



'Top' Summer Flowering Perennial Plants

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Relatively long-lived and drought-resistant, don't need frequent division, disease/pest resistant, staking not essential, winter-hardy, not fussy about soil if well-drained, don't spread too much, preferably bloom for several weeks, good foliage quality.

Perennials for Sun

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| • Achillea 'Coronation Gold', yarrow | durable; deer-resistant |
| • Allium senescens glaucum, twisted onion | summer flowers and nice foliage |
| • Callirhoe involucrata, poppy mallow, winecups | long bloomer needs good drainage |
| • Echinacea purpurea 'Ruby Star', purple coneflower | prairie native |
| • Helenium autumnale, sneezeweed | likes it moist; native; red, yellow, orange |
| • Hemerocallis 'Hyperion', daylily | very adaptable except for deer problem |
| • Hibiscus moscheutos 'Sweet Caroline', | common mallow, moist; native; slow to emerge |
| • Leucanthemum 'Becky', Shasta daisy | long-blooming and durable |
| • Liatris spicata, gayfeather | butterfly magnet; spikes bloom top down |
| • Lilium 'Black Beauty' | vigorous hybrid; August bloom |
| • Nepeta 'Walkers' Low', catmint | long-blooming and nice, but NOT short |
| • Phlox paniculata 'David', and other mildew-resistant varieties, | deer problem, native |
| • Stokesia 'Klaus Jelitto' | good drainage, native |
| • Veronicastrum virginicum, Culver's root | vertical accent; native |

Perennials for Light Shade

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| • Astilbe chinensis 'Pumila' | deer-resistant groundcover-type astilbe |
| • Chelone obliqua, pink turtlehead | native; likes it moist or even wet |
| • Cimicifuga (now Actaea) racemosa, black snakeroot | native; vertical accent |
| • Corydalis lutea, ochroleuca | leave seedlings in place to replace older plants |
| • Digitalis grandiflora, yellow foxglove | perennial; self-sows moderately |
| • Stachys macrantha, betony | |

Reference:

Herbaceous Perennial Plants, Third Edition, by Allan M. Armitage
Perennials for American Gardens by Ruth Rogers Clausen and Nicolas H. Ekstrom
The Well-Tended Perennial Garden: Planting & Pruning Techniques, by Tracy DiSabato-Aust

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Cornell Bluegrass Lane perennial research:
http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/ornamentals/cornell_herbaceous/
Missouri Botanic Garden Plant Finder (over 6800 plants):
<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx>
Garden Guidance
www.gardening.cornell.edu

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