



Planting Reference

In this section we have put together some simple lists for gardeners looking for 'the right plant for the right situation'. Here you can find plants suitable for shady places or that have perfumed flowers, and then look up cultural information in the products list on the website. Making gardening easy!

Plants for a hot sunny site

Perennials

Alstroemeria
 Federation daisies
 Aster
 Canna
 Cosmos
 Echinacea
 Felicia
 Gazania
 Helichrysum
 Hemerocallis
 Leucanthemum
 Lithodora
 Sedum
 Sisyrinchium
 Verbascum
 Zantedeschia
 Shrubs
 Abelia
 Adenandra
 Anisodontea
 Boronia

Brunfelsia
 Callistemon
 Carpet roses
 Caryopteris
 Cassia
 Ceanothus
 Cistus
 Coleonema
 Convolvulus
 Coprosma
 Cupressus
 Cytisus
 Duranta
 Escallonia
 Eucalyptus
 Euryops
 Feijoa
 Gaura
 Genista
 Grevillea
 Lagerstroemia
 Lantana

Lavendula
 Laurus nobilis
 Leonotis
 Leptospermum
 Phylica
 Polygala
 Raphiolepis
 Rosmarinus
 Selago
 Thryptomene
 Tibouchina
 Yucca
 Hebes (especially large leafed)
 Hymenosporum

Trees

Albizia
 Cercis
 Platanus
 Robinia

Plants for the shade

Perennials

Ajuga
 Anemone
 Daphne
 Helleborus
 Hostas
 Ligularia reniformis
 Mysotidium
 Shrubs
 Abutilon
 Buxus
 Fuchsia
 Hydrangea
 Pseudopanax

Plants with bold foliage

Perennials

Bergenia
 Canna
 Hosta
 Ligularia
 Mysotidium
 Verbascum
 Shrubs
 Astelia
 Coprosma
 Cordyline
 Fuchsia 'Firecracker'
 Hydrangea
 Magnolia 'Little Gem'
 Phormium
 Pseudopanax
 Yucca

Trees

Cercis 'Forest Pansy'
 Robinia 'Frisia'

Plants that enjoy a cool root run fertile soils, good light

Perennials

Actaea
Aquilegia
Astilbe
Bergenia
Brunnera
Dicentra
Heuchera
Iberis
Iris
Ligularia
Phlomis
Narcissus
Pulmoneria
Scabiosa
Viola

Acmadenia
Andromeda
Astelia
Bambusa
Berberis
Buxus
Chimonanthus
Choisya
Cordyline
Cotoneaster
Deutzia
Erica
Exochorda
Fuchsia
Gordonia
Hamamelis
Hebes
Hydrangea
Ligustrum
Lorapetalum

Ilex
Michelia
Nandina Osmanthus
Parahebe
Phormium
Pieris
Pittosporum
Pseudopanax
Sophora
Spiraea
Thuja
Viburnum
Weigela

Shrubs

Abelia
Abutilon

Ground cover plants

Perennials

Ajuga
Anemone
Alstroemeria
Aster
Bergenia
Campanula
Canna
Chionochloa
Gaura
Helleborus
Helichrysum
Hostas

Iris
Ligularia
Phlomis
Scleranthus
Scabiosa
Viola

Shrubs

Abelia
Astelia
Ceanothus
Choisya
Convolvulus

Cotoneaster
Erica
Flower Carpet roses
Rosmarinus
Spiraea
Hebe
Lantana
Leonotis
Loropetalum
Nandina
Parahebe
Pittosporum 'Humpty Dumpty'

Plants for Autumn colour

Shrubs

Berberis
Hamamelis
Hydrangea quercifolia
Lagerstroemia
Nandina
Stachyurus

Acer rubrum
Betula
Cercis
Cornus
Fagus
Fraxinus
Ginkgo
Liquidamber
Liriodendron
Metasequoia

Parrotia
Pistachia
Prunus
Quercus
Taxodium

Trees

Acer palmatum

Coloured foliage

Perennials

Lemon/yellow

Alstroemeria 'Rock 'n Roll'
Campanula 'Blue Eyed Blonde'
Canna 'Tropicanna Gold'
Carex
Heuchera
Hosta
Ligularia 'Crested Leopard'
Sedum 'Mikinoi Ogon'
Sisyrinchium striatum 'Variegatum'

Cream/white

Polemonium
Alstroemeria 'Mardi Gras'

Burgundy/bronze

Ajuga
Astilbe 'Fanal'
Canna 'Tropicanna'
Heuchera
Heucherella
Imperata
Ligularia 'Britt Marie Crawford'
Ophiopogon 'Black Dragon'
Uncinia
Viola

Silver

Brunnera
Helichrysum
Hosta
Leucanthemum

Shrubs

Lemon/yellow

Berberis 'Maria'
Coleonema 'Sunset Gold'
Coprosma 'Golden Glow'
Coprosma 'Lemon and Lime'
Cupressus 'Swanes Gold'
Escallonia 'Gold Brian'

Cream/white

Abelia 'Snowdrift'
Cordyline 'Albertii'
Hebe 'Waireka'

Burgundy/bronze

Berberis 'Helmond Pillar'
Ceanothus 'Blue Sapphire'
Coprosma 'Inferno'
Coprosma 'Karo Red'
Hebe 'Galway Bay'
Hebe 'Turkish Delight'
Fuchsia 'Firecracker'
Leptospermum 'Coppersheen'
Loropetalum 'Burgundy'

Silver

Hebe 'Quicksilver'
Astelia
Convolvulus cneorum
Feijoa
Halimium
Halmiocistus

Bronze/orange

Coprosma 'Autumn Haze'
Coprosma 'Evening Glow'

Trees

Lemon/yellow

Acer palmatum 'Autumn Moon'
Acer negundo 'Kelly's Gold'
Cercis Canadensis 'Hearts of Gold'
Cornus florida 'Rainbow'
Gleditsia tricanthus 'Sunburst'
Liriodendron 'Aureo-Marginata'
Robinia pseudoacaia 'Frisia'
Ulmus plicata 'Louis van Houtte'

Cream/white

Acer negundo 'Flamingo'
Cornus controversa 'Variegata'
Ulmus carpinifolia 'Variegata'

Burgundy/bronze

Acer palmatum cvs
Albizia 'Summer Chocolate'
Betula pendula 'Black Prince'
Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy'
Fagus sylvatica 'Riversii'
Gleditsia tricanthus 'Ruby Lace'
Malus 'Barbara Ann'
Malus 'Echtermeyer'

Silver

Pyrus salicifolia 'Pendula'

Weeping or cascading plants

Shrubs

Bambusa gracilis
Cordyline 'Red Fountain'
Loropetalum chinense
Phormium
Rosmarinus 'Blue Lagoon'
Spiraea
Stachyurus
Weigela florida 'Variegata'

Trees

Acer palmatum 'Dissectum' cvs
Cornus florida 'Pendula'
Gleditsia 'Emerald Cascade'
Malus 'Red Jade'
Morus alba 'Pendula'
Prunus subhirtella 'Falling Snow'
Prunus subhirtella 'Pendula Rosea'

Pyrus salicifolia 'Pendula'
Robinia 'Lace lady'
Salix 'Pendula Aurea'
Sophora japonica 'Pendula'

Plants with an upright form

Perennials

Canna
Iris sibirica
Lilium
Verbascum
Shrubs
Abutilon standard
Berberis 'Helmond Pillar'
Berberis 'Maria'
Carpet rose standard
Choisya standard
Cupressus
Genista standard
Ilex 'Sky Sentry'
Laurus standard
Lavendula standard
Lonicera standard
Loropetalum standard
Prunus lusitanicus standard
Thuja 'Smaragd'
Viburnum 'Eve Price' standard

Trees

Acer palmatum 'Shaina'
Cedrella sinensis 'Flamingo'
Gleditsia tricanthus 'Skyline'
Liriodendron tulipifera 'Arnold'
Quercus fastigata
Robinia 'Mop Top'

Plants for perfume

Perennials

Cosmos 'Hot Chocolate'
Hosta
Lilium

Shrubs

Boronia
Brunfelsia
Chimonanthus
Choisya
Cytisus
Daphne
Gardenia
Hamamelis
Hymenoporum
Lavendula
Leptospermum petersonii
Magnolia 'Fairy Magnolia Blush'
Magnolia 'Little Gem'
Michelia figo
Michelia 'Velvet & Cream'
Osmanthus fragrans
Osmanthus 'Pearly Gates'
Philadelphus
Rosmarinus

Trees

Magnolia denudata
Magnolia 'Felix Jury'
Magnolia 'Susan'
Malus ioensis 'Plena'

Hedging plants

Abelia
Berberis
Buxus
Choisya
Coprosma

Feijoa
Hydrangea
Ligustrum
Michelia figo
Michelia 'Velvet & Cream'

Osmanthus
Thuja 'Smaragd'

Taller shrubs over 2m

Abutilon
Bambusa gracilis
Brunfelsia
Callistemon citrinus 'Red Cluster'
Cassia 'John Bull'
Ceanothus roweanus
Ceanothus 'Snow Flurry'
Chimonanthus
Cordyline
Cupressus
Cytisus
Feijoa
Gordonia
Hydrangea 'Blue Waves'
Hydrangea paniculata
Juniperus chinensis 'Kaizuka'
Lagerstroemia 'Soire D'Ete'
Laurus 'Pride of Provence'
Leptospermum 'Coppersheen'
Leptospermum petersonii
Loropetalum chinense
Magnolia 'Little Gem'
Melaleuca 'Mountain Fire'
Michelia 'Fairy Magnolia Blush'
Michelia figo
Michelia 'Velvet & Cream'
Osmanthus 'Aureomarginatus'
Osmanthus fragrans
Philadelphus
Photinia glabra 'Red Robin'
Pieris 'Wakehurst'
Pseudopanax 'Cyril Watson'
Pseudopanax lessonii 'Purpurea'
Sophora 'Sun King'
Stachyurus praecox
Thuja 'Pyramidalis'
Thuja 'Smaragd'
Viburnum tinus 'Eve Price'
Viburnum opulus 'Sterile'

Shrubs 1-2m

Abelia 'Snowdrift'
Adenandra
Astelia
Berberis 'Helmond Pillar'
Berberis 'Maria'
Berberis 'Rosy Glow'
Buxus
Callistemon 'Little John'
Ceanothus 'Yankee Point'
Choisya cvs
Cistus cvs
Coprosma cvs
Deutzia 'Compact Pink'
Eriostemon
Escallonia
Euryops
Genista
Grevillea 'Fire Cracker'
Genista 'Winter Glow'
Hydrangea many lower growing forms now available
Hymenosporum 'Gold Nugget'
Lagerstroemia 'Petite Orchid'
Lagerstroemia 'Petite Snow'
Ligustrum 'Rotundifolium'
Nandina 'Gulfstream'
Osmanthus 'Pearly Gates'
Phormium cvs
Pieris cvs
Polygala cvs
Raphiolepis cvs
Rosmarinus 'Tuscan Blue'
Rosmarinus 'September Blue'
Sophora 'Dragon's Gold'
Spiraea cvs
Thryptomene
Thuja orientalis 'Aurea Nana'
Tibouchina organensis
Viburnum 'Summer Snowflake'

Trees for smaller gardens

Acer palmatum cvs	Magnolia 'Burgundy Star'	Prunus 'Pendula Rosea'
Cercis cvs	Magnolia 'Genie'	Pyrus salicifolia 'Pendula'
Cornus florida cvs	Magnolia 'King Rose'	Robinia 'Mop Top'
Ginkgo biloba 'Jade Butterflies'	Magnolia 'Vulcan'	Sophora japonica 'Pendula'
Gleditsia 'Emerald Cascade'	Malus	
Liquidambar styraciflua 'Gumball'	Prunus subhirtella 'Falling Snow'	

Flowering plants

Perennials

White/Cream flowers

Actaea 'Black Negligee'
Anemone 'Snow Queen'
Argyranthemum 'Sugar Crystals'
Argyranthemum 'Sugar & Spice'
Astilbe 'Diamante'
Bergenia
Gaura 'So White'
Gypsophilla
Helleborus
Heuchera cvs
Hosta
Leucanthemum
Lithodora diffusa 'Magic Carpet'
Sisyrinchium 'Snow Drift'

Blue/Mauve/Purple/burgundy flowers

Ajuga reptans 'Black Scallop'
Aster 'Lady in Blue'
Brunnera
Campanula
Corydalis
Felicia
Helleborus
Hemerocallis cvs
Hosta cvs
Iris cvs

Lithodora
Mysotidium
Polemonium
Scabiosa
Sisyrinchium 'Devon Skies'
Verbascum
Viola 'Heartbreak'
Yellow flowers
Alstroemeria 'Exotica'
Alstroemeria 'Desert' (lemon)
Argyranthemum 'Sulemio'
Argyranthemum 'Crazy Yellow'
Echinacea cvs
Gazania cvs
Helichrysum cvs
Hemerocallis cvs
Narcissus
Phlomis
Verbascum cvs

Orange flowers

Alstroemeria 'Mardi Gras'
Canna 'Tropicanna'
Canna 'Tropicanna Gold'
Echinacea cvs
Gazania cvs
Geum cvs
Hemerocallis cvs
Verbascum

Pink flowers

Alstroemeria 'Glow'
Alstroemeria 'Devotion'
Anemone 'Prince Henry'
Argyranthemum 'Sugar Candy'
Argyranthemum 'Summer Stars'
Argyranthemum 'Sugar Cheer'
Argyranthemum 'Supernova'
Aster 'Ruby Royal'
Astilbe 'Gloria'
Bergenia
Diascia cvs
Dicentra cvs
Echinacea cvs
Helleborus
Hemerocallis cvs
Saxifraga

Red flowers

Alstroemeria 'Pulse'
Alstroemeria 'Tropic'
Alstroemeria 'Rock & Roll'
Astilbe 'Fanal'
Cuphea
Echinacea cvs
Gaillardia cvs
Gazania cvs
Hemerocallis cvs

Flowering trees

White/Cream flowers

Cercis canadensis 'Texas White'
Cornus florida 'Cloud 9'
Cornus 'Eddies White Wonder'
Cornus 'Pendula'
Magnolia 'Denudata'
M. 'Royal Star'
Malus 'Gorgeous'
Malus 'Jack Humm'
Prunus 'Rhexii'
Prunus 'Shirotae'
Prunus 'Southern Gem'
Prunus subhirtella 'Falling Snow'

Burgundy/Wine flowers

Magnolia 'Black Tulip'
Magnolia 'Burgundy Star'
Magnolia 'Genie'
Magnolia 'Susan'
Yellow flowers
Magnolia 'Sundance'

Orange flowers

Liriodendron (lime with orange centre)

Pink flowers

Albizia
Cercis canadensis 'Avondale'
Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy'
Cornus florida 'Cherokee Chief'
Cornus 'Rainbow'
Cornus 'Stokes Pink'
Magnolia 'Felix Jury'
Magnolia 'Galaxy'
Magnolia 'Heaven Scent'
Magnolia 'Iolanthe'
Magnolia 'King Rose'
Magnolia 'San Hose'
Magnolia x soulangeana
Magnolia 'Star Wars'
Magnolia 'Vulcan'
Malus
Prunus 'Accolade'
Prunus campanulata 'Pink Cloud'
Prunus campanulata 'Superba'
Prunus 'Puddum'
Prunus 'Kanzan'
Prunus 'Kiku-shidare Sakura'

Prunus 'Schmidtsu Sakura'
Prunus subhirtella 'Pendula Rosea'
Prunus 'Awanui'
Prunus 'Te Mara'

Flowering shrubs

White/Cream flowers

Abelia 'Snowdrift'
 Abutilon
 Adenandra
 Andromeda
 Brunfelsia 'White Caps'
 Ceanothus 'Snow Flurry'
 Choisya
 Cistus 'Bennet's White'
 Cistus x lusitanicus
 Convolvulus cneorum
 Cotoneaster dammeri
 Cytisus 'Albus'
 Duetzia 'Nikko'
 Erica 'Springwood White'
 Gordonia
 Hydrangea 'Bridal Bouquet'
 Hydrangea 'Fuji Waterfall'
 Hydrangea paniculata
 Hydrangea querifolia
 Hydrangea 'Snowball'
 Lagerstroemia 'Petite Snow'
 Lantana 'White Lightning'
 Leptospermum 'Coppersheen'
 Loropetalum chinense
 Magnolia 'Little Gem'
 Michelia 'Velvet & Cream'
 Osmanthus
 Philadelphus
 Photinia
 Pieris
 Raphiolepis 'Snow Maiden'
 Serissa 'Snowflake'
 Spiraea
 Thryptomene 'Supernova'
 Viburnum
 Weigela 'Snowflake'

Blue/Mauve/Purple flowers

Boronia 'Blue Waves'
 Boronia 'Purple Jared'
 Caryopteris
 Ceanothus cvs
 Convolvulus mauritanicus
 Duranta
 Hebe cvs
 Hydrangea cvs
 Lagerstoemia 'Petite Orchid'
 Lantana cvs
 Parahebe
 Polygala cvs
 Rosmarinus cvs
 Selago
 Serissa
 Tibouchina

Yellow flowers

Abutilon
 Cassia
 Chimonanthus (lemon)
 Euryops
 Genista
 Halimium
 Halmiocistus
 Hamamelis 'Arnold Promise'
 Hymenoporum
 Sophora
 Stachyurus

Orange flowers

Abutilon
 Hamamelis 'Jelena'
 Leonotis

Pink flowers

Abutilon
 Acmadenia

Andromeda
 Anisodonteia
 Boronia heterophylla
 Cistus 'Brillianty'
 Cistus 'Crispus'
 Cistus skanbergii
 Duetzia 'Compact Pink'
 Erica
 Eriostemon
 Escallonia
 Grevillea 'Mt Tamboritha'
 Hebe 'First Light'
 Hydrangea 'Saturn'
 Hydrangea 'Venice'
 Hydrangea 'Paris' (red pink)
 Lagerstroemia 'Soire D'Ete'
 Loropetalum 'Burgundy'
 Magnolia 'Fairy Blush'
 Parahebe 'Pink Delight'
 Pimelea
 Raphiolepis cvs
 Thryptomene
 Weigela florida 'Variegata'
 Weigela 'Newprt Red'

Red flowers

Abutilon
 Callistemon 'Little John'
 C. 'Red Cluster'
 Feijoa
 Grevillea 'Bonnie Prince Charlie'
 Grevillea 'Bronze Rambler'
 Grevillea 'Firecracker'
 Grevillea 'Rhondeau'
 Grevillea 'Winter Glow'
 Hamamelis 'Dianne'
 Hydrangea 'Mars'

