

# Whats New in Perennials?

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- Achillea millefolium* (Common Yarrow), zones 2-9, full sun, summer blooming  
‘Oertel’s Rose’ – orchid pink flowers change to white with age. 18-24”  
‘Summerwine’ – burgundy flowers change to rose with age, 24” x 24-48”
- Aquilegia canadensis* ‘Little Lanterns’ (Wild Columbine), zones 2-8, part shade, spring blooming  
Dwarf selection, flowers red with yellow, 18” tall
- Aquilegia x hybrida* ‘Swan Burgundy & White’ (Columbine), zones 2-9, part shade, spring blooming  
Flowers deep burgundy with white, striking. Award of Garden Merit from RHS. 18-24” x 12-15”
- Asclepias speciosa* (Showy Milkweed), zones 3-8, full sun to part shade, summer blooming  
Native species with large, showy flowers in light pink to rose. 12-36” x 18”
- Baptisia bracteata* (= *B. leucophaea*) (Buffalo Pea, Cream False Indigo), zones 5-9, full sun, spring blooming  
Slow growing, long-lived dwarf species. Creamy white, pea-like flowers in clusters. 12-16” x 18”
- Boltonia asteroides latisquama* ‘Jim Crockett’ (Violet Boltonia), zones 4-9, full sun, summer blooming  
Large, lavender flowers with yellow centers. 24-36” x 24-30”
- Centaurea montana* ‘Amethyst in Snow’ (Mountain Bluet), zones 2-8, full sun-part shade, summer blooming  
New Dutch selection, flowers white with purple centers. 14” tall
- Colchicum autumnale* (Autumn Crocus), zones 5-7, full sun to part shade, late summer to fall blooming  
Great late blooming bulb with masses of large, pink flowers. 4-6” x 6”
- Dianthus* ‘Star’ series (Star Series Dianthus), interspecific hybrids from the UK. Hardiness varies, and not all colors (notably ‘Arctic’ are hardy), full sun to part shade, spring blooming (and may rebloom)  
‘Brilliant Star’, zones 5-9, fragrant, semi-double flowers are white with maroon eye, 5-7” x 7”  
‘Eastern Star’, zones 3-8, deep pink flowers with maroon throat, 6-8” x 7”  
‘Neon Star’, zones 3-8, cerise pink flowers, 7” x 7”  
‘Shooting Star’, zones 5-9, rose pink with magenta ring, 7” x 7”  
‘Spangled Star’, zones 5-9, red with very pale pink spots and edges. Darker than ‘Spotti’. 8-10” x 7”
- Dianthus* ‘Siskin Clock’ (Siskin Clock Dianthus), zones 7-9, full sun to part shade  
Interspecific hybrid from the UK. White flowers with red edging and centers. 12-14” x 8-10”
- Echinacea angustifolia* (Narrow-Leaf Purple Coneflower), zones 3-9, full sun, summer blooming  
Flowers with drooping petals. Taprooted. Strongest species for medicinal use. 12-24” x 12”
- Echinacea paradoxa* (Yellow Coneflower), zones 4-7, full sun, summer blooming  
Yellow, drooping petals and brown cones. 24-36” x 24”
- Echinacea tenesseeensis* ‘Rocky Top Hybrids’ (Tennessee Coneflower), zones 5-9, full sun-part shade  
Selection of a rare, endangered species. Deep pink flowers with upward turned petals, 18-30”x12-18”

*Gaillardia × grandiflora* ‘Fanfare’ (Blanket Flower), zones 2-9, full sun, blooms late spring to fall  
Sport of ‘Dazzler’ discovered in the UK. Vigorous, with tubular, “trumpet” flowers and a very long bloom period. 12-18” x 12-18”

*Gaura lindheimeri* ‘Passionate Rainbow’ (Beeblossom), zones 6-9, full sun, blooms late spring to fall  
May survive in zone 5 in sheltered site with well-drained soil and mulch. Australian cultivar. Foliage green with white edges and pink flowers. 10-12” tall.

*Heliopsis helianthoides* ‘Prairie Sunset’ (Ox Eye Sunflower), zones 2-9, full sun, summer to fall bloom  
Flowers yellow with red centers produced on burgundy stems. Purplish-green foliage. A Neil Dibol (Prairie Nursery) Pride of the Prairie selection. 48-60” x 36-48”

*Lamium maculatum* ‘Beedham’s White’ (Spotted Deadnettle), zones 2-9, part shade to shade, late spring to early summer blooming  
White flowers with yellow green leaves with a central, white stripe. A top performer in Chicago Botanic Garden trials. 8-12” x 24-36”

*Mentha spicata* ‘Emerald & Gold’ (Spearmint), zones 1-9, full sun to part shade, summer blooming  
Attractive green foliage with irregular yellow variegation. Vigorous (to invasive), spreading habit.

*Monarda* ‘Petite Delight’ (Bee Balm), zones 3-9, full sun to part shade, summer blooming.  
Dwarf cultivar with shiny, deep green foliage and lavender-pink flowers. Moderately mildew resistant. 12-15” tall

*Phlox pilosa* (Prairie Phlox, Downy Phlox), zones 4-9, full sun, late spring to early summer blooming  
Flowers pink, lavender, or occasionally white. Fragrant. Stolonerous, spreading habit. 12-20” tall

*Phlox subulata* ‘Lilac Cloud’ (Creeping Phlox), zones 2-9, full sun, early spring blooming  
European cultivar with masses of fragrant, lilac flowers. 6” x 12-18”

*Pulsatilla vulgaris* (Pasque Flower), zones 2-7, full sun to part shade, early to mid spring blooming  
Multi-season interest, with attractive emerging foliage, flowers, and seedheads. Flowers lilac, purple, white, or red. 6-12” x 12”

*Primula capitata* ‘Noverna Blue’, zones 4-8, full sun to part shade, early summer blooming  
Leaves and stems with powdery white coating. Blue-purple flowers in small heads. More heat tolerant than most *Primula* species.

*Salvia nemorosa* ‘Marcus’ (Meadow Sage), zones 4-9, full sun, late spring to summer blooming  
German cultivar with violet-blue flowers and a compact habit. 10-12” x 10-12”

*Viola* (Violet), zones 4-8, part shade, spring to fall bloom. Edible flowers!  
‘Etain’ is 8” tall, with slightly fragrant, creamy yellow flowers with purple highlights  
‘Purple Showers’ is 8” tall and vigorous, with large, purple flowers  
‘Rebecca’ is 8-10” tall with white flowers with purple picotee edges.