

Long-Blooming Perennials

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Soil	Exposure*	Bloom Time	Comments
<i>Achillea filipendula</i>	yarrow	18-36"	light, sandy, dry	S, PS	June-Oct	Attracts butterflies; cut; dried.
<i>Anthemis</i> 'Susanna Mitchell'	anthemis	20-24"	well-drained	S	June-Sep	Cut back lightly after first bloom.
<i>Coreopsis</i> 'Moonbeam' 'Zagreb'	threadleaf coreopsis	18-20"	well-drained	S	June-Oct	Deer resistant; attracts butterflies.
<i>Corydalis lutea</i> 'Oranges & Lemons'	fumewort	10-16"	well-drained	PS	May-Sep	Deer resistant; drought tolerant.
<i>Dianthus</i> 'Firewitch' 'Bath's Pink'	cheddar pinks	4-8"	well-drained	S, PS	Apr-Sep	Deadhead.
<i>Dicentra eximia</i> 'King of Hearts'	fringed bleeding heart	9-18"	rich, moist, well-drained	Sh	Apr-Sep	Attracts bees, hummingbirds, butterflies.
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	purple coneflower	2-4'	normal, sandy, clay	S, PS	Jul-Oct	'Razzmatazz' is a double flowered form.
<i>Gaillardia</i> spp.	blanket flower	18"	prefers poor soil	S	June-Sep	Heat & drought tolerant.
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	cranesbill	12-18"	normal, loamy	S, PS	May-Sep	'Jolly Bee,' 'Rozanne' are good; tough.
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Helen's flower	4-5'	well-drained, light	S, PS	Jul-Sep	Tolerates dry soils
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> 'Summer Sun'	false sunflower; oxeye	3-5'	dry-med wet well-drained	S	June-Oct	Attracts butterflies; drought tolerant.
<i>Helleborus niger</i>	Christmas rose	10-12"	well-drained, humus rich	PS, Sh	Mar-May	Deer resistant; slow to grow in MN.
<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Happy Returns' 'Stella de Oro'	daylily	2-3'	slightly acidic, moist	S, PS	June-Sep	Fragrant
<i>Leucanthemum</i> 'Becky'	shasta daisy	40"	well-drained	S	June-Sep	Attracts butterflies; good cut flower.
<i>Liatriis spicata</i>	gayfeather	2-4'	well-drained	S	June-Oct	Attracts butterflies.
<i>Linum perenne</i>	blue flax	18-24"	light, sandy	S	June-Sep	Self-seeds freely.
<i>Macleaya cordata</i>	plume poppy	6-8'	well-drained, moist	S, PS	Jul-Sep	Coarse foliage.
<i>Nepeta</i> 'Walker's Low' 'Six Hills Giant'	catmint	2-3'	sandy to clay loam	S	May-Sep	Attracts bees, hummingbirds, & butterflies.
<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian sage	3-4'	well-drained	S	Jul-Oct	Tolerates dry soil.
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	phlox	3-4'	moist, organic, well-drained	S, PS	Jul-Sep	Powdery mildew resistant.
<i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i>	balloon flower	2-3'	normal, loamy	S	Jun-Aug	Deadhead; good cut flower.
<i>Rudbeckia</i> 'Goldsturm'	gloriosa daisy	18-30"	well-drained, moist	S	Jul-Oct	Attracts butterflies & birds.
<i>Salvia nemorosa</i> 'May Night'	salvia	18"	moist, well-drained	S	June-Oct	Attracts butterflies, bees, & hummingbirds.
<i>Sedum</i> 'Autumn Joy'	stonecrop	1-2'	well-drained	S, PS	Aug-Nov	One of many good cultivars; easy.
<i>Veronica spicata</i> 'Sunny Border Blue' 'Goodness Grows'	speedwell	1-2'	well-drained	S, PS	June-Sep	Good cut flower; deer resistant.

* S = full sun; PS = partial sun or light shade; Sh = shade

Long-blooming perennials are prized plants and can serve as the backbone of your garden. This list includes plants that are low maintenance and will bloom 8 weeks or longer. Specific cultivars listed are examples of many good selections.

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Rudbeckia, phlox, zebra grass, and perovskia provide several weeks of showy flowers.



Plume poppy and sedum are tough, long-blooming perennials.

