

LONG BLOOMING PERENNIALS

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When planting a perennial garden, many gardeners are looking for the most bang for their buck. We have compiled a list of long blooming perennials that will bloom about 10 weeks or longer. Availability will depend on seasonal fluctuations.

While a long bloom season is inherent in these perennials, you can get the most blooms by following these few guidelines. With all plants it is important to plant correctly and to water regularly during the growing season. You don't get a second chance to do it right the first time, so make sure your soil is well amended with an organic material like compost when you plant. In summer mulch your beds with an inch or two of bark or compost to keep your soil moist and to reduce the weeds. Deadheading will keep many perennials blooming longer. Remove each flower after it blooms and before it seeds. Many perennials will re-flower over and over. These perennials will work hard for you, so reward them with a nice fertilizer a couple of time each summer.

BOTANICAL	COMMON		HT	COLORS								COMMENT
				white	cream	yellow	orange	pink	red	purple	blue	
<i>Achillea</i> spp.	Yarrow	S	1.5-5 ft	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Drought resistant, spreads rapidly.
<i>Anemone sylvestris</i>	Snowdrop Anemone	PS	20"	X								Early spring color.
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Sea Pink	S	8"	X				X	X			Prefers poor soil.
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Weed	S	3 ft			X	X		X			Good cut; naturalizes well; easily grown.
<i>Bergenia cordifolia</i>	Bergenia	PS	2 ft					X	X			Early spring color. Tolerates sun & drought.
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i> 'Snowbank'	Snowbank Boltonia	S-PS	5 ft	X								Impressive fall flower display.
<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	Wine Cups	S	12"						X	X		Drought and heat tolerant.
<i>Campanula lactiflora</i>	Milky Bellflower	S-PS	4-5 ft	X						X	X	Often requires staking; self-sows.
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Jupiter's Beard	S	3 ft	X				X				Deadhead; prefers poor soil.
<i>Coreopsis</i>	Coreopsis	S-PS	1-4 ft			X		X				Deadhead; blooms best in full sun.
<i>Corydalis lutea</i>	Yellow Corydalis	PS	16"			X						Early spring color.
<i>Delosperma cooperi</i>	Ice Plant	S	2"					X				Needs very well-drained soil.
<i>Dicentra eximia</i>	Fringed Bleeding Heart	PS-SH	2 ft	X				X				Blooms April to September.
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> vars.	Coneflower	S	1-5 ft	X			X	X		X		Tolerates heat, drought and poor soil.
<i>Fuchsia</i>	Fuchsia	S-PS	1-6 ft	X				X	X	X		Feed regularly during summer.
<i>Gaillardia</i> spp.	Blanket Flower	S	8-36"			X	X					Deadhead; drought tolerant.
<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i> vars.	Indian Paintbrush	S-PS	2-5 ft	X				X				Will tolerate drought.
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Hardy Geranium	S-PS	6-18"	X				X		X		Self-sows.
<i>Helianthus 'Flore Pleno'</i>	Flore Pleno Sunflower	S	6 ft			X						Give extra water during hot weather.
<i>Hemerocallis 'Stella D'Oro'</i>	Stella D'Oro Daylily	S-PS	12"			X						Tolerant of many growing conditions.
<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	Coralbelles	S-PS	12-28"	X				X	X			Deadhead; prefers rich, moist soil.
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Rose Mallow	S	4-8 ft	X				X	X			Prefers humus-rich, moist soil.
<i>Knautia</i>	Knautia	S	2-6 ft			X			X	X	X	Thrives in heat and full sun.

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<i>Lavatera</i>	Tree Mallow	S	2-6 ft	X				X	X			Quickly grows into a large shrub.
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	Lavender	S	1-3 ft	X				X		X		Prefers moderately fertile soil.
<i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i>	Shasta Daisy	S-PS	1-3 ft	X		X						Deadhead; prefers rich, moist soil.
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Gayfeather	S	2-5 ft	X						X		Prefers moist soil.
<i>Linum perenne</i>	Blue Flax	S	4-24"								X	Prefers moist soil.
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Mallow	S	1-4 ft	X				X		X	X	Prefers moderately, moist soil.
<i>Monarda</i>	Bee Balm	S-PS	1-5 ft					X	X	X		Vigorous; attracts hummingbirds.
<i>Nepeta x faassenii</i>	Catmint	S-PS	18"							X	X	Blooms June to August.
<i>Oenothera pallida</i>	Evening Primrose	S	8-20"	X				X				Prefers poor, well-drained soil.
<i>Penstemon</i>	Penstemon	S-PS	8-40"	X				X	X	X		Prefers fertile, well-drained soil.
<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian Sage	S	3-4 ft								X	Vigorous; tolerates heat and drought.
<i>Phlox paniculata 'David'</i>	David Garden Phlox	S-PS	4 ft	X								Fragrant, mildew resistant.
<i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i>	Balloon Flower	S-PS	1-2 ft	X				X			X	Deadhead; self-sows.
<i>Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm'</i>	Goldsturm Rudbeckia	S	2 ft			X						Prefers rich, well-drained soil.
<i>Salvia guaranitica</i>	Sage	S-PS	3-8 ft								X	Outstanding in bloom.
<i>Salvia x superba</i>	Sage	S-PS	2-3 ft							X		Prefers rich, well-drained soil.
<i>Saponaria ocymoides</i>	Soapwort	S	3"	X				X	X			Great for rock gardens or terraces.
<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>	Pincushion flower	S	12-28"					X			X	Prefers moderately fertile soil.
<i>Sedum 'Autumn Joy'</i>	Autumn Joy Sedum	S	2 ft					X				Very drought tolerant; succulent.
<i>Sidalcea</i>	False Mallow	S	1-5 ft	X	X			X	X			Cut back stems after bloom for rebloom.
<i>Stokesia laevis</i>	Stokes' Aster	S	1-2 ft	X				X		X		Deadhead; prefers light, moist soil.
<i>Tanacetum parthenium</i>	Feverfew	S	4-24"	X		X						Herb; self-sows if not deadheaded.
<i>Tiarella</i>	Foam Flower	PS-SH	4-18"	X	X			X				Prefers moist soil.
<i>Tradescantia</i>	Spiderwort	S-PS	1-3 ft	X				X		X	X	Divide every 3-4 years. Rich, moist soil.
<i>Veronica 'Goodness Grows'</i>	Goodness Grows Veronica	S	12-16"								X	Prefers moderately fertile, moist soil.
<i>x Heucherella 'Bridget Bloom'</i>	Foamy Bells	PS	18"					X				Early spring color.