

## **Herbaceous Ornamental Perennials For Display Gardens**

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**A**s interest in herbaceous perennials continues to grow, novice gardeners, as well as the experts, are planning their gardens to display plants in categories or groups. Some of the categories include: full sun plants, shade plants, biennials, rock garden perennials, edging plants, evergreen plants, ground covers, cut flowers, dried flowers and fruits, perennials grown for their foliage, herbs, plants for wet soils, plants for dry soils, plants to attract birds, bees and butterflies, fragrant plants, plants for the seashore, urban perennials, low maintenance plants and, of course, perennials of different colors.

In the Connecticut Greenhouse Newsletter, Vol. 155:11-14, lists of perennials for cut and dried flowers were given. This article pertains to herbaceous perennials for display gardens. Specifically, tables with perennials for ground covers, low maintenance gardens and fragrance are presented. Future articles will continue to list plants according to category.

## Plants Used as Ground Covers

Botanical Name	Common Name	Evergreen or Partially Evergreen*
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i> 'Variegatum'	Bishop's Goutweed	No
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugleweed	Yes
<i>Asarum europaeum</i>	European Wild Ginger	Yes
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow-in-summer	Yes
<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>	Plumbago	No
<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	Goldenstar	Yes
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-Valley	No
<i>Epimedium x rubrum</i>	Barrenwort	No
<i>Festuca ovina glauca</i>	Blue Fescue	Yes
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	No
<i>Houttuynia cordata</i>	Houttuynia	No
<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolan</i> <i>variegatum</i>	Yellow Archangel	No
<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	Spotted Deadnettle	Yes
<i>Liriope spicata</i>	Creeping Lilyturf	Yes
<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>	Pachysandra	Yes
<i>Phalaris arundinaceae picta</i>	Ribbon Grass	No
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Moss Pink	Yes
<i>Polygonum affine</i>	Fleeceflower	Yes
<i>Pulmonaria saccharata</i> <i>or angustifolia</i>	Lungwort	No
<i>Sagina subulata</i>	Corsican Pearlwort	Yes
<i>Semperivium tectorum</i>	Hen-and-Chicks	Yes
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	Lamb's Ear	Yes
<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Foam Flower	Yes
<i>Waldsteinia fragarioides</i>	Barren Strawberry	Yes

\*Depends on zone



## Plants for Low Maintenance Gardens

<b>Botanical Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<i>Astilbe x arendsii</i>	False Spirea
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	False Indigo
<i>Chrysanthemum coccineum</i>	Painted Daisy
<i>Chrysanthemum x superbum</i>	Shasta Daisy
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-Valley
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> or <i>verticillata</i>	Tickseed
<i>Dianthus plumarius</i>	Garden Pinks
<i>Dicentra eximia</i> and <i>spectabilis</i>	Bleeding Hearts
<i>Dictamnus albus</i>	Gas Plant
<i>Doronicum cordatum</i>	Leopardsbane
<i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i>	Blanket Flower
<i>Helleborus niger</i>	Christmas Rose
<i>Hemerocallis hybrids</i>	Daylily
<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	Coralbells
<i>Hosta hybrids</i>	Plantain Lily
<i>Iris sibirica</i>	Siberian Iris
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Beebalm
<i>Papaver orientale</i>	Oriental Poppy
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Moss-pink
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	False Dragonhead
<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>	Jacobs-ladder
<i>Rudbeckia hirta pulcherrima</i>	Black-eyed Susan
<i>Sedum spectabile</i>	Showy Sedum
<i>Thermopsis caroliniana</i>	Carolina Lupine
<i>Tradescantia x andersoniana</i>	Virginia Spiderwort
<i>Viola odorata</i>	Sweet Violet



## Plants with Fragrant Foliage or Flowers

<b>Botanical Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Flowers/Foliage</b>
<i>Achillea filipendulina</i>	Fernleaf Yarrow	Foliage
<i>Achillea tomentosa</i>	Woolly Yarrow	Foliage
<i>Allium tuberosum</i>	Fragrant Onion	Foliage
<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	Golden Marguerite	Foliage
<i>Arabis caucasica</i>	Rock Cress	Flower
<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	White Sage	Foliage
<i>Chrysanthemum x morifolium</i>	Chrysanthemum	Foliage
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-Valley	Flower
<i>Dianthus plumarius</i>	Garden Pink	Flower
<i>Dictanmus albus</i>	Gas Plant	Foliage
<i>Erysimum asperum</i>	Wallflower	Flower
<i>Fritillaria imperialis</i>	Crown Imperial	Flower
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	Foliage
<i>Hemerocallis hybrids</i>	Daylily	Flower
<i>Hosta plantaginea</i>	Fragrant Plantain Lily	Flower
<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i>	Hyacinth	Flower
<i>Iris germanica</i>	German or Bearded Iris	Flower
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	Lavender	Flower
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Bee Balm	Foliage
<i>Muscari armeniacum</i>	Grape Hyacinth	Flower
<i>Nepeta x faassenii</i>	Catmint	Foliage
<i>Oenothera missourensis</i>	Sundrop	Flower
<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian Sage	Foliage
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Blue Phlox	Flower
<i>Thymus spp.</i>	Thyme	Foliage
<i>Viola odorata</i>	Sweet Violet	Flower

