <i>Linum perenne</i>	sun	blue, white	2'	June-July	Has dainty sky-blue flowers on graceful stems. Very desirable for garden borders.
Cardinal Flower <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	semi-shade	red	4'	July-Sept.	Well-drained but moist soil.
Blue Perennial Lobelia <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	shade	blue	2-1/2'	Aug.-Sept.	Well drained, but moist, soil. Tends to be coarse and weedy where established.
Honesty <i>Lunaria annua</i>	shade	purple, white	3'	May-June	Treat as biennial. Often self sows if seed pads are left until they shatter.
Lupine <i>Lupinus</i> hybrids	sun	assorted	4'	June-July	Prefer light, well drained soils, cool temperatures, may require yearly reseeding.
Maltese Cross <i>Lychnis chalcedonica</i>	sun	red	3'	June-July	One of the most brilliant plants of the old-fashioned garden. A deserving subject for garden borders. There are several varieties, including 'Salmonea'—unusual, pastel salmon.
Rose Campion <i>Lychnis coronaria</i>	sun	red, pink, white	2'	June-Aug.	The grey, woolly foliage is excellent in flower arrangements. The purple-red flowers can be a challenge to blend with other flower colors.
Yellow Loosestrife <i>Lysimachia punctata</i>	sun	yellow	2-1/2'	June-July	Rather rigid, sturdy plants, tend to naturalize. Rampant spreader - USE WITH CAUTION.
Plume-Poppy <i>Macleaya cordata</i>	sun	white	6-8'	July-Aug.	Elegant leaves similar to figs. Erect, elongated flower panicles. Plant at rear of border. Use in large spaces only. Will need to be divided.
Virginia Bluebells	shade	blue	2'	April-May	Prefers rich mellow soil. 'Alba'—a white. Ephemeral so that it

<i>Mertensia virginica</i>					dies down by mid-June.
Bee Balm, Oswego Tea <i>Monarda didyma</i>	shade	red, pink, white	3-1/2'	July-Aug.	Naturalizing favorite. Attracts bees and hummingbirds. Suggested are: 'Cambridge Scarlet'—scarlet; 'Croftway Pink'—pink-rose pink.
Forget-me-not <i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	shade	pink, blue	1'	June-Aug.	Plant blooms best in moist locations. Spreads rapidly.
Catmint <i>Neptax faassenii</i>	sun	blue	2'	May-Sept.	Low growing with gray foliage. Suggested are 'Blue Beauty' and 'Six Hills Giant'.
Giant Sundrop <i>Oenothera missouriensis</i>	sun	yellow	1'	June-Sept.	Specimen plant for rock garden or border.
Common Sundrops, <i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	sun	yellow	2'	June-Aug.	Shiny foliage can be 4" long and fairly decorative. 'Yellow River' has large blooms and well-spaced stems.
Prickly Pear Cactus <i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	sun	yellow	1-3'	June-July	Prostrate, spreading succulent, with spines.
Common Garden Peony <i>Paeonia lactiflora</i>	sun	red, pink, white	2-1/2' - 3-1/2'	May-June	The peony is one of the best known of garden flowers. They are exceedingly hardy and require little care once established.
Oriental Poppy <i>Papaver orientale</i>	sun	assorted	1-3'	June	Should be used freely in perennial borders. They are especially attractive when grown with blue or lavender Iris. There are many cultivars.
Beard Tongue <i>Penstemon barbatus</i>	sun	red	3'	June-July	Excellent for cutting. Hybrid forms better than species.
Tunic Flower, Coat Flower <i>Petrohragia saxifraga</i>	sun	pink, white	6-8"	June	An attractive dwarf plant which is very hardy and well suited for garden borders and rockeries.
Blue Phlox <i>Phlox divaricata</i>	sun	blue, white	1-1/2'	May-June	Imparts blue to spring flowering season. Plants may self-sow and become ground-cover like.
Perennial Garden Phlox, Fall Phlox <i>Phlox paniculata</i>	sun	assorted	2'-3'	July-Sept.	Phlox are among the most showy of hardy plants. They deserve a prominent position in every garden. There are many varieties. Suggested are: 'Fanal'—red; 'Red Glory'—red; 'Sir John Falstaff'—pink; 'Mia Ruys'—white; 'White Admiral'—white, fragrant; 'Aida'—wine and purple.
Moss Pink <i>Phlox subulata</i>	sun	assorted	6"	May-June	A very desirable plant for rock gardens and garden borders. Suggested are: 'Emerald Cushion'—pink; 'Chuckles'—pink; 'Brilliant'—magenta; 'Blue Hills'—violet; 'Scarlet Flame'—red.
False Dragonhead, Obedient Plant <i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	sun	white, lavender, purple	3-1/2'	July-Sept.	An attractive plant with long spikes which are suitable for cutting. New varieties better than species.
Balloonflower <i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i>	sun	blue, purple, white	3-1/2'	June-Sept.	The flowers are blue and resemble the bell-shaped flowers of campanulas. They are very effective in borders. Suggested are: 'Bristol Bell'—lavender; 'Bristol Bride'—white; 'Bristol Blush'—flesh pink; 'Bristol Bluebird'—deep blue.
Jacob's Ladder <i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>	shade	blue, white	3'	May-July	Ideal for rock gardens. Suggest 'Blue Pearl', variety lacteum or 'Album'.
Primroses <i>Primula sp.</i>	shade	assorted	6"-18"	April-June (according to species)	Ideal rock garden plants for shady locations and early-spring flowers.
Lungwort, Bethlehem Sage <i>Pulmonaria saccharata</i>	shade	blue	1'	April-May	Dark-green foliage spotted white.
Creeping Buttercup <i>Ranunculus repens</i> var. <i>florepleno</i>	shade	yellow	1'-1-1/2'	May-June	Good for border plantings, covering steep banks and in wild gardens.
Black-eyed-Susan <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	sun, semi-shade	yellow	2-3'	July	Hardy, free-flowering and easily grown. The flowers are desirable for cutting. Usually considered an annual or biennial.
Meadow Sage, Meadow Clary <i>Salvia pratensis</i>	sun	purple, blue, white	2'	May-July	A garden plant that should be more widely grown. An early bloomer and perfectly hardy.
Violet Sage <i>Salvia x superba</i>	sun	purple	3'	June-Aug.	Favorable habit. Try also, <i>S. sylvestris</i> 'May Night'.
Bloodroot, Red Puccoon <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	shade	white	1'	April	Naturalized or large rock gardens.
Soapwort <i>Saponaria ocymoides</i>	sun	pink	6"	May-June	Trailing branchlets.
Perennial Scabiosa <i>Scabiosa caucasica</i>	sun	blue	2-1/2'	July	Showy garden plants with excellent cut flowers. Plant inclined to be tender in Indiana.
Stonecrops <i>Sedum sp.</i>	sun	assorted	6"-18"	July-Aug.	Succulents ideal for rock gardens, edges. Many named species and hybrids now available.
Woolly Lambs Ear <i>Stachys byzantina</i>	sun	pink	1'	June-July	Silky, woolly leaf like a lamb's ear.
Betony <i>Stachys grandiflora</i>	sun	purple, lavender	2'	June-July	Ideal for larger borders.
Stokes Aster <i>Stokesia laevis</i>	sun	blue	2'	July-Aug.	An excellent garden plant for cut flowers.

Meadowrue <i>Thalictrum aquilegifolium</i>	shade	purple, lavender, white	3'	June	Delicate foliage and bloom.
Lavender Mist <i>Thalictrum rochebrunianum</i>	shade	lavender	5'	July-Aug.	Delicate foliage and bloom. Preferred over other Thalictrums.
Dusty Meadow Rue <i>Thalictrum speciosissimum</i>	shade	yellow	4-6'	July-Aug.	Features blue-gray leaves excellent for cut flowers. Splendid with delphinium or <i>Campanula persicifolia</i> .
Spiderwort, Widow's Tears <i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	sun	blue, purple, white	3'	May-June Aug.-Sept.	Will grow in spite of care it is given. May be weedy, but can be controlled.
Globeflower <i>Trollius europaeus</i>	shade	yellow	2'	May	Heavy, moist soils. Ideal for cutting.
Globeflower <i>Trollius ledebourii</i>	shade	yellow, orange	2-1/2'	June	Heavy, moist soils. Extends flowering season.
Garden Heliotrope <i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	sun	white, lavender	4'	July	Old-fashioned fragrant flowers. Foliage is fern-like. Excellent background plant.
Speedwells <i>Veronica sp.</i>	sun, shade	assorted	1'-3'	May-July	Several species and hybrids are available to give variety in season of bloom, color (pink, blue) and height. Commonly used for bouquets. Suggested are: blues—'Nana', 'Blue Peter', 'Royal Blue', 'Crater Lake'—pink—'Minuet'.
Viola, Horned Viola <i>Viola cornuta</i>	shade	violet	8"	May-Sept.	A very desirable violet for garden borders or rockeries. It is extremely hardy. There are several good varieties.
Sweet Violet, Violet <i>Viola cornuta</i>	shade	violet	8"	May-Sept.	A very desirable violet for garden borders or rockeries. It is extremely hardy. There are several good varieties.
English Violet <i>Viola odorata</i>					and wild gardens.
Adam's Needle, Bear Grass <i>Yucca filamentosa</i>	sun	white	5'	July-Aug.	Specimen plant or banks. Coarse foliage.

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