

Annuals 3 Feet or More

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Soil Type	Exposure*	Comments
<i>Abutilon xhybridum</i>	flowering maple	3-6'	all	PS	Attractive flowers; frost tender shrub; some varieties have variegated leaves.
<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i>	love-lies-bleeding	2-4'	all	S	Colorful foliage; trailing rope or chenille-like flowers.
<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	snapdragon	2-4'	all	S	'Rocket', 'Bright Butterflies' and 'Supreme Double' are tall; frost tolerant.
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	borage	2-4'	rich, moist soil	S	Hairy foliage; nodding blue flowers.
<i>Cleome hasslerana</i>	cleome, spider flower	4-6'	all, dry	S, PS	Large 6-7" rounded flower clusters; reseeds freely.
<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	cosmos	4-6'	all, dry	S, PS	Lacy fine foliage; good cut flower.
<i>Datura metel</i>	horn-of-plenty; angel's trumpet	2-3'	all, dry	S, PS	Large, trumpet flowers; all plant parts are poisonous.
<i>Consolida</i> spp.	larkspur	1-4'	moist	S	Tall spikes of flowers often need staking; good cut flower.
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	sunflower	2-10'	well-drained	S	Showy flowers; birds love seeds; many cultivars.
<i>Hibiscus acetosella</i>	red-leaf hibiscus	4-6'	all, dry	S	Rich burgundy-black maple-like foliage.
<i>Lavatera trimestris</i>	annual mallow	2-6'	all	S	Showy flowers bloom all summer.
<i>Nicotiana sylvestris</i>	flowering tobacco	4-6'	all, dry	S, PS	Large fragrant flowers attract hummingbirds; showy coarse foliage; self-seeds.
<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	fountaingrass	3-4'	all, dry	S	Pink fuzzy flower spikes; 'Rubrum' has dark purple flowers and foliage.
<i>Persicaria orientale</i>	kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate	6-9'	all	S	Pendulous pink flowers; self-seeds.
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	castor bean	3-8'	moist	S	Huge leaves; all parts poisonous, especially seeds.
<i>Salvia guaranitica</i>	blue sage; black & blue salvia	3-4'	all	S	Attracts bees, butterflies; 'Indigo Spires' is a sterile hybrid.
<i>Solenostemon scutellarioides</i>	coleus	1-4'	moist	S, PS	Newer cultivars are sun tolerant; needs water and fertilizer.
<i>Strobilanthes dyerianus</i>	Persian shield	3-4'	all	S, PS	Heat tolerant; dramatic; foliage is iridescent green, purple and silver.
<i>Tagetes erecta</i>	African marigold	2-3'	all	S	Tall African mixed is one of the taller cultivars.
<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	Mexican sunflower	4-6'	all, dry	S, PS	Daisy-like flowers attract butterflies.
<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	verbena	3-4'	all, dry	S, PS	Tender perennial that freely self-seeds; butterfly favorite.
<i>Zinnia elegans</i>	zinnia	3-4'	all, dry	S	Colorful; long-lasting; excellent cut flower; many cultivars.

New selections and cultivars of annuals today are often shorter and smaller. This list includes several old-fashioned plants that have been grown for many years. Also listed are taller cultivars of new and old favorites. These taller annuals will make a colorful addition to your garden and many can also be used for cut flowers.

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New cultivars of sunflowers have a variety of colors and forms, often with branched, multiple flowers.



'Indigo Spires' is a tall salvia that blooms all summer.