

HERBACEOUS PLANTS FOR LANDSCAPE COLOR LATE JULY - EARLY AUGUST¹

In late July and early August 1996, world attention will focus on Atlanta and venues throughout Georgia as we host the Summer Olympic Games. Thousands of people will visit the state and millions will see the games and venues via television. This publication has been developed in response to numerous inquiries about landscape plants which flower at that time of year. Although some few shrubs and trees flower in late July and early August, landscapers will be largely dependent on color provided from herbaceous plants--annuals and perennials.

This publication is intended to provide guidelines for herbaceous plant selection. The authors have concentrated principally on those species (and sometime cultivars) which are known to be dependable and are generally available in the greenhouse/nursery trade. (Orders for specific cultivars or large quantities of any species should generally be placed no later than fall 1995.)

This list is not intended to be all inclusive as other species and cultivars may also be suitable. Flowering time will vary somewhat with seasonal variations. Flowering time will also be influenced by location within the state, however, this effect is generally less noticeable than in the case of spring flowering plants.

Success with these and other species will depend on many factors--high quality plants, good soil preparation, proper planting, and proper care. Late July and early August are typically hot and humid and subject to drought. Landscapers should be very careful in choosing species for nonirrigated sites. Most of the perennials listed should be planted in fall 1995 for best effect, but not later than March 1996 to allow time for establishment. Most of the annuals listed are summer annuals which should not be planted until after the last frost in spring (early to mid-April in central Georgia).

The following list is divided into annuals and perennials according to their conventional landscape use; some of the "annuals" are in fact tender perennials. A few annuals and perennials grown for foliage color or texture are also included. Some few bulbous plants are also included.

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<u>Annuals</u>			
Botanical Name	Common Name	Color²	Comments
Ageratum houstonianum	Ageratum	Bu, Wh, Pk	Most cvs.
Begonia semperflorens	Begonia	Wh, Pk, Rd, Ro	Most cvs.
Cassia alata	Cassia	Yw	Must be started previous fall
Catharanthus roseus	Annual Vinca	Rd, Wh, Pk, La	Most cvs.
Celosia cristata	Celosia	Most except Bl	Plume and crested types
Cleome hasslerana	Cleome	Wh, Pk, Ro, Li	Can direct seed
Coleus x hybridus 'Sunlover Series'	Coleus		Grown for foliage Good series
Cosmos bipinnatus	Cosmos	Wh, Pk, Ro, Rd	Most cvs.
Cosmos sulphureus	Cosmos	Ye, Or, Rd	Most cvs.
Cuphea hyssopifolia	Mexican Heather	La, Wh	
Dahlia hybrids	Dahlia	Most except Bl	Bedding types; deadheading required
Daucus carota	Queen Ann's Lace	Wh	Can be direct seeded
Dianthus chinensis	Dianthus	Wh, Pk, Ro, Rd	Most cvs.
Dolichos lablab	Hyacinth Bean	Li	Vine
Gazania x hybrida 'Talent Series'	Gazania	Wh, Ye, Go, Or	Most cvs. Good series
Gomphrena globosa	Gomphrena	Wh, Pk, Ro, La	Most cvs.
Helianthus annuus	Sunflower	Wh, Ye, Go, Rd	Dwarf types
Helichrysum bracteatum	Strawflower	Rd, Ye, Pk, Wh	Most cvs.
Impatiens walleriana	Impatiens	Most except Bl & Ye	Most cvs.
Impatiens New Guinea Hybrids	New Guinea Impatiens	Most except Bl & Ye	Most cvs.
Ipomoea batatas 'Blackie'	Blackie Sweet Potato		Vine; grown for foliage
Ipomoea purpurea	Morning-glory	Most except Ye	Vine
Melampodium paludosum	Melampodium	Ye-Go	
Petunia x hybrida 'Purple Wave'	Petunia	All Pu	Multifloras best for landscape use New groundcover type; AAS Winner
Pentas lanceolata 'Nova'	Pentas	Rs	
Pelargonium x hortorum	Geranium	All except Bl & Ye	Seed and cutting propagated
Portulaca oleracea	Purslane	All except Bl	Good for container use
Ricinus communis	Castor Oil Plant		Grown for foliage
Salvia coccinea	Salvia	Wh, Pk, Rd	Most cvs.
Salvia farinacea	Blue Salvia	Bl, Wh	Most cvs.
Salvia splendens	Scarlet Sage	Rd, Pk, Wh, Pu	Most cvs.
Sanvitalia procumbens	Creeping Zinnia	Go	
Scaevola aemula	Blue Fan Flower	Bl	
Tagetes patula	French Marigold	Ye, Go, Or	Most cvs.
Tagetes erecta	African Marigold	Ye, Go, Or, Wh	Most cvs.

²Bl (Blue), Go (Gold), La (Lavender) Li (Lilac), Or (Orange), Pk (Pink), Pu (Purple), Ro (Rose), Rd (Red), Vi (Violet), Wh (White), Ye (Yellow). Colors are approximate; consult cultivar descriptions and photographs for selection.

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Tagetes x hybrida	Marigold	Ye, Go, Or	Most cvs.
Verbena x hybrida	Annual Verbena	Most except Ye	See Perennial Verbena
Zinnia linearis	Creeping Zinnia	Or, Wh	
<u>Herbaceous Perennials</u>			
Acanthus spinosus	Bear's-breech		Grown for coarse foliage (blooms earlier)
Achillea x millefolium 'Oertel's Rose' 'Debutante' 'Parkers' 'Summer Pastels'	Yarrow	Ro Pastel Mix Ye Pastel Mix	These cvs. suggested
Achillea ptarmica 'Goodness Grows' 'Perry's White'	Yarrow	Wh Wh	These cvs. suggested
Achillea x 'Coronation Gold'		Go	
Agastache 'Heather Queen'	Giant Hyssop	Ro	
Artemesia schmidtiana	Mugwort		Grown for silver-grey foliage
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Weed	Or, Wh	Most cvs.
Astilbe taquetii 'Superba'	Astilbe	Pk	Most. spp. & cvs. flower earlier
Astilbe chinensis var. pumila	Astilbe	Pk	
Aster x frikartii 'Monch' 'Woods Purple'	Aster	La La	Most cvs. flower later
Asteromoea mongolica	Japanese Aster	Wh	
Caladium x hortulanum	Caladium		Grown for foliage
Canna x generalis	Canna	Wh, Pk, Ro, Rd, Ye, Or	Rhizome
Caryopteris 'Longwood Blue'	Blue Mist	Bl	Some other cvs.
Chasmanthium latifolium	Upland Oats		Grown for seed heads
Chrysanthemum 'Ryan's Daisy'	Chrysanthemum	Wh w/Ye center	Most Chrysanthemums flower later
Coreopsis lanceolata 'Sunray' 'Gold Fink'	Lanceleaf Coreopsis	Go Ye	These cvs. suggested
Coreopsis verticillata 'Zagreb'	Threadleaf Coreopsis	Ye	This cv. suggested
Crocosmia x 'Lucifer'	Crocosmia	Rd	
Dianthus gratianopolitanus 'Bath's Pink'	Pink	Pk	Grown for blue-grey foliage (flowers earlier)
Dianthus plumarius & hybrids	Pink		Grown for blue-grey foliage (flowers earlier)
Delosperma cooperi	Hardy Ice Plant	Pu	
Echinacea purpurea 'Bright Star' 'White Swan'	Purple Coneflower	Ro Wh	These cvs. suggested (deadheading required)
Gaillardia x grandiflora 'Goblin' 'Baby Cole'	Blanketflower	Rd w/Ye Rd w/Ye	These cvs. suggested
Gaura lindheimeri	Gaura	Wh	
Helianthus x multiflorus 'Lodden Gold' 'Flore Pleno'	Helianthus	Go Ye	These cvs. suggested
Hemerocallis 'Stella d'Or' 'Black-eyed Stella'	Daylily	Most except Bl Go Go with dark center	Most cvs. flower earlier

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Heuchera 'Bressingham Bronze' 'Palace Purple'	Coral Flower		Grown for foliage (flowers earlier)
Hibiscus moscheutos	Hibiscus	Wh, Rd, Pk, Ro	Most cvs.
Hosta species & hybrids	Hosta		Grown for foliage
Lantana camara 'New Gold'	Lantana	Most except Bl Go	Some cvs. grown as annuals Georgia Gold Medal Winner
Lythrum x 'Morden Pink' x 'Robert' x 'Roseum Superbum'	Loosestrife	Pk Ro-Pu Ro-Pu	These cvs. suggested
Miscanthus sinensis 'Zebrinus'	Maidengrass Zebra Grass		Grown for foliage Grown for yellow-banded foliage
Oxalis regnelli 'Triangularis'	Purple-leaf Oxalis		Grown for foliage
Patrinia 'Nagoya'	Patrina	Ye	
Perovski atriplicifolia	Russian Sage	La-BI	Grown mostly for silver foliage
Phlox carolina 'Miss Lingard'	Carolina Phlox	Wh	This cv. recommended
Phlox paniculata 'David' 'Common Purple' 'Mt. Fujiyama' 'Orange Perfection'	Summer Phlox	Wh L Wh Or	These cvs. suggested
Polygonium aubertii	Silver Fleece Vine	Wh	Vine
Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldstrum'	Black-eyed Susan	Go	This cv. recommended
Rudbeckia nitida 'Goldquelle'	Black-eyed Susan	Ye	This cv. recommended
Salvia guaranitica	Salvia	Vi-BI	Most cvs.
Salvia uliginosa	Salvia	BI	
Salvia x superba	Salvia	Pu	Most cvs.
Scabiosa columbaria	Pin Cushion	Pk	Most cvs.
Scabiosa lucida	Pin Cushion	Vi-BI	Most cvs.
Scabiosa caucasica	Pin Cushion	BI, Wh	Most cvs.
Setcreasea pallida	Purple Heart		Grown for purple foliage
Thalictrum rochebrunianum	Meadow Rue	Ro-Pu	
Verbena bonariensis	Tall Verbena	LI	
Verbena canadensis 'Rosea'	Verbena	Ro	Other cvs. also
Verbena x hybrida 'Abbeville' 'Evelyn Scot' 'Gene Cline' 'Taylortown Red' 'Homestead Purple' 'Sara Groves' 'Appleblossom'	Verbena	La Rd Ro Rd Pu Pk Pk	These cvs. are perennial
Verbena tenuisecta	Moss Verbena	BI-Pu, Wh	Not always perennial
Verbena rigida	Rigid Verbena	BI-Pu	
Veronica x 'Alba' x 'Goodness Grows' x 'Icicle' x 'Sunny Border Blue'	Speedwell	Wh Vi-BI Wh BI	These cvs. suggested
Veronica grandis holophylla 'Blue Charm'	Speedwell	BI	
Veronicastrum virginicum	Veronicastrum	Wh	