

Suggested Perennials and Perennial Themed Gardens

Plant	USDA Zone	Culinary	Ornamental	Insectary	Medicinal	Flower Color	Flowering Times	Evergreen Deciduous
Sage <i>Salvia</i> Various types	6-10	✿	✿	✿		Various	Depends on Variety	E/D
Rosemary <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	1 -9	✿	✿	✿	✿	Blue	Early Spring-Summer	E
Penstemon <i>Penstemon strictus</i>	4-9		✿			Various	Spring	E
Jerusalem Sage <i>Pulmonaria fruticosa</i>	1-3		✿	✿		Yellow	Spring	E
Lambs Ear <i>Stachys byzantina</i>	4-8		✿	✿		Purple	Spring	E
Peruvian Lily <i>Alstroemeria</i>	1-7		✿			Various	Spring- Summer	D
Artichoke <i>Cynara scolymus</i>	7-11	✿	✿			Purple	Spring-Fall	E
Society Garlic <i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>	7-10	✿	✿			Purple	Spring - Summer	E
Rhubarb <i>Rheum</i>	3-9	✿ Leaves are toxic	✿			Greenish-white	Late Spring - Summer	D
Kangaroo Paw, Cat's Paw <i>Anigozanthos flavidus</i>	9-10		✿			Various	Late Spring - Summer	E
Mints Various types	4-11	✿	✿	✿	✿	Violet-Lavender	Late Spring - Summer	E
Yarrow <i>Achillea</i>	3-9		✿	✿	✿	Various	Late Spring - Summer	D
Coreopsis	4-10		✿		✿	Yellow, Orange, Red	Spring - Fall	E
Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera</i>	4-10		✿	✿	✿	Yellow, Red	Late Spring - Summer	E
Common Sorrel <i>Rume x acetosa</i>	3-11	✿	✿	✿	✿		Late Spring	D

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Oregano <i>Origanum</i>	4 - 5	☼	☼	☼		Light Purple, Pink, White	Summer	E
Lemon Verbena <i>Akitsu truoqtkka</i>	8-10	☼	☼		☼	White	Summer	D
Thyme <i>Thymus</i>	5-11	☼		☼		White, Pink, Purple	Summer	E
Lemon Balm <i>Melissa Offincialis</i>	4-5	☼			☼	White	Spring - Summer	E/D
Lavender <i>Lavandula</i>	5-10	☼	☼	☼	☼	Purple, White	Summer	E
Catnip <i>Nepeta cataria</i>	4-8		☼	☼		White	Summer - Fall	D
Milkweed <i>Asclepias</i>	3-9			☼		Pink, Yellow, Orange	Summer - Fall	D
Shasta Daisy <i>Leucanthemum</i>	4-10		☼	☼		White	Spring - Summer	E
Cape Fuschia <i>Phygelius</i>	7-9		☼			Orange, Red, Yellow	Spring – Late Fall	E
Butterfly Bush <i>Buddleia davidii</i>	5-9		☼	☼		Purple, Pink, Yellow White	Spring - Fall	E
Asters	3-9		☼	☼		Various	Summer - Fall	E
Scabiosa columbaria <i>Pincushion flower</i>	5-9		☼	☼		Red, Blue, Lavender, White	Spring - Summer	E/D
Bulbs	Varies		☼			Various	Choose for school year blooming	D
Lion's Tail <i>Leonatus leonurus</i>	8-10		☼			Orange	Summer - Fall	E
Comfrey <i>Symphytum officinale</i>	4-9		☼			Blue, Pink, White	Spring - Summer	D
Santa Barbara Daisy <i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>	5-9		☼	☼		Pink, White, Violet	Spring - Fall	E
Lantana <i>Lantana camara</i>	8-11		☼	☼		Various	Year-round	E

Re-seeding Annuals

Although these are not technically perennial plants, they sure act like them! They come back year after year from seeds they dropped the previous years.

Amaranth
Coreopsis
Cosmos
Fever Few
Marigolds
Mullein *Verbascum*
Nigella

Poppies
Snap Dragons
Stock
Sunflowers
Sweet Peas
Zinnias

These have edible flower petals:

Bachelor Buttons
Borage
Calendula
Nasturtiums
Violas

Perennial Themed Gardens

Many educational gardens are arranged by themes that connect with student's studies. Here is a list of suggested theme gardens. With a little research and thought, you can easily create a planting list to support these themes.

Alphabet Garden – plant something for every letter in the alphabet

Zoo Garden – plants with animal characteristics (i.e. lambs ears, tiger lilly)

Craft Garden – plants that can be used for art

Edible Flower Garden – flowers with edible flower parts

Nectar Suckers – flowers with good nectar sources to suck from

Medieval Garden – plants grown and used during the medieval times

Fairy Tale Garden – plants from a favorite story

Rainbow Garden – plant all the colors of the rainbow

Herb or Tea Garden – culinary and tea plants

Cut Flower Garden – plants grown for making bouquets

Butterfly or Pollinator Garden – plants that attract pollinators or butterflies

Prehistoric Garden – relatives of plants that were around when the dinosaurs roamed the earth (non-flowering plants)

Sensory Garden – plants that smell and feel good

California History or Mission Garden – plants used during the mission period

Medicinal Garden – plants traditionally used for medicine

Stinky Garden – plants with strong smells

Cultural Garden – plants that have traditionally been grown by a particular culture or ethnic group

Bog Garden – plants adapted to wet areas

Succulent Garden – plants adapted to dry areas

Carnivorous Garden – plants adapted to eat insects for nourishment