

Behnke Nurseries Recommends Reliable Perennials



Behnke Nurseries carries hundreds of varieties of perennials. Sometimes it is hard to know where to start. These are our recommendations for perennials. They have proven to be tougher, or longer blooming, or more drought resistant than similar plants. If you are planting perennials for the first time, or looking for something that is lower maintenance, begin here. Refer to our signage or staff for further information on these fine plants.

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Perennials for Light Shade or Shade

Anemone x 'Honorine Jobert'	Japanese Anemone
Asarum canadense	Wild Ginger
Astilbe chinensis 'Pumila'	Astilbe
Astilbe chinensis 'Visions'	Astilbe
Begonia grandis	Hardy Begonia
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	Plumbago
Epimedium versicolor 'Sulpureum'	Barrenwort
Euphorbia amygaloides 'Robbiae'	Spurge
Galium odoratum	Sweet Woodruff
Geranium macrorrhizum	Bigroot Cranesbill
Helleborus foetidus	Bear's Foot Hellebore
Helleborus x "Brandywine"	Hellebore
Heuchera x 'Caramel'	Coral Bells
Hosta 'Francee'	Hosta
Hosta 'Krossa Regal'	Hosta
Hosta 'Patriot'	Hosta
Hosta 'Royal Standard'	Hosta
Hosta 'Sagae'	Hosta
Phlox divaricata 'Blue Moon'	Woodland Phlox
Phlox stolonifera 'Sherwood Purple'	Woodland Phlox
Polemonium 'Stairway to Heaven'	Jacob's Ladder
Polemonium 'Touch of Class'	Jacob's Ladder
Stylophorum diphyllum	Gold Woods Poppy
Tiarella cordifolia cultivars	Foam Flower

Ferns for Light Shade or Shade

Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum'	Japanese Painted Fern
Athyrium filix-femina	Lady Fern
Dryopteris erythrosora	Autumn Fern
Osmunda cinnamomea	Cinnamon Fern
Polystichum acrostichoides	Christmas Fern

Ornamental Grasses: for Light Shade or Shade

Carex oshimensis 'Evergold'	Evergold Sedge
Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance'	Sedge
Chasmanthium latifolium	River Oats
Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'	Japanese Hakone Grass

Perennials for Sun

Achillea 'Coronation Gold'	Yarrow
Amsonia hubrichtii	Arkansas Blue Star
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed
Aster lateriflorus 'Lady in Black'	Aster
Aster novae-angliae 'Purple Dome'	New England Aster
Aster x 'Woods Pink'	Aster
Aster oblongifolius 'October Skies'	Aster
Baptisia 'Purple Smoke'	False Indigo
Coreopsis verticillata 'Moonbeam'	Tickseed
Coreopsis verticillata 'Zagreb'	Tickseed
Dianthus 'Firewitch'	Pinks
Dicentra spectabilis	Bleeding Hearts
Echinacea 'Kim's Knee High'	Purple Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea 'Magnus'	Purple Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea 'White Swan'	White Coneflower
Eupatorium dubium 'Little Joe'	Joe Pye Weed
Eupatorium maculatum 'Gateway'	Joe Pye Weed
Geranium 'Rozanne'	Hardy Geranium
Helianthus salicifolius 'First Light'	Sunflower
Helianthus salicifolius 'Low Down'	Sunflower

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Hemerocallis 'Happy Returns' Daylily
Hemerocallis 'Stella d'Oro' Daylily
Hibiscus x 'Fireball' Hardy Hibiscus
Hibiscus x 'Kopper King' Hardy Hibiscus
Leucanthemum superbum 'Becky' Shasta Daisy
Liatris spicata 'Kobold' Gayfeather
Monarda x 'Jacob Cline' Beebalm
Nepeta 'Walker's Low' Catmint
Penstemon digitalis 'Husker Red' Beard Tongue
Perovskia atriplicifolia 'Little Spire' Russian Sage
Phlox x 'Minnie Pearl' Phlox
Phlox subulata 'Emerald Blue' Creeping Phlox
Phlox subulata 'Emerald Pink' Creeping Phlox
Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm' Black-eyed Susan
Rudbeckia laciniata 'Herbstsonne' Black-eyed Susan
Salvia nemorosa 'Caradonna' Meadow Sage
Salvia x 'May Night' Meadow Sage
Sedum rupestre 'Angelina' Stonecrop
Sedum spectabile 'Autumn Fire' Stonecrop
Sedum floriferum 'Weihenstephaner Gold' Stonecrop
Sedum spurium 'Fuldaglut' Stonecrop
Sempervivum x 'Pliioseum' Hens and Chicks
Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks' Goldenrod
Veronica peduncularis 'Georgia Blue' Speedwell
Veronica peduncularis 'Waterperry Blue' ..Speedwell
Veronica spicata 'Royal Candles' Speedwell

Ornamental Grasses for Sun

Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster' Feather Reed Grass
Panicum virgatum 'Dallas Blues' Switch Grass
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hameln' Fountain Grass
Pennisetum orientale 'Karley Rose' Fountain Grass
Schizachyrium 'Carousel' Little Bluestem

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