



WESTON GARDENS

Top 20 * SUN * Perennials

Flame Anisacanthus - (*Anisacanthus quadrifidus* v. *wrightii*): This 2' - 3' plant produces tubular red-orange flowers from June through October. It is one of the best for attracting hummingbirds. Bloom quality is better in sunny locations, but it will also bloom in shady areas. This is an extremely tough, hardy performer - those in our gardens were planted in the early 1930's.

Texas Aster - (*Aster oblongifolius*): Fall Asters add exciting color to the landscape from September to November when most all other perennials have stopped blooming. The plants mound at 2' - 3' and are covered with 1 1/2" wide lavender flowers. Excellent drought tolerance. Prefers a sunny, well-drained location, but will flower in partial shade.

Artemisia 'Powis Castle' - (*Artemisia* x. 'Powis Castle'): The best artemisia we've tried. Grows 2' to 3' and provides excellent gray, finely divided foliage. Accent and relief from green leafed plants is outstanding. Very aromatic. Full sun and well-drained soil.

Blackeyed Susan - (*Rudbeckia* sp.): Many varieties of the old time favorite are available. '**Goldstrum**' is a compact variety of one of Texas' favorite native species (grows 18" - 24" tall). The plant is covered with masses of golden yellow, black-eyed daisies from June to September. '**Irish Eyes**' is a yellow bloomer with a green center. Grows best in full sun and well-drained soil.

Butterfly Bush - (*Buddleia* sp.): One of the most appropriate common names, for this plant is truly one of the butterflies' favorites. Grows 3' - 4' to 6' - 7' depending on selection. Flowers are beautiful panicles and colors include purple, red, white, pink, blue, purple and yellow. Every gardener who likes butterflies definitely should include this plant. Excellent drainage is a must.

Calylophus - (*Calylophus drummondianus*): Outstanding yellow (2" wide) flowers cover this Texas native from March till November. Mature flowers turn orange. Prefers full sun and well-drained soil. Grows 1' - 1.5' tall and wide. Excellent in mass and in hot dry beds. Per square foot of bloom, no plant is showier. Plant it, and you will be impressed.

Moonbeam Coreopsis - (*Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam'): At the top of the class for outstanding performance is the Moonbeam. This plant was voted the Perennial Plant Association's Plant of the Year for 1992, and it is easy to see why. This easy-to-grow perennial is covered with small, lemon-yellow daisies and has dark green, airy, thin leaves. It grows to 18"; does well in full sun or light shade. '**Zagreb**' is also an excellent threadleaf coreopsis - a little more upright than 'Moonbeam'. '**Rosea**' is a pink flowering, threadleaf variety. Other upright, broadleaf, yellow blooming varieties worthy of consideration are '**Nana**' (10" - 12"), '**Sunray**' and '**Early Sunrise**' (both 18" - 24"). Coreopsis are not out of bloom from June till frost. Need well-drained soil.

Purple Coneflower - (*Echinacea purpurea*): One of the most hardy, long flowering plants we sell. The 2' - 3' tall plant has rose-purple daisies with dark cones from May through September. Attractive to butterflies. Excellent as a cut flower and for arrangements. A full sun and partial shade performer. Also available in white.

Oxeve Daisy - (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*): Grows 18" to 36" tall. Blooms are classic white daisies with yellow centers and occur March to May. Grow in sun to partial shade. Excellent cut flowers. One of the showiest perennials.

Gaura - (*Gaura lindheimeri*): The effect is like floating butterflies. Grows 36" - 48". The small, pink and white flowers seem to float above the foliage. Flowering is prolific spring to fall. Plants prefer full sun or partial shade (too much shade causes flopping). One of the most durable and beautiful plants.



Upright Germander - (*Teucrium chamaedrys*): Low growing (1' to 2'), strong evergreen groundcover or perennial border plant. Use in mass plantings or as a low hedge. Tiny, pink flower spikes in summer. Full sun or partial shade in any well-drained soil.

Texas Lantana - (*L. horrida*): We don't mean the low-growing, new-fangled hybrids. This tall growing (4' - 5' tall and wide) orange-yellow or pink-yellow bloomer is an extremely reliable perennial, whereas the new-improved versions may or may not come back after our winters. Grows well in dry, sunny, hot locations and blooms profusely from April till November. Outstanding butterfly attractor. Is showier and showier as the Texas heat becomes more intense. Plant it. Establish it. Enjoy it for a lifetime.

Rock Rose - (*Pavonia lasiopetala*): Excellent drought tolerant, shrubby perennial best used in mass plantings or in containers. Rock Rose is covered with bright rose-pink single flowers from April to October. The flowers close in the afternoon and open again in the morning. Grows 2' - 3' tall. Needs good drainage and full sun.

Gregg's Salvia - (*Salvia greggii*): One of the toughest, most beautiful performers for hot, dry, sunny areas. Colors available are cardinal red, light red, pink, white, yellow, coral and raspberry. Blooms from March till frost with most prolific blooming in spring and fall. Hummingbirds love this plant. To keep it low-growing and dense, cut it in half twice a year (mid February and mid June). It is one of the most frequently planted natives and it is easy to understand why.

Russian Sage - (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*): A very under-utilized plant. This perennial is noteworthy for its long season (June-October) color (violet-blue flowers) and silvery foliage. It grows 3' - 3-1/2' tall in full sun. Russian Sage is unbeatable for mass color, fragrance and outstanding foliage/flower contrast. Perennial plant of the year for 1995.

Sedum - (*Sedum* sp.): Very diverse species that should be used more and more in mixed border plantings. Many groundcover selections are available (e.g., **'S. acre'**(yellow bloom), **'Dragons Blood'**(blood red foliage), **'Tricolor'**(variegated foliage)) and many upright varieties are offered (e.g., **'Autumn Joy'**(bright pink flowers and 2' -3'), **'Vera Jameson'**(purple leaves and lt. pink flowers), **'Mohrchen'**(burgundy leaves and red flowers)). All sedum bloom in late summer or early fall. All add textural interest with their unique and colorful succulent foliage. Some of the most durable plants.

Veronica - (*Veronica* sp.): One of our favorites is **'Sunny Border Blue'** , the "perennial plant of the year" for 1993. Veronicas are among the most trouble-free and long-blooming of all perennials. These lush, uniform, mound-shaped plants (18" - 24" tall) are covered with long flower spikes and rich, glossy, dark green foliage. They bloom all season long (April till frost) in full sun or light shade. **'Red Fox'** (rosy pink) , **'Icicle'** (white) and **'Blue Charm'** (light blue) are also excellent.

Wild Petunia - (*Ruellia* sp.) (*R. brittoniana*, *R. 'Katie's Dwarf'*, *R. nudiflora*, *R. malacosperma*, *R. caroliniensis*): Right now at Weston Gardens, we sell six different *Ruellia* and all are excellent. They range in height from 10" to 3'. All have crinkly, purple/lavender flowers (we now have white and pink flowering varieties, too) that resemble petunias. This is the perfect plant for those troublesome shady areas where no other flowering plant will grow. This plant will also grow in full sun. Blooms April to November. **'Katie's Dwarf'** is an especially lush, low grower with long, thin leaves.

Winecups - (*Callirhoe involucrata*): A low growing (10" - 12"), early spring bloomer (February to June). Blooms are wine-red and unmatched by any flower in the garden. It looks good at the front of the border or cascading over a wall. Generally goes dormant in July if not given extra water.

Yarrow - (*Achillea* sp.): Upright, lacy foliage with flat topped clusters of flowers. The variety seen most often along Texas roadsides blooms white. Colors of hybrids include white, rose, pink, red and yellow. Some have silvery gray foliage. Grow 1' to 3' depending on variety. Prefers full sun. Blooms early spring to summer.



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