

# Perennials for the Tri-State

Consider choosing perennials in your landscape or garden to add layers of interest below trees and shrubs, to add color throughout the season and to lower the maintenance required in your garden by planting them just once and seeing them return each year. These plants have been chosen for their reliability, but also for their uniqueness and underuse. There are thousands of perennial plants, and even more cultivars, but this list will get you started and as you get to know these plants, you can do more research on other related species (spp.) and cultivars (cvs.). Native plants are designated with (N), and deer resistant with (DR) – although, deer will eat anything if hungry enough!

## Plants for Sun (6 hours or more)

- (DR) Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium* 'Summer Pastels,' 'Moonshine,' 'Terra Cotta')
- (DR) Hyssop (*Agastache* 'Blue Fortune,' 'Black Adder')
- (N, DR) Bluestar (*Amsonia hubrichtii*, *Amsonia* 'Blue Ice')
- (N, DR) Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata* 'Soulmate')
- (N, DR) Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- (N, DR) New England aster (*Symphoricarpos/Aster noviangliae* & *A. novibelgii* cvs.)
- (N, DR) Aromatic aster (*Aster oblongifolius* 'Raydon's Favorite')
- (N, DR) False indigo (*Baptisia australis*)
- Blackberry lily (*Belamcanda chinensis* 'Hello Yellow')
- (DR) Dwarf plumbago (*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*)
- (DR) Bellflower (*Campanula carpatica* 'Deep Blue Clips')
- (DR) Peach-leaved bellflower (*Campanula persicifolia*)
- Hardy Mum (*Chrysanthemum* 'Sheffield Pink')
- (N, DR) Tickseed (*Coreopsis grandiflora* 'Sunray,' 'Jethro Tull,' *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Zagreb')
- (DR) Cheddar pinks (*Dianthus* g. 'Bath's Pink,' 'Firewitch,' 'Raspberry Surprise,' 'Wicked Witch')
- (N, DR) Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea* 'Kim's Knee High,' E. 'Magnus,' E. 'White Swan,' E. 'Fragrant Angel,' Meadowbrite Series, Big Sky Series)
- (N, DR) Joe Pye weed (*Eupatorium* d. 'Little Joe,' E. rugosum 'Chocolate,' E. maculatum 'Gateway')
- (N, DR) Wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)
- (DR) Hardy geranium (*Geranium* x c. 'Biokovo,' 'Karmina')
- (N, DR) Dwarf crested iris (*Iris cristata*)
- (DR) Iberis 'Tahoe'
- (DR) Stokesia laevis 'Colorwheel'
- (DR) Leucanthemum 'Becky,' 'Snowcap'
- (DR) Siberian iris (*Iris siberica* cvs.)
- (N, DR) Blue flag (*Iris versicolor*)
- (N) False sunflower (*Heliopsis helianthoides* 'Summer Sun,' 'Summer Nights')
- (DR) English lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia* 'Hidcote,' 'Munstead')
- Japanese aster (*Kalimeris incisa* 'Blue Star')
- (N, DR) Gayfeather (*Liatris spicata*)
- (N, DR) Beebalm (*Monarda fistulosa*, *Monarda* 'Gardenview Scarlet,' M. 'Petite Delight')
- (DR) Catmint (*Nepeta faassenii* 'Walker's Low')
- (N) Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis* 'Husker Red,' 'Dark Towers')
- (N, DR) Obedient plant (*Physostegia virginiana* 'Miss Manners,' 'Vivid')
- (N, DR) Woodland phlox (*Phlox divaricata*)
- (N, DR) Garden phlox (*Phlox paniculata* 'David,' 'Nicky,' 'Laura')
- (N, DR) Orange coneflower (*Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Little Goldstar,' 'Viette's Little Suzy')
- (N, DR) Sweet coneflower (*Rudbeckia subtomentosa* 'Little Henry,' 'Henry Eilers')
- (DR) Woodland sage (*Salvia nemorosa* 'Blue Hill,' S. 'Madeline,' 'Caradonna')
- Stonecrop (*Sedum* 'Autumn Fire,' S. 'Chocolate Drop')
- Carpet stonecrop (*Sedum* sp. & cvs.)
- (N) Fire pink (*Silene virginica*)
- (N, DR) Blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium* 'Lucerne,' 'Devon Skies')
- (N, DR) Goldenrod (*Solidago rugosa* 'Fireworks,' 'Golden Fleece,' *Solidago shortii* 'Solar Cascade')
- (N, DR) Spiderwort (*Tradescantia* 'Bilberry Ice,' 'Sweet Kate,' 'Concord Grape')



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## Grasses: Sun

- (DR) Variegated Feather Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis* x a. 'Eldorado')
- (N, DR) Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium* 'The Blues')
- (N, DR) Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum* 'Northwind,' 'Heavy metal,' 'Shenandoah')

## Ferns: Shade

- (DR) Branford Beauty Fern (*Athyrium* 'Branford Beauty')
- (N, DR) Lady Fern (*Athyrium filix femina*)
- (DR) Japanese Painted Fern (*Athyrium niponicum*)
- (DR) Dixie Wood Fern (*Dryopteris x autralis*)
- (DR) Brilliance autumn fern (*Dryopteris erythrosora* 'Brilliance')
- (N, DR) Ostrich Fern (*Matteucia struthiopteris*)
- (N, DR) Christmas Fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)



## Plants for Part Sun and Shade (Less than 6 hours)

- (DR) Lady's Mantle (*Alchemilla mollis*)
- (DR) Japanese anemone (*Anemone x hybrida* 'Honorine Jobert,' 'September Charm')
- (N, DR) Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- (DR) Italian arum (*Arum italicum*)
- (N, DR) Goatsbeard (*Aruncus dioicus*, *A. aethusifolius*)
- (N, DR) Canadian ginger (*Asarum canadense*)
- (DR) Siberian bugloss (*Brunnera* 'Jack Frost,' *Brunnera macrophylla*)
- (N, DR) Sedge (*Carex flaccosperma*, *C. plantaginea*, *C. radiata*, *C. pennsylvanica*)
- (DR) Japanese sedge (*Carex morrowii* 'Ice Dance,' 'Silver Sceptre')
- (N, DR) Turtlehead (*Chelone glabra* and *Chelone lyonii*)
- (N) Green and gold (*Chrysogonum virginianum* 'Pierre')
- (DR) Fringed bleeding heart (*Dicentra formosa* 'Luxuriant')
- (DR) Barrenwort/Fairy wings/Bishop's Cap (*Epimedium x. rubrum*, *Epimedium grandiflorum* 'Lilafee')
- (DR) Sweet woodruff (*Galium odoratum*)
- (DR) Bigroot geranium (*Geranium macrorrhizum* 'Ingwersens' Variety')
- (DR) Japanese forest grass (*Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola,' 'Fubuki')
- (DR) Christmas/Lenten Rose (*Helleborus* spp. & cvs.)
- (DR) (Some N) Coral bells (*Heuchera* spp. & cvs.)
- Plantain lily (*Hosta* spp. & cvs.)
- (DR) Yellow wax bells (*Kirengeshoma palmata*)
- Silver archangel (*Lamiastrum g.* 'Herman's Pride')
- (DR) Spotted deadnettle (*Lamium maculatum* 'Pink Pewter,' 'Purple Dragon')
- (N, DR) Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
- (N, DR) Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*)
- (DR) Variegated Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum odoratum* 'Variegatum')
- (DR) Lungwort (*Pulmonaria* spp. & cvs.)
- (N) Whorled stonecrop (*Sedum ternatum* 'Larinem Park')
- (N, DR) Celandine/wood poppy (*Stylophorum diphyllum*)
- (N, DR) Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia* cvs.)
- (DR) Japanese toad lily (*Tricyrtis hirta* & cvs.)
- (DR) Violet (*Viola labradorica* & cvs.)
- (DR, N) Indian Pink (*Spigelia Marilandica*)
- Astilbe 'Visions,' 'Deutschland,' 'Purple Candles'
- *Ligularia dentata* 'Britt Marie Crawford'

