

Maintaining a Succession of Color in your Garden

It is possible to have fresh cut flowers most months and have your garden bloom with color with the right plants. The flowering date will vary according to seasonal weather with an early spring bringing an early bloom. If plants are protected by a building, their date of bloom will also vary. The biggest display of bloom on all perennials is their first flowers of the season. Later blooms are more scattered and sometimes on shorter stems. Many of these plants will flower over a period of several weeks, particularly if you plant several different cultivars.

Perennials

Spring

Columbine
Daffodil
Tulip
Sweet William
Early Daylily
Iris
Peony

Aquilegia
Narcissus spp.
Early cultivars and Tulipa species
Dianthus barbatus
Hemerocallis
Iris spp.
Paeonia spp.

Early Summer

Early spirea
Canterbury-bells
Shasta daisy
Coreopsis
Delphinium

Astilbe x arendsii
Campanula medium
Chrysanthemum maximum
Coreopsis
Delphinium hybrids

Summer

Foxglove
Blanket flower
Daylily
Coralbells
Siberian Iris
Lily
Bee Balm
Beard tongue
Painted Daisy
Babysbreath
False Sunflower
Statice
Garden phlox
Black-eyed-susan

Digitalis
Gaillardia
Hemerocallis
Huechera
Iris sibirica
Lilium species & cultivars
Monarda didyma
Penstemon barbatus
Tanacetum coccinum
Gypsophila paniculata
Heliopsis helianthoides
Limonium latifolium
Phlox paniculata
Rudbeckia



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Late Summer

Monkshood
Blanket flower
False Sunflower
Plantain Lily
Coneflower
Black-eyed-susan
Stokes aster

Aconitum napellus
Gaillardia
Heliopsis
Hosta plantaginea and Hybrids
Echinacea
Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldstrum'
Stokesia laevis

Fall

New England aster
Fall chrysanthemum
Coreopsis
Sedum
Ornamental Grasses

Aster novae-angliae
Chrysanthemum morifolium
Coreopsis
Sedum 'Autumn Joy'

Tender Roots and Bulbs

These are suitable for cut flowers but are not winter hardy.

Canna
Dahlias
Tuberose
Gladiolas

Canna indica
Many cultivars and flower colors
Polianthes tuberosa
Many flower types and species

Annuals

The time the annuals bloom depends in part on whether seed is sown indoors or outdoors or plants are bought at a nursery. If flowers are always picked and as much foliage is left on the plant as practical, many will flower until the first frost.

Ageratum
Calendula
Cosmos
Gaillardia
Marigold
Mealycup sage
Nasturtium
Pansy
Phlox
Snapdragon
Strawflower
Verbena
Zinnia

Ageratum houstonianum
Calendula officinalis
Cosmos bipinnatus
Gaillardia pulchella
Tagetes erecta
Salvia farinacea
Tropaeolum majus
Viola tricolor
Phlox drummondii
Antirrhinum majus
Helichrysum bracteatum
Verbena venosa
Zinnia elegans



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