

ANNUALS FOR SPECIAL USES

There is a "trouble spot" in every garden. The question is, "What can I plant there?" In an effort to rid your garden of "trouble spots," this list of annuals was developed so that plants can be chosen for a site which would be suitable for their growing needs. Many annuals have more than one use, so use them to your advantage! Also note: specific varieties may have characteristics different than those indicated.

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| (1) Annuals that normally have an extended blooming period
(2) Suitable for cut flowers
(3) To grow in shade or semi-shade
(4) Annuals for moist and cool conditions
(5) Annuals for dry and hot conditions
(6) Annuals for poor soil | (7) For autumn bloom
(8) Sweet scented
(9) Annuals suitable for rock gardens
(10) Suitable as everlastings
(11) Grasses
(12) Annuals grown for foliage | (12) Annuals grown for foliage
(13) Annuals for dry locations
(14) Annuals that have a short flowering season in New York State
(15) Annual vines
(*) Indicates vine makes a good screen |
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Key	Scientific Name	Common Name	Key	Scientific Name	Common Name
5,9	<i>Abronia umbellata</i>	Sand Verbena	2,3,5,6,	<i>Centaurea moschata</i>	
13	<i>Ageratum</i> spp.	Floss Flower	8,14		Sweet Sultan
11	<i>Agrostis nebulosa</i>	Cloud Grass	2,7	<i>Chrysanthemum carinatum</i>	Crown Daisy, Tricolor Chrysanthemum
4,7	<i>Alonsoa warscewiczii</i>	Mask Flower			
4,12	<i>Alternanthera ficoidea</i> 'Betzickiana'	Telanthera	2,3,14	<i>Clarkia unguiculata</i> (<i>C. elegans</i>)	Clarkia
6,12	<i>Amaranthus tricolor</i>	Love-lies-bleeding		<i>Cleome hasslerana</i>	Spiderflower, Pink Queen
10	<i>Ammobium alatum</i>	Winged Everlasting	1,5,6,13		Cup-and-Saucer-Vine, Mexican Ivy
4	<i>Anchusa capensis</i>	Cape Forget-Me-Not, Bugloss	15,*	<i>Cobaea scandens</i>	Coleus Blue Lips
2	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Snapdragon			
2,13	<i>Arctotis stoechadifolia</i>	Blue-eyed African Daisy	3,12	<i>Coleus blumei</i>	
			14	<i>Collinsia</i> spp.	
12	<i>Artemisia</i> spp.	Artemisia	2,4,14	<i>Consolida ambigua</i> (<i>Delphinium ajacis</i>)	Larkspur
4,6	<i>Asperula setosa</i>	Blue Woodruff		<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>	Calliopsis
1,3,7	<i>Begonia x semperflorens</i> -cultorum	Wax Begonia	1,2,5,6,13	<i>Cosmos</i> spp.	
3,4	<i>Bellis perennis</i>	English Daisy	1,2,6,7,		Cosmos
9,13,14	<i>Brachycome</i> spp.	Swan River Daisy	13	<i>Cynoglossum amabile</i>	Chinese forget-me not
10,11	<i>Briza maxima</i>	Quaking oats	3		
1,7,13	<i>Browallia</i> spp.	Browallia	7	<i>Dahlia</i> spp. (seed)	Dahlia
1,4,14	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	Calendula, Pot	2,4,8,14	<i>Dianthus chinensis</i>	China Pink,
2	<i>Callistephus chinensis</i> (<i>Aster sinensis</i>)	China Aster	5,9,13,	<i>Dimorphothecca inuata</i>) (<i>D. aurantiaca</i>	Cape Daisy, African Daisy
4	<i>Campanula medium</i>	Annual	14	<i>Dolichos lablab</i>	Hyacinth Bean
		Canterbury Bells	15,*	<i>Echinocystis lobata</i>	Wild, Prickly
15,*	<i>Cardiospermum halicacabum</i>	Balloon Vine	15,*	<i>Eragrostis tenella</i> var. <i>plumosa</i> (<i>E. amabilis</i>)	Love Grass
10	<i>Catananche caerulea</i>	Cupid's Dart	11	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	
1,5,7	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i> (<i>Vinca rosea</i>)	Madagascar Periwinkle	2,4,5,9,		California Poppy
1,5,6,	<i>Celosia cristata</i>	Plume	13	<i>Euphorbia marginata</i>	Snow-on-the-Mount.
			5,12		Ghost Weed
7,10,13		Cockscomb			
2,3,5,6,	<i>Centaurea americana</i>	Basket Flower			

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2,5	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	Annual Blanket Flower	1,3,4,7,8	<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Flowering tobacco
1,5,7,9,13	<i>Gazania</i> spp.	African Daisy	5,6,9	<i>Nierembergia</i> spp.	Cup-Flower
14	<i>Gilia</i> spp.	Queen Anne's Thimble	2,10	<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love in a Mist
1,2,10	<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>	Globe Amaranth	3	<i>Oenothera drummondii</i>	Evening Primrose
2,5,9,14	<i>Gypsophila elegans</i>	Annual Baby's Breath	5,6	<i>Papaver</i> spp.	Poppy
5	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Sunflower	5,6,12	<i>Perilla frutescens</i>	Perilla, Beefsteak Plant
2,5,10	<i>Helichrysum bracteatum</i>	Strawflower, Everlasting	5,8,14	<i>Petunia</i> spp.	Petunia
7,8	<i>Heliotropium arborescens</i>	Common Heliotrope	14	<i>Phacelia</i> spp.	California Bluebell
10	<i>Heliopsis scabra</i>	Scabroclad, Strawflower	15	<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i>	Scarlet Runner Bean
15,*	<i>Humulus japonicus</i>	Japanese Hops	5,9,14	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	Annual Phlox
2	<i>Hunnemannia fumariifolia</i>	Mexican Tulip Poppy	4	<i>Polygonum orientale</i>	Polygonum, Princess Feather
2,3,4,13,14	<i>Iberis umbellata</i>	Globe, Annual Candytuft	1,5,6,9,13	<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	Rose Moss, Portulaca
4	<i>Impatiens balsamina</i>	Balsam	2,8	<i>Reseda odorata</i>	Mignonette
1,3,6	<i>Impatiens wallerana</i>	Impatiens	2,14	<i>Salpiglossis sinuata</i>	Painted Tongue
6,15	<i>Ipomoea</i> spp.	Morning Glory	1,2,5,7	<i>Salvia farinacea</i>	Mealy-cup Sage, Blue Sage
5,15	<i>Ipomoea quamoclit</i>	Cypress Vine	1,3,5,7	<i>Salvia splendens</i>	Scarlet Sage
5,15	<i>Ipomoea x sloteri</i>	Cardinal Climber	1,5,7,9	<i>Sanvitalia procumbens</i>	Creeping Zinnia
4,5,12	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>	Summer-Cypress, Burning Bush	1,2,10	<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>	Scabiosa, Flower Pincushion
11	<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's Tail Grass	1,2,5,7	<i>Tagetes erecta</i>	African Marigold
2,4,8,15	<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>	Sweet Pea	1,2,5,7,9	<i>Tagetes patula</i>	French Marigold
5,10	<i>Limonium</i> spp.	Statice	2	<i>Tagetes tenuifolia</i> 'Pumila'	Signet Dwarf Marigold
14	<i>Linaria moroccana</i>	Toadflax		<i>Tagetes tenuifolia</i> 'Pumila'	
9	<i>Linum grandiflorum</i>	Flowering Flax	1	<i>Talinum paniculatum</i>	Jewels of Ophir
1,3,4,9	<i>Lobelia erinus</i>	Edging Lobelia	7,15	<i>Thunbergia alata</i>	Black-eyed Susan (vine)
6,7,8,9	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet Alyssum	7	<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	Mexican Sunflower
2,8,14	<i>Matthiola incana</i>	Stock		<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i> (T. speciosa)	
6	<i>Mentzelia</i> spp.	Mentzelia	1,3,4,9	<i>Torenia fournieri</i>	Wishbone Flower
5,6	<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	Ice Plant	2,4	<i>Trachymene coerulea</i>	Bluelace Flower
4,14	<i>Mimulus luteus</i>	Monkey Flower	2,5,6,9,13	<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	Nasturtium
3,5,6	<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	Four O'Clock	6,9,14	<i>Verbena x hybrida</i>	Verbena, Moss Verbena
2,10	<i>Moluccella laevis</i>	Bells of Ireland			
15	<i>Momordica</i> spp.	Balsam Apple, Balsam Pear	2,3,4,14	<i>Viola tricolor</i>	Pansy
4,9,14	<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	forget-me-not	10	<i>Viola tricolor</i> var. <i>hortensis</i>	Immortelle, Everlasting
4,14	<i>Nemesia</i> spp.	Nemesia		<i>Xeranthemum annuum</i>	
4,14	<i>Nemophila menziesii</i>	Baby Blue-Eyes	1,2,5,7,13	<i>Zinnia</i> spp.	Zinnia

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