

HOME GROUNDS FACT SHEET



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Annuals for Special Uses

There is a “trouble spot” in every garden. The question is, “What can I plant there?” In an effort to rid your garden of “trouble spots”, this list of annuals was developed so that plants can be chosen for a site which would be suitable for their growing needs. Many annuals have more than one use, so use them to your advantage! Also note: specific varieties may have characteristics different than those indicated.

KEY

- 1 Annuals that Normally have an Extended Blooming Period
- 2 Suitable for Cut Flowers
- 3 To Grow in Shade or Semi-Shade
- 4 Annuals for Moist and Cool Conditions
- 5 Annuals for Dry and Hot Conditions
- 6 Annuals for Poor Soil
- 7 For Fall Bloom
- 8 Sweet Scented
- 9 Annuals Suitable for Rock Gardens
- 10 Suitable as Everlastings
- 11 Grasses
- 12 Annuals Grown for Foliage
- 13 Annuals for Dry Location
- 14 Annuals that have a Short Flowering Season in NYS
- 15 Annual Vines

* Indicates vine makes a good screen

KEY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
5,9	<i>Abronia umbellata</i>	Sand Verbena
13	<i>Ageratum</i> sp.	Floss Flower
11	<i>Agrostis nebulosa</i>	Cloud Grass
4,7	<i>Alonsoa warscewiczii</i>	Mask Flower
4,12	<i>Alternanthera ficoidea</i> 'Betzickiana'	Alternanthera
6,12	<i>Amaranthus tricolor</i>	Love-lies-bleeding
10	<i>Ammobium alatum</i>	Winged Everlasting
4	<i>Anchusa capensis</i>	Cape Forget-Me-Not, Bugloss
2	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Snapdragon
2,13	<i>Arctotis stoechadifolia</i>	Blue-eyed African Daisy
12	<i>Artemisia</i> sp.	Artemisia
4,6	<i>Asperula</i> var. <i>Setosa</i>	Blue Woodruff
1,3,7	<i>Begonia semperflorens-cultorum</i>	Wax Begonia
3,4	<i>Bellis perennis</i>	English Daisy
9,13,14	<i>Brachycome iberidifolia</i>	Swan River Daisy
10,11	<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking Grass
1,7,13	<i>Browallia speciosa</i>	Browallia
2,4,14	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	Calendula, Pot Marigold
2	<i>Callistephus chinensis</i>	China Aster
4	<i>Campanula medium</i>	Canterbury Bells
15	* <i>Cardiospermum halicacabum</i>	Balloon Vine
10	<i>Catananche caerulea</i>	Cupid's Dart
1,5,7	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i> (<i>Vinca rosea</i>)	Madagascar Periwinkle
1,5,6,7,10,13	<i>Celosia cristata</i>	Plume Cockscomb
2,3,5,6,8,14	<i>Centaurea americana</i>	Basket Flower
2,3,5,6,8,14	<i>Centaurea moschata</i>	Sweet Sultan
2,7	<i>Chrysanthemum carinatum</i>	Crown Daisy, Tricolor Chrysanthemum
2,3,14	<i>Clarkia elegans</i>	Clarkia
1,5,6,13	<i>Cleome hasslerana</i>	Spiderflower, Pink Queen
15	* <i>Cobaea scandens</i>	Cup-and-Saucer-Vine, Mexican Ivy
3,12	<i>Coleus blumeii</i>	Coleus

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14	<i>Collinsia grandiflora</i>	Blue Lips
1,2,5,6,13	<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>	Calliopsis
1,2,6,7,13	<i>Cosmos</i> sp.	Cosmos
3	<i>Cynoglossum amabile</i>	Chinese Forget-Me-Not
7	<i>Dahlia</i> (seed)	Dahlia
2,4,14	<i>Delphinium ajacis</i> (<i>Consolida ambigua</i>)	Larkspur
2,4,8,14	<i>Dianthus chinensis</i>	China Pink, Indian Pink
5,9,13,14	<i>Dimorphotheca qurantiaca</i>	Cape Daisy, African Daisy
15	* <i>Dolichos lablab</i>	Hyacinth Bean
15	* <i>Echinocystis lobata</i>	Wild, Prickly Cucumber
11	<i>Eragrostis tenella</i> (<i>E.amabilis</i>)	Love Grass
2,4,5,9,13	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California Poppy
5,12	<i>Euphorbia marginata</i>	Snow-on-the-Mountain, Ghost Weed
2,5	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	Annual Blanket-Flower,
1,5,7,9,13	<i>Gazania</i> sp.	African Daisy
14	<i>Gilia capitata</i>	Queen Anne's Thimble
1,2,5,10	<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>	Globe Amaranth
2,5,9,14	<i>Gypsophila elegans</i>	Annual Baby's Breath
5	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Sunflower
2,5,10	<i>Helichrysum bracteatum</i>	Strawflower, Everlasting
7,8	<i>Heliotropium arborescens</i>	Common Heliotrope
15	* <i>Humulus japonicus</i>	Japanese Hops
2	<i>Hunnemannia fumariaefolia</i>	Mexican Tulip Poppy
2,3,4,13,14	<i>Iberis umbellata</i>	Globe, Annual Candytuft
4	<i>Impatiens balsamina</i>	Balsam
1,3,6	<i>Impatiens wallerana</i>	Impatiens
6,15	<i>Ipomoea</i> sp.	Morning Glory
4,5,12	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>	Summer-Cypress, Burning Bush
11	<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's Tail Grass
2,4,8,15	<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>	Sweet Pea
5,10	<i>Limonium</i> sp.	Statice
5,14	<i>Linaria moroccana</i>	Toadflax
9	<i>Linum grandiflorum</i>	Flowering Flax
1,4,3,9	<i>Lobelia erinus</i>	Edging Lobelia
6,7,8,9	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet Alyssum
2,8,14	<i>Mathiola incana</i>	Stock
6	<i>Mentzelia</i> sp.	Mentzelia
5,6	<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	Ice Plant
4,14	<i>Mimulus luteus</i>	Monkey Flower
3,5,6	<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	Four O'Clock
2,10	<i>Molucella laevis</i>	Bells of Ireland
15	<i>Momordica</i> sp.	Balsam Apple, Balsam Pear
4,9,14	<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Forget-Me-Not
4,14	<i>Nemesia</i> sp.	Nemesia

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4,14	<i>Nemophila menziesii</i>	Baby Blue-Eyes
1,3,4,7,8	<i>Nicotiana glauca</i> <i>grandiflora</i>	Flowering Tobacco
5,6,9	<i>Nierembergia</i> sp.	Cup-Flower
2,5,10	<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love in a Mist
3,5	<i>Oenothera drummondii</i>	Evening Primrose
5,6	<i>Papaver</i> sp.	Poppy
5,6,12	<i>Perilla frutescens</i> 'Crispa'	Perilla, Beefsteak Plant
5,8,14	<i>Petunia</i> sp.	Petunia
14	<i>Phacelia campanularia</i>	California Bluebell
15	* <i>Phaseolus coccineus</i>	Scarlet Runner Bean
5,9,14	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	Annual Phlox
4	<i>Polygonum orientale</i>	Polygonum, Princes Feather
1,5,6,9,13	<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	Rose moss, Portulaca
5,15	* <i>Quamoclit pennata</i>	Cypress Vine
5,15	<i>Quamoclit sloteri</i>	Cardinal Climber
2,8	<i>Reseida odorata</i>	Mignonette
2,14	<i>Salpiglossis sinuata</i>	Painted Tongue
1,2,7	<i>Salvia farinacea</i>	Mealy-cup Sage, Blue Sage
1,3,7	<i>Salvia splendens</i>	Scarlet Sage
1,5,7,9	<i>Sanvitalia procumbens</i>	Creeping Zinnia
1,2,10	<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>	Scabiosa, Pincushion Flower
1,2,5,7	<i>Tagetes erecta</i>	American Marigold
1,2,5,7,9	<i>Tagetes patula</i>	French Marigold
2,5	<i>Tagetes tenuifolia</i> var. <i>pumila</i>	T. Signate Dwarf Marigold
1	<i>Talinum paniculatum</i>	Jewels of Ophir
7,15	* <i>Thunbergia alata</i>	Black-eyed Susan (vine)
7,5	<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i> (<i>T. speciosa</i>)	Mexican Sunflower
1, 3,4,9	<i>Torenia fournieri</i>	Wishbone Flower
2,4	<i>Trachymene coeruleus</i>	Bluelace Flower
2,6,5,9,13	<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	Nasturtium
5,6,9,14	<i>Verbena hybrida</i>	Verbena, Moss Verbena
2,3,4,14	<i>Viola tricolor</i>	Pansy 'Johnny-jump-up'
10	<i>Xeranthemum annuum</i>	Immortelle, Everlasting
1,2,5,7,13	<i>Zinnia</i> sp.	Zinnia