

***Achillea millefolium* ‘Balvinrose’ – New Vintage Rose™** yarrow (Zones 4-7) Full Sun
Dark rosy pink flowers; 3½ in. flower clusters, mid-June to late August; 36 in. tall × 40 in. wide

***Agastache* ‘Purple Haze’** – hyssop (Zones 5-8) Full Sun
Blue-purple flowers, in upright clusters to 11 inches long, late June to frost; 38 in. tall × 36 in. wide

***Allium* ‘Summer Peek-a-Boo’/Summer Peek-a-Boo™** – ornamental onion (Zones 5-8) Full Sun
Light purple flowers, 2 in. wide, mid-July to mid-August; 16 in. tall × 20 in. wide; dark green leaves, flowers sit just on top of leaves; compact sport of ‘Summer Beauty’

***Amsonia* ‘Blue Ice’** – blue star (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade
Deep lavender-blue flowers, May and June; 20 in. tall × 36 in. wide; compact habit

***Amsonia montana* ‘Short Stack’** – dwarf blue star (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade
Pale blue flowers, to 5/8 in. wide, early May to mid-June; 20 in. tall × 36 in. wide; compact, bushy mounded habit but taller than expected (listed as 10 in. tall); limey green to strong yellow fall color

***Athyrium* ‘Branford Beauty’** – Japanese painted fern hybrid (Zones 4-8) Partial to Full Shade
Bright silvery green fronds with purple rachis; irregular arching habit, 18 in. tall × 40 in. wide; morning sun enhances leaf color; deer-resistant; five-star rated in trial

***Athyrium niponicum* var. *pictum* ‘Apple Court’** – crested painted fern (Zones 4-8) Part to Full Shade
Lacy, silvery green fronds; tasseled pinnae; slow-spreading habit; 24 in. tall × 36 in. wide; deer-resistant

***Baptisia* ‘Cherries Jubilee’** – false indigo (Zones 4-8) Full Sun
Yellow and maroon flowers, 7 in. long, late May to mid-June; 32 in. tall × 48 in. wide; **‘Lemon Meringue’** bright yellow flowers, to 16 in. long, late May to mid-June; 32 in. tall × 62 in. wide; dusky buds and stems; **‘Lunar Eclipse’** cream, lavender, and violet flowers, to 12 in. long, late May to mid-June; 33 in. tall × 63 in. wide

***Campanula* ‘Sarastro’** – Sarastro bellflower (Zones 5-8) Full Sun
Purple bell-shaped flowers, 2¾ in. long, early June to late July; 24 in. tall and wide; shorter than ‘Kent Belle’

***Campanula* ‘Viking’** – bellflower (Zones 5-8) Full Sun
Lavender bell-shaped flowers, 2 in. long, mid-June to early August; 18 in. tall × 32 in. wide; slow spreader

***Clematis* ‘Piilu’** – Little Duckling clematis (Zones 4-8) Full Sun
Light purple flowers, 5 in. wide, late June to early July; 72 in. tall; bushy habit, strong climber; pruning group 2

***Clematis* ‘Cleminov 51’ – Sapphire Indigo™** clematis (Zones 4-8) Full Sun
Deep purple-blue flowers, 5 in. wide, early June to September; non-climber, stems 36 in. long

***Echinacea* ‘Firebird’** – coneflower (Zones 5-8) Full Sun
Red-orange flowers, 3 in. wide, June to September; 32 in. tall × 24 in. wide; long-lasting flower color

***Echinacea* ‘Balsomador’ – Sombrero® Adobe Orange** coneflower (Zones 4-8) Full Sun
Bright deep orange, 4 in., mid-June to October; 24 in. tall × 22 in. wide

Echinacea tennesseensis – Tennessee coneflower (Zones 5-9) Full Sun
Pink flowers, 2-3 in. wide, June to Aug and into October; 18-24 in. tall and wide; upward-facing ray florets; long-lived plants; Federally Endangered Species; **‘Rocky Top’** is comparable to the species

***Eryngium yuccifolium* 'Prairie Moon'** – rattlesnake master (Zones 3-8) Full Sun

Greenish white flowers in globe-shaped head with silvery green bracts; 2½ in. wide, late June to late August; short selection 39 inches tall and wide (species is 4-5 feet tall); attracts butterflies

***Geranium soboliferum* 'Starman'** – cranesbill (Zones 4-8) Full Sun to Partial Shade

Purple flowers with dark starburst, 1½ in. wide, August to October; 16 in. tall × 30 in. wide; mounded habit and red fall color; prefers moist soils; **'Butterfly Kisses'** purple-striated flowers, 22 in. tall × 45 in. wide

***Geranium* 'Azure Rush'** – cranesbill (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Light Shade

Light blue flowers, 1⅝ in. wide, mid-June to October; 9-14 in. tall × 39 in. wide; sport of 'Rozaanne'

***Geum* 'Mai Tai'** – geum (Zones 5-7) Full Sun to Partial Shade

Apricot flowers, semi-double, 1¼ in. wide, late April to late May; 24 in. tall and wide with flowers; **'Sangria'** bright orange-red flowers, 1¾ in. wide, mid-June to mid-July; 35 in. tall × 30 in. wide

***Helianthus angustifolia* 'Gold Lace'** – swamp sunflower (Zones 5-9) Full Sun

Golden yellow flowers, 2½ inches wide, in late September through November; 48-60 in. tall × 36 in. wide; fine-textured dark green leaves; excellent combination paired with *Aconitum carmichaelii* 'Arendsii'

***Helianthus salicifolius* 'First Light'** – willowleaf sunflower (Zones 5-9) Full Sun

Golden yellow flowers, 2-3 in. wide, in late September to November; tight mounded habit, 30 in. tall and wide; willow dark green leaves

***Heliopsis* 'Venus'** – false sunflower (Zones 3-9) Full Sun

Golden yellow flowers, semi-double, 4-5 in. wide, mid-June to mid-September; tall, bushy plants, 54 in. tall and wide; very best of the heliopsis trial; bred for cut flower industry

***Heuchera* 'Cherry Cola'** – coral bells (Zone 4-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade

Vivid orangey red leaves, flower stems, and calyces; small white petals, late May to mid-September; 11 in. tall (17 in. with flowers) × 24 in. wide; has excelled in full sun

***Hibiscus* 'Jazzberry Jam'** – rose mallow (Zones 4-9) Full Sun to Partial Shade

Deep magenta flowers, ruffled edges, 9 in. wide, early August to mid-September; green leaves with red veins; 50 in. tall × 60 in. wide; indeterminate blooming

***Leucanthemum* × *superbum* 'Daisy Duke'** – **Daisy May**® Shasta daisy (Zones 5-8) Full Sun

White flowers, 3¼ in. wide, late June to late July; 20 in. tall × 27 in. wide; compact, uniform habit

***Monarda* 'Peter's Fancy Fuchsia'** – bee balm (Zones 3-7) Full Sun

Fuchsia flowers, 4 in. wide, early July to mid-September; 47 in tall × 58 in. wide; fairly mildew-resistant

***Nepeta* 'Novanepjun'** – **Junior Walker**™ catmint (Zones 5-9) Full Sun

Lavender-blue flowers, late May to October; non-seeding; blue-green leaves; compact, 22 in. tall × 35 in. wide

***Nepeta* × *faassenii* 'Purrsian Blue'** – catmint (Zones 3-8) Full Sun

Lavender-blue flowers, 6 in. long, late May to October; bluer than Junior Walker; green leaves; compact habit, 17 in. tall × 25 in. wide

***Phlox maculata* 'Flower Power'** – phlox (Zones 5-8) Full Sun to Partial Shade

White flowers with a pink blush, fragrant, early July to September; 48 in. tall × 36 in. wide; robust habit with erect dark stems; resistant to powdery mildew but troubled by rabbits

***Phlox paniculata* ‘Ditondre’ – Coral Crème Drop** garden phlox (Zones 4-8) Full Sun to Partial Shade
Coral flowers, 1¾ in. wide, mid-June to October; 32 in. tall × 22 in. wide; upper leaves and calyces are deep burgundy; excellent mildew resistance

***Phlox* ‘Forever Pink’** – phlox (Zones 4-8) Full Sun
Purplish-pink flowers, 1 in. wide, June and intermittently into October; 17 in. tall × 31 in. wide

***Rudbeckia* ‘American Gold Rush’ – Everlasting Sun™** black-eyed Susan (Zone 4-9) Full Sun
Golden yellow flowers, 2¼ in. wide, drooping rays, late July to mid-October; dense bushy mounds, 27 in. tall × 40 in. wide; hairy foliage resistant to Septoria leaf spot

***Schizachyrium scoparium* ‘Carousel’** – little bluestem (Zones 2-7) Full Sun
Blue-green leaves with streaks of pink; 30 in. tall and wide; compact habit; drought tolerant

***Schizachyrium scoparium* ‘Jazz’** – little bluestem (Zones 4-10) Full Sun
Blue-green leaves; 24-30 in. tall and 18-24 in. wide; stays upright; shorter than ‘The Blues’

***Sporobolus heterolepis* ‘Tara’** – prairie dropseed (Zones 4-8) Full Sun to Light Shade
Fine-textured green leaves; vase-shaped habit; 24 in. tall (w/flowers) × 18-24 in. wide; fragrant flowers; darker seed heads than species; orange fall color; drought tolerant

***Stachys officinalis* ‘Pink Cotton Candy’** – wood betony (Zones 4-8) Full Sun
Two-tone bright pink flowers, late June to late August; 24 in. tall and wide; robust habit

Stachys minima – dwarf betony (Zones 3-8) Full Sun
Bright violet flowers in July and early August; 8 in. tall × 12 in. wide; dark green leaves; compact mounds

***Stokesia laevis* ‘Honeysong Purple’** – Stokes’ aster (Zones 5-9) Full Sun to Light Shade
Dark purple flowers, 3 inches wide, early July into September; 18 in. tall × 24 in. wide; most consistent performer in our trials; uniform habit; does not like wet winter soils

***Thalictrum* ‘Elin’** – meadow rue (Zones 4-9) Partial Shade to Full Sun
Lavender and yellow flowers, ½ in. wide; in early July to late August; 96 in. tall × 30 in. wide

***Thalictrum* ‘Splendide’** – meadow rue (Zones 4-8) Partial Shade to Full Sun
Lavender and yellow flowers, ¾ in. wide, late July to November; 75 in. tall × 24 in. wide; free-flowering

***Vernonia lettermannii* ‘Iron Butterfly’** – slimleaf ironweed (Zones 4-9) Full Sun
Purple flowers (disk florets only), ½ in. wide, late August to early October; 30 in. tall × 45 in. wide; soft, needlelike foliage; tolerant of dry conditions but not overly wet soils; more compact than species

***Vernonia* ‘Southern Cross’** – ironweed (Zones 4-9) Full Sun
Bright purple flowers, 1 in. wide, late August to early October; 39 in. tall × 33 in. wide; narrow leaves

***Veronica gentianoides* ‘Pallida’** – gentian speedwell (Zones 4-7) Full Sun
Pale blue flowers, ½ in. wide, mid-May to mid-June; 24 in. tall and wide; mat-forming habit; ‘Barbara Sherwood’ is a good alternative with deeper blue flowers

***Veronica* ‘Whitewater’** – prostrate speedwell (Zones 4-7) Full Sun to Partial Shade
White-flowered selection of ‘Waterperry Blue’, ½ in. wide flowers in late April to late June; 4-6 in. tall × 12-18 in. wide; ground cover speedwell; introduced by Chicagoland Grows™

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