



Recommended Perennial & Bedding Plants

PERENNIALS FULL SUN

NAME	BLOOM TIME	COLOR	HEIGHT
Achillea (Yarrow)	Summer	Yellow, white	24"
Agastache (Hyssop)	Late summer	Lavender/blue	2-4'
Aniscanthus (Hummingbird)	Summer	Red	3'
Artemisia	Silver or variegated foliage		8"
Asclepias (Butterfly weed)	Summer	Orange	20-36"
Balloon Flower (Platycodon)	Summer	Blue	8-10"
Bluebonnet	Spring	Blue	16"
Canna	Summer	Red, yellow, orange	4'-6'
Coneflower (Echinacea)	Summer, fall	Purple	24-36"
Coreopsis	Summer	Yellow	12-24"
Cranesbill	Summer	Purple	10-18"
Creeping Phlox (Thrift)	Spring	Pink/blue	4"
Daisy	Early Summer	White	10-18"
Daylily	Early summer	Yellow, Orange	18-24"
Dianthus, Sweet Wm	Spring, fall	Pinks, reds	12-18"
Gaillardia (Blanketflower)	Summer, fall	Orange/red	6-18"
Gaura	Summer	Pink, white	2-4'
Gazania	Summer	Orange, yellow	6"
Hens & Chicks		Succulent	6"
Hibiscus, hardy	Summer, fall	Red, white, pink	3-4'
Ice Plant	Summer	Many	3"
Knifofia	Late summer	Red, orange	3'
Lambs Ear	(Soft grey foliage)		8"
Lantana	Summer	Orange, pink, yellow	3'
Lavender	(Fragrant foliage)		3-4'
Liatris (Gayfeather)	Summer-fall	Purple	24"
Monarda (Bee balm)	Summer	Red	2-3'
Mums	Fall	Many	12-24"
Nierembergia (Cup Flower)	Summer	Blue, White	18"
Penstemon	Summer	Red, Pink	3'
Phlox subulata (Thrift)	Spring	Pink	4"
Phlox paniculata (Summer)	Summer	Pink, red	12-18"
Rudbeckia	Summer, fall	Yellow, burgundy	18-24"
Ruella (Mexican Petunia)	Summer-fall	Various	
Salvia (Meadow sage)	Summer	Purple, white	24"
Salvia gregii (Autumn sage)	Summer-fall	Red, orange, white	3'
Scabiosa (Pincushion flower)	Spring, summer	Blue, pink	12"
Sedum	(Many variations)		
Skullcap	Summer	Pink, Red	3'
Tritoma	Late summer	Orange, red	36"
Veronica (Speedwell)	Summer	Purple	18"

PERENNIALS FOR PART SUN

NAME	BLOOM TIME	COLOR	HEIGHT
Aquilegia (Columbine)	Spring	Yellow, blue	20"
Clematis	Spring, summer	Purple, white, pink	Climbing
Delphinium	Early Summer	White, purple, pink	2-3'
Digitalis (Foxglove)	Summer	Purple, pink, white	3'
Hollyhock	Summer, fall	Many	5'
Lamium (Foliage)	Groundcover		
Moneywort	(Foliage)	Trailing groundcover	

PERENNIALS FOR SHADE

NAME	BLOOM TIME	COLOR	HEIGHT
Ajuga	Foliage	Groundcover	
Astilbe	Early summer	Pink, white, red	12-24"
Elephant Ears	Plant bulbs		4' or more
Ferns	Foliage	Various	
Heuchera (coral bells)	Foliage		
Hosta	Foliage		12-30"

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Name	Bloom Color	Heigh	Comments
Angelonia	Purple, white, pink	18-18"	Great for heat
Bacopa	White	trailing	Great for baskets
Begonia, bronze leaf	Pink, white, red	2'	Cut back to keep compact
Blue Daze	Blue	Trailing	
Calibrachoa	Yellow, purple, pink, red	Trailing	"Mini Petunia"
Celosia	Red, yellow, orange	12"	Feathery bloom
Cleome	Pink	3'	Small bush
Coleus, sun types	Foliage	33'	Brilliant foliage
Copper Plant	Orange foliage	3'	Loves the heat
Diamond Frost	White	12"	Blooms all summer
Dianthus	Red, pink, white	18"	Blooms spring & fall
Dusty Miller	Grey foliage	12-24"	Good accent plant
Fern, springerii (asparagus)		12"	Baskets and Pots
Gazania	Orange, yellow	6"	Hot, hot, hot
Geranium	Red, pink, salmon, white	8-12"	Also great in part sun
Hibiscus, tropical	Red, orange, yellow, pink	4'	Large blooms
Lantana	Orange, yellow, multi	24"	Tough heat lover
Marigold	Yellow, orange	6-18"	Dwarf or tall varieties
Melampodium	Yellow	12"	Profuse small blooms
Mexican heather	Lavender	24"	Also takes shade well
Pepper, ornamental	Red, orange fruit	12"	Loves heat
Petunia (Wave)	All colors	8"	Beds, Pots, Baskets
Pentas	Red, white, pink	2-3'	Large bush
Periwinkle (vinca)	Lavender, white, pink, red	10-18"	Best in hot sun
Phlox, Intensa	Lilac – 2 shades		Great spreading grower

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Name	Bloom Color	Height	Comments
Portulaca (rose moss)	All colors	6"	Groundcover, loves heat
Purslane	All colors	6"	Fleshy leaves,
Salvia	Red, blue	12-24"	Spiky blooms
Scaevola (Fan Flower)	Purple	Trailing	Baskets and Pots
Strawflower	Yellow, White	8"	Good in containers
Sunpatiens	All colors	12-18"	Deep foliage colors
Sweet potato vine	Green,purple,variegated	foliage	Fast-spreading
Thunbergia (Blackeye Susan)	Yellow	Trailing	
Verbena	Red, white, pink	24"	Vining, heat lover
Zinnia	All colors	8-36"	Dwarf or Lg varieties

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Name	Bloom Color	Height	Comments
Ageranthemum	Pink, Lavender	12-18"	Daisy-like flower
Alternanthera (Joseph's Coat)	Colorful foliage	12-36"	
Alyssum	White, lavender	6"	Cluster of blooms
Ageratum	Blue, white	10"	Good border
Begonia	Pink, red, white	12-18"	Green or bronze leaf
Gerbera Daisy	Multi	18"	Vibrant colors
Ivy Geranium	Pink, white, red, lavender		Great in baskets
Lobelia	Blue	8"	Good border
New Guinea Impatiens	Vivid multi	18"	Deep, showy colors
Oxalis	Small flowers, colorful foliage	10"	Great groundcover or border
Persian Shield	Striking purple foliage	3'	
Petunia	All colors	8" or trailing	
Plectranthus	Mona lavender	12"	Small purple blooms
Scaevola	Blue	Trailing	Great in baskets
Snapdragon	Multi	12-18"	Fall and Spring bloomers
Torenia-Summer Wave	Blue, fucshia	Spreading	Loves heat

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Name	Bloom Color	Height	Comments
Caladium	Colorful foliage	15-30"	
Coleus	Colorful foliage	12-24"	Some varieties take sun
Colocasia	Foliage	3'	Large leaves
Impatiens	Orange, red, pink	12-24"	See new double varieties
Lobelia	Purple, lavender	3"	Good border

Recommended Trees & Shrubs for Texoma

Compiled by Smith's Gardentown

Shade Trees

- Bur Oak** – A native Texas tree. Yellow fall color. Grows to 40-50' tall, 50' wide. Has golf-ball-sized acorns.
- Cedar Elm** – A native Texas tree with gold fall color. Grows to 50' tall, 40' wide.
- Chinese Pistache** – Large shade tree with beautiful red fall color. Tolerates drought and poor soil once established. Grows to 50' tall, 40' wide.
- Chinquapin Oak** – A native Texas tree. Grows to 50' tall, 35' wide.
- Live Oak** – A native Texas tree. Broad, spreading shade tree, mostly evergreen. Grows to 50' tall, 60' wide.
- Pecan** – Our state tree. Valuable for both shade and delicious nuts. Many improved paper-shell varieties available. Grows to 60' tall, 50' wide.
- Shumard Red Oak** – A native Texas tree with brilliant red to yellow fall color. Grows to 50' tall, 50' wide.
- Shantung Maple – One of the few maples that will tolerate our heat and alkaline soils. Red-orange foliage in fall. Grows to 15' tall, 20' wide.

Ornamental Trees

- Crape Myrtle** – Grows to 15' tall. Prolific bloomer in summer. Plant in full sun.
- Desert Willow** – Small, fast-growing tree with trumpet-shaped flowers spring through fall. Tolerates heat, drought or poor soils. Grows to 15' tall, 15' wide.
- Little Gem Magnolia** – Does better here than Southern Magnolia. Dark evergreen leaves with white flowers summer and fall. Grows to 25' tall, 15' wide. Requires more water to start.

- Redbud** – A native tree with dark pink blooms in early spring. Grows to 25' tall, 25' wide.
- Southern Wax Myrtle** – Rounded semi-evergreen shrub with upright branches and aromatic olive-green leaves. Grows to 15' tall, 10' wide.
- Yaupon holly** – A native Texas tree. Bright red berries in winter. Can be easily shaped to a formal growth pattern. Grows to 20' tall, 15' wide.
- Possum Haw Holly**- A deciduous native holly
- Eastern Red Cedar**-Hardy evergreen

Shrubs

- Abelia** – Small shiny leaves and attractive small flowers. Grows 2.5-8' tall. Sun or part shade
- Cleyera** – Shiny foliage. Grows 5-8' tall, 3-5' wide. Shade or part sun
- Crape Myrtle** – Dwarf varieties available from 4' to 8' tall. Prolific bloomer in summer. Plant in full sun.
- Dwarf Yaupon Holly** – Our most-used landscape shrub. Grows to 4'. Sun or shade.
- Dwarf Burford Holly** – Glossy leaves. Grows to 6' tall and wide. Sun or shade
- Eleagnus** – Gray foliage. Grows to 8' tall and wide. Sun or part shade
- Nandina** – Characterized by red foliage in fall and winter. Grows 2-7' tall, 2-5' wide. Sun to part shade. Several new varieties are available with varied growth habits.
- Red Yucca** - Blooms in spring and summer add interest.
- Knockout roses** - An extremely drought tolerant rose, prolific bloomer.



“With More Than 60 Years Experience...”

With more than 65 years’ experience, we have learned that the weather here is going to be extreme. That’s why you can count on the experts at Smith’s Gardentown to sell the plants that will take our heat, cold, wind, drought and poor soils.

Look around at the yards and landscapes that are making it: You’ll see that these plants that have always been on our list of recommended varieties are the plants that are still alive after years that have been even more trying than usual.

Lawns and groundcovers: Lawn grasses consume more water, time and money than any other part of our landscapes. While some lawn area may be desirable for a play area or dog yard, it is not necessary or desirable to cover every square foot of your property with grass.

For sunny areas where some lawn is needed, Bermuda grass is the most hardy and drought tolerant choice. Common Bermuda can be planted from seed. Some very attractive hybrid varieties can be started with sod.

For areas that do not receive a full day of sun, but do have at least 5 hours of sun, Zoysia sod is also hardy and drought tolerant.

We do not recommend St. Augustine grass for this area, as it requires excessive amounts of water and will not tolerate some of our cold winters.

No lawn grass will thrive in deep shade. Period. For those areas, choose bark mulch and evergreen ground covers, such as Asian jasmine or dwarf mondo grass.

Tips to help your plants thrive – especially in the worst of times

- Before planting, enrich your soil with organic compost. Healthy soil = better root system = a plant that can make better use of water and nutrients.
- After planting, cover bare soil with bark mulch to conserve moisture and retard weed growth.

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