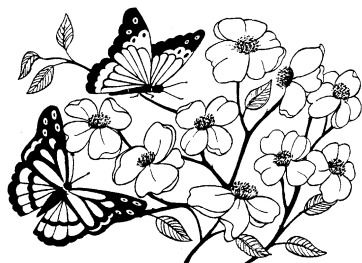


PERENNIALS IN BLOOM

MONTH BY MONTH

HUMBER NURSERIES 'GREEN THUMB GUIDE'



At Humber Nurseries we have specialized areas for Ferns, Hostas, Woodland Plants and Plants for Shade. Other special areas are set aside for Ornamental Grasses and for Water Plants.

All other perennials are arranged in alphabetical order by botanical name. This pamphlet gives both common and botanical names and should make your shopping a little easier.

We have listed the perennials by month to assist you in achieving continuous colour through the season.

The month to which each plant has been allocated is the month when it first starts to flower, in most cases it will continue into the following month or months. Many spring flowering plants will flower again in the fall.

MARCH



COMMON NAME

Crocus
Glory of the Snow
Winter Aconite
Snowdrop
Christmas Rose
Lenten Rose
Iris
Iris
Striped Squill
Squill

BOTANICAL NAME

Crocus
Chionodoxa
Eranthis
Galanthus
Helleborus
Helleborus
Iris danfordiae
Iris reticulata
Puschkinia
Scilla



APRIL

COMMON NAME

Spring Adonis
Golden Garlic
Anemone
Pasque Flower
Columbine
Rock Cress
Dutchman's Breeches
Draba
Trout Lily
Dogtooth Violet
Crown Imperial
Hepatica
Hyacinth
Dwarf Iris
Snowflake
Virginia Bluebell
Grape Hyacinth

BOTANICAL NAME

Adonis
Allium moly
Anemone sp. & cvs.
Anemone pulsatilla
Aquilegia canadensis
Arabis
Dicentra eximia
Draba
Erythronium americanum
Erythronium dens-canis
Fritillaria
Hepatica
Hyacinth
Iris pumila
Leucojum
Mertensia
Muscari

COMMON NAME

False Rock Cress
Basket of Gold
Bergenia
Marsh Marigold
Black Cohosh
Spring Beauty
Daffodil
Blue-eyed Mary
Japanese Spurge
Creeping Phlox
Ground Phlox
Primrose
Lungwort
Bloodroot
Tulip
Violet

BOTANICAL NAME

Aubrietia
Aurinia (Alyssum)
Bergenia
Caltha
Caulophyllum
Claytonia
Narcissus
Collinsia
Pachysandra
Phlox stolonifera
Phlox subulata
Primula
Pulmonaria
Sanguinaria
Tulipa
Viola



COMMON NAME

Stone Cress
 Bugle Flower
 Spring Anemone
 Alpine Poppy
 Columbine
 Thrift
 Alpine Aster
 Masterwort
 Quamash
 Bluebell
 Corydalis
 Lady's Slipper
 Pink
 Bleeding Heart
 Shooting Star
 Leopard's Bane
 Bluebell
 Barrenwort
 Cushion Spurge
 Sweet Woodruff
 Cranesbill
 Avens
 Candy Turft
 (Early) Iris

BOTANICAL NAME

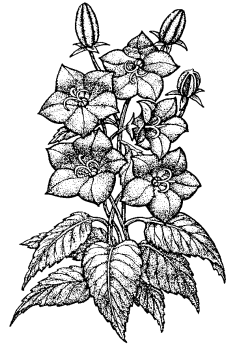
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Ajuga
Anemone
Papaver alpinus
Aquilegia
Armeria
Aster alpinus
Astrantia major
Camassia
Campanula poscharskyana
Corydalis
Cypripedium
Dianthus
Dicentra
Dodecatheon
Doronicum
Endymion (Scilla)
Epimedium
Euphorbia
Galium
Geranium
Geum
Iberis
Iris intermedia

**COMMON NAME**

Spring Vetchling
 (Early) Peony
 Fernleaf Peony
 Alpine Poppy
 Creeping Phlox
 Jacob's Ladder
 Solomon's Seal
 Primrose
 Buttercup
 Wild Pink
 Blue-eyed Grass
 False Solomon's Seal
 Meadow Rue
 Foam Flower
 Spiderwort
 Globeflower
 Tulip
 Bellwort
 Speedwell
 Violet
 Barren Strawberry

BOTANICAL NAME

Lathyrus vernus
Paeonia cvs.
Paeonia tenuifolia
Papaver alpinus
Phlox stolonifera
Polemonium
Polygonatum
Primula
Ranunculus
Silene caroliniana
Sisyrinchium
Smilacina
Thalictrum
Tiarella
Tradescantia
Trollius
Tulipa
Uvularia
Veronica
Viola
Waldsteinia

**JUNE****COMMON NAME**

Yarrow
 Rose Campion
 Lady's Mantle
 Ornamental Onion
 Peruvian Lily
 Italian Bugloss
 Pussytoes
 Golden Marguerite
 Fan Columbine
 Goat's Beard
 Astilbe
 False Indigo
 Snow in Summer
 Shasta Daisy
 Golden Star
 Catmint
 Coreopsis
 Crown Vetch
 Delphinium
 Pink
 Gas Plant
 Foxglove
 Mountain Avens
 Queen of the Prairie
 Queen of the Meadow
 Dropwort
 Blanket Flower
 Creeping Baby's
 Breath
 Sun Rose

BOTANICAL NAME

Achillea
Agrostemma (Lychnis)
Alchemilla
Allium
Alstromeria
Anchusa
Antennaria
Anthemis
Aquilegia flabellata
Aruncus
Astilbe
Baptisia
Cerastium
Chrysanthemum
Chrysogonum
Nepeta
Coreopsis
Coronilla
Delphinium
Dianthus
Dictamnus
Digitalis
Dryas
Filipendula rubra
Filipendula ulmaria
Filipendula vulgaris
Gaillardia
Gypsophilla repens

Helianthemum

**COMMON NAME**

Lemon Daylily
 Sweet Rocket
 Coral Bells
 Hardy Gloxinia
 Dutch Iris
 Bearded Iris
 Siberian iris
 Dead Nettle
 Asiatic Lily
 Flax
 Lupine
 Maltese Cross
 Yellow Loosestrife
 Welsh Poppy
 Bee Balm

BOTANICAL NAME

Hemerocallis flava
Hesperis
Heuchera
Incarvillea
Iris Hybrids
Iris germanica
Iris sibirica
Lamium
Lilium
Linum
Lupinus
Lychnis
Lysimachia
Meconopsis cambrica
Monarda

Evening Primrose
 Peony
 Oriental Poppy
 Beardtongue
 Phlox

Oenothera
Paeonia
Papaver orientale
Penstemon
Phlox carolina, maculata, suffruticosa
Potentilla atosanginea
Primula beesiana, bullesiana, bulleyana
Salvia superba
Saponaria ozymoides
Scabiosa
Sidalcea
Stachys
Thermopsis
Veronica spicata

Cinquefoil
 Primrose

Salvia, Sage
 Rock Soapwort
 Scabiosa
 Checkerbloom
 Stachys, Betony
 Carolina Lupine
 Spike Speedwell

JULY

COMMON NAME

Monkshood
 Hollyhock
 Ornamental Onion
 Butterfly Weed
 Aster
 Astilbe
 Milky Bellflower
 Knapweed
 Black Snakeroot
 Purple Coneflower
 Globe Thistle
 Fleabane
 Goat's Rue
 Summer Hyacinth
 Gentian
 Baby's Breath
 Sunflower
 Daylily
 Hosta

BOTANICAL NAME

Aconitum
Alcea
Allium
Asclepias
Aster x frikartii
Astilbe simplicifolia
Campanula lactiflora
Centaurea
Cimicifuga
Echinacea
Echinops
Erigeron
Galega
Galtonia
Gentiana
Gypsophila
Helianthus
Hemerocallis
Hosta

**COMMON NAME**

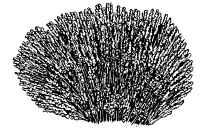
Inula
 Japanese Iris
 Red Hot Poker
 Perennial Sweet Pea
 Lavender
 Oriental Lily

Statice
 Golden Flax
 Purple Loosestrife
 Mallow
 Plume Poppy
 Summer Phlox
 Obedient Plant
 Yellow Coneflower
 Rue
 Meadow Clary
 Stonecrop
 Meadow Rue
 Yucca

BOTANICAL NAME

Inula
Iris kaempferi
Kniphofia tuckii
Lathyrus
Lavendula
Lilium

Limonium
Linum flavum
Lythrum
Malva
Macleaya
Phlox paniculata
Physostegia
Rudbeckia laciniata
Ruta
Salvia pratensis
Sedum
Thalictrum
Yucca

**AUGUST****COMMON NAME**

Monkshood
 Pearly Everlasting
 Grapeleaf Anemone
 Mugwort
 Italian Aster
 Turtlehead
 Chrysanthemum
 Golden Aster

 Mist Flower

BOTANICAL NAME

Aconitum
Anaphalis
Anemone vitifolia
Artemisia lactiflora
Aster amellus
Chelone
Chrysanthemum
Chrysopsis

Eupatorium

**COMMON NAME**

Helenium
 Hosta
 Red Hot Poker
 Gayfeather
 Lily
 Lily Turf
 Blue Lobelia
 Fleece Flower
 Black-eyed Susan
 Stoke's Aster
 Veronicastrum

BOTANICAL NAME

Helenium autumnale
Hosta
Kniphofia uvaria
Liatris
Lilium speciosum
Liriope
Lobelia siphilitica
Polygonum
Rudbeckia
Stokesia
Veronicastrum

**SEPTEMBER****COMMON NAME**

Monkshood
 Japanese Anemone
 Michaelmas Daisy
 Fall Mums
 Bugbane
 Autumn Crocus
 Hibiscus
 Waxbells

BOTANICAL NAME

Aconitum
Anemone Hybrids
Aster
Chrysanthemum
Cimicifuga simplex
Colchicum
Hibiscus
Kirengeshoma

COMMON NAME

Cardinal Flower
 Gooseneck Loosestrife
 Mountain Fleece
 Sedum Ruby Glow
 October Daphne
 Autumn Joy
 Goldenrod
 Tovar

BOTANICAL NAME

Lobelia cardinalis
Lysimachia
Polygonum
Sedum
Sedum sieboldii
Sedum spectabile
Solidago
Tovara



CUTTING BACK PERENNIALS IN THE FALL

Not all our perennials are truly herbaceous (ie the entire plant dies down to the ground with frost). Many remain partially or totally evergreen – *Bergenia*, *Arabis*, *Aubretia*, *Heuchera*, and Thyme are good examples. These can all be left to good winter effect. Even those with herbaceous foliage often have seed heads that can be attractive in winter and provide food for birds.

The foliage of Yucca and Red Hot Poker are best tied up to protect the crown of the plant. Most ornamental grasses are superb in the winter garden.

It is much more natural to leave plants standing into winter just as Mother Nature does. So what do we cut down? And why? All perennials, even those with winter foliage, can be cut down in the fall. This certainly presents a neater garden and allows for the addition of a protective mulch in areas where a snow cover is not dependable.

Plants that harbour fungus spores should certainly have the foliage removed (as well as those with succulent foliage, such as Iris or Daylily). Some plants can benefit by being cut down to almost ground level in fall to encourage the growth of offsets, for a superior plant the next year. This is particularly true in the plant's first year and helps to 'perennialize' those with a reputation of being short lived.

WINTER SUCCESS DEPENDS ON GOOD DRAINAGE

Good drainage and a thick blanket of snow will see most hardy perennials safely through the winter. The snow cover is beyond our control but good drainage is our responsibility. Many perennials can succumb to winter wet, even those listed as extremely hardy. Initial thorough preparation of the soil in beds or borders is essential.

PREPARATION OF GARDEN BEDS IS BEST DONE IN THE FALL

The resulting well-dug bed should now be at least 15 cm higher than its surroundings and can be increased to 30 cm by the addition of purchased garden soil. The good tilth of soil creates drainage and aeration. As the roots penetrate down to the rich mixture of manure or compost in the lowest level they will find both moisture and nutrients.

IMPROVING THE SOIL OF EXISTING BEDS

When you cut back and remove all the dying vegetation in the fall you are removing much of the material that would naturally be recycled by the plants. To keep borders of perennial plants growing vigorously they must have adequate nutrients such as a high potassium formula in the fall and an all-purpose balanced fertilizer in spring. However, these plant fertilizers do not improve soil texture.

Pelletized Gypsum is an excellent soil amendment which causes the fine particles of clay soil to aggregate into larger clumps for better drainage. Compost or composted manure are ideal for improving soil textures and adding required nutrients. When applied in fall to a depth of 5 to 10 cm (and before any other mulch) added winter protection is also provided.

Organic mulches include bark nuggets, Shredded Bark, and other similar material. When applied to a depth of at least 5 cm, mulch will stabilize soil temperatures during winter freezing and thawing and conserve moisture in all seasons. Mulch that comes in contact with the soil will decay, which adds organic content to the soil. Mulching lessens the need for constant weeding and dresses the garden bed.



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