



DROUGHT TOLERANT ANNUALS

Plant	Common Name	Ht/Width	Bloom	Sun/Shade	Comments
Arctotis stoechadifolia	African Daisy	10-12"	Blue, yellow, orange	Sun	Likes poor, sandy soil with good drainage; considered invasive in southeast US
Brachycome iberidifolia	Swan River Daisy	8-18"	Various	Sun	Fragrant blooms
Briza maxima	Quaking Grass	1-2'	None	Sun	Ornamental seed pods; use in dried arrangements
Clarkia amoena	Godetia	1-2'	Pink to Purple	Sun/light shade	Drought tolerant once established
Cleome hassleriana	Spider flower	3-4' x 6-8"	White, Purple, Rose	Sun	Best with some watering
Cosmos bipinnatus	Garden cosmos	18-24"	Red, Pink, White	Sun	Good summer bloomer; flourishes in heat
Cynoglossum amabile	Chinese Forget-Me-Not	18-24"	Blue, Pink or White	Sun/pt sun	Tiny clusters of flowers that bloom in spring
Dimorphotheca aurantiaca	Daisy (African)	12" H	White, Orange	Sun	Daisy-like flower; free blooming

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Echium lycopsis	Viper's Bugloss	2'	Various	Sun	Biennial grown as annual; small blue, lavender, purple, rose or white blooms; toxic to livestock
Eschscholzia californica	Poppy (Calif.)	8"-24"	Yellow/Orange	Sun	Blue-green leaves; great for naturalizing; considered invasive in the southeast US
Gaillardia pulchella	Gaillardia	1 ½" – 2"	Yellow/Red	Sun	Low growing; sun loving; daisy-like flowers.
Gazania rigens	Treasure Flower	6"	Assorted	Sun	Large flowers held on 10" stems over foliage
Gilia tricolor	Bird's Eyes	10" – 20"	Lavender, White	Sun	Use in wild gardens or borders; finely cut leaves
Glandularia bipinnatifida	Prairie verbena	6-8" x 6-12"	White, Reds, Purples	Sun/pt shade	Likes moderate moisture; 1" blossoms in clusters
Gomphrena globosa	Globe Amaranth	10-20" x 10-20"	Various	Sun	Clover-like round flower heads; excellent cut flower
Helianthus annuus	Sunflower	3' – 5'	Yellow	Sun	Excellent food source for wildlife; seed hulls on soil may suppress other plants; plant with caution; considered invasive
Ipomoea spp.	Morning glory	2-10'	Many colors	Sun	Trumpet-like blooms; performs best with some watering. <i>Do not confuse with field bindweed, Convolvulus arvensis, which is a noxious weed.</i>
Lantana montevidensis	Weeping Verbena	3-6'	Pink to Lilac	sun	Use in hanging baskets; toxic to livestock
Lavatera trimestris	Annual Mallow	2-4' x 18-24"	Pink or White	Sun	4" hibiscus-like blooms, mid-summer to frost
Leptosiphon grandflorus	Phlox (Mountain)	6" – 18"	Blue	Sun	Leafy stems covered with sticky hairs

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Limonium sinuatum	Statice	1-1.5' x 7'-1'	White w/violet	Sun	Very showy and good cut flower; can also be dried
Linaria maroccana	Spurred snapdragon	1 1/2'	Pink, Yellow, Violet	Sun	Sow in masses; resembles small spurred snapdragons
Lobularia maritima	Sweet Alyssum	4" H – 8-10" W	White, Lavender	Sun	Moderate drought tolerance; can be very aggressive seeder
Melampodium paludosum	Bush zinnia	18-24' x 14"	Yellow	Sun	Mounded form; blooms late spring to early fall
Nemophila maculata	Five Spot	To 12"	White w/Purple Spot	Sun	Trailing habit; bell-shaped flowers; likes protection from hot afternoon sun
Nemophila menziesii	Baby Blue-Eyes	12"	Blue	Sun	Trailing habit; bell-shaped flowers; likes protection from hot afternoon sun
Papaver rhoeas	Poppy (corn)	2' – 5'	White, Pink, Red	Sun	Branching, hairy leaves; good cut flower
Petunia x hybrida	Common Petunia	8-18" x 24"	Varied	Sun	Pinch young plants to encourage bushiness
Portulaca grandiflora	Moss Rose	4-6" x 10"	Various	Sun	Low growing succulent; use as ground cover; bright flowers
Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan	1-3'	Gold-yellow	Sun/pt shade	Often reseeds and acts like a perennial
Sanvitalia procumbens	Creeping zinnia	6-10" x 12-18"	Yellow w/dark center	Sun	Showy groundcover or use in containers; deer resistant
Senecio cineraria	Dusty Miller	To 30"	Yellow	Sun	White, gray or silver foliage; may survive winter
Silene armeria	Catchfly	6" H	Pink	Sun	Biennial; showy flowers; use in containers, rockeries, walls, borders, alpine gardens
Tagetes tenuifolia	Signet marigold	6-18" x 8-12"	Yellow, Orange, Red	Sun	Blooms spring to early fall; moderate drought tolerance

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<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	Mexican sunflower	2-3' x 12-18"	Orange-Red	Sun	Attractive to various pollinators; 3" flowers; great fall color and deer resistant
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	Nasturtium	1' x 2'	Orange	Full-pt sun	Best with water; attracts hummingbirds; edible flowers
<i>Xerochrysum bracteatum</i>	Strawflower (formerly <i>Helichrysum</i>)	1-5' x 6-12"	Various	Sun/pt shade	Daisy-like blooms, late spring to frost; great dried flowers; moderate drought tolerance
<i>Zinnia angustifolia</i>	Narrowleaf Zinnia	12-18" x 12-?"	Assorted	Sun	Watch out for mildew if foliage is regularly moistened