

# Shades of Green's

## 50 Rabbit Resistant Perennials



### **Ajuga / Bugleweed - *Ajuga reptans***

- Evergreen, blooming groundcover that spreads quickly by runners
- Prefers moist conditions
- Great in shady spots. Plant in full to part shade.
- Size varies by cultivar but averages 3-6 inches tall x 12-18 inches wide
- Hardy in Zone 4-10



### **Arkansas Bluestar - *Amsonia hubrichtii***

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 4-9
- 2-3 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full to part sun
- Clusters of sky-blue star-shaped flowers from mid-spring to early summer
- Feathery, deep green, thread-leaf foliage turns bright yellow in fall



### **Artemisia / Wormwood - *Artemisia* spp.**

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 5-9
- Grows 2-3 feet tall x 2 feet wide (varies by cultivar)
- Plant in full sun or part sun
- Shrub-like growth, trim to shape
- Outstanding foliage accent with flowering perennials & ornamental grasses
- Drought tolerant



### **Aromatic Aster / Fall Aster - *Aster oblongifolius*, *Symphyotrichum oblongifolium***

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Grows 1-3 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun. Heat tolerant.
- Blooms late summer to fall
- Fall nectar source for butterflies
- Can become top heavy – prune in June for fuller look in fall
- Hardy in Zone 3-8



### **New England Aster - *Aster novae-angliae***

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 3-8
- Grows 2-3 feet tall x 3 feet wide (varies by cultivar)
- Plant in full sun or part sun in well-drained soil
- Purple blooms atop dark green foliage from late summer through mid-fall
- A great nectar source for pollinators

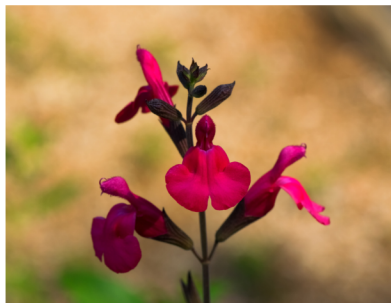
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### **Autumn Fern** - *Dryopteris erythrosora*

- Evergreen perennial – Zone 5-8
- 12-15 inches tall x 24 inches wide depending on cultivar
- Plant in shade to part shade (no afternoon sun)
- Fronds are reddish when unfurling, later turning deep green
- Drought tolerant and hardy



### **Autumn Sage** - *Salvia greggii*

- Native Texas deciduous perennial
- 2-3 feet tall & wide – Zone 7-10
- Plant in full to part sun
- Masses of small flowers in red, white, salmon, or pink from late spring to frost
- Heat & drought tolerant
- Attracts hummingbirds & butterflies
- Also called Cherry Sage



### **Azure Sage** - *Salvia azurea*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- 2-3 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun in well-drained soil
- Large, blue, tubular flowers bloom late summer until frost
- Attracts hummingbirds & butterflies
- Tolerates heat, humidity & drought
- Hardy in Zone 4-9



### **Barrenwort** - *Epimedium 'Domino'*

- Evergreen perennial – Zone 5-8
- 18-24 inches tall x 24-36 inches wide
- Plant in full to part shade
- Airy-looking flowers with white spurs & pink centers bloom mid to late spring
- Long, spiny, evergreen leaves are splashed with bronze
- Grows well under large trees



### **Beard Tongue** - *Penstemon spp.*

- Herbaceous perennial hardy in Zone 7-11
- Grows 1-3 feet tall & wide depending on cultivar
- Plant in full sun to part shade
- Bell-shaped flowers in spring
- Does best in moist soil
- 'Brazos' is a Native Texas variety



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**Bee Balm** - *Monarda didyma*

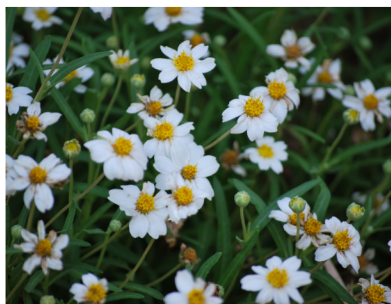
**Bee Balm / Wild Bergamont** - *Monarda fistulosa*

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 4-9
- 2-6 feet tall & wide depending on cultivar
- Plant in full to part sun
- Colorful blooms in summer
- Attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds
- Prefers consistent soil moisture



**Black-Eyed Susan** - *Rudbeckia hirta*

- Native Texas herbaceous biennial or short-lived perennial
- 2-3 feet tall x 1-2 feet wide
- Plant in full sun. Hardy in Zone 3-8.
- Blooms summer through fall
- Attracts butterflies and birds
- *Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldsturm' is also called Black-Eyed Susan, but it is NOT rabbit resistant!



**Blackfoot Daisy** - *Melampodium leucanthum*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Hardy in Zone 5-11
- Grows 6-12 inches tall x 24 inches wide
- Plant in full sun. Loves hot, dry conditions
- DOES NOT like wet feet!
- Extreme heat and drought tolerance
- Masses of honey-scented, small, white blooms with yellow centers spring through fall



**Blanket Flower** - *Gaillardia spp.*

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 4-10
- 8-18 inches tall x 12-18 inches wide depending on cultivar
- Plant in full sun in well-drained soil
- Red and/or yellow flowers bloom summer to fall
- Attracts butterflies
- Drought tolerant
- Several species are native to Texas



**Blue Fescue** - *Festuca glauca*

- Evergreen ornamental grass – Zone 4-9
- 12-18 tall x 18-24 wide depending on cultivar
- Plant in full to part shade
- Grassy leaves emerge grayish green in spring, turning steel blue in color the rest of the year. Tan seed heads are carried on spikes from mid-summer to late fall.
- A hardy, low maintenance ornamental grass

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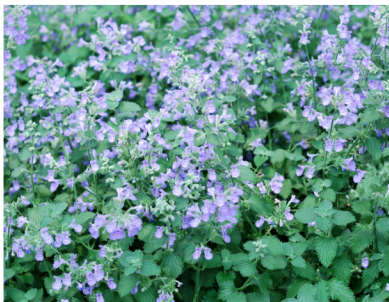
### Butterfly Weed - *Asclepias tuberosa*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Grows 2 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun in well-drained soil
- Larval host for Queen, Grey Hairstreak & Monarch butterflies
- Orange blooms in summer
- Hardy in Zone 3-9
- All Milkweeds (*Asclepias spp.*) are rabbit resistant



### Candytuft - *Iberis spp.*

- Evergreen perennial – Zone 4-9
- 6-12 inches tall x 8-18 inches wide depending on cultivar
- Plant in full to part sun
- Pure white flowers bloom in early-mid spring and attract butterflies
- Evergreen foliage
- Needs well-drained soil



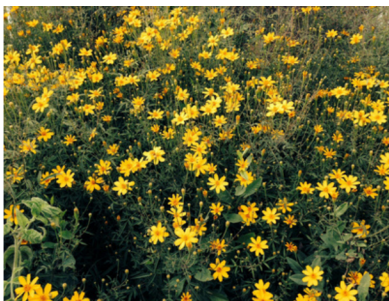
### Catmint - *Nepeta spp.*

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 3-8
- Averages 18-24 inches tall & wide (varies by cultivar)
- Plant in full sun
- Prefers well-drained soil
- Blooms mid-spring to fall
- Attracts butterflies



### Columbine - *Aquilegia spp.*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial (*Aquilegia canadensis* & *Aquilegia chrysantha hinckleyana* 'Texas Gold')
- 12-24 inches tall x 16-20 inches wide
- Plant in partial sun to part shade
- Distinctively shaped flowers bloom late spring to early summer & attract hummingbirds
- Hardy in Zone 3-9 (varies by cultivar)



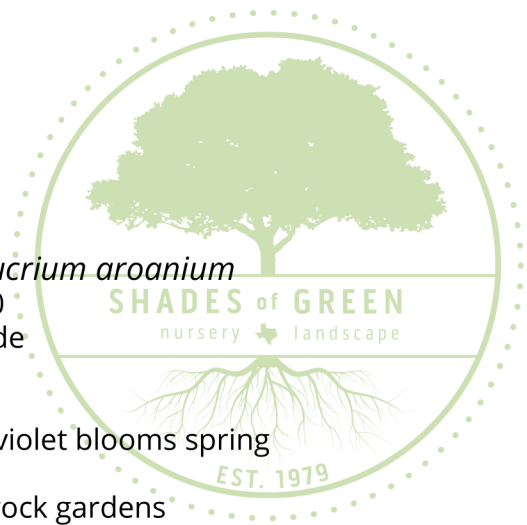
### Copper Canyon Daisy - *Tagetes lemmonii*

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 8-11
- 3 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun
- Golden yellow flowers bloom late summer through fall
- Aromatic / pungent leaves
- Very drought-tolerant
- Best in well-drained soil. Does not like wet feet.



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### Creeping Gray Germander - *Teucrium aroanium*

- Evergreen perennial – Zone 5-10
- 2-4 inches tall x 18-24 inches wide
- Plant in full sun or part sun
- Drought tolerant
- Gray foliage with fragrant, rosy-violet blooms spring through fall
- Great choice for xeriscaping or rock gardens



### Daylilies - *Hemerocallis spp.*

- Herbaceous/Evergreen perennial – Zone 3-9
- 12-30 inches tall x 18-24 inches wide depending on cultivar
- Beautiful blooms last one day
- Some cultivars are repeat bloomers
- Plant in full sun or part sun
- Typically blooms May-June
- Fast growing & low maintenance



### Datura / Angel Trumpet - *Datura wrightii*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial hardy in Zone 2-10
- Grows 4-5 feet tall x 5-6 feet wide
- Plant in full sun to part shade
- Beautiful fragrant white flowers bloom until frost
- A dramatic night bloomer, all parts of the plant are toxic



### Dead Nettle - *Lamium maculatum* / *Lamium spp.*

- Semi-evergreen perennial groundcover
- 8-12 inches tall x 1-2 feet wide
- Plant in part sun to full shade
- Variegated heart-shaped leaves & pink flowers brighten shaded areas from spring to midsummer
- Needs water 2-3 times per week until established, then it is drought tolerant
- Hardy in Zone 3-8

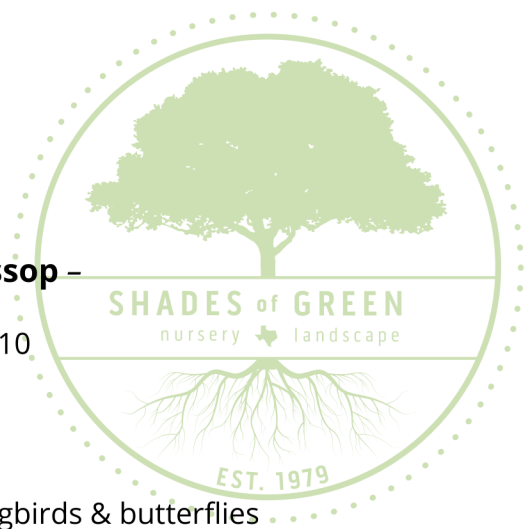


### Foxglove - *Digitalis purpurea*

- A biennial that grows 3-4 feet tall x 24-30 inches wide
- Hardy in Zone 4-8
- Plant in full sun to part shade
- Blooms mid to late spring. Foliage remains green in winter.
- Attracts bees, butterflies & hummingbirds
- CAUTION: Toxic if eaten. All parts of the plant are extremely poisonous!

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### Hummingbird Mint / Anise Hyssop –

*Agastache foeniculum*

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 6-10
- Grows 2-3 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun
- Prefers well-drained soil
- Blooms early summer to fall
- Tubular flowers attract hummingbirds & butterflies



### Iris - *Iris spp.*

- Evergreen, Semi-evergreen, or Herbaceous perennial
- Grows 1-4 feet tall x 1-2 feet wide depending on species & cultivar
- Plant in full sun. Hardy in Zone 3-11 depending on species
- Bloom color varies by cultivar
- Blooms from mid to late spring to early summer
- Spreads by rhizomes & will form large clump over time



### Ironweed - *Vernonia spp.*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Grows 4 to 4.5 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun
- Blooms late summer to early fall
- Many species of Ironweed (*Vernonia*) are native to Texas.
- Hardy in Zone 4-9



### Lamb's Ear - *Stachys byzantine 'Helen Von Stein'*

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 4-9
- 12-24 inches tall x 24-36 inches wide
- Plant in full sun in well-drained soil
- Appreciates some afternoon shade
- Unique silver foliage with velvety texture and sparse lilac flowers
- Drought tolerant



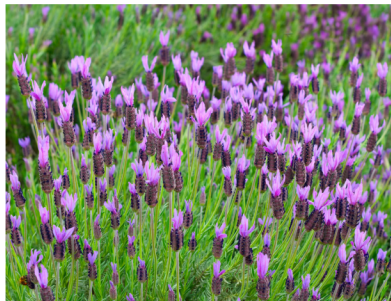
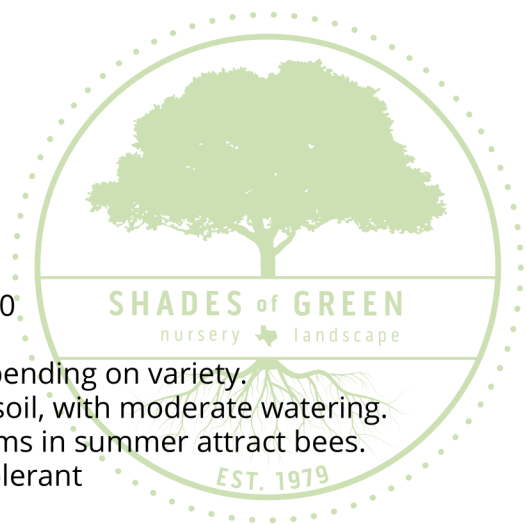
### Lantana, Texas - *Lantana horrida / Lantana urticoides*

- Native Texas deciduous perennial hardy in Zone 8-11
- Grows 3-6 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun
- Red, orange, yellow blooms all summer
- Very heat & drought tolerant
- Attracts butterflies, bees, & birds
- **Purple Trailing Lantana** (*Lantana montevidensis*) is another rabbit resistant perennial variety for North Texas



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### Lavender - *Lavandula spp.*

- Evergreen perennial in Zone 4-10 (varies by cultivar & species)
- Grows 1-3 feet tall and wide depending on variety.
- Plant in full sun in well-drained soil, with moderate watering.
- Fragrant, lavender colored blooms in summer attract bees.
- Typically heat, drought & cold tolerant



### Lavender Cotton - Green: *Santolina rosmarinifolia*, *Santolina virens* / Gray: *Santolina chamaecyparissus*

- Evergreen perennial – Zone 6-9
- 1-2 feet tall x 1-4 feet wide (depending on species)
- Plant in full sun in well-drained soil
- Solitary yellow cotton ball-like flowers bloom on 6" tall stalks during the late spring and summer
- Established plants thrive with little to no supplemental irrigation



### Lenten Rose - *Helleborus orientalis* & *Helleborus hybrids*

- Evergreen perennial – Zone 6-9
- 12-18 inches tall x 15-24 inches wide depending on cultivar
- Plant in part shade to full shade
- Large, cup-shaped, rose-like, usually nodding flowers bloom from late fall to early spring
- All parts of plant are poisonous to humans if ingested!



### Liriope - *Liriope spp.*

- Pronounced "lir-RYE-oh-pee"
- Grass-like, evergreen groundcover with lavender flower spikes
- Hardy in Zone 6-11
- Plant in full sun to full shade
- Grows up to 1-2 feet tall & wide depending on cultivar



### Maiden Grass - *Miscanthus spp.*

- Perennial, ornamental grass with clumping habit
- White plumes in late summer, early fall
- Plant in full sun
- Drought tolerant & fast growing
- Grows anywhere from 3-7 feet tall x 4-5 feet wide depending on variety
- Adagio & Zebra grass are common cultivars

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- Meadow Sage / Woodland Sage - *Salvia nemorosa***
- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 4-8
  - 10-24 inches tall x 1-2 feet wide depending on cultivar
  - Plant in full to part sun
  - Grows in round, bushy clumps of deep green, aromatic leaves with dense spikes of flowers that bloom late spring to fall in purples, blues, and pinks (depending on cultivar).
  - **Bumbleberry, Caradonna, Marcus, Marvel Sky Blue, and Pink Profusion** are among many popular varieties



- Mealycup Sage - *Salvia farinacea***
- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
  - Hardy in Zone 7-10 (varies a bit by cultivar)
  - Plant in full sun
  - Blue or white blooms spring through fall
  - Attracts bees, butterflies & hummingbirds
  - Popular varieties include **Augusta Duelberg, Henry Duelberg, Mealy Blue, and Victoria Blue**



- Muhly grass - *Muhlenbergia spp.***
- Hardy, low maintenance, clump forming, ornamental grass
  - Hardy in Zone 5-11 depending on species / cultivar
  - Ranges from 2-4 feet tall x 1-4 feet wide depending on variety
  - Plant in full sun. Typically fast growing & drought tolerant.
  - Common varieties include: **Bamboo Muhly (*Muhlenbergia dumosa*), Lindheimer's Muhly (*Muhlenbergia lindheimeri*), and Pink Muhly (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)**



- Ornamental Onion - *Allium spp.***
- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 5-8
  - 15-18 inches tall x 12-15 inches wide
  - Plant in full sun
  - Blooms in summer
  - Heat & drought tolerant
  - Two-inch, bright rosy-purple globe flower cluster on strong stem, dark green foliage

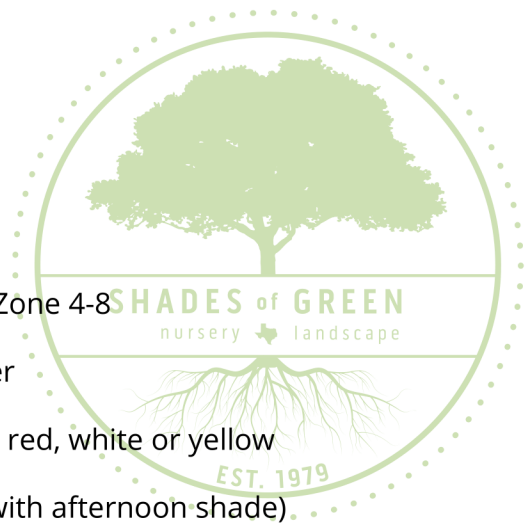


- Periwinkle - *Vinca major & minor***
- Common Periwinkle - *Vinca minor*:
- Evergreen, shade-loving groundcover with lavender flowers in Spring
  - 4-6 inches tall x 3-5 feet wide. Hardy in Zone 4-9.
- Greater Periwinkle - *Vinca major*:
- Evergreen groundcover grows in part sun to part shade
  - 6-18 inches tall x 2 feet wide. Hardy in Zone 7-9.
  - Pale violet-blue flowers in spring



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### Peony - *Paeonia* spp.

- Herbaceous perennial hardy in Zone 4-8
- Old-fashioned garden favorite
- Wonderful long lasting cut flower
- Grows 2-3 feet tall & wide
- Fragrant blooms in pink, purple, red, white or yellow in spring
- Plant in part sun (morning sun with afternoon shade)



### Red Hot Poker - *Kniphofia* spp.

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 4-9
- 16-36 inches tall x 12-24 inches wide (height & color varies by cultivar)
- Plant in full to part sun
- Needs well-drained soil
- Intense spikes of flowers in summer
- Attracts butterflies & hummingbirds
- Heat & drought tolerant



### Rosemary - *Rosmarinus officinalis*

- Fragrant, evergreen perennial shrub hardy in Zone 8-11
- Grows 2-6 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun. Drought tolerant once established.
- Will grow in almost any soil if kept dry
- Aromatic, needle-like leaves are used as a culinary herb
- Pale blue summer blooms attract bees & butterflies



### Russian Sage - *Perovskia atriplicifolia*, *Salvia yangii*

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 5-9
- Grows 3-4 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun
- Spikes of lavender-blue flowers in summer
- Silvery gray foliage makes a good contrast against dark evergreens
- Drought tolerant and thrives in heat

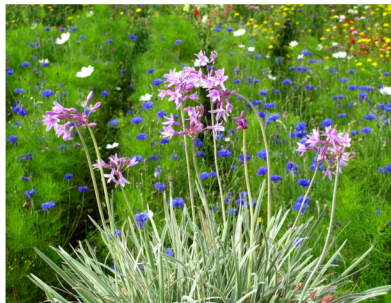
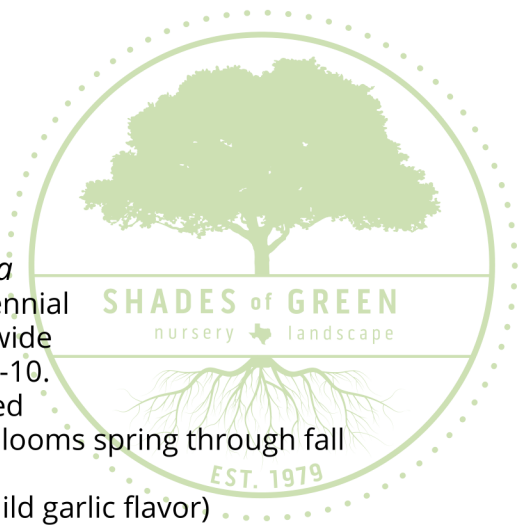


### Sedge - *Carex* spp.

- Evergreen, grass-like groundcover with narrow leaves & graceful, weeping habit
- 8-24 inches tall x 12-24 inches wide depending on cultivar
- Best in part sun to full shade
- Hardy in Zone 6-9

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### **Society Garlic** - *Tulbaghia violacea*

- Clump-forming herbaceous perennial
- 18-20 inches tall x 15-18 inches wide
- Plant in full sun. Hardy in Zone 7-10.
- Drought tolerant once established
- Garlic scented lavender-purple blooms spring through fall attract pollinators
- Flowers and leaves are edible (mild garlic flavor)



### **Speedwell** - *Veronica spp.*

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 4-9
- 18-30 inches tall x 18-20 inches wide depending on cultivar
- Plant in full to part sun
- Dense, upright, flower spikes bloom from summer to frost
- Attracts pollinators



### **Spiderwort** - *Tradescantia spp.*

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 4-9
- 12-18 inches tall x 18 inches wide
- Plant in part sun to part shade in average to moist soil
- Grass-like foliage with 3-petaled purple blooms all summer
- Cut back to promote re-bloom.
- There are several Native Texas varieties of *Tradescantia*



### **Tickseed / Coreopsis** - *Coreopsis spp.*

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 3-10
- Size varies by cultivar from 6 to 36 inches tall & wide
- Plant in full sun
- Disease-free, low maintenance, and drought tolerant
- Blooms late spring through summer
- Lanceleaf Tickseed (*Coreopsis lanceolata*) is a Texas native



### **Yarrow** - *Achillea millefolium*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- 18-30 inches tall x 18-24 inches wide depending on cultivar
- Plant in full sun
- Summer bloomer
- Prefers well-drained soil
- Attracts bees & butterflies
- Hardy in Zone 3-8