

# Fragrant Annuals and Perennials

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Flower Color	Exposure*	Comments
<b>Annuals</b>					
<i>Brugmansia</i> spp.	angel's trumpet	3-6'	yellow, gold, cream	S	Good container fragrance plant; poisonous.
<i>Centaurea moschata</i> var. <i>suaveolens</i>	sweet sultan	18-24"	yellow	S	Unusual chocolate fragrance.
<i>Cosmos atrosanguineus</i>	chocolate cosmos	2-3'	deep maroon	S	Faint chocolate scent.
<i>Datura</i> spp.	horn-of-plenty	2-6'	yellow, lavender, white	S, PS	Fragrant at night.
<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>	annual carnation	18-24"	white, yellow, pink	S	'Can Can Scarlet' was AAS 2003.
<i>Heliotropium</i> spp.	heliotrope	18-24"	purple, lavender, white	S	Strong vanilla fragrance.
<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	sweet alyssum	4-12"	pink, mauve, white	S, PS	Spicy fragrance; drought tolerant.
<i>Matthiola incana</i>	common/garden stocks	12-30"	white, pink, rose, red	S	Spicy fragrance; early blooming.
<i>Nicotiana sylvestris</i> , <i>N. alata</i>	flowering tobacco	4-6'	white	S, PS	Fragrant at night.
<i>Pelargonium</i> spp.	scented geranium	1-3'	pink, white	S	Grown for the very fragrant foliage.
<i>Petunia</i> spp.	petunia	12"	purple, white, pink	S, PS	Older purple and white varieties are most fragrant.
<i>Tagetes tenuifolia</i>	signet marigold	6-12"	yellow, orange, red	S	Nice citrusy scent.
<b>Perennials</b>					
<i>Actaea racemosa</i> ( <i>Cimicifuga</i> )	black snakeroot	4-6'	white, pink	PS, Sh	Very pest-resistant shade plant.
<i>Dianthus gratianopolitanus</i>	cheddar pinks	1-2'	pink, rose	S	'Firewitch' was 2005 Perennial of the Year.
<i>Dictamnus albus</i>	gas plant	3-4'	pink, white	S, PS	Can cause severe dermatitis.
<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	queen-of-the-prairie	3-6'	pink, white	S, PS	Tolerant of boggy conditions.
<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Hyperion'	Hyperion daylily	36-40"	lemon yellow	S, PS	One of few fragrant daylilies, sweet.
<i>Monarda</i> spp.	bee balm	18-48"	red, purple, white	S, PS	A favorite of hummingbirds.
<i>Nepeta</i> spp.	catmint	6-30"	purple, lavender	S, PS	Long blooming perennial.
<i>Paeonia lactiflora</i>	garden peony	2-3'	pink, red, white	S	Useful in deer-resistant plantings.
<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian sage	3-4'	Lavender	S	Very fragrant foliage.
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	garden phlox	3-4'	lavender, pink, red	S, PS	Fragrance varies by cultivar.
<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>	bouncing bet	9-12"	pink, white	S, PS	Can become invasive.
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	prairie dropseed	2-3'	pink	S	Flowers smell like coriander.
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	garden valerian	2-3'	white	S, PS	One plant perfumes a yard.

\* S = Full Sun, PS = Part Shade, Sh = Shade

An added plus of these flowers is their distinctive and memorable fragrance. Use these flowers in garden beds or containers near your door or outdoor patio where you can enjoy their lovely scent.

Compiled by Terry Yockey, Goodhue County Master Gardener. Terry has designated a large area in her garden just for fragrant shrubs and flowers. In 1996, Terry created one of the first gardening websites for cold climates:

[www.northerngardening.com](http://www.northerngardening.com).



Flowering tobacco, a showy annual with a sweet fragrance, dwarfs 'Profusion Orange' zinnia. Both prefer full sun.



Garden phlox is a dependable perennial with a lovely scent.