

Rocky Mountain Perennial Bloom Guide

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GROUND COVERS

Creeping Oregon Grape Holly	March	Yes
Barren Strawberry	Apr-May	Yes
Sweet Violet	Apr-May	
Creeping Phlox	Apr-Jun	
Speedwell	Apr-Jun	Yes
Sweet Woodruff	Apr-Jun	
Mock Strawberry	May	Yes
Scotch or Irish Moss	May	
Carpet Bugle	May-Jun	
Cranesbill	May-Jun	
Creeping Buttercup	May-Jun	
Dead Nettles	May-Jun	
Kinnikinnick	May-Jun	Yes
Periwinkle	May-Jun	
Pussytoes	May-Jun	Yes
Self Heal	May-Jun	Yes
Snow in Summer	May-Jun	Yes
Soapwort	May-Jun	
Yellow Archangel	May-Jun	
Yellow Iceplant	May-Jun	Yes
Maiden Pinks	May-July	
Strawberry	May-July	Yes
Creeping Potentilla	May-Aug	
Creeping Tickseed	May-Aug	
Thyme	May-Aug	Yes
Stoncrop	May-Sep	Yes
Snow on the Mtn	Jun	
Moneywort	Jun-Jul	
Mexican Evening Primrose	Jun-Aug	Yes
Prairie Winecup	Jun-Aug	Yes
Woolly Yarrow	Jul-Aug	Yes
Creeping St. Johnswort	Jul-Sep	
Desert Paper Flower	Jul-Oct	Yes
Himalayan Border Jewel	Aug-Sep	
Plumbago, Leadwort	Aug-Sep	
Purple Leaf Wintercreeper	Sep-Oct	

BIENNIALS

Sweet William	Apr-Jul	
Honesty, Money Plant	Apr-Jun	
Canterbury Bells	May-Jun	
English Wallflower	May-Jul	
Iceland Poppy	May-Jul	Yes
Clary Sage	Jun-Jul	
Foxglove	Jun-Aug	
Chocolate Flower	Jun-Sep	Yes
Mullein	Jun-Oct	Yes
Chinese Angelica	Jul-Sep	

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Prairie Coneflower	Jul-Oct	Yes
Gloriosa Daisy	Aug-Sep	Yes

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GRASSES

Blue Avena or Blue Oat	Jun-Aug	
Fescue	Jun-Aug	Yes
Little Bluestem	Jun-Aug	Yes
Fountain Grass	Jul	
Switch Grass	Jul	Yes
Indian Grass	Jul-Aug	Yes
Moor Grass	Jul-Aug	
Big Bluestem	Jul-Sep	Yes
Feather Reed Grass	Jul-Sep	
Northern Sea Oats	Jul-Sep	
Maiden or Miscanthus Grass	Aug-Sep	
Plume or Ravenna Grass	Aug-Sep	Yes
Giant Reed	Sep-Oct	

BULBS

Common Snowdrop	Feb-Mar	
Crocus	Feb-Mar	
Winter Aconite	Feb-Mar	
Netted Iris	Feb-Apr	Yes
Glory of the Snow	Mar	
Striped Squill	Mar	Yes
Grape Hyacinth	Mar-Apr	Yes
Spring Snowflake	Mar-Apr	
Daffodil, Narcissus, Jonquil	Mar-May	
Tulip	Mar-Jun	Yes
Wind Flower	Apr	
Dutch Hyacinth	Apr-May	
Siberian Squill	Apr-May	Yes
Star of Bethlehem	Apr-May	
Crown Imperial	May-Jun	
Ornamental Onion	May-Jun	
Garden Lily	Jun-Aug	
Italian Arum	Aug-Feb	
Resurrection Lily, Naked Lady	Aug-Sep	Yes
Meadow Saffron, Autumn Crocus	Sep	

BORDER

Lenten Rose	Feb-May	
Basket of Gold	Apr-May	Yes
False Forget Me Not	Apr-May	
Spotted Bethlehem Sage	Apr-May	
Cushion Spurge	May	
Leopard's Bane	May	
Bleeding Heart	May-Jun	

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Catmint	May-Jun	Yes
Golden Banner	May-Jun	
Columbine	May-Jun	
Flax	May-Jun	Yes
Hardy Gloxinia	May-Jun	
Heart leaved Bergenia	May-Jun	

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Iris, Tall Bearded	May-Jun	Yes
Lady's Mantle (Alchemilla)	May-Jun	
Oriental Poppy	May-Jun	Yes
Peony	May-Jun	
Purple Mullein	May-Jun	Yes
Snowdrop Anemone	May-Jun	
Lupine	May-Jul	
Maltese Cross	May-Jul	
Painted Daisy	May-Jul	
Potentilla	May-Jul	Yes
Snowy Tansy, Snow Daisy	May-Jul	Yes
Fern-leaved Bleeding Heart	May-Aug	
Garden Carnation	May-Aug	
Spike Speedwell	May-Aug	
Yarrow	May-Sep	Yes
Knautia	May-Frost	Yes
False Indigo	Jun	
Gasplant	Jun	
Giant Kale, Colewort	Jun	
Goat's Beard	Jun	
Iris, Siberian	Jun	
Marshall Chamomile	Jun	Yes
Alumroot	Jun-Jul	
Butterfly Weed	Jun-Jul	Yes
Cranesbill	Jun-Jul	
Cupid's Dart	Jun-Jul	
Fireweed	Jun-Jul	
Globeflower	Jun-Jul	
Italian Alkanet, Bugloss	Jun-Jul	
Jacob's Ladder	Jun-Jul	
Spiderwort	Jun-Jul	
Beard Tongue	Jun-Aug	Yes
Avens	Jun-Aug	
Balloon Flower	Jun-Aug	Yes
Cornflower	Jun-Aug	
Double Bubble Mint, Mtn Mint	Jun-Aug	Yes
Jupiter's Beard	Jun-Aug	
Torch Lily	Jun-Aug	Yes
Bellflower	Jun-Sep	
Blanket Flowers	Jun-Sep	Yes
Coralbells	Jun-Sep	Yes

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Delphinium	Jun-Sep	
Hollyhock Mallow	Jun-Sep	
Ornamental Oregano	Jun-Sep	
Salvia	Jun-Sep	Yes
Shasta Daisy	Jun-Sep	
Threadleaf Coreopsis	Jun-Sep	
Tree Mallow	Jun-Sep	Yes
Twinspur	Jun-Sep	
Coreopsis	Jun-Oct	

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Ozark Sundrops	Jun-Oct	Yes
Pincushion Flower	Jun-Oct	
Rose Campion	Jun-Oct	Yes
Bee Balm	Jul-Aug	Yes
Daylily	Jul-Aug	Yes
Dragonhead	Jul-Aug	
False Sunflower	Jul-Aug	Yes
Gayfeather	Jul-Aug	
Globe Thistle	Jul-Aug	
Great Lobelia	Jul-Aug	
Hollyhock	Jul-Aug	Yes
Hosta	Jul-Aug	
Meadow Rue	Jul-Aug	
Miniature Hollyhock	Jul-Aug	
Plume Poppy	Jul-Aug	
Shepherd's Crook	Jul-Aug	
Showy Fleabane	Jul-Aug	Yes
Stokes Aster	Jul-Aug	
Tall Garden Phlox	Jul-Aug	Yes
Foxglove	Jul-Aug	
Blackberry Lily	Jul-Sep	
Coneflower	Jul-Sep	Yes
Daisy Mum	Jul-Sep	
German Saponaria	Jul-Sep	
Goldenrod	Jul-Sep	Yes
Ligularia	Jul-Sep	
Monkshood	Jul-Sep	
Native Four O'Clock	Jul-Sep	Yes
Obedient Plant	Jul-Sep	
Sea Lavender	Jul-Sep	Yes
Whirling Butterflies	Jul-Sep	Yes
Wormwood, Mugwort, White Sage	Jul-Sep	Yes
California Fuchsia	Jul-Oct	Yes
Aster, Michaelmas Daisy	Jul-Frost	
Inula	Aug	
Baby's Breath	Aug-Sep	Yes
Black Snakeroot or Bugbane	Aug-Sep	
Black-eyed Susan	Aug-Sep	Yes

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Boltonia	Aug-Sep	
Common Sneezeweed	Aug-Sep	
Marsh Mallow, Hardy Hibiscus	Aug-Sep	
Russian Sage	Aug-Sep	Yes
Siberian Skullcap	Aug-Sep	Yes
Tall Sedum	Aug-Sep	Yes
Culver's Physic	Aug-Oct	
Garden Mum	Aug-Oct	
New York Ironweed	Aug-Oct	
Windflower, Japanese Anemone	Aug-Oct	

General Guidelines for Growing Perennials Successfully

Planting Tips

- Purchase plants 3-5 days before planting and let acclimate to climate
- Water plants 4-6 hours prior to planting
- Loosen pot-bound roots
- Pinch leggy plants to promote sturdy growth
- Avoid planting in soggy soil
- Water thoroughly after planting and as needed to establish

Soil Amendment

- Remove weeds from planting area
- Till or spade area to loosen soil
- Add organic amendment (compost) to all soils
- Incorporate a high phosphorous fertilizer
- Native plants may need less organic matter for healthy growth

Maintenance Tips

- Water well in dry periods, but avoid over watering
- Avoid overhead watering to prevent disease and flower damage
- Remove spent flowers to promote rebloom and new growth
- Cut back scruffy plants to promote fresh attractive growth
- Stake tall plants early to provide needed support
- Control pests and diseases as needed
- Divide perennials when plants begin to decline from old age, overgrowth or diminished bloom
- Perennials benefit from regular fertilization
- Mulching - applying a mulch of compost in the summer will suppress weeds, maintain soil tilth and conserve moisture
- Avoid drastic removal of late season growth in the fall - this will help protect plants through the winter

This outline was designed to help track when plants bloom to establish all season color. Further research can be obtained through the Rocky Mtn guide for color, size and planting tips. The guide also includes an extensive list of Water Plants, Rock Garden Varieties & Herbs.